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THE PRESENT SITUATION AND OUR LIBERATION STRUGGLE

Introductory Speech by the C.C. of AKEL, E. Papaioannou, at the 5th Plenary Meeting of the C.C. and the C.C.C. of AKEL

The 5th Plenary Meeting of the C.C. and the CC.C. of our Party is being convened at a time when the situation is highly critical both for our people and for all mankind.

The American warmonger's and the struggle of the peoples for peace, independence, democracy and social progress.

The barbarous American aggression against the Vietnamese people, which has taken the form of a massive invasion, of inhuman bombing and of other military operations, endangers peace not only in South East Asia but in all the world.

The heroic Vietnamese people and its army are successfully facing the imperialist aggressors and are inflicting heavy losses on their mercenaries. The extent of the American imperialist invasion witnesses to the fact that the overwhelming majority of the South Vietnamese people are decidedly against the American aggressors and their few collaborators.

The Vietnamese people, united and with the support of the Soviet Union and the other socialist countries, with the support

and solidarity of an peace-loving and freedom-loving peoples, will crash the imperialist aggression and will win full independence. Vietnam will become the grave of the hotheads and adventurers of the American Pentagon.

But while this is our strong belief we can in no way underestimate the great dangers facing world peace because of this American aggression. What will remove this terrible danger and will force the American imperialists to put an end to their barbarous war in Vietnam and to withdraw from this country, is the joint action of all socialist countries and of all the forces of peace throughout the world.

The movement for solidarity with the Vietnamese people is growing in all countries. The socialist countries, the Soviet Union in particular, are offering to the government of the People's Democracy of Vietnam all the help asked for, on the basis of the agreement signed between the countries concerned. Medicines and other pharmaceutical necessities are being sent to Vietnam by various committees of solidarity set up in many capitalist countries.

The people of Cyprus, being itself a victim of imperialist threat and aggression, has every reason to express solidarity with the heroic Vietnamese people. Thus, the labour movement has declared this solidarity through meetings, picketing and resolutions. Yet, this is not enough. Broader masses of the Cypriot people can declare their solidarity with the Vietnamese people. The favourable treatment given to the Americans by the Cyprus Broadcasting Station in its news bulletins is absolutely unacceptable to our people. This scandal must end at once.

The Vietnamese people is to-day bearing the main weight of the struggle for peace, independence, democracy and social progress. The struggle which is to-day being waged by the Vietnamese people is an inseparable part of the struggle waged

by the Cypriot people. The victory of the Vietnamese people will be a victory over the forces of intervention, of the enslavement of peoples and of war. It will mean the victory of national freedom, of democracy and of social progress.

The Cyprus people, who is waging a fight of life or death against imperialism and the foreign aggressors, greets the heroic struggle of the Vietnamese people and declares its whole-hearted solidarity with it. Together with the other peoples of the world it demands that an immediate end be put to the American war against the Vietnamese people and that all foreign troops leave Vietnamese soil. The Vietnamese people, like the Cypriot people, has the inalienable right to decide on its fortunes alone and in a sovereign way.

The armed American aggression against the Dominican Republic is another indication of the imperialist, aggressive role of the United States of America. Without any scruples the American imperialists intervened in the Dominican Republic in order to impose on the people of this, country a government of their own liking.

The Constitutional government of the Dominican Republic, headed by President Kaamano and supported by the overwhelming majority of the people, is bravely opposing the aggressive and enslaving plans of the American imperialism and their puppets.

The Latin American peoples, who are, being greatly exploited by the American monopolies and by the repressive regimes setup by these monopolies in Latin American countries, declare their solidarity with the people of the Dominican Republic which is fighting for its national independence and territorial integrity.

American imperialism is forced to take recourse to aggressive activities because it feels the earth move from under its feet and, because it is not easy for it to find others to do this

dirty job on its behalf.

The incendiary policy of the American imperialism is also shown by the renewed efforts to promote the multinational nuclear force. Together with Bonn's revanchists and the British imperialists, the Americans are seeking to impose other methods of nuclear armaments, such as the "Atlantic Striking Force", the "European Striking Force" the "National Striking Force" and others, thus placing the hands of the Nazis on the nuclear trigger. This policy seriously increases the danger for thermonuclear war.

However, the contradictions within the imperialist camp are becoming more acute day by day. NATO is to-day faced with a serious crisis and the more the expiring date for this aggressive Pact draws near, i.e. 1969, the more these contradictions grow. France is threatening to withdraw from NATO, and other countries have loosened their ties with this aggressive bloc.

Collective security is to be found neither in aggressive blocs, such as NATO, nor in the multinational nuclear force. The peace and security of the European peoples and of all the world is to be found in general and complete disarmament and in measures of collective security for all peoples. It is, first of all, imperative that an end be put to the anomaly still existing, twenty years after the end of the war, by signing a peace treaty with both the German States. Germany, Central Europe, Scandinavia, South-East Europe and the Mediterranean should be declared zones to be free from nuclear weapons. Foreign bases should be abolished and a non-aggression treaty should be signed between the NATO countries and the countries which belong to the Warsaw Treaty.

These measures will help ease international tension and will create such conditions as will allow general and complete disarmament which will guarantee lasting peace and security.

The Afro-Asian Conference can help greatly in the struggle for an end to the war in Vietnam and in securing the withdrawal of the American troops from that country. It will help assume a new approach to international problems with the objective aim of securing peace, national independence and the right of self-determination for all peoples.

