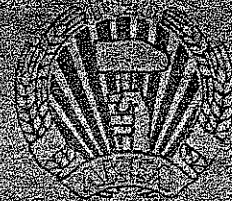


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# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AFGHAN PEOPLE

Comrade Najib General Secretary People's Democratic  
Party President Afganistan

Dear Comrade Najib on your National Day Central Committee  
AKEL extends to you C.C. Pdpa and all Afghan people warm  
congratulations and best wishes for great successes defending April  
revolution achieving national reconciliation peace and social  
progress.

Ezekias Papaioannou  
AKEL General Secretary

Nicosia 24.7.87

## AKEL C.C. STATEMENT OF THE FIRST OF MAY

On the occasion of first of May, the international day of Workers Solidarity, AKEL conveys to the working class of Cyprus and to the working people of Cyprus a warm militant salute. The First of May it is a day of memory, honour and struggle, to those who shed their blood in the struggle for the rights of the workers, for the noble ideas which make the life beautiful. At the same time is a day of struggle, because the historical battle of the working class for bread, freedom, democracy, peace, social progress and socialism continues.

In the struggle of the working people the vanguard force were always the communists, who celebrate the May Day with demonstrations and other activities. AKEL springing from the working class and for the Cyprus working class, appeals to the working people of Cyprus Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots and calls them on this occasion to intensify their political and social struggles.

The May Day finds again the Cypriot people in the struggle against the Turkish occupation and imperialism for freedom and justice. Permanent goal of our struggle remains a complete independent, sovereign, non-aligned, united, federal and demilitarised Cyprus. A Cyprus without occupational troops and settlers, without bases and imperialist dependencies, without refugees, enclaved and missing people.

Our people struggles for a peaceful, reciprocal acceptable solution on Cyprus on the basis of UN resolutions and the high level agreements for the convocation of an International Conference for solving the external aspect which is so important for the permanent and just solution of the problem. The demand for an International Conference let become the main political slogan of our May Day demonstrations.

Our people struggles for the reapproachment of Greek Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriots. Even more and more people from both sides of Attila-line realise that the reapproachment, the friendship, the reciprocal confidence and understanding are the conditions not only to achieve a solution as we wish but to be operational one. Let us raise our voice:

-Long live the common antiimperialist antioccupational struggle of the patriotic democratic forces of Greek-Cypriots and Turkish-Cypriots!

1987 is a preelectoral year. At the beginning of the next year we will have the Presidential elections. In front of our people appear the possibility of change, a change which is needed badly. The change for

a correct promotion of the Cyprus problem and for settling the socioeconomic problems which they have been accumulated. This change cannot be brought by Kyprianou establishment which prolong the stalemate. The change cannot be brought by the extreme right of DISI which envisages "solutions" for the sake of West. The change can be achieved only by the unity of the patriotic democratic forces on the basis of a program which corresponds to the needs of the people's struggle.

AKEL will never stop to struggle for the unity of the patriotic democratic forces. AKEL will do efforts so, that the new President will become from these forces. AKEL shall struggle so, that the Presidential elections to mark a new beginning for a new wider and stronger unity of the patriotic democratic forces. We call the working people to work with enthusiasm to implement this task.

-Long live the patriotic democratic forces unity, bearer of a real change!

The First of May brings to the memory of the working people the old and recent struggles for the salary, the 8 hours work, the conditions of work, the right to be organised, the social insurances, the cost of living and so many other targets.

The First of May brings in our memory those honest and glorious who fought for the today benefits of the working people. These benefits must be safeguarded and enlarged by new struggles.

The working people are well aware that what prevails today is the struggle for the salvation of Cyprus. For this, they did and doing many sacrifices. However, they are not in anyway disposed to accept to be cut short these benefits because all they have been won by struggles and sacrifices.

-The burnings of the crisis to be on the shoulders of those who are getting the profits and superprofits!

-Down the hands of COLA

-Struggle for higher living and cultural standards

-This year May Day it takes place in the process of a great campaign against customs union between Cyprus-EEC. This will harm Cyprus, its struggle, its economy, and particularly the working people. Therefore in the May Day demonstrations we will demand.

-No to the customs union between Cyprus-EEC.

The May Day is the day of international solidarity of the working people. Our people accepts this solidarity and is sticking on it against occupation and imperialism. We expressed the solidarity of our people for the international solidarity to our struggle. At the same time we express our solidarity to the working people and to the peoples of



other countries struggle against exploitation, national oppression, imperialism, fascism, racism, zionism and war.

We greet the working people of the developing countries who struggle against colonialism and neo-colonialism for complete national independence and social progress.

We greet the people of the socialist countries who build a new society socialism-communism and particularly the great Soviet people and its significant struggle for restructure and speed-up efforts under the leadership of the glorious CPSU.

