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1. The recent rumors of present collaboration by General Nicholas Plastiras with Leftist leaders and elements are, according to source, false. Plastiras will collaborate with elements of nationalist democratic ideology, against both the extreme Right and the extreme Left whom he regards as equally dangerous for the country. The infrequent meetings between Emmanuel Tscouderos, Petimezas and Plastiras have been of a personal and not a political nature.
2. Many representatives of farmers, manufacturers, white-collar workers, and labor organizations have joined with several northern Greek and Cretan deputies to ask the General to head a new political party. Among these deputies are Hatziskos, Vrettakos, Thanopoulos and Baltas. The latter two are of the Zervas Party. Plastiras has refused for the present on the grounds that it would embarrass the present government and hinder its fight against the gurerrillas. The possibility of such a move after the restoration of order, however, is not excluded, according to source.
3. Meanwhile, Plastiras continues to accuse Themistocles Sophoulis of "contributing to Greece's disaster" by being a Populist Party tool. By making such charges, Plastiras has alienated himself from many of the present military and political leaders.

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