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What's New for January

The beginning of a new year brings with it some important announcements of events soon to come in 1981.

We've told you just a little about the "Dream Tour of All of Denmark" in a previous issue. Now you can read all about the trip — where you'll go, where you'll eat, what you'll see — day by day.

Here at home, many of our lodges will be working on plans to host their District Conventions. You'll find a schedule of the conventions right below Viking Adventures.

For our monthly feature article, Nathaniel Christensen returns to us with a narrative about Christian Febiger, a Dane who played a significant role in our Revolutionary War. Mr. Christensen last year contributed an article about Skipper Klement Andersen.

In addition to that feature, we also have a short, interesting and humorous piece about the Nordic origins of many of our commonly-used words of today.

All in all, I think you'll find this issue some very pleasant reading!

Robert E. Coffey

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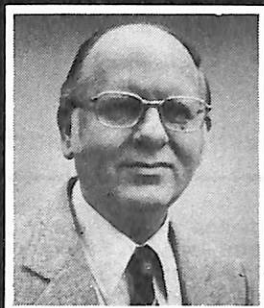
Memorial to Danish sailors in Nyhavn, one of the oldest sections of Copenhagen. Photo by Curt Maschman, Humboldt, Nebraska.

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The President's Column



DBIA President
George Jacobsen

During 1980, we have been giving a great deal of thought to the future of The Danish Brotherhood in America. During the past two years, we have made several surveys including members and non-members to help evaluate the society's objectives. During the meeting of the Board of Directors held in October of 1980, the Board discussed the objectives being considered.

The first survey included about 120 persons selected at random from the Danish American community. This survey included people of both sexes from all parts of the United States and from many different walks of life.

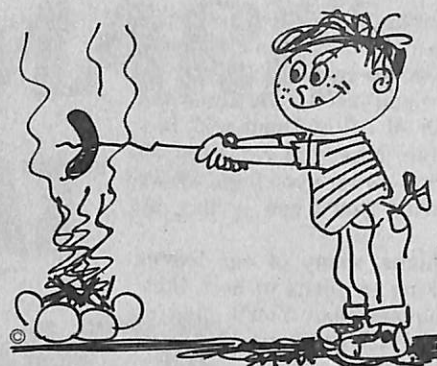
The second survey was taken from among the participants at the workshops held during the year. We asked each participant to tell us where he/she thought we could improve The Danish Brotherhood, how they evaluated the workshop program and what they would like to see us do for them, their lodge and district.

The third survey was conducted by contacting members who had received DBIA scholarships. They represented a group of young people who have provided many good thoughts and ideas for improving our society.

What we have asked these people is: Our society has nearly reached its 100th birthday. We will be setting new goals and finding new direction. What do we need to do to remain a viable organization? What can we do to help your lodge or district?

How about you? Would you like to give us your opinion?

1980 Camp Grant Awards



Our society's camp grant program has been expanded, but requirements for application remain the same. Children who are members or who are relatives of members may apply.

Grants are awarded for attendance at a regular supervised camp. Awards will be based on need and interest shown by the applicant in attending.

Request application blanks from The Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131, *not later than April 15, 1981.*

National Bowling Tournament

It is time, again, for the Danish Brotherhood National Bowling Tournament. All lodge secretaries will receive entry forms for their lodge teams.

The dates for bowling are between April 1 and June 1. Prize money will be awarded to the top 20 teams. Prize money will also be awarded for the high men's game, lady's high game, as well as the high series in each category. Young Vikings will have new rules. Teams may be mixed, but all participants must be members of the society.

The high ladies' team will receive an award and provision has been made for an award to the high Young Vikings team. Total amount of prize money will be just under \$1,000.

No entry fee or expense is connected with this tournament other than the fee charged by the bowling establishment.

Chicago Bears Lead SAS Ski Tours

Pro football fans don't have to give up Gary Fencik and Doug Plank when the Chicago Bears season ends. They, along with former Bear Bobby Douglass, will personally lead three well-priced ten day Olympic ski tours to Innsbruck and Copenhagen offered by Scandinavian Airlines Systems.

The tour price is \$822 including round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations and most meals in Innsbruck and Copenhagen. The trip offers the opportunity to ski the Innsbruck area at Hungerburg, Igls, Tulfes, Mutters, and Axamer Luzum with practice slopes for beginners as well as downhill runs that challenge the best racers in the world. City sight-seeing is available to those who wish to take in the sites of historic Innsbruck and the diversified charms of Copenhagen.

The Chicago departures are January 29th with Douglass, February 12th with Fencik, and March 5th with Plank.

For further information, contact a travel agent or SAS, 55 East Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603, (312) 855-3900.

Tickets Now on Sale for Minneapolis Exhibition of "The Vikings"

Minneapolis, Dec. 3 — The Minneapolis Institute of Arts has announced ticket prices and public hours for The Vikings exhibition coming to The Institute March 3 through May 3, 1981.

The largest and most comprehensive exhibition ever assembled on the legendary seafarers of ancient Scandinavia, The Vikings includes five-hundred art and historical objects.

The public will be able to see The Vikings 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays. The Museum is closed on Mondays.

Ticket prices for The Vikings are \$3.50 adults, \$1.50 Senior Citizens (65 and over) and \$1.50 juniors (12 and under).

Tickets are now on sale at The Viking Ticket Office, The Minneapolis Institute of Arts, 2400 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis, and at the Vikings Ticket Office, Skyway level in the IDS Center on the Nicollet Mall.

Samuel Sachs II, director of The Minneapolis Institute of Arts, said the museum's intention from the beginning was to keep admission prices as low as possible so that the maximum number of persons would be able to

experience what has been called "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" to see the colorful Viking world of ancient times.

School groups will have priority during morning weekday hours, 9 a.m. to noon. A large number of schools in the Upper Midwest already have indicated interest in having classes or groups of students tour the exhibition.

Most evenings are being reserved for corporations and organizations.

Attendance is expected to exceed 250,000 persons.

Individuals and organizations may write for ticket information to: The Vikings, The Minneapolis Institute of Arts, 2400 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404.

The Vikings telephone number for information on the exhibition and tickets is (612) 870-3333.

