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## Man of the Year Event

H.R.H. Crown Prince Frederik was the guest of honor at the Man of the Year Gala Dinner Dance jointly sponsored by the Danish American Chamber of Commerce and the Danish American Society.

Held on April 30th at the Empire Room at Waldorf Astoria, this year's event commemorated the 50th anniversary of the escalation of the Danish Freedom Fighters' actions, and the people's resistance towards the occupying forces. Also in 1943 events like the people's strike across the country and the resignation of the legitimate Danish government took place. On August 29th the Danish police and remaining military units were overpowered and imprisoned by the nazis.

The final atrocities were attempts to arrest the Danish Jewish community on October 3rd. Almost 8000 people were taken into hiding and safely ferried to Sweden. Only 464 Jews were captured and imprisoned in Theresienstadt and most of them survived the camp.

His Royal Highness accepted the Man of the Year Trophy in the name of his great grandfather, King Christian X, who

symbolized the strength and heroism of Denmark during the nazi occupation. The Trophy was presented by H.E. Ambassador of the United States to Denmark, Mr. Richard B. Stone.

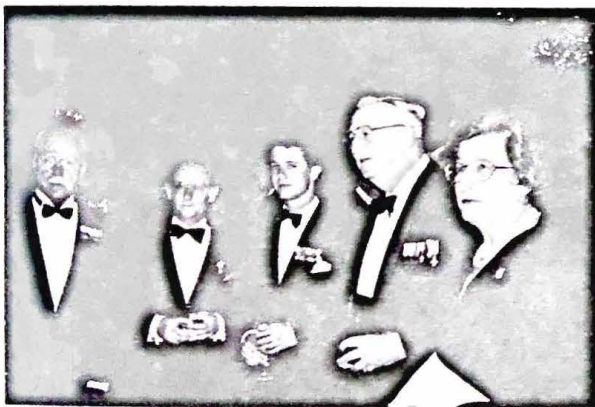
Symbolizing light and hope the Trophy is a candleholder made of bog oak with a silver plate inscription:

"In commemoration of the heroic acts of the Danish Freedom Fighters and King Christian X during WWII. Presented to H.R.H. Crown Prince Frederik in New York on April 30th, 1993 by the Danish American Society and the Danish American Chamber of Commerce.

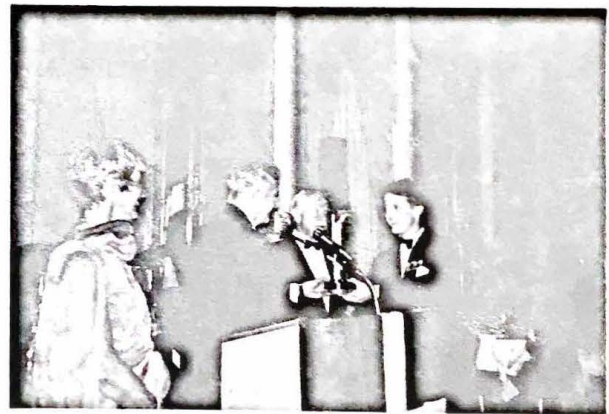
The Trophy will be placed permanently in the Freedom Fighters' Museum in Copenhagen.

Music for the festive, yet thoughtful evening, was provided by the Peter Duchin orchestra.

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Mr. W. Valeur-Jensen, Consul General Leif Donde, H.R.H. Crown Prince Frederik, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Greenebaum



Mrs. Neel Halpern, Ambassador Richard B. Stone, Mr. Werner Valeur-Jensen, H.R.H. Crown Prince Frederik receiving the Trophy

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## New Pastor at Danish Seamen's Church

The Danish community in New York welcomes the new Pastor at the Danish Seamen's Church in Brooklyn. On March 28, 1993, Pastor Torben Poulsen, his wife Merete Holck, and young daughter Leonora officially took over the duties at the church in Brooklyn Heights. Pastor Poulsen is 35 years old and has been involved in the Danish Seamen's Church organization since 1986. We wish the Pastor and his family an exciting and fulfilling stay in New York.

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## Danish American Society

At the Danish American Society's annual meeting in January the President of four years, Bent Orlík, resigned after a job very well done.

His successor is Mrs. Neel Halpern. We extend our best wishes to Neel with her new venture.

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## Rebild National Park Society, Inc.

The Fourth of July is on a Sunday this year. As in the past (since 1912), the American Independence Day will be a festive celebration in the Rebild hills in Jutland attended by both Danes and Americans.