In this year in which all progressive mankind mark with celebrations the 70th anniversary of the Great October we wish to the Soviet people every success in his way to communism.

-Long live the antiimperialist solidarity!

The supreme task is to defend Peace. Without peace is impossible any progress and prosperous perspective. Without peace the working people they cannot achieve their human highest noble aims. We greet the peace loving forces the world over. We greet particularly the vanguard force of peace, Soviet Union, its peaceful initiatives and its persistent efforts for preserving genuine peace. These struggles inspire mankind with hope that it comes a better tomorrow. We stand by the side of all the peaceloving forces in the noble struggle against nuclear armaments for detente and disarmament. We call the Cyprus people to strengthen its own contribution to the world peace struggle.

-Long live World Peace!

The C.C. of AKEL

Nicosia, 25.4.87

## AKEL IN SUPPORT OF WORKERS STRIKE

The C.C. of AKEL expresses its firm support to the thousands of workers-strikers men and women in the clothing industry in their struggle for their just demands.

AKEL condemns resolutely the intransigent stand taken by the clothing Manufacturers Association to the just demands of their employees. Particularly we condemn the position of the Employers Association which aims to hit the Benefits of the workers in general of trade unions and first of all COLA. We condemn strongly the lock out, measure which was used in the most difficult days of the workers movement by the reactionary anti-labour forces and the employers.

AKEL expressing concretely its solidarity with the strikers, victims of the employers assault, of lock-out offers symbolic £100 Cyprus pounds as a first contribution to the funds collection for the strikers and the mobilisation of the trade unionists the targets of the employers against the benefits and the living standard of the workers are doomed to fail. AKEL declares its firm conviction that the just struggle of the striking - workers men and women in the clothing Industry soon will triumph.

AKEL C.C.

Nicosia 5.5.1987

## CONDOLENCES TO THE C.P. CUBA

To Central Committee Cuban Communist party Havana

On death comrade Blas Roca veteran leader Cuban working class and international communist movement Central Committee AKEL extends to you and through you to his family deep condolences.

Ezekias Papaioannou  
AKEL General Secretary

Nicosia 8.5.87

## **PRESIDENT ASSAD GREETINGS TO PAPAIOANNOU**

**Comrade Ezekias Papaionnou General Secretary of AKEL party  
Nicosia**

Dear Comrade

I wish to thank you and the Comrades members of the C.C. of AKEL party most sincerely for your kind greetings on the occasions of the anniversary of the Arab Baath Socialist Party and our national day I avail myself of the opportunity to send you my best wishes for your happiness and success.

Hafez Al - Assad

11.5.1987

## **AKEL C.C. WISHES TO THE USSR PEOPLE**

**To Comrade Gustav Hussak General Secretary C.C. CPCZ President  
Socialist Republic Czechoslovakia Prague**

Dear comrade Gustav Hussak, on 42nd anniversary liberation Czechoslovakia from fascist yoke by Red Army marking the beginning of the new socialist era for Czechoslovakia Central Committee AKEL and personally extend to you to the Central Committee CPCZ, and all the friendly Czechoslovak people my warmest congratulations and best wishes for further successes in building an advanced socialist society for the happiness of your people's peace and progress in the world.

Ezekias Papaioannou  
AKEL General Secretary

Nicosia 8.5.1987

## **GREETINGS AND THANKS TO COMRADE E. PAPAIOANNOU BY COMRADE KIM IL SUNG**

**Comrade Ezekias Papaioannou, General Secretary of C.C. of the  
Progressive Party of Working People (AKEL) of Cyprus.**

I express my deep thanks to you for your warm congratulations on my 75th birthday in the name of your party and yourself.

Believing that the friendly and cooperative relations between our two parties will further strengthen and develop, I take this opportunity to wish you and your party greater successes in the work.

Kim Il Sung  
General Secretary of C.C. of the  
Workers Party of KOREA  
Pyongyang May 16, 1987

## **WISHES TO COMRADE CHARILAOS FLORAKIS ON HIS REELECTION AS GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREECE**

Dear c. Charilaos Florakis

The C C of AKEL and personally myself we congratulate you warmly for your re-election as General Secretary of the CP Greece and we wish you good health and many fruitful years in the service of the people and the high ideals of peace and socialism.

Ezekias Papaioannou  
AKEL General Secretary

Nicosia 19.5.87

## **PAPAIOANNOU GREETINGS JANOS KADAR ON HIS 75th BIRTHDAY**

**Comrade Janos Kadar  
General Secretary C.C. HSWP  
Budapest**

Dear Comrade Janos Kadar

On occasion your 75th birthday central committee AKEL and personally myself extend to you warmest congratulations and best wishes for strong health and many happy fruitful years in the service of your party and people and noble ideals peace and socialism.