The Minneapolis showing of The Vikings is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Russell T. Lund, principal sponsors, and SAS/Scandinavian Airlines in association with United Airlines, Lutheran Brotherhood, The Bush Foundation, The National Endowment for the Arts, The Curtis L. Carlson Foundation, Ziegler, Inc., Dayton Hudson Foundation and The American-Scandinavian Foundation.

Scholarship Announcement

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood wishes to announce that scholarship applications for the school year beginning September, 1981, will be considered beginning February 15, 1981. Eligible members wishing to apply should write to: The Danish Brotherhood in America, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. No applications received after February 15, 1981 will be considered by the Committee for the 1981 awards.

Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$150.00 per semester and are renewable, pending qualification, to a total amount of \$1,200.00.

Eligible for scholarship awards are insured

members in good standing within their local lodge who are attending or planning to attend an accredited college, technical school, or vocational school in an undergraduate status. Under some circumstances, eligible persons attending school in Denmark may receive an award.

Changes approved by delegates to the Thirtieth National Convention of the society have increased the number and amount of scholarship awards available. Eight scholarships may now be awarded annually, two of which must be awarded to applicants planning to attend a vocational or trade school. (See Art. V of the Bylaws.)

**Robert Ibsen, Chairman,
Scholarship Committee.**

Board of Directors Announces 25th Consecutive Refund

The National Board of Directors is pleased to announce the 25th consecutive refund of gains and savings to insured members of The Danish Brotherhood.

All certificates which have been in force for two or three years,

depending upon issue date, including fully paid-up certificates, will share in the refund. Not entitled to a refund are term insurance certificates, including those carried under the extended non-forfeiture option.

Members have four options for

receiving or applying the refunds. These options are:

1. They may be used to buy additional paid-up insurance. This means that there are no premiums to be paid on this additional insurance which the dividends will buy. This additional insurance will be payable at the same time and under the same conditions as the original certificate. This additional "Paid-up" insurance is allowed regardless of the age, occupation or state of health of the member.

2. They may be left on deposit with the Brotherhood to accumulate at interest, compounded at a rate to be determined by the board.

3. They may be withdrawn at their cash value on the anniversary date of the certificate.

4. May use refund to reduce life insurance premiums if on direct bill from the Home Office.

Each qualified member is permitted to choose one of the mentioned optional uses for his refund.

IF A MEMBER EXERCISES NO CHOICE HIS DIVIDEND WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE USED TO BUY ADDITIONAL "PAID-UP" INSURANCE.

However, any member can receive payment of the cash value on the paid-up additions or payment of the refunds on deposit whenever he wishes to do so, by making a written request to the Home Office.

Your directors believe that D.B. members will welcome the opportunity to use the refund to purchase additional insurance, fully paid-up, without the necessity of giving evidence of insurability, and regardless of age and state of health, and without the payment of premiums on the additional paid-up portion.

While the amount of insurance purchased by one dividend payment is relatively small, if the payments are used in this fashion repeatedly, the total amount of additional insurance will be substantial in time.

NEW MEMBERS

Lodge

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Ella J. Fox	1—	Omaha	Andy Andersen
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Alvina C. Smith	75—	Albert Lea	LuVerne Clausen
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Ann Jean Pedersen	164—	New York	Ernest Pedersen
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Mary Lee Nielsen	167—	Portland	Susan L. Nielsen
Lars Berg	167—	Portland	N. P. Jensen
Preben Ditlefsen	167—	Portland	Nils Jensen
Robert Gildersleeve	227—	Detroit	Howard Hansen
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Flemming Carstensen	328—	Vancouver	Mogens B. Mogensen
Keld M. Lysholt	328—	Vancouver	J. Schierbeck
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Kurt Jensen	328—	Vancouver	Erik Strandgaard
Emery L. Hoegh	341—	Kimballton-Elkhorn	Alice Simonsen
Isabel A. Hoegh	341—	Kimballton-Elkhorn	Alice Simonsen
Francis A. Guldbrandsen	600—	Omaha	Tage Guldbrandsen
Brian E. Petzak	600—	Omaha	Theodore Petzak
Jonathan E. Davis	600—	Omaha	Andy Andersen

Creative Writing Contest Winner



Lisa Betts

Representing Lodge No. 206
Blair, Nebraska

To Tony

One early July morn
Unto us a child was born.

As his daddy paced the floor
Life was given once more.

Mommy was happy and filled with joy
To know she had a little baby boy.

Grandma of course was jumping for joy,
She thought the cigar manufacturers she should employ.

For brothers and sisters of both Mommy and Daddy,
They were happy to know they had a little laddie.

Great Grandma was all smiles that day,
Just thinking about the crib where her great grandson lay.

So good luck, Tony,
Be careful,
The road of life is sometimes stony.

But should you fall on the road
And lose your precious load,

Just as sure as the morning dew,
And the sky is blue,
We'll be there because we love you.
Your cousin,

Lest We Forget

In Grateful Remembrance of Their Service and Fellowship, We honor Those Members Who Have Passed Away Since the Last Report.

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
11-8-80	Carl C. Jorgensen	68	Hvidbjerg, Denmark	332	Modesto, California	1938
11-1-80	Oluf Thygesen	78	Viborg, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1943
10-25-80	Bernhard Easterby	92	Frederikshavn, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1907
9-21-80	William Olivarius	80	Copenhagen, Denmark	322	Santa Barbara, California	1945
7-22-80	Joseph Matsen	89	Bickleton, Washington	29	Seattle, Washington	1921
10-18-80	Marius C. Jensen	94	Lyngby, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1926
6-15-80	Holger B. Nielsen	80	Esbjerg, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1936
10-21-80	Chris Nielsen	73	Sundby, Denmark	217	Humboldt, Iowa	1950
8-28-80	Svend P. Jensen	71	Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1933
10-26-80	Noble Hopkins	65	Manzanola, Colorado	261	Fowler, Colorado	1946
11-5-80	Otto Svendsen	90	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1930
10-28-80	Walter Pedersen	91	Frederikshavn, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1961
12-22-79	Christ J. Christensen	98	Varde, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1904
10-18-80	Paul Andersen	88	Bornholm, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1962



***A Dream Tour of
All of Denmark***

The Danish Brotherhood in America is pleased to announce a very special tour of all of Denmark in the summer of 1981. This extraordinary travel program goes much further than the usual cursory stops in Copenhagen and Odense.* Available to anyone interested in a complete tour of charming Denmark. This very special offer provides a comprehensive trip through the Danish provinces with visits to all the major sites as well as several lesser-known but exceptionally charming towns, castles, inns, parks and villages.

