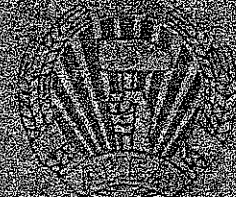


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AKEL C.C. MESSAGE ON THE NEW YEAR

Compatriots!

On the occasion of the new year the AKEL C.C. conveys to all Cyprus people — Greeks, Turkish, Armenians, Maronites and Latins — warm militant greetings.

The year which passed — the year dedicated to peace by UN, was marked by new peaceful initiatives of the socialist countries and particularly Soviet Union and the statements of the Soviet leader Michael Gorbachev of the 15th of January 1986 which were adopted and expanded at the historical 27th Congress of the CPSU for complete elimination of nuclear weapons till the year 2.000.

Due to the initiatives of the socialist countries and those of the non-aligned countries as well those of the 6 leaders of the New Delhi group and the increased pressure of the international public opinion it was realised the Summit Gorbachev — Reagan Reykiavik during which was achieved progress in many important points related with the reduction of nuclear weapons and the missiles.

Unfortunately this meeting did not led to the signing of any agreement due to the insistance of the US military — industrial complex on the "Star Wars" and the futile and dangerous US ambition for military superiority and world domination.

The year under review was marked by the intensification of the struggle of the peoples against imperialism, racism and dictatorship, for peace, freedom and social progress.

The Cyprus issue in the year under review remained stagnant due to the negative and undermining policy of imperialism, the Turkish expansionism and the intransigency of Denktash who is supported by imperialism. However the Greek-Cypriot official leadership did not manage to do the proper handlings to avoid the impass.

At the same time the separatist activities were broadened with the visit of the Turkish Prime Minister in the occupied part and the protocol of cooperation signed between Turkey and the "state" of Denktash which leads to the absorbtion of the occupied northern Cyprus by Turkey with the increasing numbers of the settlers and the strengthening qualitatively and quantitively of the occupation troops on the island.

At the same time the imperialists consolidated their military presence in Cyprus in the British "sovereign" bases and the fascilities to the airport and seaport of Larnaca and by the completion of air naval and US missile bases in the occupied by Turkey territory.

However the year which passed was marked by the growing resistance of our people against Turkish occupation and imperialist conspiracy to partitioning permanently our island and to transform it to an unsinkable aircraft carrier.

To these, added new impetus and optimism the Soviet Proposals of 21st of January 1986 entitled "principles for a just settlement of the Cyprus issue and ways to achieve it" through the UN bringing up again the need for convening an international conference parallel with the intercommunal talks under the auspices of the UN Secretary General.

In the year which passed was strengthened the will of Greeks and Turkish-Cypriots to fight against schauvinism for reapproachment and for a just solution of the Cyprus question, for an independent, united, federal, nonaligned and completely demilitarised Cyprus. This it was shown from the joint declaration issued between Greek-Cypriots and Turkish-Cypriots in the World Congress for Peace in Kopenhagen, as well during a recent meeting in London.

For AKEL 1986 passed as a victorious year for the Municipal elections, the year of its 60th anniversary and its 16th Party Congress.

Entering the new year the AKEL C.C. conveys to the Cypriot people as a whole and to the workers a message of optimism and struggle for their rights. A struggle against the attack of local capital and against the policy of subjugation of Cyprus to the EEC monopolies with all its destructive effect.

The party calls for unity of the patriotic democratic forces for a peaceful and just solution of the Cyprus problem. Calls upon for a struggle against schauvinism for reapproachment of Greek-Cypriots and Turkish-Cypriots and to a common struggle for a Cyprus really independent, united, federal, non-aligned without refugees, missing and enclaved people, without foreign troops and bases - for a peaceful and prosperous common homeland, bridge of peace in the region.

At the same time the AKEL C.C. sends its message of solidarity to all the peoples of the world who struggle for peace, freedom and social progress, from the far situated Korea, to Vietnam and to Afghanistan, South Africa, Namibia, to heroic Cuba and Nicaragua, to Salvador and Chile up to our neighbouring M. East and particularly Lebanon and Palestine.