**Ezekias Papaioannou  
General Secretary AKEL**

**Nicosia 25.5.87**

## **SOLIDARITY TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF LEBANON**

**To the Central Committee of CP Lebanon**

Dear comrades

We condemn with profound indignation the political assassination of comrade Hasan Amdan, prominent theoretician and distinguished internationalist.

We express our solidarity to the CPL and to its struggle to strengthen unity against imperialism-zionism and local reaction.

**The C C of AKEL**

**Nicosia 1.6.1987**

## **EPAAL PROTESTS AGAINST IRANIAN AND PAKISTAN AUTHORITIES**

**To the UN Secretary General Mr. PERES DE CUELLAR.**

We condemn strongly the provocative acts of the Pakistan and Iranian Authorities who want the perpetuation of afghani refugees drama by preventing them by force to return to their country.

We kindly request your intervention.

**Donis Christofinis  
Epaal Secretary.**

**Nicosia 27.6.87**

## **AKEL CC STATEMENT ON CYPRUS — EEC CUSTOMS UNION**

The Cyprus government hurried to sign agreement between Cyprus and EEC which presented it as a political and economic success of Cyprus. However, the reality is completely the opposite.

Economically Cyprus is directed to the subjection by the giants of EEC with terrible consequences to the industry and the agrarian economy of the country. Even the President of the Republic and other partisans of the Customs Union they admitted that "surely will be some problems".

On the political field the Customs Union between Cyprus - EEC adds one more ring to the chain of governmental actions which mark a turn to the west with the auspices of rightwing and the illusion that the west will bring pressure on Turkey for concessions and a just solution. This constitute new concessions to imperialists out of the existent military facilities.

The Customs Union of Cyprus with EEC monopolies, which is the political and economical expression of NATO, it is more than a step to economical disaster, an action contrary to the non-aligned policy of Cyprus its external policy, on which was build up today international solidarity and support to the just antioccupational struggle which carries on our people.

The government exchanged in reality the presumed in appearance support to Cyprus of EEC with the heavy cost of this political and economic dependence of our country to this giant politico-economical coalition.



AKEL persists to its opinion that by the policy of appeasing imperialism which follows the government, the most reactionary forces which led us to the tragedy and destruction will not force Turkey to make concessions for a just solution.

To the opposite; This policy contributes either if they wish it or not to a bigger danger to pro-NATO solutions, alien to the interests of our people, Greeks and Turkish Cypriots.

AKEL believes firmly that our interest requires the remaining of Cyprus far from political, economical or military blocks and needs to consolidate its position among the ranks of the family of the non-aligned countries.

Having in mind the destructive political and economic consequences of Customs Union between EEC and Cyprus our Party calls the workers, the peasants, the professionals and salary earners the industrialists to intensify the struggle for its aversion.

The Parliament that is not aware how the government acts up to now, has the task to avert the Customs Union by demanding the conclusion of a Commercial Agreement with EEC. This situation is really historical and each Party must undertake its responsibility.

AKEL C.C.

Nicosia, 26.5.1987

## JOINT COMMUNIQUE AKEL - C.P. ISRAEL

On the invitation of the C.C. AKEL a two member delegation of the C.C. of the Communist Party of Israel consisting of c. David Khenin member of the P.B. and Secretary of the Central Committee and c. Saleem El Qasem member of the C.C. visited Cyprus from the 9th till the 14th June 1987.

The delegation of the C.P.I. was received by the General Secretary of AKEL c. Ezekias Papaioannou.

The delegation had the chance to meet with leading cadres of AKEL and to discuss on the work of the Party in different fields. They also had the chance through their visits to get acquainted with the present political situation as well as with the historical and cultural heritage of the people of Cyprus.

The delegation of the C.P.I. had talks with a delegation of AKEL composed of c. Donis Christofinis member P.B. and Secretary of the C.C. AKEL for International Relations and c. Michael Ompios President of the Central Control Committee.

During the meeting which was held in a warm friendly comradely atmosphere the two delegations exchanged views on international burning issues and on matters of mutual interest. On all issues both had identical positions.

Both delegations expressed deep concern over the danger of complete annihilation of humanity and life on our planet because of the nuclear arms race which the Reagan Administration intends to expand to outer space through the "stars wars" plan.

They express full support to the continuous and consistent efforts and initiatives of Soviet Union and the other Socialist countries for the termination of the nuclear arms race, for disarmament and peace in the world. They consider the Soviet proposal declared by c. Michael Gorbachov on the 15th January 1986 for the total elimination of the nuclear weapons by the year 2000 as source of hope for humanity. They also express high appreciation of the recent Soviet proposal for the elimination of middle and short range nuclear missiles in Europe, and hope that an agreement shall be reached on it opening the way for further nuclear disarmament in the world.