Though we haven't yet had adequate data, events show that the recent army coup in Algeria is reactionary. The fact that able leaders of the Algerian people's national liberation army, such as President Ben Bella and others, have been arrested and the fact that left-wing newspapers have been closed down and left-wing leaders are under persecution shows that the orientations of the organizers of the coup are reactionary.

The Cypriot people, which cherishes deep feelings of friendship towards, and solidarity with the suffering but heroic people of Algeria, declares once again its support to it and wishes that very soon it will again be on the road of progress and socialism. carved out by the Algerian revolution.

The unyielding national-liberation struggle of the Cypriot people

For eighteen months the superb Cypriot people has heroically resisted the Turkish aggression and threats of invasion which are inspired by the Anglo-Americans. For eighteen months, gun in hand, it has struggled to put an end to all foreign interventions, to remove all foreign troops, to abolish all foreign bases, to win unfettered independence, self-determination and Enosis.

The best offsprings of the Cypriot people responded to the call of their mother-country and in a short time they formed

from scratch a trained army able to defend Cyprus to the last man.

The National Guard has responded with incomparable heroism and self-sacrifice to the supreme patriotic call. A number of national guardsmen have given the most precious thing they possessed, their life, in defence of Cyprus. Our Party and our people pay tribute to all known and unknown heroes who sacrificed their life for the freedom of Cyprus. How can we account for the high patriotic feeling and the fighting spirit of these fighters for the freedom of Cyprus? It is mainly due to the fact that they are fighting for a just cause to which they have wholly given themselves. It is due to the admirable unity prevailing among the people, to the unity of the people, the army and the government. Further, it is due to the support given to our national-liberation struggle by our sincere friends and allies.

Of course the National Guard is in the van of the national-liberation struggle of our people. This, however, does not mean that the rest of the people do not contribute to this struggle. The people is united on the ramparts, some with their guns in their hands, others with their tools in their hands. The front and the rears are a united whole and constitute the national-liberation, anti-imperialist front of Cyprus.

For the last 18 months the Cyprus question has gone through various stages. There have been stages of tension and calm. There have been stages of unbearable pressures and blackmail; stages of conspiracies and machinations behind the scene. In all these stages the popular factor played a decisive role. The popular and unprecedented mass rallies in support of the government's national-liberation policy, the massive march of last October which demanded the abolition of the bases and self-determination have proved an unsurmountable obstacle to the clandestine partition and enslaving plans of imperialism

and its stooges.

The 18-month successful resistance of the Cypriot people has been, fundamentally, the result of the patriotic unity of the people. This unity, which has become the faith of the overwhelming majority of the Cypriot people and is the result of many years' hard work, must be closely guarded and extended because it is the best guarantee for the success of our national-liberation struggle.

Sincere friends and supporters

If the unity of the Cypriot people has been the foundation on which the Cypriot front and our 18-month successful resistance rested, the help and support of the sincere friends and allies of Cyprus have been the weapons which made it possible for the Cypriot people to put up this resistance.

The Cypriot people received invaluable help from Greece which, in some cases, was sealed with the blood of the Greek people. Together with all the Cypriot people, our Party greatly respects this help. There can be no doubt that this help could have been really decisive had Greece not been bound to NATO and had the national interests been placed above the alliances of NATO.

The help and support we received from the socialist and non - aligned countries, and in particular from the Soviet Union and the United Arab Republic, has been decisive.

Not only did the Soviet Union raise its voice decisively and blocked the way to the aggressors but also supplied the Cypriot Government with modern equipment for the defence of Cyprus, including anti-aircraft missiles.

The Soviet Union supports the independence and territorial

integrity of Cyprus. It supports the abolition of the bases and the removal from Cyprus of all foreign troops. It is in favour of a peaceful solution and would like to see an end being put to any interference in the internal affairs of Cyprus. From the moment the Cyprus people becomes truly independent and unfettered it will exercise its sovereign and inalienable right of self-determination and will thus achieve its national restitution.

The situation of the Turkish Cypriot minority

Terrorism, fear, deprivation and disappointment: this is the situation among the Turkish Cypriot minority. In their efforts to prove that the Greeks and the Turks cannot live peacefully together, in order thus to justify their demands for cantons and for the partition of Cyprus, the Turkish Cypriot terrorist leaders are intensifying terrorism against all those Turkish Cypriots who advocate friendship and co-operation with the Greeks.

The recent murder of the fighters Dervish Gavazoglou and Costas Mishaoulis, which was the work of T.M.T., shows how much the terrorist leadership of the Turkish chauvinists fears the policy of friendship and co-operation with the Greeks, a policy which is steadily gaining more and more ground among the Turkish Cypriot minority.

The voice of Dervish Gavazoglou, which was being heard among the Turkish Cypriots, was a genuine patriotic voice which placed the interests of the Turkish Cypriots above the foreign imperialist interests. This voice found daily greater response among the Turkish masses. It was this voice that the terrorists of TMT and their leaders tried to silence through the criminal and brutal means of murder.

Yet, they were gravely deceived, because the patriotic

voice of Gavazoglou cannot be killed by murder. Many a Gavazoglou will spring up from among the Turkish Cypriot minority.

The fact that Greeks and Turks can live peacefully together is proved even to-day in many villages and places of work where Greeks and Turks work together and co-operate for the common good.

