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Thorpe goes to a party and declares:

I WON'T RESIGN

By Paul Hopkins

JEREMY THORPE put the agonies of the day behind him and found comfort among his constituency supporters last night.

A smiling Mr Thorpe, hand-in-hand with his wife Marion, went to a Liberal coffee social at Lynton in Devon.

There were cheers when he arrived. Farmers' wives hugged and kissed him. One told him: "You are marvellous."

Then the former Liberal leader joined in musical chairs and pass-the-parcel after being bailed in court with three other men on a charge of conspiring to murder Norman Scott.

At the party, he told Expressman John McCormick: "I do not want to talk about my future at the moment. But what I can say is that I will be carrying on as an M.P."

Asked if it was a strain to attend the function, he said: "What does it look like? This is my job, these are my people, I have known most of them for years."

He went on: "I will probably make a statement later. It is unlikely to be this weekend. The fact that I am continuing my range of duties is indicative."

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His weekend programme includes a fancy dress and flower show. He joked to reporters: "I will probably present you with the first prize for the delphiniums if you stay around."

After two hours, chatting to his supporters, Mr and Mrs Thorpe returned to their thatched cottage at Cobbaton, near Barnstaple.

Today Jeremy Thorpe will discuss his political future with officials in his North Devon constituency.

His agent said: "He has requested to see them in the

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the party
guest
last night

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