

The Historical Declaration of AKEL/AHKO:

- Although Cyprus gained its independence 22 years ago, the problems it is facing today are a result of its days as a colony. These problems are not being solved and seem to be getting worse.
- Even though the fascist coup d'état & subsequent Turkish invasion happened 8 years ~~ago~~ - The consequences of these two acts are still present.
- 36.3% of the land is occupied by the Turkish Army & this 36% contains the richest agricultural land in Cyprus.
- 200,000 Greek Cypriots & 50,000 Turkish Cypriots are still refugees in their own country.
- 2,000 people are still missing.
- These 2 parties (AKEL/AHKO) are worried about the threat to the political situation and to democracy.
- The only solution is for these 2 parties to work for the freedom & the progress of the country.
- These 2 parties have concluded that the problems of Cyprus were started & continue to be caused by a foreign conspiracy.
- The successful confrontation of this foreign conspiracy is to stop the Turkish Army occupying the North of Cyprus by means of a peaceful & fair settlement. This is only possible if all the democratic & patriotic parties of our country come and work together. We have decided that we have to make a strong & united front. We have decided to unite all the democratic parties & confront all those that serve foreign powers.

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- Their main aim is to have a fair solution to the Cyprus problem and the refugee and missing persons problem. They also want a united Cyprus without foreign armies and they want friendship between Turkish and Greek Cypriots once again.
- They want to punish the people involved in the coup d'état - but don't want revenge but want the people to know the true facts.
- These 2 parties agree that they want a peaceful and fair solution to the division of the island.
- but they don't want to pursue a solution that would ignore the interests of one or the other side.
- The guide to the solution is to be the resolutions of the U.N. and the agreements made by Makarios and Denktash and Kyprianou & Denktash.
- If this doesn't succeed - they will look for a different way.
- The 2 parties agree that the politics of a democratic Cyprus has to be anti-imperialist, anti-colonialist & anti-fascist. They would also support other peoples struggling for freedom, democracy and peace.
- The 2 parties agree that socialist countries should have friendly relations and be of mutual assistance & that it is in the interests of Cyprus to continue these friendly relations.
- The 2 parties believe that the democratic change that occurred in Greece was good progress for Greece as well as Cyprus.
- They believe that the way to solve the problem is for Greek & Turkish Cypriots to get together and to struggle for friendship.

The Greek Cypriots should be more concerned with the problems of the Turkish Cypriots as in the past there has been a lack of co-operation.

- They say that missing persons is the most important problem of the Cyprus Question.
- That co-operation between the 2 parties will increase mainly in the economic sector.
- During 22 years of Cyprus's independence, in spite of all political problems that the imperialist countries caused & many things have changed - not all problems have been solved & mistakes have been made but they are certain that it is because of the politics of Makarios that Cyprus has survived (!!).
- They promise to improve the standard of living of workers, peasants, small businesses, youth, women, pensioners & disabled people.
- They intend to do this by increasing the economic standard and giving a bigger share to the workers.
- They say that to vote for Kyprianou as he is a good man & believes in democracy!!

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