The Party greets the Greek people who struggles for a real change and for the elimination of NATO sovereignty.

Greets the people of Turkey who struggle against the

dictatorship and the schauvinist ruling class who transform the country to a concentration camp and to geantarm of imperialism in the region.

The C.C. of AKEL is convinced that in the near year the struggle of the peoples for independence, peace and progress will be intensified and bear fruit. The criminal plans of imperialists should be frustrated. The nuclear tests must be banned and shall be opened the way for a world without the nightmare of nuclear destruction.

For a peaceful future, free and happy to all the peoples.

The Central Committee greets the Cyprus people as a whole and wishes to all the peoples on Earth Peaceful and Happy New Year 1987.

THE AKEL CENTRAL COMMITTEE

NICOSIA 30.12.87

MEETING BETWEEN c. TODOR ZIVKOV WITH c. EZEKIAS PAPAIOANNOU

The General Secretary of the C.C. of the Communist Party of Bulgaria Todor Zivkov met with the General Secretary of AKEL Ezekias Papaioannou.

During the meeting prevailed cordial comradely atmosphere and took place exchange of views on the activity of the Communist Party of Bulgaria and AKEL and on problems related with the international situation and the International Communist and Workers Movement.

Comrade Todor Zivkov informed his guest about the activity of the Bulgarian Communists and the working people on the implementation of the resolutions of the 13th CPB Congress.

Comrade Papaioannou expressed his high appreciation for the constructive foreign policy conducted by the P.R. of Bulgaria and especially its efforts for transforming the Balkans, into a zone without nuclear and chemical weapons. At the same time he made references to the 16th AKEL Congress which was held last November, and to the activity of the Cypriot Communists for getting together all the progressive democratic forces of the country.

Comrades Todor Zivkov and Ezekias papaioannou stressed that the international situation remains tense and alarming as a result of the neoglobalist policy pursued by the aggressive circles of imperialism. It was expressed common concern in relation with the US effort to achieve military superiority and to transfer the arm race to outer space.

They have been assessed deeply the Soviet proposals which were made during the Reykiavik meeting and was stressed the need for promoting the unity of action, for the development of a constructive dialogue and cooperation between all the progressive and democratic forces for the abolition of nuclear and the reduction of the conventional weapon for permanent peace and security in the world.

The two leaders condemned all the efforts to partition Cyprus and stressed the need for a peaceful durable and just solution of the Cyprus issue through the good offices of the U.N. Secretary General and the convening of an international concerence which shall safeguard the withdrawal of all the foreign troops and the settlers from the Cyprus territory, in order to become Cyprus real independent, sovereign, undivided, nonaligned and demilitarised.

The talks between comrades Todor Zivkov and Ezekias Papaioannou reconfirmed the complete identity of views between the two parties on all the discussed issues and the joint wish to develop further the fraternal relations between the CP Bulgaria and AKEL on the base of Marxism—Leninism and Proletarian Internationalism in the joint struggle for peace, democracy and socialism.

In the meeting participated the Secretary of the BCP, C.C, c. Dimitar Stanishev.

SOFIA 26.12.86

AKEL APPEALS FOR INTENSIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH CYPRUS AND ESPECIALLY FOR SUPPORTING THE SOVIET PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS

There are signs that the Cyprus problem entered in a new dramatic stage because of the criminal steps of US imperialism to militarise Cyprus.

The open confession by the Secretary of Defense Mr Weinberger that "deliveries to Turkish units in the illegal "state" on the occupied territory of Cyprus of arms supplied to Turkey by the USA would not be in violation of US laws since those troops were there not for aggression but to defend the region" is dangerous and explosive.

By this, the US imperialism provocatively is trying to legitimise the further excalation of accomplished facts and the militarisation of Cyprus and the transformation of its territory into an unsinkable aircraft carrier.

To this end the U.S. imperialist have established on the occupied Cyprus territory a huge air-base near Lefkoniko town naval base at the north shores of Cyprus and missile launchers on the Pentadactylos mountain range and the Karpas peninsula.

The progressive forces must actively denounce this dangerous adventurist steps and intensify their solidarity with Cyprus.