The Cyprus Government has repeatedly declared that it is ready to offer all necessary help and protection to all Turks wishing to return to their houses and their peaceful occupations. Not only does the people approve of this policy but it also sees the need for speeding up the implementation of all those measures that would isolate TMT from the Turkish-Cypriot masses. The people is willing even to offer free labour in order to repair all those houses that have suffered damages.

The Turkish Cypriot masses must be approached by all means. We must develop understanding and co-operation against the common enemy, imperialism. This job is difficult but it is warranted by the supreme interests of the Cypriot people.

The only correct patriotic policy and the only acceptable solution.

The national liberation struggle of the Cypriot people follows a clear line of policy. This policy is that of unfettered independence which will allow the people to exercise the inalienable right of self-determination and thus achieve Enosis without limitations, bases or any other exchanges.

Through this policy of unfettered independence the Cypriot people has won many allies because this is the only correct

policy which is understood by all peoples. By winning our unfettered independence we are in fact winning genuine Enosis, because we would then exercise the right of self-determination.

In the face, however, of the brave resistance of the people of Cyprus to succumb to NATO, the Anglo-American imperialism cunningly worked out a plan to deceive the Cypriot people by exploiting its national feelings. The product of this cunning plan was Enosis as advocated by Acheson. It failed, however. Nor could it succeed. Once more the imperialists underestimated the intelligence of the Cypriot people.

The scandal reaches its climax to-day when the Vice-President of the Greek Government, Mr. Stefanopoulos, advocates the stinking partition plan of Acheson in the Greek Parliament and even goes so far as to swear at the Cypriot people and its government for having turned it down. Let Mr. Stefanopoulos know, however, that the Cypriot people will never accept such humiliating plans, however much they may be disguised by the imperialists in order to look attractive.

The Anglo-American imperialists, having failed to impose their enslavement plans disguised with the umbrella of Enosis, prepared the Greco-Turkish talks in the dark chambers of NATO.

We were first told that the purpose of the talks was to discuss the relations between the two countries. Very soon, however, it was revealed that they concerned the Cyprus question.

The Greco-Turkish talks diverge seriously from the declared policy and have very serious dangers in stock for the Cypriot cause. They weaken the position of Cyprus internationally and are in fact preparing the ground for the dissolution of the Cypriot state. Together with these talks there

are again bargains going on the basis of various variations of the Acheson plan. And the Turks, good oriental dealers as they are, started by demanding over a thousand kilometres of Cypriot territory in order, perhaps, to climb down to 500 or 300. The Cypriot people, however, has already given its verdict on the talks. It allows absolutely no one save to itself the right to decide its future. Not even a span of Cyprus land will be given either to Turkey or Britain or America or to any other foreign power. Cyprus is nobody's property. It belongs to its people and only the people has the right to decide finally and in a sovereign way on its fortunes. Others should, therefore, keep out of it. The Greco-Turkish talks should stop at once. But even if they don't we categorically state that we don't acknowledge them; nor can we accept then disastrous results.

Even in Cyprus, however, there are certain shameless pro-NATO stooges who threaten the government and the people with martial law and assassinations if the Anglo-American imperialist plans to partition Cyprus under the guise of Enosis are not accepted.

These pitiable creatures have the unfathomable audacity to call all the Cypriot people and its government "traitors" and "answerable", because they want Enosis without partition and exchanges; because they want Enosis to come as a result of the free expression of the people's will.

So that one may be a "patriot" and a supporter of Enosis according to the measures of these pro-NATO elements one must bow respectfully before either the dollar or the sterling and must cede Cyprus territory to Turkey, Britain, U.S.A. and NATO so that what they call Enosis may be achieved.

The Cypriot people, however, united more than ever before, has given its answer to these threatening pro-NATO stooges by its massive two-hour strikes and by the recent mass rallies. This answer was that the Cypriot people will crash

every attempt, from whatever direction, to overthrow the Cyprus government and impose partitioning, imperialist fascist solutions. NATO fascism will not pass. The superb and indomitable Cypriot people will block its way. The age of fascism has gone for good. The Cypriot people has not shed so much blood and so many tears in order to accept the partition of Cyprus under to guise of Enosis.

The only correct and acceptable patriotic policy is that of unfettered independence, abolition of all foreign bases and removal of all foreign troops so that the Cypriot people may exercise the inalienable right to self-determination and thus achieve genuine Enosis.

The question of the abolition of the foreign bases is an inseparable part of the struggle for our liberation. The bases are incompatible with the whole meaning of national freedom. It is from the bases that the mutiny began. It is from the bases that the mutineers get their equipment. It is from the British bases in Cyprus that aggression against our great neighbour, the U.A.R., began in 1956, and it is from these very same bases that the aggressive activities against the other Arab countries start. The British bases and the American spy stations mean disaster for our people. They must be abolished. They must be removed from Cyprus territory.

This is the only correct patriotic policy. Any other solution does not only not lead to national liberation, but leads to a situation for worse than that created by the Zurich Agreements, to partition and enslavement.

The correct policy is that of taking recourse to the United Nations. The only sovereign force is none but the people. Only the people can solve the Cyprus problem and rid itself of all its fetters.