Tour participants will depart their hometowns across the USA and travel trans-Atlantic via regularly scheduled flights of SAS/Scandinavian Airlines Systems. The departure date is set for June 26, 1981. After a restful afternoon, participants will have a special, gala welcome dinner with Danish specialties and wine at the famed NIMB Restaurant in lovely Tivoli Gardens.

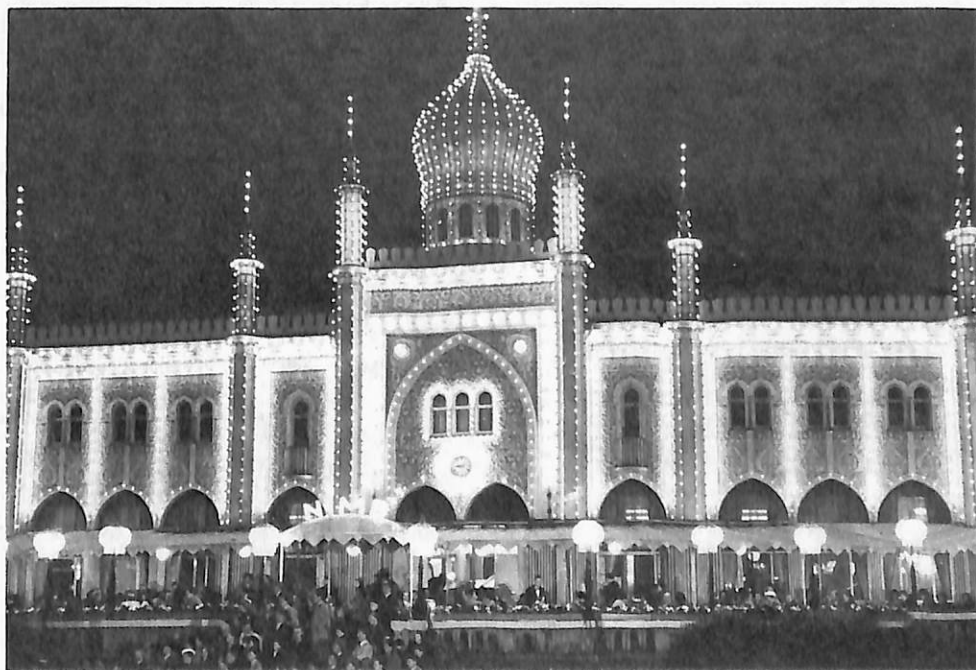
The next day, participants will have a grand tour of the major sites of Copenhagen—Little Mermaid, Christianborg Parliament, Rosenborg Castle, Royal Amalienborg Palace with changing of the guard, medieval Round Tower and Stroget shopping street. There's ample free time the following day for individual sightseeing that could include three famous castles: Fredriksborg, Fredensborg and Kronborg.

On Day 5, participants depart Copenhagen. They begin with a complete visit of Roskilde — the ancient Cathedral where Denmark's kings and queens lie entombed and the fascinating Viking Ship Museum. Tonight will be very special as guests will stay in a Royal Danish Castle — Dragsholm Castle! A formidable fortress in the Middle Ages, Dragsholm Castle long served as a prison — its most famous prisoner being none other than the Earl of Bothwell, consort of the ill-fated Mary, Queen of Scots. Tonight guests will revel in the baroque splendor of Dragsholm where a full course dinner will be served.

The ultra-modern Hvide Hus Hotel in Aalborg will be home to participants in the special "Dream Tour of All of Denmark." Photos courtesy: Danish National Tourist Board.



The 300-year-old Hotel Dagmar in Ribe has become a city landmark with its lovely cobbled courtyard and terrace.



The picturesque Restaurant Nimb in Tivoli Gardens will be the site for the Danish Brotherhood in America's "Welcome to Denmark" banquet on the first evening.

Next day it's on to Kalundborg where participants will board a ferry to cross the Kattegat to the mainland of Jutland and the city of Aarhus. Here they will visit the Old Town and be able to explore its charms on foot before spending the night at the Ansgar Hotel.

On Day 7, guests travel through the lovely Viborg area with a stop to visit

that picturesque town. This afternoon participants are welcomed by their hosts to a typical Danish farm where they will reside for the next 3 days. They will stay with the farm family, experience farm life and even participate in family meals.

During their farm stay, tour participants will have opportunities to tour

the nearby Silkeborg Lake district, its picturesque towns and even take a cruise on an old paddle steamer.

Day 9 promises to be very special. Tour participants will attend the famous July 4 ceremonies at Rebild National Park. Thousands are expected to attend and Queen Margarethe and Prince Henrik are expected. It should be an exciting experience indeed!

Next morning it's time to say goodbye to the Danish farm host families and leave for Aalborg. Here there's time to visit the well-known Jens Bang house and tour the Old Town. Tonight guests stay at the ultra-modern Hvide Hus Hotel.