They express high appreciation and support to the plans for accelerated development of socialist society-taking place in Soviet Union and other countries of the Socialist community-through the application of the scientific and technological revolution, structural reforms in production management and deepening of socialist democracy. This process will further strengthen the socialist

community and its role, will increase the welfare of the population and the attractiveness of existing socialism in the eyes of the working masses all over the world.

The delegation of the C.P.I. expressed full support to the struggle of the people of Cyprus with AKEL at its vanguard for the withdrawal of the Turkish occupation and all other forces and the liquidation of all foreign bases and monitoring stations on Cyprus, for a really independent, sovereign, united, federal, non-aligned and completely demilitarised Cyprus — a common prosperous homeland for all its citizens and bridge of peace in the region.

It expressed high appreciation for the struggle of AKEL in the interest of the working people of Cyprus.

Both delegations highly appreciate and actively support the Soviet statement of 21st January 1986 on the principles for the settlement of the Cyprus question and ways to achieve it.

The delegation of AKEL expressed its solidarity and full support to the heroic struggle of the C.P. Israel for a just solution of the Middle East problem through an International Conference in the framework of UNO with the participation of all interested parties including Israel and PLO and the 5 permanent members of UN Security Council — solution that will put an end to the occupation and annexation by Israel of all territories occupied since June 1967 including South Lebanon, recognition of self determination of the Arab Palestinian people, the right to establish its own independent state along side with Israel and ensure freedom and security to all peoples and states in the area.

The delegation of AKEL express its solidarity with the internationalist and patriotic struggle of C.P. Israel for the interests of the working people against national discrimination and for full equality of the Arab population of Israel, in defence of democratic rights and against the anti-popular policy of the zionist ruling circles of Israel and their oppressive policy in the occupied territories.

Both delegations condemn the continuing Iran - Iraq war which destroys the peoples and the resources of both countries and threatens peace and security in the area and the world.

Both delegations express solidarity — with the Nicaraguan people and their democratic government struggling against the undeclared war of US administration, — with the people of Salvador, Chile and other countries fighting against dictatorial regimes imposed by US imperialism, — with the people of South Africa and Namibia fighting against the racist apartheid regime.

Both delegations express solidarity with all peoples fighting against imperialism, racism and local reaction for national

independence, democracy, peace and social progress.

Both delegations support energetically the unity of the international communist movement on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

The two delegations agreed also on further developing and broadening the bilateral cooperation between AKEL and C.P. Israel.  
**Nicosia, 13.6.1987**

## **THE PRESIDENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA GREETES c. PAPAIOANNOY**

Dear Comrade Ezekias Papaioannou,

Accept my sincere thanks for the comradely, cordial congratulations on the occasion of the National Day of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, the 42th anniversary of the liberation of our country by the Soviet Army.

I am pleased to reciprocate the wishes for good health and contentment to You personally, to Your colleagues and wish the AKEL and the Whole people of Cyprus much success in its struggle for the preservation of world peace and for understanding among nations.

Gustáv Husák  
President  
of the Czechoslovak Socialist  
Republic

## JOINT COMMUNIQUE AKEL - Bulgarian communist party

On the base of the joint programme of cooperation between AKEL and the Bulgarian Communist Party, and AKEL delegation headed by c. M. Poubouris members of the Political Bureau and Secretary of the CC payed a visit to Bulgaria from 31.5.1987 to 6.6.1987.

The delegation had meetings with the departments of "Economic and technological scientific policy", "Ideological policy" "Organisational, department" and international relations" of the CC of the BCP. The delegation visited also Plovdiv and Smolen.

The guests were informed about the activities of Bulgarian communists and the working people and the implementation of the 13th Congress resolutions of the BCP and on the process of the materialisation of the strategic aim for a new qualitative development in all the fields of the life.

The delegation was accepted by the CC Secretary Dimitr Stanishev.

During their talks which were carrying out in a friendly cordial atmosphere took place an exchange of views on the AKEL and BCP activity on the implementation of the resolutions of their last party Congresses.

There were also discussed the further possibility of deepening their cooperation.

From its part the Bulgarian Communist Party expressed its solidarity to the struggle of the Cyprus people for a peaceful settlement of the Cyprus problem and for the withdrawal of foreign troops and bases in which AKEL plays a vanguard role.

The AKEL delegation expressed many thanks for the warm reception of the delegation by the host party.

Both sides repeated their support to the Soviet proposals for solving the Cyprus question and the convocation of an international conference in relation with the Cyprus problem.