A basic pre-requisite for the victory of the Cypriot people is the maintenance and further strengthening of its unity on the

basis of the declared national-liberation line of policy. Our Party will spare neither efforts nor sacrifices in order to guard and extend this unity. This is the strategy of the Cyprus national liberation struggle. It is the supreme patriotic duty of the moment. It is the sure guarantee that the blood and sacrifices of the Cypriot people will not be in vain, and that victory will definitely lie with us.

Unity, constant vigilance and readiness, together with the solidarity and help of our sincere friends and allies, constitute the guarantee that the national-liberation struggle of Cyprus will emerge victorious.

The Anglo-American imperialists and their satellites of Ankara are preparing new satanic plans in order to partition Cyprus. They will exert greater pressure and worse blackmail. They will do their best to undermine the Cypriot front from within. They will make use of all criminal and sly means in order to succeed in partitioning Cyprus and enslaving it to NATO.

Yet the Cypriot people has the power to crash all these plans, and will do so. By the close unity of the people, the army and the government headed by President Makarios, on the basis of the genuine patriotic, anti-imperialist policy and with the help and support of the peoples of Greece and of the socialist and non-aligned countries headed by the mighty Soviet Union, the Cypriot people will win.

Imperialism and the NATO fascism will not pass!

Nicosia 29.6.1965.

NATIONAL UNITY AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY—MIGHTY WEAPONS IN OUR STRUGGLE

Resolution of the 5th Plenary Meeting of the C. C. of A.K.E.L.

To-day the world is on the verge of thermonuclear destruction. We are faced with the most terrible threat against world peace since the end of World War II. This threat has its origins in the barbarous aggressive activities of American imperialism against the people of Vietnam, which are growing into full scale military operations. It has its origins in the American armed intervention against the people of the Dominican Republic and against other countries which are striving for their independence, their territorial integrity and their sovereignty. It even has its origins in the policy of the American imperialists, who, in co-operation with the revanchists of Bono and the British imperialists, are trying to set up a multilateral nuclear force.

The admirable heroic struggle waged by the Vietnamese people to-day is closely connected with the struggle of the Cypriot people. It is the fight for national freedom, for peace, democracy, and social progress. The Vietnamese people is to-day bearing the main burden of the world struggle for these ideals.

It will be crashed

It is for this reason that the movement of solidarity and

help to the Vietnamese people is growing day by day. The socialist countries and in particular the Soviet Union are continuously offering to the Vietnamese people increasing help. With this help, with the support and solidarity of all progressive peoples, the Vietnamese people will crash the imperialist aggression and will gain its full independence.

World peace can be won and safeguarded with the united struggle of all the socialist and, non-aligned countries, of all peace-loving and freedom-loving peoples. This struggle can, and must force the American aggressors to withdraw from Vietnam; it can secure the creation of demilitarised zones, it can secure the abolition of foreign bases, the signing of a treaty of non-aggression between the NATO countries and those of the Warsaw Treaty, the signing of a peace-treaty with both German states, and complete and general disarmament. These measures guarantee continuous peace and security.

The people of Cyprus is grieved by recent events in Algeria. It demands that the able leader of the Algerian people, President Ben Bella, be set free forthwith, that all democratic rights of the Algerian people be restored, so that it may continue on the road which leads to progress and socialism, the road prepared by the Algerian revolution.

Fighting Unity

With incomparable heroism and self-sacrifice the Cypriot people and the National Guard have, for eighteen months, opposed successfully the Turkish threat and the partition plans of Acheson, Lemnitzer and Co.

This successful opposition by the Cypriot people and the National Guard is due to the fact that their cause is right, to the

admirable patriotic unity and to the support of sincere friends and allies.

The Cypriot people is waging a national liberation, anti-imperialist just struggle in order to put an end to every kind of foreign intervention, in order that all foreign troops be removed from Cyprus and to secure the abolition of all foreign bases, so that the people may decide its future in a sovereign way and on the basis of self-determination.

The Cypriot people has forged its unity during the struggle. This unity constitutes an article of faith for the vast majority of the people, and the best guarantee for the success of our national-liberation struggle.

International support

The Cypriot people has secured the support and help of Greece, of the socialist and non-aligned countries and in particular of the Soviet Union and the United Arab Republic.

The Soviet help and support is expressed not only with the serious warnings to all would-be aggressors and with the decisive support of our cause at the Security Council, but also with the supply of modern equipment, including anti-aircraft missiles, for the effective defence of Cyprus.

New clandestine plans of our enemies

The heroic, unyielding national-liberation struggle of the Cypriot people is to-day facing new conspiracies and clandestine plans for partition and enslavement of the island. The Anglo-American imperialists and their satellites in Ankara

have machinated new satanic plans in order to divide the people, to slander the Cypriot National-liberation struggle, to undermine the Cypriot Government and to isolate Cyprus from its natural allies, so that they will impose their own imperialist policy of partition.

They hatched the Greco-Turkish talks in the dark chambers of imperialist NATO. These talks lead our struggle seriously away from the genuine national-liberation policy, weakens the position of Cyprus internationally and is in fact preparing the way for the dissolution of the Cyprus State, in order to facilitate the selling out of Cyprus with exchanges.

Abroad efforts are being made to give the false impression that the Cypriot people is willing to accept Enosis and yield Cyprus soil to Turkey and NATO. These efforts aim at isolating Cyprus from its real friends and allies, who would naturally not want to strengthen the imperialist positions in Cyprus.