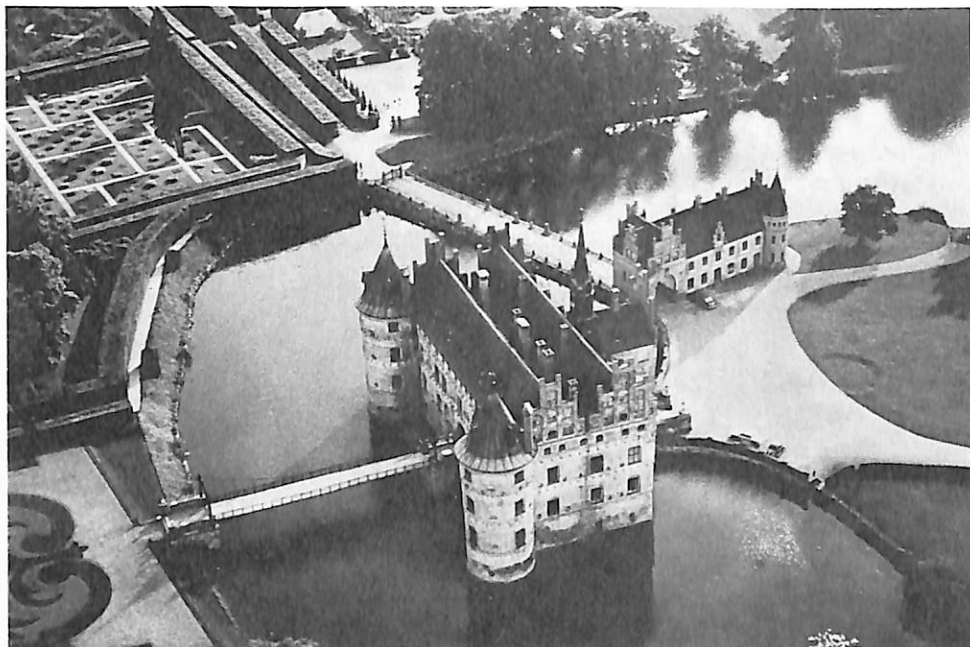
Day 11 takes participants for a drive along Limfjord to the county of Thy. Then it's on through heather-covered hills down along the west coast of Jutland passing Struer and Ringkøping and the busy harbor of Esbjerg. Tonight the group will stay in the old town of Ribe at a special place — the 300 year-old Hotel Dagmar.

In the morning the motorcoach takes the group to Denmark's western-most dikes guarding the lowlands against the waters of the North Sea. Then it's off across Jutland visiting famed Sønderborg Castle before taking the ferry across to Funen and the idyllic fishing village of Svendborg.

Participants will have a full day to explore the Island of Funen. First, there's the city of Odense, birthplace of the famous story-teller Hans Christian Andersen. In the afternoon a complete visit to Egeskov Castle, beautifully situated in the middle of a lake and surrounded by a fantasy garden. Tonight, the group returns to idyllic Svendborg.

On Day 14 the group travels across the bridge from Svendborg to Langeland where it takes the ferry over to Lolland. Here a visit to beautiful Knuthenborg Park is a must: it's a wild animal park with an African theme! In the afternoon the motorcoach passes through lovely countryside back into Copenhagen. Tonight there's special farewell dinner with wine and a great menu!

Day 15 brings options: some will fly home, others will choose to stay in Denmark or visit friends and relatives



Fantastic Egeskov Castle is a special feature of the Danish Brotherhood's "Dream Tour of All of Denmark." Egeskov was built in 1550 on oak piles rammed into the lakebed.



Participants in the Danish Brotherhood's tour of Denmark will spend a night at splendid Dragsholm Castle near Hørve in Northwest Zealand. An inaccessible fortress in the Middle Ages, Dragsholm was a prison to the Earl of Bothwell, exiled consort of Mary, Queen of Scots. Guests will dine in its baroque halls restored in 1697.

or travel on into the rest of Scandinavia or Europe.

This extraordinary tour of the best of Denmark includes all transfers, superior hotels, Danish breakfast daily, all dinners outside Copenhagen, motorcoach excursions with guides, all entrance fees, a full-time expert escort and many, many special features. Best of all, the entire program costs just \$950 plus airfare!! Tour dates are June

26-July 10, 1981.

As this tour is expected to be very popular and as space is limited, very early reservations are important. For further details and reservation forms, contact: ICTS/InterContinental Travel Systems, 5333 Mission Center Road, San Diego, California 92108. Telephone (714) 299-4217 or, contact your local travel agent who will contact ICTS for you.

by Nathaniel Christensen

Christian Febiger: *Revolutionary Soldier*

In the pages of Revolutionary War history, and in memoir of and among heroic figures involved, often and prominently appears the name of Christian Febiger. He was born on the island of Funen, Denmark (September 20, 1746). He attended a military school, and — still in his youth — joined the staff of his uncle who was governing officer of the island of Santa Cruz, in the Danish West Indies. In 1772 he came to the American colonies and engaged in trade of “lumber, fish and horses” - all the way from Cape Fear River, North Carolina, to Penobscot River, Maine.

The first battle of the war, at Lexington, April 19, 1775, found Christian Febiger domiciled in Massachusetts. Ten days later he joined Col. Samuel Gerrish's Essex-Middlesex militia regiment. He was soon promoted adjutant, and proved his worth — leading his men in bold and swift rearguard action to cover the American retreat when that became necessary. He served as Benedict Arnold's brigade-major in the invasion of Canada and was taken prisoner in the attack on Quebec, December 31, 1775. Freed in an exchange of prisoners in January, 1777, he was immediately commissioned Lieutenant Colonel of Col. Daniel Morgan's 11th Virginia regiment. He was promoted colonel after the battle of Brandywine

(Sept. 1777). He took part in the battle of Germantown (Oct. 1777) — and in the battle of Monmouth (June 1778).

In July 1779 Colonel Febiger was chosen by George Washington to command one of four light infantry regiments organized for the storming of Stony Point, a fortress on the Hudson. On July 15, 1779, General Wayne with colonels Febiger and Butler made a final reconnaissance and during the night took the fortress by assault.

In 1780 we find Col. Febiger with General Muhlenberg at Philadelphia with orders to forward arms and clothing to Richmond where Muhlenberg was hastily assembling troops and equipment for General Gates. In November, General Green, who had taken over command in the south, ordered Col. Febiger to remain in Philadelphia as agent for obtaining and forwarding stores to the southern army. In this service Col. Febiger, fondly referred to as “Old Denmark” by those who knew him, displayed great talent for procuring supplies from the quartermaster General and the Board of War.

He returned again to Virginia to aid Gen. Morgan in suppressing the Loyalist insurrection in Hampshire County (May to June, 1781). At this time he also served as recruiting officer, and commanded a body of

Virginia recruits in Lafayette's army.

