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THE fierce fighting in Nicosia during the Christmas week resulted in a number of people being killed on both sides, the total number having reached about 150. While this tragic strife has resulted in loss of life and property, it has also provoked acts of atrocity.

The atrocities committed by some Turkish Cypriots against unarmed Greek citizens are many. Most of them were perpetrated after the fighting between the State Security Forces and Turkish Cypriot armed extremists had ceased.

No attempt will be made in this booklet to include all the cases or give detailed descriptions. The macabre photographs speak for themselves.

Here are but a few characteristic instances of savagery and inhuman behaviour :

1. Hambis Paphitis was shot with dum-dum ammunition, the use of which is internationally prohibited.
2. Andreas Christou, a bakery worker, was shot and stabbed to death while working.
3. Harita Terkourafi was slain at Neapolis.
4. A 12-year-old girl, Georghoulla Venizelou, was shot while playing in the yard of her house.
5. Two monks and a 12-year-old novice at the Old Calendarist Settlement near Kornos, half way on the road between Nicosia and Limassol, were killed by an armed band of Turks from the nearby Turkish village of Kophinou.

Many Greeks have also been kidnapped by Turks, tortured and put to death. There is the case of Ploutis Georghiades who was transporting two English civilians from Neapolis suburb to Nicosia in order to get some provisions. All were unarmed ; they were intercepted by armed Turks near the Cold Stores, held at the time by armed Turkish extremists, and Georghiades was detained while the two Englishmen were allowed to proceed. He was subsequently found dead and tortured. He was pierced through with an iron rod.

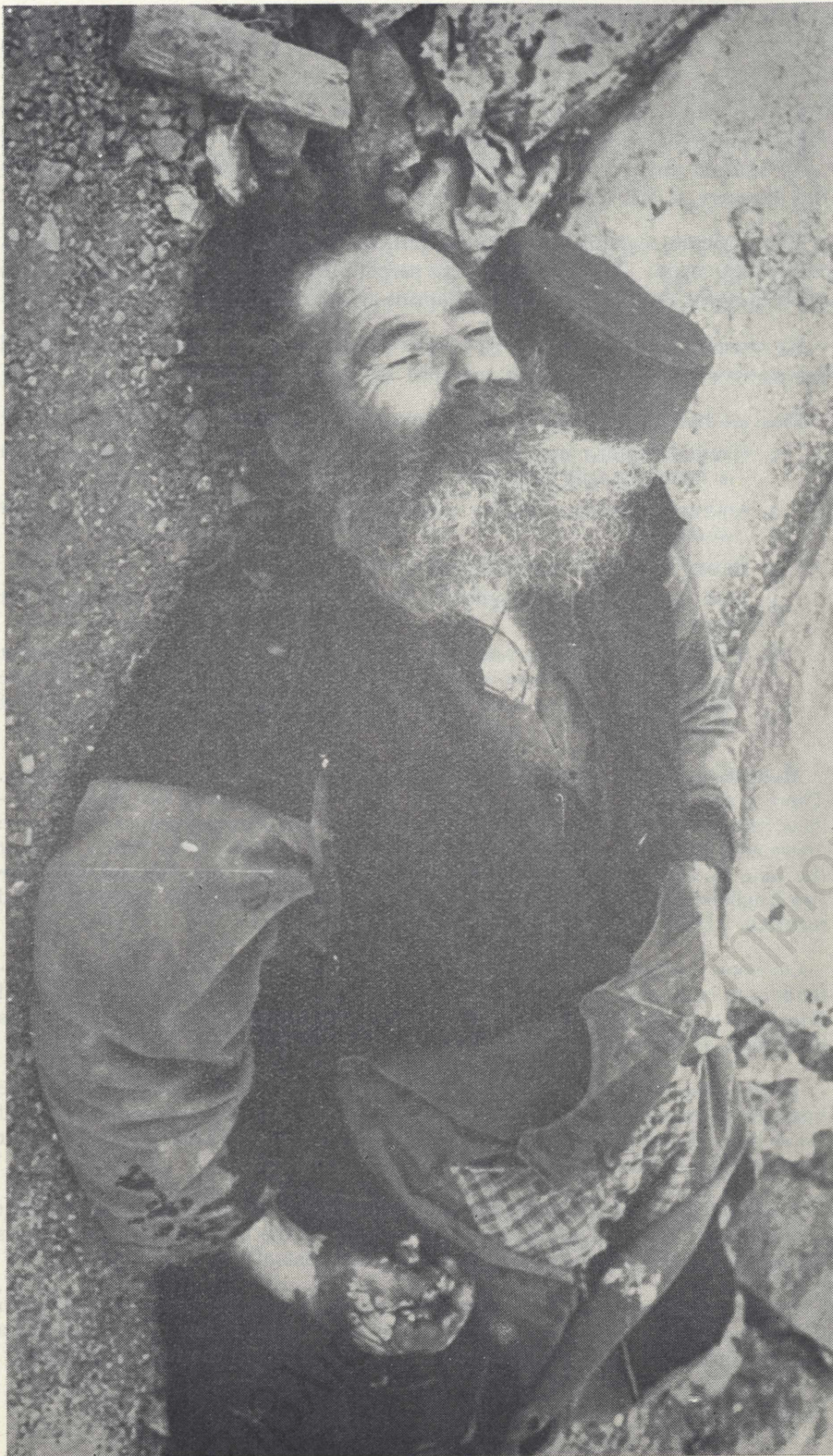
On some occasions the kidnapping was effected by Turkish extremists pretending to be Greeks and in need of transport who, on entering the car, compelled Greeks at gun-point to drive to the Turkish neighbourhood where the Greeks were kept as hostages.