They should press for the implementation of the UN Resolutions on Cyprus.

The Soviet proposals of the 21st January 1986 give a realistic way of solving the Cyprus problem peacefully in the interest of the people of Cyprus as a whole, the peoples of the area and in the interest of peace and security in the Eastern Mediterranean.

THE SOVIET PROPOSAL OF 21.1.1986

"On the Principles of Cyprus Settlement and Ways of Reaching it"

The Soviet Union, being seriously concerned over the fact that the lack of settlement of the Cyprus problem threatens the existence of the Republic of Cyprus as an independent, sovereign, territorially integral, unified and non-aligned State, is convinced that the interest of universal security as well as vital interests of the Cyprus people imperatively demand the elimination of the hotbed of tension in Cyprus through achievement of a comprehensive, just and durable solution of the Cyprus problem.

The USSR proceeds from the fact that such settlement will be viable only if it is reached through collective efforts of all interested parties based on the following principles:

1. The Republic of Cyprus should remain an independent, territorially integral, unified State, its sovereignty spreading over the whole territory of the island without any exception. Division of Cyprus in whatever form or its absorption, full or partial, by any country or countries are inadmissible.

2. Questions of internal structure of Cyprus State, including the possibility of establishing a federation, should be solved by the Cypriots themselves — the Greeks and the Turks — by peaceful means, through constructive negotiations taking into consideration the legitimate interests of both communities without any outside interference and attempts to impose solutions alien to them. The future state structure of Cyprus should provide for peaceful coexistence of the communities under conditions of their complete security.

3. Demilitarization of the island's territory which would be fully in line with the non-Aligned status of Cyprus, is an indispensable condition for the settlement. Its use for military purposes by other states is inadmissible. All troops of foreign states should be withdrawn from the island. Activities of foreign military bases and installations should be ended. Unequal treaties and agreements encroaching upon sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Cyprus should be abrogated.

4. The Cyprus question should be solved within the framework of the United Nations and on the basis of its resolutions. All parties should cooperate with the UN Secretary—General in his intermediary efforts carried out in strict conformity with the mission entrusted upon him by the Security Council. It is necessary to put an end to any actions leading to an aggravation of the situation in Cyprus, contributing to the island's split and undermining intercommunal dialogue.

A real way to secure a cardinal settlement of the international aspects of the Cyprus problem is the convocation within the framework of the United Nations of the representative international conference on Cyprus.

1. The proceedings of such a conference could result in signing a treaty or another document stipulating the following integrally interconnected components of the settlement: demilitarization of the island, including the withdrawal of all foreign troops, dismantling of all foreign military bases and installations, a system of effective international guarantees, insuring independence, sovereignty, unity,

territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, respect by all parties of its status as a non-aligned state.

2. The international guarantees of Cyprus independence should exclude the possibility of any future outside interference whatsoever into the affairs of the Republic. As guarantors might be named the permanent members of the UN Security Council as a whole, Greece and Turkey as well as some non-aligned countries. Measures towards implementing the guarantees shall be taken upon universal consent of the guarantor states. Cyprus should not be subject to use of threat of use of force.

3. The participants to the conference could include the Republic of Cyprus with representation of both communities, Greece, Turkey, all member-states of the Security Council. It is also possible to engage other countries, particularly non-aligned, to participate in the conference.

It is at such a representative international conference that solution could be worked out jointly, with the participation of all interested parties, that would meet the interests of both Greek and Turkish Cypriots, of peace and universal security.

Guided by the goal of a durable and just settlement in Cyprus and elimination of this hotbed of tension in the Eastern Mediterranean, the Soviet Union calls upon all countries to contribute in every way to the search for a comprehensive and viable settlement of the Cyprus problem on the basis of the above principles.

MEMORANDUM TO THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN RELATION TO THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS

The World Peace Council presents to the Forty-Third Session of the United Nations Rights Commission a summary of a denunciation received on the situation in Cyprus.

Cyprus and its people as a whole are victims of the conspiracy to liquidate the independent non-aligned Republic of Cyprus, to partition the island between Greece and Turkey and to turn it into a series of USA and NATO bases in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East.