Inside Cyprus they are using the fifth column, which they have supplied with plenty of money, in order to divide the people, to undermine the Cyprus National Guard and the Cyprus Government and to lead Cyprus into civil war. Hidden behind a smokescreen of cheap demagoguery for enosis, these fifth-columnists, tools of imperialism and neo-fascism, are setting up armed groups, give orders to members of the National Guard and declare openly that their intention is to forcibly overthrow the Cyprus Government, to carry out political assassinations and to cause anomaly in general, so that they will create conditions such as would allow them to secure the partition of Cyprus under the mask of Enosis (Union with Greece).

The answer of the people of Cyprus

In its recent strikes and mass rallies the people of Cyprus gave a hushing answer to the imperialists and to their tools, the fifth columnists, thus declaring its final and irrevocable will and determination to fight to the last for the victory of the national liberation struggle.

— Not a single span of Cyprus soil to any foreign power.

— The imperialists and neo-fascists must not be allowed to touch our honoured National Guard!

— Hands off the Cyprus Government and the patriotic popular Unity!

— Cyprus as a whole belongs to its people, and only the people will finally decide in a sovereign way as to its future, through the exercise of the inalienable right of self-determination! The Cypriot people recognises neither dialogues nor monologues held outside Cyprus!

— The people, the Army and the Government, headed by President Makarios, will crash all criminal imperialist plans and will open the way to genuine Enosis, which will be achieved through the termination of all foreign intervention, the abolition of all foreign bases and spy-stations, so that the sovereign people will decide its future without any conditions and exchanges!

Drastic measures to strengthen our struggle

This was the meaning of the massive national plebiscite of the recent days. The popular demand and the supreme interests of the Cyprus national-liberation cause demand that immediate and drastic measures be taken in order to strengthen even

further the unyielding national-liberation struggle of the Cyprus people.

What must these measures be? First and foremost, the fifth-columnists, who are tools of imperialism and who are undermining the National Guard, who are organising political assassinations and the forcible overthrow of the Cyprus Government and of President Makarios, must be arrested and delivered to justice. The Cyprus National Guard, seething with genuine patriotism and self-sacrifice, is the fighting vanguard of our national-liberation struggle, and as such it must be guarded against any subversive activities which might undermine its unity, discipline and fighting spirit. So that the defence of Cyprus may be strengthened it is imperative that the Soviet defence missiles be brought to Cyprus and Cypriots be trained in the use of these weapons.

The Cyprus Government must take all necessary military and other measures, so that if the servile to NATO, imperialist stooges attempt to take power through a coup d'état they will crash on the granite rock of the united resistance of the people, the army and the government.

We must maintain and expand the popular national unity, the unity of the people, army and government, headed by President Makarios, so that we will be able to put up a decisive and unyielding resistance to the imperialist NATO plans which aim, under the mask of Enosis, at partitioning Cyprus and turning it into a base of the multi-national nuclear force of NATO. We must insist on the only correct patriotic line of unfettered independence, abolition of all bases, an end to all foreign intervention, so that the Cypriot people alone, sovereign and free from any conditions win decide its future through the exercise of the inalienable right of self-determination.

The struggle for the abolition of the British bases and the

American spy stations, the fight for the removal of all foreign troops from Cyprus is an inseparable part of the struggle for genuine freedom. The British bases and the American spy stations stab the Cypriot people in the back. They are the centres where the Turkish mutiny was organised and equipped. They are the centres of spying and the centres of attacks against our neighbouring and other friendly peoples. They are the terrible nightmare of thermonuclear destruction.

The terrorist Turkish leadership must be isolated

The decisive approach of the Turkish Cypriots and the position of the terrorist leadership of T.M.T., will contribute towards a substantial change in the political and military situation in Cyprus.

Through the recent dastardly assassination of the Turkish democrat and patriot, Dervish Gavazoglou, the terrorist leadership of the Turkish chauvinists thought that it would drown the voice of the Turkish patriots. Life, however, has shown that very soon many Turkish Cypriots have taken the place of Dervish Gavazoglou. They are already carrying out their activities in an organised way.

The Turkish Cypriot patriots and leaders Ibrahim Aziz and Nurettin Seferoglu, who have made their appearance at the head of the Patriotic Organisation of Turkish Cypriots, stress that among the Turkish Cypriot minority there exist those forces who put the interests of the Turkish Cypriots above the interests of imperialism which are being served by the terrorist clique of Denktash.

We must help whole-heartedly all those Turks who want to break through the walls of the concentration camps in which

thousands have been confined by Denktash's terrorists. We must help them join the common struggle against the common enemy—imperialism. In addition to the peace measures announced by the Government, all the houses which have suffered damages have to be repaired and a Charter for the rights of the Turkish Cypriot minority be declared so that the foreign-led propaganda of the Turkish terrorists, that the Greek Cypriots want to deprive the Turkish Cypriots of their elementary democratic rights may be effectively combated. Such measures would help the Turkish Cypriot masses, who are fed up with the oppression and degradation they suffer under Denktash's terrorists, to return to their houses, to their peaceful occupations and to co-operation with the Greeks. We must approach the Turkish Cypriot masses by every means and develop co-operation and understanding with them, against the common enemy—imperialism.

The only correct course

The correct way is that of taking recourse to the United Nations. The only sovereign power is the Cypriot people and none else. Only the people can solve the Cyprus problem, once it has rid itself of all its fetters.

