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MR. GLAFICOS CLERIDES REVIEWS SITUATION

PROLONGATION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IS FRAUGHT WITH DANGERS

Social, economic and political issues involved

In an interview to Athens daily 'Akropolis' the President of the House of Representatives and Greek Cypriot negotiator at the local talks, Mr. Glaficos Clerides, made a review of the various phases of the Cyprus problem and the efforts made to find a solution, setting out the stand of the two sides or the various issues. Below is the full text of the interview:

Q.—By the end of December, eight years will have elapsed since the bloody events of 1963 when the Cyprus problem entered a new phase with recurring crises. On this occasion can you tell us about the prospects of the problem?

A.—It is not easy to speak responsibly and positively on the prospects of solving the Cyprus problem. A brief review of the procedures followed during the last eight years to find a peaceful solution to the Cyprus problem and the various solutions proposed would be not only enlightening but also useful because it would show the difficulties

which cropped up and also help us draw the right conclusions concerning the prospects of solving the problems.

Following the bloody events of December 1963, a five-party conference was held in London. At the five-party conference in 1964, in which the Foreign Ministers of Greece and Turkey also took part, the Turkish side proposed the creation of two states in Cyprus through the shifting of Greek and Turkish inhabitants, the creation of purely Greek and Turkish areas and the federal link of the two states through their participation in the federal Government of the state.



Mr. Glaficos Clerides.

Naturally the Greek side rejected the above mentioned proposal. A sounding, conveyed to the Cyprus delegation by Mr. Duncan Sandys, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, to the effect that two or three Turkish cantons should be created and that the structure of the Cyprus state should follow the pattern of a cantonal system of government was also rejected.

Following the failure of the 1964 five-party conference Cyprus had recourse to the U. N. Security Council which approved a resolution providing for the despatch of a Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus to maintain peace, and at the same time authorising the Secretary General to appoint a mediator for the finding of a solution to the Cyprus problem.

The Secretary-General entrusted the mediator's role to the Finnish diplomat Mr. Sakari Tuomioja who negotiated in Geneva with representatives of the Greek and Tur-

PRESIDENT MAKARIOS AT EPIPHANY CELEBRATION



The President of the Republic, Archbishop Makarios, went to Limassol on Epiphany Day, January 6, for the traditional blessing of the waters. In the picture his Beatitude flung the cross into the sea watched by tens of thousands of people who gathered at the waterfront or boarded vessels for the purpose.

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