At the close of the Revolution Col. Febiger retired from the army and was brevetted Brigadier General by Congress (September 30, 1783). Settling in Philadelphia, he married Elizabeth Carson, daughter of a Philadelphia merchant. In 1789 he was elected treasurer of Pennsylvania and served until 1796, the year of his death. His life-time was but fifty years, and — yet, forever time and history will recall his heroic deeds and great service to our country. After two centuries, many from our so-called American “melting pot” can point with pride to a particular Revolutionary War hero, people of German heritage to a von Steuben, and those of French blood to a great Lafayette. We Danes in America, first, second, and third generation — and all with a drop of Danish blood in our veins, we — too, can point with pride to our particular hero, the Danish born Revolutionary Soldier, Christian Febiger.

P.S. I am much indebted to Karl Christensen, librarian, who kindly and enthusiastically presented me with historical information on Christian Febiger for the publication of this Revolutionary soldier narrative.

**JANUARY
ASSESSMENT
NUMBER 980**

is Due and Payable to the
Lodge Treasurer
January 1, 1981

And Must Be Paid Before
February 1, 1981

Members failing to pay to their local
lodge treasurer as per above will be
considered in arrears.

**HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.**

Our Lodges In Action

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Our November Social (a membership dinner) was indeed a success. Delicious food, good entertainment, and hear this ... 18 new members. It was also a pleasure getting together with our friends from Lodge #206 of Blair, NE.

Our Christmas program sounds like a real winner! The chairpersons, Aase Donahue and Anna Houswald (also our Danish teachers) promise a real old-fashioned Danish Christmas.

In January, our new officers will be installed. Our social that month will be called "Views of Denmark", chaired by Richard and Shirley Wilson and Emilia and John Johnsen.

Happy New Year to all from our lodge!

Dee DiSilvestro, Sec.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — In November we joined Lodge No. 1 of Omaha for a membership dinner at the Tivoli Restaurant here in Blair.

Due to bad weather, our election of officers was not held as planned.

Our Christmas supper was held on December 8. We had a potluck dinner, with the lodge furnishing the meat and drinks. We had some entertainment by some of our members, and Santa came to deliver presents to the young children.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #45, Minneapolis, MN — At our November meeting, we took in 8 new members. One of them, Adam Kristensen, is our youngest member at the age of 3 months.

We also honored the bowling team for defeating Lodge #263 of Askov in our annual match.

For December, we are planning a potluck dinner and a gift exchange.

We wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Bill Aagaard, Rep.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA — November was our Mortens-aften or Thanksgiving game night. A turkey and other prizes were awarded.

Our members re-elected the same slate of officers for the coming year. Sharon Nielsen gave us an interesting chapter of the Viking series.

We send all of you our best wishes for the holidays and the coming year.

Ulla Wall.

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — We recently held our annual anniversary dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church. Jetta Sorensen, a Rotary exchange student from Denmark, showed some slides of her home country and told us about some customs there. The Glory Belles from Hartland also entertained us with a number of selections on their bells.

We honored three couples this year. Christine and Orville Hoyt celebrated 50 years of marriage, and newly-weds were Alvina and Waldo Smith and Roxann and Dennis Wadding. Each couple was presented a gift.

Vice president Viggo Berthelsen presented president Arnold Levisen with a certificate from the Home Office in Omaha for his fine efforts in obtaining new members.

Harlen Hansen, Sec.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Lodge #139, Viborg, SD — In November we had our annual feather party in which we played Bingo for turkey, geese, ducks and

hams. Door prizes included a large turkey, a goose and a duck.

In December, we met for a soup supper, which has become an annual affair for election of new officers.

Later in the month, we'll have our Stiftelsesfest. That will include a ham supper, treats for the children and the Danish dancers in full costume performing for us.

Esther Jorgensen, Rep.

MIDWEST

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Our thanks go to Grace Gertz, Lillian Jensen and Barbara Larsen who made arrangements for our 91st anniversary dinner. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner and anniversary cake.

I was made aware of two more members who were not receiving the American Dane magazine on a monthly basis. This publication brings us important announcements about our fraternal programs, articles pertaining to low cost life insurance and a host of features regarding our Danish heritage. Remember, an American Dane subscription is a benefit of membership. If you are not receiving your copy, notify your secretary.

The Milwaukee County Museum's Antique Toy Exhibit will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. up through February 15, 1981.

Al Larsen, Rep.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — All members, children and grandchildren are invited to our Family Christmas party on December 21. The festivities include a potluck dinner with the lodge furnishing the major dishes.

On December 7, the Museum of Science and Industry featured Danish traditions in its "Christmas Around the World" area.

Our lodge recently voted to donate \$100 to the Danish Athletic Club for gymnastic equipment.

Our anniversary dinner-dance was a success as it drew 170-plus folks for the joint celebration with Lodge No. 11 of the D.S.S.

The Dane of the Night at our last meeting was John Jorgensen, who was born in Hillerod, Denmark. He came to the U.S. in 1952 at the age of 12 along with his parents and two sisters.

Lodge #344, Janesville, WI — At our November meeting, we selected a nominating committee for next year's officers.

Our Christmas party will be a steak dinner held at the Janesville Moose Lodge.

At our November meeting, we had a film presentation furnished by Jens Lademann.

Howard E. Hansen.

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — Our Christmas party took place on December 17, with cocktails and dinner for our members and their wives.

Our new officers will meet for the first time on January 7. Our breakfast meeting is set for January 11.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Our Christmas party featured Bunkins the clown, a juggler, gags, magic, puppets balloons and, of course, Santa Claus.

In November, we held a Kringle sale, with 500 kringles coming in from Bule Island. We served hot chocolate as well as coffee along with the pastry.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — One hundred and sixty people had a wonderful time at our Halloween party. The costumes were great, and prizes were awarded for them in various categories.

Later we had a delicious dinner, then were entertained with music for dancing.

In November, we served aebleskiver, medisterpølse and coffee to over 500 people who were attending the Danish Christmas Fair. Total attendance for the event was 1200.

Also in November was our delicious Torsk dinner, followed by a dance.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all of our Brothers and Sisters!

At our November meeting, we had 63 members attending — excellent! Our secretary, Carl Jensen, had the pleasure of presenting Frank Jensen with his 50-year pin. (The two had known each other for quite a long time.)