**Sofia 6.6.1987**

## AKEL C.C. STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND AGAINST DENKTASH SUPPRESSIVE MEASURES

The C.C. of AKEL denounce to the Cyprus people and to the international public opinion the suppressive measures which continue to be exalated by the reactionary regime of Denktash in collusion and cooperation with the government of occupational Turkey against the Turkish Cypriot community and particularly its opposition forces.

The new "Law" which provides for "exchanges of labourers" aims to accord "citizenship" to thousands of new Turkish settlers in making them "Turkish-Cypriots", in order to change the demographic composition of Cyprus, transforming at the same time the Turkish Cypriot community to minority in their own country in comparison with the settlers.

This reactionary measure is related with the implementation of Ozal economic measures as well as with the underway false trial of the Turkish Cypriot leading opposition leader of the republican party Mr Ozger Ozgur for insulting Denktash, related with the passing of "laws" which will prohibit the right to strike, the function of organisations opposing Denktash, which raise their voice against the accomplished facts of partition for peaceful reunification of the island in the frame of a federative, independent and non-aligned Cyprus Republic.

The attempts to crush the voice of the democratic forces of the Turkish Cypriot community, the continuation of the flow of settlers from Turkey, the constant strengthening of the occupational forces, the measures of political economic and social unification of the occupied part of Cyprus with Turkey, are inseparable elements of a well prepared plan of Ankara which carries on this policy in collusion with its imperialist allies for consolidating the partition of Cyprus.

Our Party raises its voice in support of the voice of disperation of the democratic forces of Turkish Cypriot community. It demonstrates its solidarity to their struggle and notes the terrible dangers which poses military mongering policy of Ankara and the Turkish Cypriot chauvinist leadership.

AKEL calls all the democratic forces of the Cyprus people from the two sides of the hated wall of separation to intensify their struggle against occupation and imperialism and against chavinism,

irrespective of its origin.

We call the democratic forces to intensify the struggle for reapproachment, which can help confidence building and promote joint struggle for a free common homeland, without foreign troops and bases. To this direction particularly important are the governmental responsibilities, which has the task to promote concrete measures of reapproachment for the creation of confident building measures for coordinated actions for curbing the intransigency of Turkey, of Denktash and its supporters, for breaking the impasse and the creation of conditions for a just peaceful solution of the internal and external aspect in the UN frame through the intercommunal talks and international conference.

19.6.1987

## **AKEL PROTESTS OVER THE CRUSH OF A MILITARY PLANE AT ACROTIRI BASE**

The Press Bureau of the AKEL CC issued the following statement: "AKEL since the establishment of foreign military bases on Cyprus soil never stopped to express its opposition to them and to struggle for their abolition. Our Party considers the bases as source of constant suffering for the island and deadly danger to its people.

The crush of a British military plane over Acrotiri, provoked anxiety and terror to our people, and it is a new incident in a chain of accidents which prove that the struggle for the abolition of foreign bases constitutes inseparable part of our struggle for freedom and independence.

AKEL feels deeply sorry when observed once more that the leaderships of certain parties and the government with their stand on this subject facilitate British imperialists for the perpetuation of their presence in the bases, so violating flagrantly, the independence and sovereignty of the Cyprus state and its people.

Our struggle against the Turkish occupation, against the bases for their abolition for freeing Cyprus from any foreign military presence and dependence is undivided. This struggle, AKEL shall carry on with commitment and persistence"

Nicosia 2.7.87

## **ON THE NATIONAL DAY OF P.R. MONGOLIA COMRADE E. PAPAIOANNOY GREETINGS c. J. BATMUNCH**

To comrade Jambyn Batmunch General Secretary M.P.R.P. Chairman Great Peoples Hural Ulan Bator.

Dear comrade Jambyn Batmunch on the occasion of your National Day Central Committee AKEL and personally myself extend to you to CC M.P.R.P. and all friendly Mongolian people warmest congratulations and best wishes for further successes in building Socialism for happiness of your people and peace in the World stop

Ezekias Papaioannou  
General Secretary AKEL

Nicosia 11.7.87

## **AKEL DENOUNCES STRONGLY US STATEMENT ON CYPRUS CONCERNING REPLACEMENT OF SWEDISH UN CONTINGENT BY POLISH TROOPS**

AKEL Press Bureau reacting to a statement made by Mrs Ridgway US Assistant Secretary of state in a statement stresses the following:

"The American Assistant Secretary of State Mrs Ridgway in a statement to the subcommittee of Europe of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives declared its opposition to the possible replacement of the Swedish contingent serving with the UN Peacekeeping force in Cyprus by a Contingent from Poland a member of Warsaw Pact.

She said, it would be "unthinkable" for East-Block troops to mediate between two NATO allies-Greece and Turkey-which have been long at odds over Cyprus.