Once more AKEL re-iterates that a basic pre-requisite for victory is the maintenance and further strengthening of unity on the basis of the declared genuine line of policy of the national liberation.

AKEL considers it its duty to warn that very difficult days lie ahead for the Cypriot people. The Anglo-American imperialists and their stooges, the fifth columnists, will use all criminal and sly means in order to partition the island and

enslave it to NATO.

However, the glorious Cypriot people has the strength to crash all these plans. Through its unity, through the unity of the people, the army and the government headed by President Makarios, and on the basis of a genuine patriotic, anti-imperialist policy of unfettered independence which will allow the people to exercise the inalienable right of self-determination, without conditions and exchanges, with the help and support of all its sincere friends, the Cypriot people will win.

Imperialism and the fascism of NATO will not pass!

Nicosia, 3)7)1965.

STATEMENT OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE C.C. OF AKEL ON THE GOVERNMENT CRISIS IN GREECE

The political crisis in Greece is due to the intervention of the American imperialist factor. This factor seeks to destroy democracy in Greece and to set up a puppet government of politicians or army men who would be willing to act according to the will of the Americans. The situation in Greece is closely connected with the Cyprus problem and with the insistence of the Anglo-Americans to give to our national question a solution which would accord with their own interests.

Characteristic of the situation is the fact that the crisis came to a head because of insistence of the circles of anomaly to retain Mr. Garoufalias in the Ministry of Defence. Garoufalias, whom the rightful Prime Minister, Mr. Papandreou, wanted to remove from the Ministry of Defence, is the man who ordered the ship bringing anti-aircraft missiles for the defence of Cyprus to take its load back. He is the man who even ordered the withdrawal of all the Greeks who had specialised in the use of anti-aircraft missiles.

Costopoulos, who has taken over the Ministry of Defence from Garoufalias and who has simultaneously retained the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, favours strongly the interference of NATO in the Cyprus problem, and the continuation of the Greco-Turkish talks. He is the man who used the funds for secret expenditure in order to supply with money anti-Cypriot papers. These papers instigate the acceptance of the Acheson plan which provides for the partition of the island.

Mitsotakis, Minister of the Novas Palace Government, is well known for his hatred of President Makarios and for his support for the forcible, imperialist solution of the Cyprus

problem.

Novas and Toumbas are fervent supporters of the anti-Makarios, anti-Cypriot NATO campaign in favour of a solution through partition.

One can expect anything from a Government which shamelessly betrayed the Centre Union and the rightful Prime Minister of Greece, Mr. Papandreou, from a Government which gave its consent for the violation of the Constitution.

Rightly the Cypriot people worries about the way things are going in Greece. Because the American imperialist factor,—which is the real cause for the present anomaly together with its British partner—is trying to impose its own imperialist solution on Cyprus—namely the Acheson Plan.

The Cypriot people expresses its support for the Greek people in its struggle for the victory of democracy. We believe that democracy and order will in the end triumph in Greece and that all imperialist plans to create anomaly and fascism will be crashed. The Greek people has shown by its mass-rallies that it does not intend to accept reactionary and foreign solutions. It has shown that it has both the power and the will to defend democracy in its birth-place. It has the strength to defeat the dark forces of fascism.

The Cypriot people will develop its patriotic vigilance to the maximum; it will forge even closer the unity of the people, the army and the Government headed by President Makarios, and be ready to crash every conspiratorial, imperialist plan, every attempt from any direction to destroy its unity and the only correct policy of genuine and unconditional Union without bases or any changes whatever.

Imperialism and NATO fascism will not pass. Democracy will triumph in Greece. The Cyprus problem will be solved according to the wishes of the Cypriots and not according to the wishes of the Anglo-American imperialists and their

puppets.

Out of this struggle the all-powerful people in Greece and Cyprus will emerge triumphant.

**The P.B. of the C.C.
of AKEL**

AGAINST THE AGREEMENT WITH THE BIG OIL MONOPOLIES

Speech by E. PAPAIOANNOU, General Secretary of AKEL, in the House of Representatives.

The Bill which is now under discussion is of paramount importance for Cyprus. In view of its nature it is bound to have serious political and economic effects. Because of this we must discuss it with very great care, having the interests of Cyprus and of the Cypriot people as our only guide.

It is well known that petrol is the basic fuel in our island. Up till now we have been importing it from abroad. It is obvious that the setting up of an oil refinery in Cyprus is both beneficial for our economy, and imperative. Many economic benefits will accrue from the establishment of an oil refinery in Cyprus. It will not only refine crude oil and will, therefore, employ a considerable number of workers and specialists. It will also produce by-products of oil, such as asphalt, as well as raw materials for plastics, synthetic fibres etc. An oil refinery is an industrial unit from which other industries of chemical products may develop.

We do not agree with the Bill under discussion which ratifies and confirms the agreement made between the Minister of Commerce and Industry on behalf of the Cyprus Government, and by the Shell Petroleum Ltd., Royal Dutch Company with head offices in London, the British Petroleum Ltd., a British company, and by Socony Mobil Oil Company, an American company. We will, therefore vote against it.

We will vote against this Bill for the following reasons:

1. An industry of the importance and vital significance of

an oil refinery should be either state-owned or semi-state owned, such as the Electricity Authority, CYTA* and the Water Supply. According to reliable estimates the oil refinery would, in ten years, give to the Cyprus revenue several million pounds net profit and would even payoff the capital of £3,500,000 which would be required to set it up. We cannot see why the Cyprus revenue should not profit by this or why it should not continue to profit by it in the coming years. Why should we give the lion's share of these profits to the monopolies of England, America and Holland, since our island is so badly in need of them?