Our installation dinner-dance held jointly with Sisterhood Lodge 125 is on January 17. Then in February, we'll have our annual Slaa Katten Af Tønden party. That's always a fun party with a fine dinner and dancing.

Oluf Jensen, Cor.

Lodge #225, Canton, OH — Our 75th anniversary banquet was held September 13, 1980. We had a very good turn out that night. The food was excellent and served promptly.



Director Kenneth Pedersen presented a merit award to Lodge No. 225 President, Mark Nodo, commemorating 75 years as a Danish Brotherhood lodge.

We were honored to have National Director Kenneth Pedersen from Nebraska share in our fellowship. He gave a lecture as the



Belinda James, Vice President of the lodge, and toastmistress for the evening.



James Young, President of Lodge No. 301, was one of our guests from the Akron lodge.

featured speaker of our banquet that was well-organized and down to earth; which is not easy to do. Everyone liked him.

Guests from the Akron, Ohio Lodge No. 301, were also with us that evening. Akron President James Young thanked us for inviting them. Einar Madsen, also of Lodge No. 301 gave us some appropriate remarks for the anniversary celebration. Our invocation was given by Brother Michael Labriola and Sister Belinda James acted as toastmistress. As President of Lodge No. 225, I had the pleasure of welcoming guests.

Mark Nodo, Pres.

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — Our Sunshine Seniors met at the hall for their monthly meeting with a carry-in dinner and cards on the agenda.

Our monthly party was a carry-in supper followed by a sing-along and dancing.

We also had our monthly pinochle party, which has become a very popular event for our members and their guests.

Alf Larsen, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #230, Arcata, CA — Our annual Christmas party was held early this year due to some conflicting dates in December. So we gathered on November 22 for a prime rib or chicken dinner.

In behalf of our lodge, I wish everyone a very Happy Holiday season.

Laura Schuler, Sec.

Lodge #95, Ferndale, CA — Our lodge president, Lorana Sweet, was installed as president of the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival. Hans Andersen of our lodge was also installed as vice president of the same organization.

The Festival, is operated by the Sons of Norway, Balder, Order of Runeberg, and five local Danish lodges. It's been going on for 30 years, and this year promises to be two fun-filled days of folk dancing, food booths and public dancing on the 27th and 28th of June.

Francis Sweet.



The Sweet family — 100% Danish.

Lodge #184, Hayward, CA — Our installation of officers will be January 29. Plans for the evening have changed slightly. The evening will begin with no-host cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by Danish sandwiches, then the installation itself at 8 p.m.

Dancing and dessert will follow the installation. Cost will be \$3.00 a person.

The February meeting has been canceled.

Signe Ann McNeil, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — In November, we had Smørrebrød, open-faced sandwiches, and gave a prize for the best-decorated sandwiches.

We plan to initiate six new members soon. Now this one will be hard to top — Frank Jepsen's family is now 100% Danish Brotherhood members!

Our nominating committee will be presenting a slate of new officers for the coming year.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — Hans Jensen and the Christmas party committee have announced plans for a gala dinner program celebration.

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The program will include a Christmas tree, a visit by Santa Claus, and carol singing (both Danish and American). We'll also have piano music by a former professional player from Denmark.

We extend to all a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

FLORIDA

Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL — We were pleased to have over 40 members present for our November meeting.

Our dinner-dance to be held in March was again discussed, and 40 tickets were sold. We plan to have 100 members and guests attend.

Past Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen gave a report about Lodge #227 in Detroit, and how this lodge grew to be the largest in the U.S.

After our business meeting, we had refreshments and listened to some old Danish songs played on the piano by Paul Parkes.

Bill Steffensen, Sec.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — The Northwest Danish Home Bazaar, "Julebutik", was very well-attended this year. Many novel and useful items were offered for sale. Valuable prizes donated by generous Danish firms were given out to lucky winners.

Our annual Christmas party was held on December 14 and included a beautiful Christmas tree, refreshments, a wonderful program, and Santa arrived with goodies for the kids.

Lodge #33, Tacoma, WA — During the second week of October, each year, we celebrate Scandinavian Days at the Bicentennial building in Tacoma.

We have many booths displaying Scandinavian crafts and foods. The rooms are filled with Scandinavian decorations and arts.

Each day of the week is represented by a different country and a special program is cited for her offered at lunch time. A princess is chosen to represent her country and she appears in her native costume.

Our Danish princess this year was Marianna Marijnissen, an exchange student from Naerum, Denmark. She is studying here for one year, residing with Mr. and Mrs. James McQueen in Puyallup. She will return to Denmark next year.

Tuesday was Danish day. The Danish Brotherhood served yellow split pea soup at one booth and Danish pastry at another. The pea soup booth netted \$490 for the week and the Danish pastry netted \$138 for their day. The net funds from all sales during the Scandinavian days are donated for scholarships to college students of Scandinavian descent. The organization, known as Leif Erikson, furnished eight of these scholarships in the amount of \$500 each from their weekly activity.

Signe A. Lindberg, Sec.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C., Canada — Poul B. Christensen has invited our members to help celebrate his 60th birthday, January 22. When we meet on December 3, it is the annual general meeting and the end of the 39th year in our lodge.

We thank the men who have accepted responsibility in serving their fellow members as officers during the past year and thank members for supporting the Board in its efforts to make this a successful year for our lodge and for having shown their dedication by participating in meetings and functions in such great numbers.

We are welcoming 7 new members to our lodge.

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — Our Chili feed and election of officers was December 4, followed by the annual Danish Christmas tree party on December 20.

Saturday, January 10, 1981, is the date of the first meeting in 1981 as the first Thursday turned out to be the first. The new 1981 officers will be installed that evening plus the business meeting and social hour.

EASTERN

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — Our folk dancing group is doing just fine. We're becoming bigger and better all the time, but there is still plenty of room for more. Contact Jacki Hansen if interested.

December 10 is our family potluck supper. Several other lodges are invited to join us.

Lodge #325, Long Island, NY — We got into the Christmas spirit December 12 by having a "Grab-bag" party. Our regular Christmas party followed on the 14th.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year!



SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH 3 (b)
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George J. Jacobsen, salary, \$276.85.