It is obvious from the above provocative statement that for the USA the Cyprus question was and remained a problem of Greek-Turkish differences in the general framework of NATO. Never it was for the US an international issue of restoring the independence and sovereignty of the independent Cyprus state a member state of UN.

Once again is reconfirmed the anti-Cypriot position of this American administration which toppled the illusion shared by some people that only the west can solve the Cyprus problem! It is obvious that the West aims to a pro-NATO solution and not a Cyprus one.

This statement it is not irrelevant with the prowestern turn of Kyprianou government, which by according the facilities to US and NATO countries created the conditions for direct interference in Cyprus and the enclavement of Cyprus problem in the NATO frame.

It is a task of all to resist to these plans. And it is obvious that all these they do not want to frustrate them neither the government or more Rally leadership.

Thus, appear the time for a change to the government of our country; A change which will open the way for a settlement of the Cyprus problem on the bases of genuine independence and sovereignty; A settlement without foreign troops, bases, dependencies and interferences".

**Nicosia 1.7.1987**

## **RESOLUTION OF THE MASS RALLY ON THE MILITARY COUP AND THE TURKISH INVASION**

H.E. Perez De Cuellar  
U.N. Secretary General  
U.N.O.  
**New YORK**

Your Excellency!

The all Cyprus rally organised by AKEL on the 10th July 1987 in Nicosia on the occasion of the 13th anniversary of the treacherous coup d'etat and the barbarous Turkish invasion, submits to you the following:

1. Condemns once more the continuing - contrary to the UN Resolutions - for 13 years occupation of 37% of the territory of our fatherland by the Turkish occupation troops.
2. Strongly protests against the systematic increase and qualitative improvement of the occupation troops and the continuing planned transport and settlement to the northern occupied part of Cyprus, of settlers from Turkey whose numbers already surpasses the 60.000.
3. Condemns the intransigence and the expansionist intentions of the militarists circles of Ankara and the chauvinist Turkish-Cypriot leadership, encouraged by the American-NATO forces.
4. Expresses deep concern for the impasse and the stagnation of the Cyprus problem and for the fact that despite the efforts made there was not success in breaking through the impasse and to open the way for a peaceful, just, mutually acceptable and viable solution of the Cyprus problem.
5. Appeals to your Excellency to play a substantial role for the convening of a representative International Conference, in the framework of UN, for the solution of the international aspect of the Cyprus problem.

The settlement must include the withdrawal of the Turkish occupation and in general of all foreign troops and the settlers, the demilitarisation of Cyprus and the ensuring of trustworthy international guarantees through the U.N.

6. Appeals also to your Excellency to undertake new initiatives for the realisation of substantial intercommunal talks for the solution of the internal aspect of the Cyprus problem, with the objective to create an independent, sovereign, territorially integral, non-aligned, federal Cyprus, without foreign troops and settlers, without refugees, missing persons and enclaved, with secured basic freedoms for all citizens of the Cyprus Republic, which must serve as a bridge of peace in the Near and Middle East.

With the conviction that you will respond to this resolution of the people's rally we thank you.

**With Respect  
The Chairman of the Rally**

**Christos Petas MP  
District Secretary  
of AKEL Nicosia**

Nicosia July 10, 1987

## **CRUCIAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS FOR CYPRUS**

Every thinking person here in Cyprus today believes that the forthcoming Presidential elections next February (1988) are indeed crucial, because, from their outcome the whole future of Cyprus and the Cypriot people will depend. In fact, there are only two choices in front of the Cypriot people. Either to become a united, independent, federal, non-aligned and demilitarised sovereign Republic, or to be under the complete domination of NATO militarists, partitioned or fully occupied by Turkey, losing its identity and sovereignty for ever.

Friday evening, July the 10th, was a turning point for the outcome of the forthcoming elections, when tens of thousands of people from all walk of life gathered on the Freedom Square Nicosia to hear the General Secretary of AKEL c. E. Papaioannou declaring for the first time his Party's position in regards to the Presidential elections.

It was one of the most impressive, biggest and most enthusiastic meetings ever held in Cyprus, marking the way to a real change and to the victory of the progressive forces of the island in the forthcoming elections.

The 16th Congress of AKEL last November decided that the Party will not support any leader of the 3 Parliamentary parties but it will work for the broadest possible unity of the democratic patriotic forces, aiming for the best possible non-Party candidate, capable of uniting all patriotic forces for a lasting and correct solution of the Cyprus problem, based on the U. N. Resolutions and the decisions of the two high level meetings of the Cypriot leaders, as well as for the positive solutions of the so many economic and social problems faced by the working people of Cyprus today.

Indeed, for many months now, leading members of AKEL had countless of meetings and contacts with leading members of all political Parties, groups of people and prominent personalities, trying to agree on a common suitable candidate.

