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SETTLEMENT OF HUMANITARIAN ISSUES

● Meeting of President Clerides with Mr. Denktash

The President of the Republic, Mr. Glafcos Clerides, has assured all Cypriots, including the Turkish side, that both he personally and his Government will do what is humanly possible for the relief of the suffering people wherever those may be. Mr. Clerides expressed the hope that the Turkish Cypriot leader Mr. Denktash has a similar strong desire.

President Clerides and Mr. Denktash last Friday, had their first meeting after the cease-fire and tackled humanitarian problems. They also had a private exchange of views on the refugee problem and other important issues.

COMMUNIQUE

The three-hour meeting at the Ledra Palace Hotel in Nicosia, was arranged by the U. N. authorities.

A communique issued after the meeting said that Mr. Clerides and Mr. Denktash "discussed a number of humanitarian matters with the assistance of Ambassador Luis Weckman-Munoz, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, and other U. N. officials, including a representative of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees. A representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) was also present".

In view of the expressed willingness of the parties concerned to comply fully with the humanitarian principles as stated in the Geneva Conventions, it was agreed:

1. To complete the lists of prisoners and detainees and to transmit them without delay to ICRC;
2. To set up immediately a scheme for the general release of prisoners and detainees;
3. To give urgent priority in the scheme to the release of sick and wounded prisoners and detainees and to the prisoners and detainees under 18 and over 50 years of age;
4. To exchange lists of missing

persons and to make every effort to trace them. Relatives of missing persons are also requested to contact the offices of ICRC and give particulars;

5. To give every assistance to the aged and infirm, Greek and Turkish Cypriots, who have found themselves isolated as a result of the hostilities.

Note was taken with satisfaction and appreciation that the system of com-

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PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Before the meeting President Clerides issued a statement declaring his determination to do his best for alleviating suffering.

The President's statement said:

"I repeat that my talks with Mr.



President Clerides shaking hands with Mr. Denktash. In the centre is Mr. Weckman, the U. N. Secretary-General Special Representative in Cyprus.

munication, set up and operated by the ICRC, between persons who have found themselves isolated, is functioning smoothly and efficiently; over 60,000 messages have already been transmitted.

It was agreed to hold regular weekly meetings and that the next meeting would be held at 10 o'clock LT Friday 13 September, at the Ledra Palace U. N. Conference area. If necessary, an earlier meeting will be held.

At the end of the meeting, Mr.

Denktash, which we are initiating today, will cover humane problems only. I hope that we shall be able to lay the right foundations for an understanding on these matters. Cold-blooded crimes are always condemnable and both sides have an obligation, for the sake of the true interests of Cyprus and in the name of humanism, to eliminate them. The perpetration of such crimes should be stopped at all costs and human life should be

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