The culmination of this plot was the coup d'etat by the Greek junta and the Turkish invasion that followed in July-August 1974. During that period, all the national and human rights of the people of Cyprus were violated, with murder, assault, rape, torture, arson, looting the destruction of property, the uprooting of families leading to the refugee problem and drama for the relatives of about 2,000 missing persons. Since then, Turkish troops occupy 37% of the territory of Cyprus in violation of the independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of that country.

The right to life and security of the people of Cyprus is at stake because of the presence of the occupation troops and also because of the increasing militarization of the island. The British "sovereign" bases imposed on the people of Cyprus are also used by US forces. In November, the British shock force SAS was transferred to these bases. The USA also makes use of facilities at the civil port and airport of Larnaca and is building another monitoring station near Nicosia. At the same time the USA has constructed—although it denies it—the biggest air base at Lefkoniko for their "Rapid Deployment Force" and/or the Delta Force. US missile-launchers are being deployed on the Pentadactylos mountain range and the Karpass peninsula, while a naval base is under construction near Kyrenia. All these, added to the increase of Turkish occupation forces and their arsenal, increase the danger to the very existence of the people of Cyprus as well as of all people in the area.

The partition of the island and the separation of the population — Greek Cypriots to the south and Turkish Cypriots to the occupied north — have created a huge refugee problem of over 200,000 people, including uprooting the population by force, separating

families and violating the rights of Greek Cypriot people still remaining in the occupied territory.

The colonization of the occupied territory of Cyprus by settlers from Turkey, who amount to up to 60,000 in an effort to change the demographic composition of the population and to control and oppress the local population is another violation of human rights in Turkey.

The cultural heritage of Cyprus is also being destroyed. Churches and ancient monuments and archaeological treasures are either destroyed or robbed and illegally sold abroad.

Despite UN resolutions, Turkey's violation of the human rights of the people of Cyprus continues.

Cyprus and its people ask international help for restoration of its independence, sovereignty and the national and individual rights of its people, including the right to life, security, freedom of movement, freedom of settlement and the right to property.

On the basis of the foregoing, the World Peace Council once again expresses to the United Nations Human Rights Commission its concern over these facts which go against the principles enshrined in the International Charter of Human Rights and other international agreements concerning the right to the selfdetermination and sovereignty of states.

Helsinki December 12, 1986.

AKEL C.C. STATEMENT CALLS FOR ACTION TO PREVENT COLONISATION OF FAMAGUSTA

The Central Committee of AKEL expresses its support to the actions which are organised by the co-ordinating committee of Women's Organisations of Famagusta for returning the town to its inhabitants and preventing its colonisation.

The actions for Famagusta which begin next Sunday at Derynia, will show once more to all the world that the Cyprus people struggles to bring down the divisionist walls which erected by imperialism, Turkish occupation and chauvinism. They will express the will of our people to a peaceful settlement of the Cyprus problem through intercommunal talks, on the basis of UN resolutions, the high level agreements and the appreciation to the Soviet proposal for convening an International Conference in the UN framework.

The members and supporters of AKEL are called to contribute for the successful outcome of these activities and to raise their voice against occupation and imperialism, to prevent the colonisation and the return of Famagusta to its inhabitants as a first step for a just and viable solution in line with the interest of all Cypriots.

NICOSIA 30.1.1987

THE C.C. OF AKEL

JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE BAATH ARAB SOCIALIST PARTY AND AKEL

On the invitation of the National Leadership of the BASP, a delegation from AKEL led by c Donis Christophonis, Politbureau member and head of the Foreign Relations Bureau and c Andreas Christou member of the Central Committee, visited the Syrian Arab Republic during the period from 14 to 19.02.1987.

The guest delegation was received by: c. Abdullah Alahmar, Ass. Sec. Gen. of BASP, c. Said Hamadeh, member of BASP Regional Leadership, Head of the Revolution Youth Union and had interview with c. Mustafa Alayed, member of BASP C.C. Head of the Peasants General Union.

The AKEL delegation visited Alquneitrah liberated city and saw the brutal total devastation perpetrated by Zionist invaders and backed by World Imperialism. They also familiarized themselves with the aspects of civilization and with the achievements in the economical and cultural fields in Syria.