Los Angeles Member Celebrates Three Important Milestones

Anton Gram of Lodge No. 126 has celebrated his 90th birthday, 60th wedding anniversary and 60 years of membership in our lodge.

Anton is pictured with his wife Edith and sister-in-law, Mrs. Nielsen. Best wishes for many more happy years.



1981 Calendar



Artist and member, J.O.P. Pedersen prepares illustrations for 1981 Danish Brotherhood calendar.

Our fine appointment calendar is ready for the mail. Be prepared for 1981 with your own copy. This year the theme selected for the calendar is "Churches of Denmark." The 13 churches illustrated are from North Jutland, South Jutland, Funen and Zealand. If you saw the calendar for 1980, you won't want to miss it in 1981. We've held the price at \$2 per calendar, postpaid!

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Tracing the origin of words and phrases in the English language is a fascinating pursuit that leads to all kinds of interesting information.

In an endeavor to discover the beginnings of the Scandinavian toast "Skaal" it is not difficult to become intrigued by the influence that the Vikings have had on our language. These hirsute gentlemen are not usually credited with the spreading of culture and vocabulary, although the chit chat in a Viking locker room must have been something to hear, even if not understood!

Most of us are aware that the days of the week are named after Norse Gods, Wednesday Wodinsday, Thursday Thorsday, Friday Freiday and Saturday Saeterndaeg. Sunday and Moonday are self explanatory. These dieties were entreated to add their particular brands of power and light to their day and were bribed accordingly.

Wodin, or Odin, for among other things, his control of the winds, very important to the sea rovers, Freia, his wife, fertility and love, Thor who controlled the thunder and rain, and Saetern, God of agriculture, all of whom were placated at various times during the year.

Needless to say the God of War, Tiw, Tuesday, really earned his corn, or whatever was sacrificed, because the Vikings ability to make war was not

disputed at that time, nor is it to this day. In fact it was the quaint old custom of drinking mjod, (ale) out of the skulls of vanquished enemies which gave birth to the roisterous cry "Skaal" and bears witness to their prowess as warriors. Curiously enough the countries that played unwilling hosts to these revellers never found the idea attractive, and it was not until the more subtle invasion of Lager, about twelve centuries later that the word gained universal popularity.

A song familiar to children in home and classroom, "London Bridge is Falling Down" also has a direct relationship to our Viking forebears. During an attack on London in the year 864, the Danish leader, Olaf, attached ropes to the wooden stanchions of the early forerunner of London Bridge, and by rowing downstream, pulled the whole construction down; it is from this singular achievement that the legend grew, to be sung regularly for over a thousand years.

The word berserk is my favorite. The picture immediately springs to mind of someone "blowing their top" and flaying about in a frenzy with complete disregard for every thing and everybody; although sometimes, after a full day of close connection with the human race it seems a fun thing to do!

Evidently Ber was Norse for bear and Serk for shirt, and a garment

especially favored by a certain set of sporty gents among the Vikings was a bearskin jacket. This gang was also given to eating a kind of mushroom that, as well as driving the consumer into a frenzy, convinced him of his invulnerability. Much like a LSD "trip" today, I suppose. As shy charm and refinement were not attributes cultivated by the rest of the boys in the boat, the fact that the Vikings themselves gave these men the reputation for violence and ferocity and named them "berserkers", emphasises what a horrifying bunch they must have been. An interesting historical record that has some possible bearing on this mushroom eating, is that on yet another attack on London, in 994, quote "A Certain section of the Danes ignored the bridge and attempted to cross by walking on the water, and were drowned.", which certainly points to LSD style hallucinations.

When it is considered that in every seaside and riverside community throughout the world it was possible to straighten up from ploughing or hoeing to find a horde such as these charging forward with the "berserkers" in the vanguard, it is not surprising that the Vikings hold a rather unique place in history, and that the word "berserk" has a potent meaning even today.

Jeffrey Thrift

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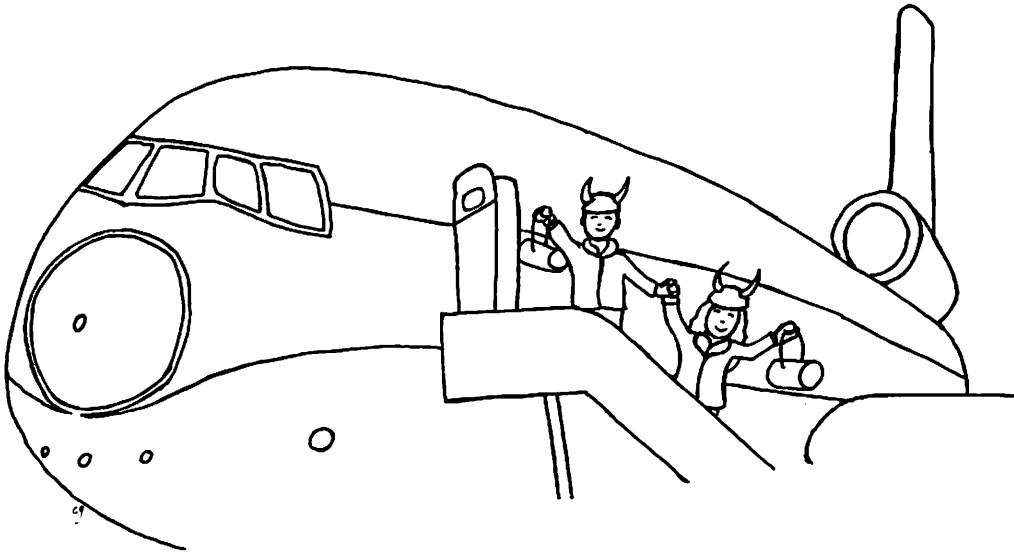


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PUFF PASTE (BUTTERDEJG)*

3½ cups flour
2 cups butter
1 cup cold water
1 tablespoon vinegar

Sift flour and work into 1/5 of the butter. Add vinegar and water. Knead well into a smooth dough that slides easily on the table and in the hands. Set aside to cool for a few moments. Sprinkle table with a little flour and place dough on it. Place the rest of the butter on the top of the dough and pack the dough up round the butter. Now roll out in a square about ½ inch thick. Fold the two ends inwards so that they meet in the middle. Fold once again so that the dough is now four layers thick. Roll out again in a slight elongated square. Fold again as before, i.e., first the two ends so that they meet in the middle, then once again. The dough has now been rolled and folded twice, but must be rolled and folded twice

Grandma's Kitchen

more in exactly the same way. After each of the first two rollings the pastry must be set aside to cool for about 10 minutes. When rolled out for the last time, set aside to cool and stiffen, and it will be ready for use.