In one case a whole family of seven persons was kidnapped. Out of these hostages 26 have described their ordeal in the hands of their captors. Some of them bear obvious marks of ill-treatment and assault. There are many other Greeks who are missing and whose fate is still unknown.

It should be noted that abductions as well as other acts of violence on the part of extremist Turkish Cypriots continue in spite of the cease-fire and the efforts being made to restore normal and peaceful conditions of life in the Island.

It is to be hoped that the wide circulation of this booklet among the Turkish Cypriots will help bring back to sanity and decency those few responsible for a situation giving rise to atrocities such as those depicted in the following pages.

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LEFT : Monk Makarios lying dead. He was shot from close range.

ABOVE : A pathetic picture of Spyridon, a 12-year-old novice, who was shot in the chest at point-blank. Stray pellets injured him also in the eye.

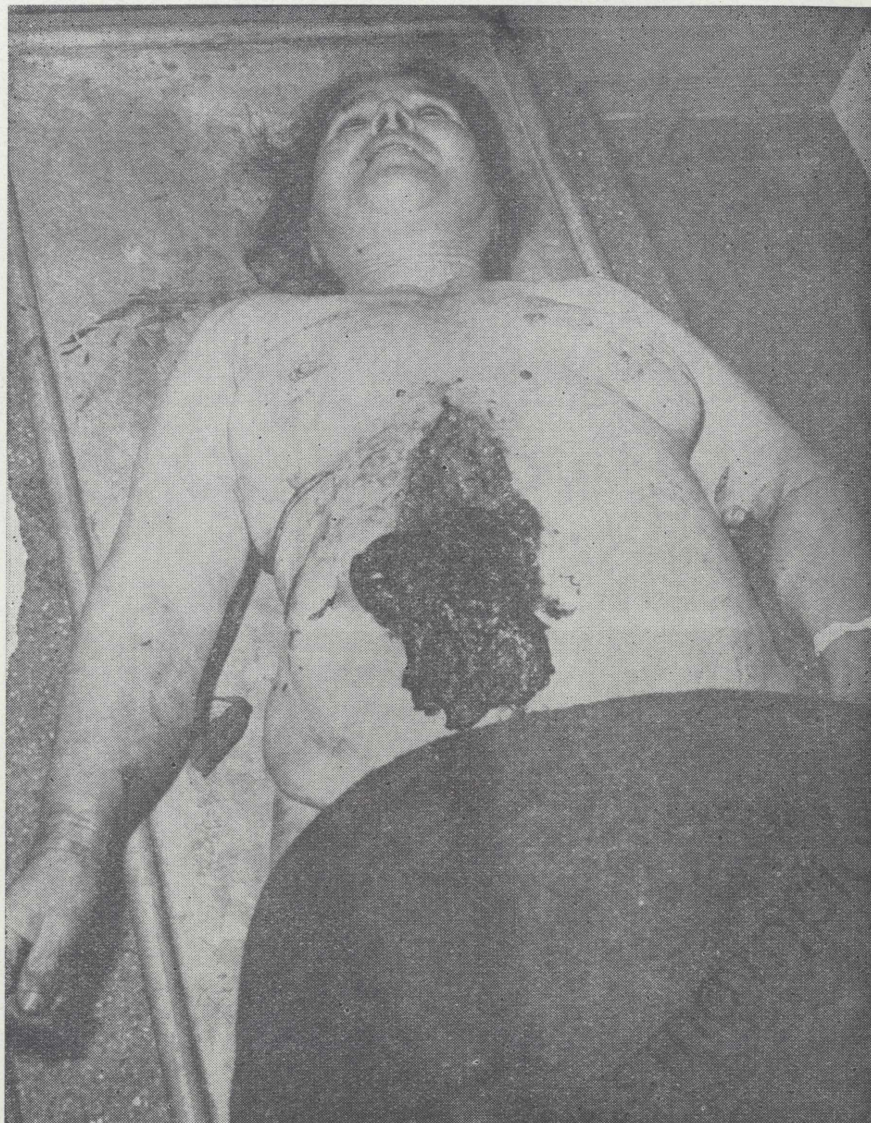


ABOVE : Even the dog did not escape the assassins' fury.

BELOW : A Greek policeman, Yannakis Aeroporos, who was killed by Turks on December 23, while trying to evacuate his family from Omorphita.



The Turks made use of dum-dum ammunition which is internationally prohibited. **ABOVE :** A Greek Cypriot Hambis Paphitis, who was killed with such ammunition.



ABOVE : A Greek housewife, Charita Terkourafi, who was stabbed to death at Neapolis.

RIGHT : Katerina Achilleos, another Greek housewife. She was shot and stabbed to death.





A Greek bakery worker, Andreas Christou, was shot and stabbed to death near the Cold Stores.



Ploutarchos Georghiades was kidnapped by Turks while transporting two English civilians from Neapolis to the Greek quarter. He was subsequently found dead and tortured. He was pierced through with an iron rod.



A 12-year-old girl, Giorgoulla Venizelou, who was killed by Turks while playing in the yard of her house.

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