The guest delegation carried out talks with a delegation from the BASP headed by c. Sami Attari, member of BASP National Leadership and c. Salah Raed and Hassan Diab, members of Foreign Relations Bureau.

The talks were conducted in a friendly atmosphere of mutual confidence and in the spirit of common struggle against World Imperialism Racism Zionism and Reaction.

During their talks, the two delegations reviewed issue of common interest and gave a special attention to the dangerous and explosive situation in the Middle East and the Mediterranean resulting from the aggressive and expansionist policy practised by Israel and the USA within the frame of their "strategical alliance" aiming at imposing the Imperialist and Zionist domination over the region through threats and military force which is now shown by the USA in its mobilization of huge military fleets opposite the Syrian and Lebanese coasts paving the way for a perfidious aggression against Syria and Lebanon.

The two delegations condemn this dangerous military provocation and demand the withdrawal of the U.S. fleet from the area. The BASP delegation explained in details the real dimensions of the recent British aggressive policy against Syria in particular and against the Arab nation in general. This policy reached its apex when the British government based on forged allegations severed

diplomatic relations with Syria. This unjustified act is in line with the Israel-USA plan to frustrate the peaceful efforts for a just, durable and comprehensive peace in the region. It is a part of the imperialist —zionist campaign of slandering Syria as supporting terrorism. Nevertheless it was officially announced and the world knows that Syria is against all forms of terrorism, individual, or state terrorism against people and supports the legitimate resistance of the peoples and their struggle for freedom and independence.

The AKEL delegation expressed their condemnation of this imperialist provocative step carried out by the British government and ascertained their solidarity with Syria and their backing to all measures and steps which Syria took in respond to the British provocative deviation. The guest delegation also expressed their support to the important initiative of the Militant Comrade Hafez Al-Assad calling for forming an international committee to define terrorism and to distinguish between the "state organized terrorism" and the "just struggle of the peoples for their liberation and independence".

Both delegations reaffirmed their condemnation of Camp David agreements and the efforts to expand them through separate deals policy and partial solutions, which USA imperialism is trying to impose on the Arab nation.

In this context both delegations condemn the visit of zionist Prime Minister Perez to Marocco and his talks with king Hassan II as an effort to revive and expand the Camp David line, to split the Arab Unity and to undermine the Arab national rights.

In this context, they reaffirmed their determination to continue their joint efforts in order to achieve a just and comprehensive solution based on the withdrawal of Israel from all the occupied territories and the recognition of the inalienable national rights of the Arab Palestinian people, including their rights to self-determination, repatriation and the establishment of their independent state on their national soil according to the UN's resolutions. This is to be carried out through an international conference under the auspices of the UN and with the participation of all parties concerned including the PLO and the permanent member states of the Security Council.

As for Lebanon, both delegations reaffirmed their condemnation of the continuous Israeli occupation of parts of the Lebanese territories and the interference of Israel in the Lebanese internal affairs. They both agreed that it is necessary to work for bringing about a national reconciliation in Lebanon and they ascertained their support to the independence of Lebanon, its sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity and to put an end to the camps continued war

which cause tragedies to the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples. They expressed their keenness for solidifying the Lebanese-Palestinian - Syrian national cohesion against the Zionist enemy.

The AKEL delegation listened with great interest about the efforts of Syria, under the leadership of the BASP and its Sec. Gen. the Militant Comrade Hafez Al-Assad, for bringing about a national reconciliation in Lebanon.

Both delegations expressed their condemnation to the instigators of the Iraq-Iran war and their deep concern over its continuation which drains the human and material resources of both countries and only benefit imperialism and zionism. They stressed the importance of a quick end to it.

The delegation of AKEL informed on the recent developments of the Cyprus problem, he increased US military presence on the island, the reinforcement of the Turkish occupation troops and the attempts to colonise Famagusta. Also, they informed on the united manifestations of the people of Cyprus against this act and for the withdrawal of the Turkish troops and all other foreign troops and for the just solution of the Cyprus problem.