Now, keep this recipe and next month we will begin a series of variations including Napoleon cakes, damson tarts, and donkeys' ears.

*From the book, *Danish Home Baking* by Karen Berg.

Viking Adventures

Since the first scholarships were awarded by The Danish Brotherhood about 20 years ago, you, through the national office program, have been able to help 116 deserving young persons attend a college, university, or technical, vocational, or business school. We are taking applications for awards to be announced this spring, and you still have time to participate. Insured members in good standing are eligible to apply by requesting forms from The Danish Brotherhood, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT STUDIES IN GERMANY

Cindy Hansen, daughter of Bill and Winnie Hansen of Portland Lodge No. 167, was nice enough to give the lodge a report of her activities during a visit home. The information was printed in the lodge newsletter and we are pleased to reprint some of it here for you.

"Cindy is a University of Oregon student, but has been attending this past academic year a university in West Germany under the foreign study program. She is majoring in International Business, and her courses at the Universitat Konstanz Center on Language (German and French) include culture, history, political science, and business management.

"One advantage of attending school in Europe is the frequency of holidays and eight-week semester breaks. This has allowed her to travel extensively in Europe, from the Greek Islands to Scandinavia.

"While in Denmark, Cindy visited relatives in

Ollerup on Fyn. There she has a great-uncle and some cousins. The visit was successful, and she was well received (Dansk Gaestfrihed!) Cindy stayed with her cousins in a 300-year-old house which is one of two still in the family. Her great-uncle, Sigurd Hansen, presented her with a set of four sterling silver spoons which he had won in a shooting match 50 years ago. What a treasurer Cindy has to appreciate!

"Another great opportunity was to do some research genealogically. The Provincial Archives for Fyn are in Odense with a remarkable wealth of information. Cindy was able to trace her paternal lines back to 1721 including dates of birth, marriages, deaths, occupations and towns of domicile. Another visit to Odense is needed to delve earlier than 1721. . .

"In Copenhagen Cindy was presented to the Danish Prime Minister Anker Jorgensen at a state function. . .

"Cindy returned October 6 to the University at Konstanz for another year of study. One of her major goals in addition to her studies is again going to Denmark to reinforce family ties and to do further ancestral research. . ."

NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

It seems to us that being an officer of a local lodge or district is not always easy. We remind our members, especially those becoming officers for the first time, that Lodge Handbooks are available in your lodge and that we are here to help when you wish.

1981 District Convention Schedule

District	Host Lodge	Location	Dates
Pacific Northwest District	No. 328	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	May 7-9
California/Nevada District	No. 67	Fresno, CA	Aug. 20-22
Utah & Idaho Gen. Comm.	No Meeting		
Colorado-Wyoming Gen. Comm.	No Meeting		
Iowa-Minnesota District	Not Known		Labor Day Weekend
Midwest District	No. 14	Kenosha, WI	Sept. 19
Nebraska District	No. 16	Minden, NE	
Michigan-Ohio District	No. 227	Detroit, MI	May
General Committee of Eastern Lodges	No. 183	Troy, NY	September 5-7

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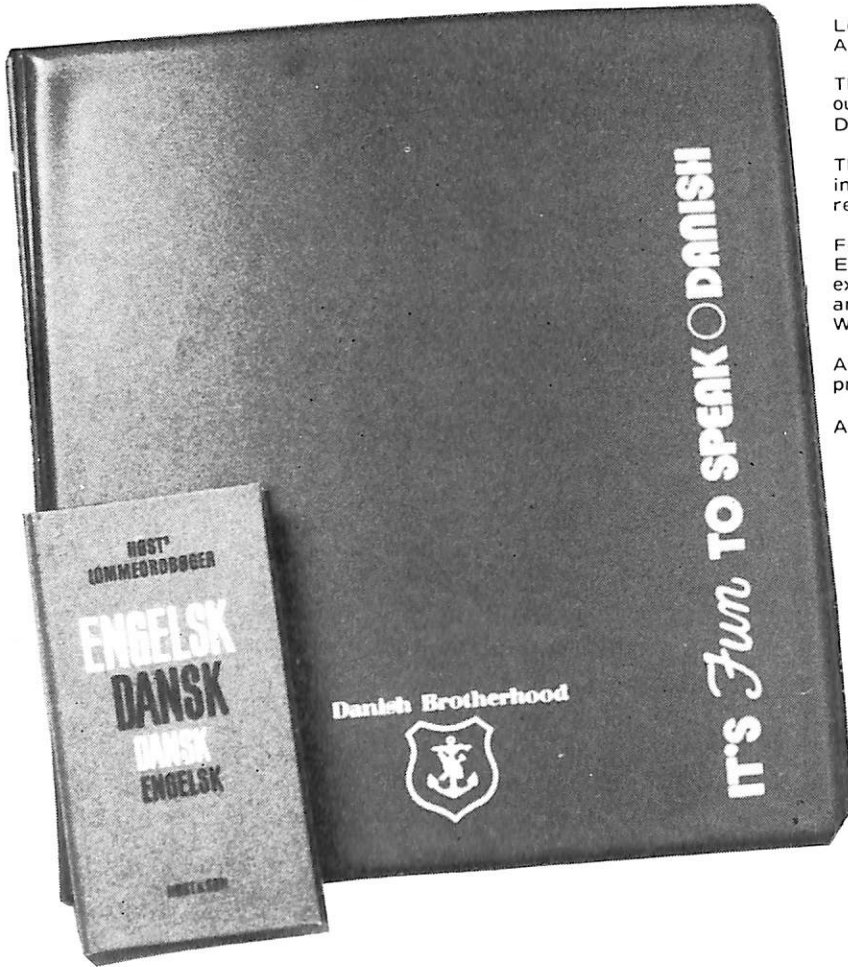
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