In ten years, out of the .. profits of the refinery, we could construct tens of water dams such as the one at Morphou, and also solve a series of other economic and financial problems, in the interest of the Cypriot people. Why should we increase the vast profits of the foreign oil cartels? Why should we give profits to the British, American and Dutch kings of petrol, when we need these profits so much?

It has been said that we do not have the required specialists, the "know-how", as the Anglo-Americans usually say. This is a very shallow argument, because the countries which have the specialists to-day did not have them ever since the creation of the world. They just trained people who became specialists. We could do the same, even at no expense, as Syria and other countries have done. In the mean time; until Cypriots specialised, we could easily secure expert Personnel from other countries on payment. This, after all, is what the companies with whom the agreement has been made will do. This is being done in all countries and this will serve the interests of the Cypriot people.

* Cyprus Telecommunications Authority.

Or is it impossible for the Cyprus Government to find the amount of £3,500,000 which we need in order to set up the refinery in question? We cannot believe such a thing. After all, even under the agreement, the Government has reserved the right to buy up to 50% of the shares. If it is easy for the Government to find £1,750,000 we don't believe that it's impossible for it to find all the required amount of £ 3,500,000. But even if it is difficult for the Government to find this amount, we are sure that it could secure a long-term loan at 2½—3%, as other neighbouring countries have done.

Or are we, perhaps, afraid that Cypriots cannot undertake the management of such a state-owned or semi-state owned enterprise? But if so, why should we not be afraid of representatives of the foreign monopolies managing a joint company? If there is anything we should fear it is the management of such an enterprise as the oil refinery by representatives of the petrol kings. It is true that they possess the "Know how", i.e. the experts, but it is equally true that this "Know how" can be used against us, to rob us.

It is inconceivable that we should have any reservation about Cypriots managing an enterprise of the nature of the oil refinery. The Cypriot manager is both honest and hard working. He has proved his abilities in the case of the Electricity Authority, CYTA, the Water Supply, etc. The foreigners, especially the representatives of the imperialist petrol cartels, will always be foreigners and will always serve interests and pursuits alien to Cyprus.

All these reasons advocate in favour of a state-owned or semi-state owned oil refinery, even in favour of a purely Cypriot joint stock company. They can never favour an enterprise in co-operation with foreign monopolies which will, in effect, control it and obtain most of the profits.

2. We haven't asked for international tenders for such a

serious enterprise as the oil refinery is. The government could ask for such tenders from various countries, for a state or semi-state enterprise, which is the best, or for an enterprise of completely Cypriot capital in which the state would have 50% of the shares, as it did with the foreign oil cartels. Syria, for instance, secured, through tenders, an agreement with Czechoslovakia by which an oil refinery was set up in Syria as a state enterprise, with a long-term loan at 3%. The Czechoslovakian Socialist Republic undertook also to train the Syrian personnel who would undertake the management of the refinery. Similar agreements have been signed by other developing countries. We are sure that if tenders were to be asked for a state or semi-state refinery in Cyprus we would have equally good or even better results for Cyprus.

As is known, the said agreement is not the product of the best tender submitted to us. It is true that the agreement provides for the submission of tenders for the lowest cost for the construction of the refinery. But what we consider as fundamental is the conditions for the establishment of the oil refinery as a state or semi-state enterprise.

3. Ratification of the said agreement with the three foreign oil cartels will lead our grape producers to bankruptcy, for the following reasons: It is known that the Soviet Union buys about 95% of the production of raisins in Cyprus, i.e. 8000 tons every year. The Soviet Union also bought 17,500 tons of alcohol.

It is, known that alcohol is sold to the Soviet Union in exchange for oil products, as provided by the relevant agreement. According to the figures of the Minister of Commerce and Industry, in order to cover the value of the alcohol which we export to the Soviet Union, and which amounts to 6,000 tons per year, we import from the Soviet Union 130,000 tons of oil per year, to the value of £600,000.

Thus, according to official figures, . the proportion of the amount of our imports of crude oil from the Soviet Union in order to cover our exports of alcohol amounts to over 30% of the' total of our oil imports for the year 1964, and to 26% of the total imports of crude oil by the refinery.

Consequently, the 10% of the total of oil imports to Cyprus, which is allowed by the government according to the agreement for the setting up of an oil refinery, does not cover the amount of imports from the Soviet Union which is required in order to continue exporting our alcohol after 1967.

From the facts we have given it becomes clear that the conditions for the setting up of an oil refinery in Cyprus make the signing of a new agreement of the same scale with the Soviet Union impossible, because the amount of oil imports from the Soviet Union is to-day 30% of our imports, while the agreement provides for only 10%, taking no account of the destructive consequences for our grape producers and our industries of wines and spirits.

We all know that no one was interested to buy our raisins or our grape alcohol. Since we, ourselves, are going to close the Soviet market for these grape products, it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that our grape-producers and our wine-industry will be faced with financial bankruptcy.

4. The prospects about the price of oil are that it will drop. The extraction of oil throughout the world is being developed rapidly. In Siberia a vast subterranean sea of oil has been found. Shortly, when this vast amount of oil will go into the market, the price of oil will drop sharply. Given this situation and these prospects, it would be financially absolutely detrimental and myopic to tie ourselves to these three English, American and Dutch cartels. It is better to buy crude oil from those countries which would sell it to us most cheaply and with the best conditions.