Both delegations reaffirmed their parties support to the struggle of the Cypriot people for defending their independence, territorial integrity, the nonaligned Republic of Cyprus and the implementation of all the resolutions issued by the UN and the Security Council in this concern. The two delegations demand the withdrawal of all foreign troops and the dismantlement of all foreign bases in Cyprus because they undermine the sovereignty of Cyprus and endanger the security of the whole region.

Both delegations condemned the continuing imperialist conspiracy to perpetuate the occupation of 37% of the territory of Cyprus by Turkish troops, the partition of Cyprus and to use it as an aggressive base in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East.

Both delegations support the Soviet proposals on the principles for a just solution of the Cyprus problem and the means to achieve it, and shall work for its promotion especially concerning the convening of an International Conference in the framework of the UN on Cyprus.

While studying the international situation the two delegations expressed their deep concern and condemnation of the U.S. imperialist policy-despite of the Soviet peace initiatives and in defiance of the world public opinion — to continue nuclear tests, escalate the nuclear arms race and expound it to the outer space through the "Star Wars" plan putting in danger the existence of humanity and life on our planet.

The two delegations expressed their support to the Soviet initiatives for disarmament, nuclear test banning, non militarization of outer space and the elimination of all nuclear and mass destruction weapons by the end of the century.

The two delegations expressed the full support and solidarity of their parties to the just and legitimate struggle of the people in Asia, Africa and Latin America and their liberation movements against Imperialism, Zionism and Racism and for independence and social progress.

They both expressed their satisfaction over the relations of friendship and cooperation between their parties and peoples, and they affirm their constant efforts to solidify and promote these relations for the well being of their friendly peoples and countries.

To this end, the two delegations signed a new cooperation agreement between their parties for the years 1987—1988.

Damascus, 18.2.1987

APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF USSR AND USA AND TO OTHER NUCLEAR COUNTRIES

The following appeal was circulated by the Pancyprian Peace Council for collecting signatures by distinguished party representatives, and organisations, deputies, Majors, and other personalities. This was signed also by AKEL, DIKO, EDEK:

"Mankind looks to the new year with great anxiety for the future. The frenzy nuclear arm race tends to become out of control with the so called program of the "Star Wars", which for many years will multiply the dangers of an overall destruction. The war can be provoked even by a technical mistake.

As Cypriots, representatives of a people, who was and still remains, a victim of foreign interference and occupation and escalated conspiracies against its sovereignty, we raise together our voices in these critical period with the other peoples' voice who demand to restraint in time the way to the destruction, in order to be continued the dialogue which begun in Reykiavic between the great powers and to start an opposite reversing turn to a world without nuclear weapons.

As a first step to the direction of disarmament we consider the complete banned on nuclear tests and we call upon for this, the US administration to comply with the Soviet moratorium. We call upon also all the nuclear forces to declare that they will not be the first to use nuclear weapons.

Knowing that a just solution on Cyprus can be fascilitated in conditions of international detente, we declare ourselves for international peace, general and complete disarmament.

January 1987"

AKEL CENTRAL COMMITTEE PRESS BUREAU STATEMENT CONDEMNS US NUCLEAR TEST

With feelings of deep anxiety and indignation the peoples of the world and our people too, heard the news of new underground nuclear test conducted by United States. AKEL condemns firmly this new dangerous adventure of Washington.

The USA guided by the narrow interests of a small group of giants of woth endanger the very existence of our planet.

Instead of responding positively to the repeated Soviet proposals and its unilateral initiatives in favor of peace, answered by intensifying the arms race. For a whole year and half, Soviet Union followed consistently its unilateral moratorium on nuclear tests. Patiently for the two years tries to convince the USA not to escalate the armaments antagonism. Reagan administration showed a deaf ear to the Soviet initiatives and to the will of international public opinion. So, simply paves the way for the star wars. Yesterday ignoring the Soviet warning conducted a nuclear test knowing that in a such situation the only choice to the Soviet Union was to resume the nuclear tests as measure of self-defence. The nuclear test of yesterday is not an ordinary one. It is marking a new higher and more dangerous round of armaments antagonism.