About two months ago, the AKEL C.C. arrived at a definite proposition in regards to the Presidential Candidate, which was put to the Party branches all over the country, asking them to share the responsibility for this crucial decision. And when over 95% of the members attending the Branches voted for the proposition, the Central Committee itself unanimously decided for the same nomination, which was not made public until the evening of the big Rally of July 10.



The non-Party Candidate supported by AKEL and the Left is Mr George Vassiliou, a very successful economist, coming from a solid democratic background. He is in full agreement with the strategy and tactics of the struggle for achieving a united, non - aligned, federal and demilitarised Cyprus, and he fully supports the proposals of the USSR for an International Conference on Cyprus under United Nations auspices, as well as many progressive policies in regards to the economic and social problems of the Cypriot people.

However, Mr Vassiliou has a different view in regards to the Customs Union of Cyprus with the EEC. Questioned at a meeting on the problem stated that he would note for such a union, but he supported the idea of a plebiscite, so that the sovereign people of Cyprus has the last word on this serious matter an idea which is also supported by AKEL and the left generally.

This is how the General Secretary of AKEL Mr Papaioannou announced the decision of the C.C. of the Party to the huge meeting in Freedom Sq. of Nicosia on Friday 10th of July:

"... The forthcoming Presidential elections constitute a decisive stage for the advancement of the correct solution and of the broadest possible unity of the patriotic democratic forces and for a change.

" These targets can not be materialised by DYSI (Mr Clerides' Party) which contains the ultra-right and EOKA-B, neither by Mr Kyprianou who dissolved onesidedly and unjustifiably the Democratic Co-operation, denounced the Minimum Programme and has shown inconsistency and retrogressions in his policy. Neither the Candidacy of Mr Lyssarides offers this outlet.

"The C.C. of AKEL after considering carefully the Programme of the independent Candidate Mr George Vassiliou and having the agreed opinion of the whole membership of the Party, decided unanimously to support Mr Vassiliou at the next Presidential elections. The Programme of Mr Vassiliou as it is natural, is not in all its points equivalent to the Programme of AKEL. Our Party, however, finds itself in agreement with Mr Vassiliou on the capital subjects of policy and tactics of the struggle for the solution of the Cyprus problem, on the non-aligned foreign policy, as well as on basic subjects of social and economic policy.

"There is a difference on the subject of Customs Union of Cyprus-EEC. We point out however that Mr Vassiliou just as our Party and other forces support the operation of a plebiscite so that the sovereign Cypriot people will decide on this serious subject.."

The General Secretary of AKEL stated also that despite this difference the basic thing is that Mr Vassiliou's Programme generally serves the interest of Cyprus and of the Cypriot people and promotes the targets of unity, change and salvation, and he called upon all

members and cadres of the Party, as well as all patriotic and democratic forces to support the candidacy of Mr Vassiliou. The appeal of c. Papaioannou in support of Mr Vassiliou was greeted by the tens of thousands with tremendous enthusiasm lasting for many minutes.

As you have already gathered from the statement of the C.C. of AKEL, there are 4 candidates for the Presidency at the forthcoming elections.

President Kyprianou, who was actually elected with the votes of AKEL, and the left generally, after an agreement and a Minimum Programme agreed with his Party and AKEL. However after his election as President and under the pressures of the domestic and foreign reaction he denounced the agreement and the Minimum Programme. Behind the backs of the House of Representatives and even his own Government Mr Kyprianou granted new military facilities to the British, American and French imperialists in the sea and air ports of free Cyprus. He has led Cyprus to the present dangerous deadlock by drugging his feet at the negotiations for a Federal Cyprus, and its a fact of history that when the late President Makarios accepted the proposition for a Federal Republic, Mr Kyprianou resigned from the post of Foreign Minister because he disagreed with the late President.

The other candidate is Mr Clerides, leader of the "Democratic Rally" Party, which contains the most reactionary forces in Cyprus and EOKA-B elements. He is a consistent friend and supporter of NATO, the Americans, the E.E.C. and the West generally, and he will be very happy for a NATO solution for Cyprus and under the domination of these forces.

Mr Lyssarides is another candidate, but he is not considered seriously by most people. He is the leader of a small "socialist" Party but he sided with the parties of the right against the left in a number of cases at the last Municipal Elections.

Mr George Vassiliou is the independent candidate. He was supported by hundreds of personalities and cadres from all political Parties who want a change from the present dangerous deadlock. He is supported by the Liberal Party of ex-Foreign Minister Mr Rolandis, and has recently been supported by the Progressive Party of the Working People-AKEL.