If you are not a member of Rebild and would like to participate in this year's celebration please call Mr. Joseph Krentzel at (201) 796-1474 and a membership application form will be sent to you.

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## New Members:

Kristian Mortensen  
252 N. Broadway  
North Tarrytown, NY 10591

Pastor Torben Poulsen  
Danish Seaman's Church  
102 Willow Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

## Reminder To Our Members

If you have not already submitted your 1993 check for dues, kindly do so soonest.

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## When in Copenhagen

Members of DACC, NY, are welcome to participate in the American Club's arrangements in Copenhagen. You may call American Club secretary John Jensen at tel. 33 14 76 56.

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## Sail Race

The annual Stamford-Denmark Race on Long Island Sound will take place this year on Sunday, September 19th. The Royal Yacht Clubs of Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden will arrange for a tour over here for their members participation on board American boats in the sail race. This should make the event even more festive. You may already register for the race by calling (203) 327-1111.

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## Ambassador Frederik Harhoff

Ambassador Frederik Harhoff passed away late April at the age of 74. Many of our members remember the Ambassador from his time as Consul General here in New York from 1965 to 1972. He was Commander of the Royal Order, and had been honored with several other foreign orders.

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## Summer Hours:

DACC Secretariat will be closed:

July 1 to September 7, 1993,

the office is open July 6, 1993

The office re-opens on September 8, 1993, with normal office hours 9:30am - 1:30pm

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Consul General Leif Donde, H.R.H. Crown Prince Frederik, Evelyne & Erik Norup

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## Denmark's Export to the United States

	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>Change 1991/92</u>
Ham, bacon, salami and other meat products.....	1542	1840	1666	1207	- 27.5%
Cheese and other dairy products.	265	279	254	256	-
Fish etc. for consumption *)....	445	432	502	390	- 22.3%
Butter Cookies.....	361	320	309	319	3.2%
Beverages .....	63	46	43	61	42.0%
Mink furs and other skins .....	295	106	101	91	- 10.0%
Animal and vegetable raw materials .....	246	241	208	194	- 6.7%
Raw chemicals and combinations..	569	502	643	743	15.6%
Medicals and pharmaceuticals ...	598	366	481	579	20.4%
Wood products (except furniture)	58	33	17	20	17.6%
Textiles (except clothing) .....	74	72	76	92	21.0%
Stoneware, glass, china, etc. ...	146	130	111	126	13.5%
Machinery (except electrical) ..	1752	1853	1737	1604	- 7.7%
Electrical machinery and equipment.....	753	679	768	765	-
Transport equipment .....	358	593	455	1698	273.2%
Furniture .....	917	863	651	650	-
Technical, scientific, photograph- ic and optical instruments...	710	687	662	695	5.0%
Products in other categories ...	<u>2281</u>	<u>1800</u>	<u>1844</u>	<u>2094</u>	<u>13.6%</u>
	<b>11433</b>	<b>10842</b>	<b>10528</b>	<b>11584</b>	<b>10.0%</b>

\*) does not include Faroe Islands and Greenland

1989: 1 US Dollar is equal to D.kr. 7.32 (average)

1990: 1 US Dollar is equal to D.kr. 6.18 (average)

1991: 1 US Dollar is equal to D.kr. 6,40 (average)

1992: 1 US Dollar is equal to D.kr. 6,15 (average)

Source: Danmarks Statistik: Udenrigshandel.



## Danish Prime Minister Speaks at DACC Luncheon

On Thursday May 6, 1993, the Danish Prime Minister Poul Nyrup Rasmussen began his visit in the USA with a meeting in New York with UN's Secretary General Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali.

The Prime Minister was thereafter the speaker at the DACC luncheon which was held at the University Club, NY. The Prime Minister's visit to the USA was arranged because Denmark is currently holding the Presidency of the European Community. In his speech the Prime Minister expressed that one of the top priorities for the Presidency is the promotion of economic recovery both in Europe and throughout the rest of the world.

He further mentioned that at the European Council in Copenhagen in June a report will be presented on the steps which have been taken so far. This report will form the basis for a decision on concrete and coherent national measures.

The Danish Presidency puts forward an initiative designed to strengthen EC/US relations.

At their meeting on April 24-25, EC foreign ministers had a discussion of future EC/US relations. They endorsed a package of ideas, which the Prime Minister and Mr. Jacques Delors presented in more detail to President Clinton in Washington DC on May 7th.

It was also mentioned that strengthening relations with Central and Eastern Europe is another top priority issue for the Danish Presidency.

