

# Bringing the House down...

MPs and party leaders roared with laughter last night as a stand-up comedian made fun of almost all of the things they usually take so seriously.

It was the House Christmas celebration when MPs roll up their sleeves and bring along their children and other halves.

Comedian Costas Charalambides was the treat of the evening, and he had something to say about almost everybody, but mostly about President Vassiliou, who was not even present.

Do you want to know how Spyros Kyprianou and Vassos Lyssarides decided on the Salvation Front's candidate? Charalambides asked. Of course, the audience, including the two leaders, was all ears.

According to the comic, Kyprianou and Lyssarides had hesitantly offered the post to a couple of personalities, in the hope they will refuse. After they felt confident, for reasons unknown, that nobody would accept, the phone in Kyprianou's office rung and Lyssarides answered.

"This is Paschalls Paschalides," the deep voice at the other end of the line said.

"Mr Paschalides, what can I do for you," the Edek chief asked a bit surprised.

"I'm calling to let you know I accept your offer,"



**MERRY CHRISTMAS:** House Santa Claus, Akel's MP Yiannakis Agapiou presents Glafcos Clerides with his Vassiliou gift.

Paschalides said.

A shocked Lyssarides turned to Kyprianou with the news. "Spyro, we need to make a decision now, what do I tell him?"

"Paschalides who?" Kyprianou asked. "Oh. Him. Well I don't know. Let's see. Oh well, why not."

Laughter shook the crowded room and Charalambides went on "commenting" on Glafcos Clerides' candidacy and Akel's motives for backing Vassiliou's re-election bid.

The celebration started

with the annual House Santa Claus, Akel MP Yiannakis Agapiou; handing out gifts to political friends and foes.

Clerides got a large picture of Vassiliou, Tassos Papadopoulos was "appointed" to head CyBC.

Agapiou wished 1993 will be the year the Cyprus problem will be solved. "I will vote for anyone who solves the Cyprus problem," the Akel MP promised. "Even Glafcos Clerides."

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