The Cyprus people watch with profound indignation and terror the game of death which persistently play the Washington ruling circles. The people is very anxious for a possible involvement of our homeland to the incendiary adventurists imperialist plans. We evidence in these days a naval military presence of USA vessels without any precedent in the sea waters around Cyprus. We are witnessing a greater degree of military activity in the British bases of occupation. Daily they appear press reports for the plans to involve Cyprus in war adventures.

However, our people do not watch only. At the same time is activated to keep Cyprus out of these dangerous plans. The people is ready to the utmost to contribute in the world wide struggle for defending peace and nuclear disarmament. The AKEL C.C. calls the Cyprus people to demonstrate its feelings of profound indignation and struggle for defending peace.

AKEL C.C. PRESS BUREAU

NICOSIA 4.2.1987

THE C.C. OF AKEL CALLS TO JOIN THE ANTINUCLEAR DEMONSTRATION

The Cyprus people as the whole mankind is aware of the danger which constantly increases with the excalation of the nuclear arm race.

Even by mistake can start a nuclear war, which according to experts can eliminate the human race and any kind of life from our planet.

Cyprus people is well aware that behind the junta coup and the Turkish invasion and continued occupation, are the imperialist plans to transform Cyprus into an "unsinkable aircraft carrier" as a part of their aims for military superiority and world domination.

Our people who was tested by a bitter experience of war and sees the continued transformation of this country to a war bridgehead and powder store — possibly nuclear — of imperialism, is greatly concerned from the direct danger for complete destruction which is hanging over our iseland as Damocles sword.

The C.C. of AKEL greets the initiative of 22 mass organisations to organise next Friday 23.1.1987 an antinuclear demonstration.

Being convinced that constitutes a top priority patriotic and humanitarian task the contribution for preventing nuclear disaster calls upon the working and all Cyprus people, to take an active part to this antinuclear demonstration and demand:

- The ending of the nuclear tests following Soviet moratorium.
- To stop the way of nuclear antagonism in the space and its termination on earth.
- The reduction of spending on war preparations for combating hunger, diseases, illiteracy and other social disorders.

Our main demand is "US foil the plan nuclear test".

The AKEL Central Committee

Nicosia: 20/1/1987

STATEMENT OF c. PAPAIOANNOU TO TASS CORRESPONDENT ON THE NEW SOVIET INITIATIVE CONCERNING MEDIUM RANGE MISSILES

Comrade Ezekias Papaioannou General Secretary of AKEL made the following statement to TASS concerning the new Soviet initiative on the medium range missiles:

"Soviet Union again reanimates the hopes of humankind for the future. This was done by the proposal of the General Secretary of the CPSU c. Michail Gorbacev for the liquidation of the Soviet and American nuclear medium range missiles in Europe and the reduction of their number to the non european part of the two countries.

This proposal was a part of the all round proposals which were discussed at Reykiavik, and were not signed because of the US persistence to the "star wars". Now Soviet Union it separated it from the basket in order to break the stalemate and to start after all the expected by the peoples process towards detente and disarmament with the aim to eliminate completely the nuclear weapons till the year 2000

We greet Gorbacev proposals as a significant step towards this direction, which shows the unlimited adherence of Soviet Union to the ideals of peace. U.S. and their allies must consider correctly and respond positively to the proposal in order not to be lost this historical moment for the sake of safeguarding the possibility to mankind to exist and for a brighter future of our planet".

NICOSIA 6.3.1987

**TELEGRAM OF AKEL
GENERAL SECRETARY
TO THE PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA
AND MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY TO
THE CC OF CP COLOMBIA**

AKEL General Secretary c. E. Papaioannou has sent the following telegramme to the President of Colombia:

"Your Excellency
Central Committee AKEL expressing feelings democratic cyriot people demands termination political assassinations and militarism and safeguarding peace and democracy in Colombia."

Expressing its Solidarity to the CC of CPC the CC of AKEL have send the following telegramme:

"On the occasion of the day of international solidarity we express our militant solidarity to the people and the communists of Colombia who are fighting to secure the democratic institutions of the country, to safeguard national independence and elementary freedom.

