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IDENTIFICATIONS: The Following identifications were announced. Themis Demetriade from **Varosi**, Savva Savvide from **Dali**, Petrou Petrou, Kleanthi Findikli, from **Lefkosia**, Andrea Michael from **Exo Metohi**, Georgiou Kyriacou from **Alona**, Costa Kokota from **Paleosofos**.

LOBBYING OUTSIDE THE HoC: This will take place on Tuesday 12th July from 5.00pm. Our members, friends and supporters are urged to attend. After the lobbying there will be a meeting inside the House from 7.00pm. Members wishing to attend the meeting please call Andreas Karaolis on 020-8445 9999 for passes. A small coach will leave from the Cypriot Community Centre in Wood Green at 4.00pm.

MARCH ON SATURDAY 16th JULY: This will start from the Turkish Embassy at 3.00pm passing Trafalgar Square and ending at the Cenotaph where a wreath will be laid and from where groups will go to specified locations and distribute leaflets. Those members that can distribute leaflets please call Andreas Karaolis on 020-8445 9999 for further information. There will be no speeches or rally in Trafalgar Square on this occasion.

GENERAL MEETING. On Saturday 16th April we had our General Meeting. After the usual talks, reports and the financial statement the new committee was elected and the posts were allocated as follows:-

N. Neokleous President, T.Theodorou V. President, S. Hadjiphilippou G. Secretary, G. Ucar Asst. G. Secretary, K. Paschalis Treasurer, A. Christou Asst. Treasurer, J. Kouvaros Public Relations Officer and A. Chrysanthou, N. Ioakim, N. Hadjoulis, T. Theodoulou, G. Antoniou, X. Chambou, Y. Kashimeris E. Andreou as Members.
C. Paul E. Secretary. *See our website for more information.*
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EXTRACT FROM Mr PHOTIOU'S SPEECH IN LARNAKA. "It is a shame for the international community and humanity that after 42 years we are still looking for 2/3 of the missing after the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974, said Presidential Commissioner for Humanitarian Issues Photis Photiou. He added that "what Turkey commits is both inhumane and criminal because for 42 years it refuses to work for a solution to this humanitarian issue".

"Turkey, has the information in the Turkish military files about the location of mass graves of our missing while the double crime it committed is that it (in the invasion of 1974) had killed women and children, threw them into wells and moved their remains to new locations in 1992-1993 so as to cover their great crime. Since then we are looking for those mass graves where the bones have been moved to."

In his address, Mr. Photiou mentioned the "serious" issue as he described the work of the Committee of Missing Persons, saying that "this bi-communal Committee composed of one Greek Cypriot and one Turkish Cypriot representative, with the cooperation of the United Nations and the support of the Republic, in a few months or a year it might not have any bones to carry out its important work because the Turks do not cooperate."

THE UN IS OPENING ITS ARCHIVES: The President of the Republic welcomed the decision of the UN to open its archives to the CMP so that more information about the missing can be found.

OPENING OF THE RED CROSS ARCHIVES TOO: The Government of the Republic has also announced that is setting up a committee to look into the Red Cross records in the hope of finding further information about our missing.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: On the 27th May a meeting between our organisation's incoming General Secretary, Savvas Hadjiphilippou and the Greek Cypriot Member of the Committee of Missing Persons, Mr Nestoros was held.

This productive meeting took place at Mr Nestoros' office in Nicosia and talks revolved around the current situation in ascertaining the fate of missing persons. Mr Nestoros highlighted the challenges faced in identifying the whereabouts of those missing since 1963 and 1974. In particular, he highlighted the lack of information provided by the general public in order to guide future excavation sites. Work in the areas permitted by Turkey has begun and the CMP remains positive that this will yield results.

The meeting concluded on the encouraging news that the CMP has secured EU funding for its work for the next few years.

DONATIONS: Y. Kashimeris £50, Anonymous £100,

WE THANK YOU AND WE ARE GRATEFUL.