Prime Minister Poul Nyrup Rasmussen clearly expressed the importance of a Danish "yes" vote on May 18 to the Maastricht's Edinburgh referendum.

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## Green Card Replacement Program Suspended

The INS is in the process of issuing a Federal Register notice concerning the I-151 "green card" replacement program. In a previous notice of June 26, 1992, the Service informed permanent resident bearers of Form I-151 alien registration receipt cards or such prior documentation as Forms AR-3 and AR-103 that these documents would become obsolete on August 2, 1993. A new Federal Register notice to be published as soon as possible will lift the August 2nd date until further notice. The Service also intends to publish, on the same day if possible, a proposed rule for notice and comment concerning the I-151 replacement program. After evaluating any comments received from the public the Service will publish a final rule on the matter. In the meantime, INS field offices may continue to accept I-90 applications to replace old alien registration receipt cards; but such applicants will be advised that filing at this time is strictly voluntary.

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## Anniversaries

TIVOLI in Copenhagen is celebrating its 150th anniversary this summer. Special events and performances are planned to mark this special year. To mention one event, The New York City Ballet will perform from August 31 to September 8.

THE LITTLE MERMAID at Langelinie is 80 this year. An ageless beauty.

MAGASIN DU NORD department store will celebrate its 125 anniversary during the months of April and May this year.

LEGOLAND amusement park near Billund in Jutland is 25 years young this season.

Congratulations to all!

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## DACC Annual Meeting

The annual membership meeting was held after the Chamber luncheon for the Danish Prime Minister at University Club in New York on May 6, 1993.

The President, Werner Valeur-Jensen, gave a report on the Chamber's activities during the past year.

Then various committee chairpersons reported on their group's activities.

Two new members were elected to the Board of Directors.

They were Niels Flo of SAS and Gert Aage Nielsen of Unibank who is taking over from Henrik Bjørn. Henrik Bjørn was transferred to the bank's branch in London.

After many years of excellent work Karsten Hess resigned from the Chamber Board.

Members in good standing can obtain the Chamber annual report as well as a list of the new Board of Directors by contacting the Secretariat at 212-980-6240.

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## Scanberries Opens American Subsidiary

The Danish manufacturer of black and red currants, Scanberries, has established an American subsidiary in Niagara Falls. Scanberries are planning on opening its own bottling plant in Niagara Falls later this year, where the company will bottle its black currant juice.

Scanberries has made an agreement with a supermarket chain with about 1000 outlets, and they have already started selling the juice. Mr. Poul Laubjerg, CEO of Scanberries, is in contact with several American hotel chains, and he hopes, they will be interested in including the Sunberry Starters juice in their breakfast menus. This juice is only sold in seven centiliter bottles.

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## East Asiatic Company

The East Asiatic Company Ltd. A/S has sold all of its shipping line business to the A.P. Moller Group. The sale is part of the EAC group's plan for reorganizing its activities. Unfortunately, this includes sale of practically all their USA activities.

EAC will maintain an office in New York for the next two years while these transactions are being completed.

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## Danish Electric Cars Sold in California

The Danish electric car, El-Jet, is now on the market in California, where the importer is setting up a small chain of dealers. The first two containers of electric cars from Kewet Industri in Hadsund have just arrived in Los Angeles.

The El-Jet is the only assembly line produced electric vehicle that has passed all the tests for the American market.

Kewet Industri has received approval for selling the electric vehicle in all European countries except Finland.

## Citibank Doing Well in Denmark

Last year the Danish banks were shaken by the worst crisis since the Second World War caused by a weak economy and falling real estate prices. An exception is Citibank's subsidiary in Denmark, which in the last five years has been doing very well. Last year alone Citibank, Denmark, had a net income of more than five million dollars as the rest of the Danish bank sector suffered losses of more than four billion dollars.

According to the President, H. Onno Ruding, of Citibank Denmark, the possibilities for the American bank have gradually expanded during recent years. Citibank in Denmark has specialized in foreign exchange and servicing in larger Danish corporations with subsidiaries in several foreign countries.

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## Jubilaem Debuts in New York

On April 12, 1993, Jubilaem, the evolutionary new spirit that's "...a step beyond" vodka, made its New York debut at an event at Zoe, one of the city's hottest new restaurants. Jubilaem is a provocative distilled spirit imported from Denmark, flavored with citrus and herbs. The result is a new and complex taste sensation that is a step beyond ordinary vodka.

Jubilaem's soaring triangular star-embossed bottle and avantgarde label are designed to stand out. The artistic bottle comes encased in a dramatic jet-black gift box.

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