The Central Committe of AKEL demands the termination of the inadmissible, methods of military violence and assassinations of the political personalities and the restoration of democratic freedoms and human rights."

Donis Christofinis,
Polit Bureau Member, Secretary for International Relations.

**AKEL CONDEMNS THE ASSASSINATION
OF "AL NAHJ" EDITORIAL
BOARD MEMBER**

Central Committee strongly condemns assassination AL NAHJ Editorial Board-member prominent cultural figure Dr. HUSSEIN MURROWA. Condemns also criminal arm attack against progressive forces by sectarian fanatics. AKEL supports unity of patriotic forces of Lebanon as indispensable for successful fight together with Palestinian united in PLO and with Syria against Israeli aggressors and their imperialist supporters.

Please convey our condolences to c. HUSSEIN'S family.

Best wishes Donis Christofinis

Head International Department CC AKEL

Nicosia 20/2/1987

**THE COMRADE E. PAPAIOANNOU
GREETS ANC ON
ITS 75th ANNIVERSARY AND
TO COMRADE ALFRED NZO**

"Dear Comrade Nzo

On 75th anniversary of ANC Central Committee AKEL and personally myself extend to you and all ANC freedom fighters warmest congratulations and best wishes for soon final victory over brutal racist Pretoria regime and its imperialist supporters."

"Dear Comrade and friend

On occasion 75th anniversary ANC the committee of anti—imperialist solidarity epaal expressing feelings Cyprus people extends to you and all ANC fighters warmest congratulations and wishes soon triumph your just struggle. Promises intensify its solidarity actions with you against racist regime for freedom."

**AKEL ON THE INTERNATIONAL
DAY OF WOMEN**

On the occasion of the 8th of March, International Day of Women, the Central Committee of AKEL extends to all women of Cyprus warm militant greetings.

It expresses the highest appreciation, for the women's role in giving life and more assesses highly the need to safeguard her from the greatest of the dangers facing mankind — the impending danger of nuclear war which prepares US imperialism.

It expresses high estimation for its remarkable courage in the struggle for the independence and sovereignty of Cyprus, for freeing the country from the occupational and other foreign military troops, the military bases and the spying monitoring stations. For a Cyprus free and democratic for all Cypriots Greeks and Turks Armenians, Maronites and Latins.

It greets the efforts for reapproachment between Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot women as a significant element for a just solution on Cyprus and for its implementation and preservation.

It expresses the best wishes for the struggles of the Cyprus woman for her inalienable rights as an equal citizen, for equal payment to equal work and for ending any discrimination against her.

AKEL which always withstands as a vanguard force for the rights of the woman repeats its constant support to the Cyprus women in their struggle to obtain their legitimate rights in the life, the society and the family and in the common struggle for peace freedom and progress in Cyprus and the world.

C.C. OF AKEL

NICOSIA 8.3.1987

DELEGATIONS ABROAD

— On the invitation of the Gen. Secretary of the Communist Party of Bulgaria comrade E. Papaioannou General Secretary of AKEL payed a visit to P.R. of Bulgaria and met with comrade Todor Zivkov. A relevent communique was issued on 26.12.1986.

— Comrade Michael Olympios President of the Central Control Committee payed a visit to GDR from 15.2.1987 to 24.2.1987.

— On the invitation of the Arab Baath Socialist Party of Syria, AKEL delegation headed by comrade Donis Christofinis, Member of the Political Bureau of the International Department and by c. Andreas Christou Kokkinos member of the Central Committee, payed a visit to Syria from 14 to 19.2.1987.

— A delegation of the C.C. of AKEL from c. Andreas Fantis, member of the Political Bureau and Secretary of the C.C. and from c. Michalis Olympios President of the Central Control Committee left to China on the invitation of the C.C. of the C.P. China from 10 to 15 of February 1987.

— A delegation of AKEL C.C. composed by comrades A. Stavrou C.C. member and Deputy Head of International Relations Bureau and c. Antonis Chrisostomou, C.C. member and Deputy Head of Economic Bureau of AKEL C.C., payed a visit to P.R. of Hungary from 21—27 of March, 1987, on the invitation of HSUP.