This is how Mr Vassiliou reacted after hearing the support of his candidacy by AKEL:

"The decision of AKEL strengthens tremendously my candidacy and makes more or less very certain that I will be elected as President. I am ready, together with all others to do everything

possible to bring about collectively and in unity, the change that will guarantee a responsible tackling of the problems our country is facing, and to come out of the dangerous deadlock which we find ourselves to day.

"All of us, who believe in the unity and the change, we can now wait with optimism, that the Presidential elections of 1988 will mark the beginning of a new epoch, where the people will succeed with their active participation in shaping their future, and to go forward with certainty to the successful outcome of the struggle for freedom and justice".

**AKNL (comment)**

## **SPEECH OF c. PAPAIOANNOU IN SUPPORT OF AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE**

The AKEL General Secretary c. Ezekias Papaioannou, speaking at a mass meeting in Eleftheria Square after denouncing the military coup and the Turkish invasion both as the work of the American CIA Intelligence service, which he said were behind the EOKA B underground and the Athens military junta as well as the invaders, Papaioannou turned his critics on President Kyprianou for his abrogation of the collaboration with Akel thus wrecking the democratic forces front.

But Papaioannou differentiated between Kyprianou and Democratic party leadership and the rank and file at the Democratic Party "to whom we shall address ourselves now and in the future with sincerity", he said.

His main critics was his granting of "facilities" to Nato countries (a reference to the facilities for the multinational force in Lebanon) and his subsequent refusal to discuss the differences at senior level.

Papaioannou opened his speech by saying the aim of the gathering was to reiterate the determination to secure withdrawal of Turkish troops and settlers "and of all foreign troops and end of foreign imperialist interventions, abolition of foreign bases and the total demilitarisation of the island", return of refugees to their homes and account for the missing as well as the "end of the drama of the enclaved".

The people of Cyprus, who is fighting for the withdrawal of the Turkish forces of occupation as well as of all foreign troops from its country, is facing the grave danger of total extinction because of the fact that the American and British imperialism has turned our country into a nuclear base and a base for the rapid deployment force in addition to the "sovereign" British bases. American imperialism has secured in the part of Cyprus occupied by the Turkish troops military and naval bases as well as missile launchers. Four NATO countries, the U.S.A., Britain, France and Italy have also secured facilities at the international airport and the seaport of Larnaca.

In view of the danger of a universal nuclear disaster and the fact that Cyprus is today one of the largest bases of imperialism in the region of Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East, the most important task of our people, like that of all the peoples of the world, is the struggle to avert a new world war, the struggle for the limitation and abolition of nuclear arms, the struggle for a Mediterranean free from nuclear arms, the abolition of all foreign bases on our island and the total demilitarization of Cyprus.

Cyprus, as a base of the imperialist forces, runs an imminent danger which was especially underlined after the American air attack against Libya and US imperialist ambitions in the region. For this reason our party must contribute with all its power to the strengthening of the peace movement in our country to the degree that it will manage to mobilise the large majority of the people in the struggle for peace and the demilitarization of Cyprus.

In order to realize how urgent this task is for our Party and our people it is sufficient to consider that the solution of all the other problems we are faced with will depend on the outcome of this struggle.

The Cyprus problem, he said, is at a very dangerous deadlock and the way to break it is via the Soviet proposals of January last, particularly the suggestion for an international conference.

That would be the main demand of an appeal to the UN General Assembly, he said.

The best safeguard for success was the unity of the patriotic democratic forces and such unity unfortunately did not exist, he said.

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## DELEGATIONS ABROAD

- On the invitation of CC of CP of Greece a Party delegation consisting of comrades Ezekias Papaioannou General Secretary of AKEL, Dinos Constantinou Political Bureau member and Secretary for Organisation Questions, and Angelos Kazantzis member of CC, attended the 12th Congress of CP Greece from 12-16§5§1987.

- On the invitation of the CC of CP of Bulgaria a delegation of the Central Committee of AKEL consisting of comrades Michalis Pombouris Member of the Political Bureau and Secretary of CC, Christoforos Tzionis, Member of CC and Fanis Theofanous Alternate member of CC paid a visit to P.R. Bulgaria from 31.5.87 to 6.6.87.

- On the invitation of the C.C. of SED of G.D.R. comrade Nicos Katsourides, Member of the C.C. of AKEL and Deputy Head of the C.C. Ideological Bureau paid a visit to GDR from 31.5.87 to 6.5.87.

- On the invitation of the Romanian Communist Party an AKEL delegation composed of comrades Lakis Theodoulou, member of the Political Bureau and c. Chambis Genethliou member of the Central Committee paid a visit to R.S. Romania from 7-13 of June 1987.

- Comrade M. Olympios President of the CCC of the CC of AKEL paid a visit to PR Hungary from 2 - 10 August 1987. There he met with party organisations and with his counterpart with whom he exchanged views on reciprocal activities.