5. The conditions of the said agreement are detrimental and oppressive for Cyprus for the following reasons:

First, while the state will have the right to hold 50% of the Company's stock, the management of the Company will be in the hands of the three foreign oil cartels. According to the agreement the Director of the Company will be appointed by the foreign oil cartels, and the managing board as well as the specialists will be foreigners. Thus the Company's control will be in the hands of the foreign monopolies.

Second, the way article 13 of the agreement is worded does not guarantee that the prices of the crude oil and the transport costs will be the lowest in the international market. It is well known that the published official price of F.O.B. crude oil, and the officially fixed transport costs are not the lowest in the world market. The prices and the transport costs are fixed by the international monopolies, while organisations outside these monopolies offer lower prices, the difference being between 15-30%. By articles 13 and 15 of the agreement. Therefore, the world monopolies secure the monopoly of the Cyprus oil market at prices which they themselves will fix.

It will be said that the agreement does not give any monopoly right to these companies and that the setting up of other refineries in Cyprus is not forbidden. Theoretically this is true. In practise, however, the setting up of another refinery would prove impossible since the refinery provided by the agreement will be meeting all the requirements of our market.

Third, while the Government of Cyprus will hold 50% of the shares it will have the right to import only 10% of the needs of Cyprus in oil.

Fourth, by article 25 of the agreement the government undertakes not to nationalise the refinery or to assume ownership. Such a condition is unacceptable, especially if we have in mind that almost all our neighbouring countries are

striving to nationalise such industries. It is true, however, that the agreement provides that “in case such a nationalisation, or assumption of ownership or amendment were to take place, the government undertakes the responsibility to pay fair compensation in convertible currency”. By this condition the foreign oil cartels secure full compensation which would amount to many millions of pounds. Even more this compensation would be in convertible currency.

Fifth, article 27 of the agreement gives this company the special privilege not to be liable to the laws of the Republic when these laws clash with the provisions of the agreement. Thus, while all other companies, all Cypriot citizens and the Cypriot State itself, are bound by the laws of the Republic, this company is placed above these laws. This is both unacceptable and unconstitutional.

Finally there are political considerations which we consider to be serious. The assertion of these oil cartels in our economy will also mean political assertion. One will come as the result of the other. After all, these international oil cartels are known for their scandalous interference in the political life of the countries in which they have economic interests.

Our neighbouring Arab countries are struggling to throw these international oil monopolies out of their country both for economic as well as for political reasons. Let us, therefore, be careful lest we should throw out imperialism through the door and let it in through the window.

For all these reasons we warmly request the House to turn the present agreement down, and to advise the government to set up a state or semi-state oil refinery, so that the Cyprus public may get all the huge profits that will accrue from it.

Our views are not inspired by opposition caprice. We have consistently supported, and we will continue to support the government and the President of the Republic, Archbishop

Makarios, in our national-liberation struggle, on the basis of the declared policy. We believe that it will be to the credit both of the House and of the Government if the refinery enterprise were put on the right basis so that the interests of the Cypriot people may be served better.

Nicosia, 29.7.1965.

FOR A PEACEFUL AND JUST SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM

STATEMENT by the Organisation of Turkish Patriots

One more crime has been added to the chain of crimes which have been committed in the interests of imperialism. Those who killed Dervish Ali Gavazoglou have simultaneously given a blow at the dignity of our community.

Our community will not tolerate the murderers.

Dear compatriots,

The Anglo-Americans, who have drowned in blood our dear Cyprus, “the pearl of the Mediterranean”, for no other reason but to further their own interests, have, in co-operation with their local agents, brutally struck at the hero Dervish Ali Gavazoglou, the most genuine, the most enlightened, the most resolute son of our community. This new murder aimed at impeding the growth of freedom of thought among the members of our community, in order to render impossible the participation of our community in the anti-imperialist struggle of the Cypriot people.

However, the unrepentant imperialists, who are all over the world receiving the blows of the peoples fighting for freedom, have again calculated wrongly.

A handful of Menderes’ remnants, agents of foreign

interests, have grabbed the leadership of our community with foreign help and fascist methods, forgetting, unfortunately, the words of great Ataturk who said that “ideas cannot be stamped off through the power of force, with guns and cannons”; and in their effort to drown the voice of every honest Turkish Cypriot fighter protesting against their frantic policy they have committed another hideous crime.

The murder of Dervish Gavazoglou is a great loss for our community, a heavy blow to the Organisation of Turkish Patriots. At the same time, however, it constitutes an indelible shame for the imperialists and those at their services.

We would like to make it clear to the imperialists and the local agents, who have led the two communities to mutual massacre in order to satisfy their unholy plans, that there are many more like Onder, Hikmet, Gurkan and Gavazoglou to enlighten our community. Their struggle and ideas can never, and in no way be fought to extinction:—

—because their cause is the true struggle of our community.

—because they could see that the real interests of our community are not to be found in the co-operation of our community with the colonialists, and that these interests do not coincide with the fortunes of colonialism.

—because they were against the policy of Denktash and his like, who, having turned our community into an agent of the colonial interests, are now leading it to destruction.

—because they could see that the road of our community to prosperity is not to be found in servility and in the whimsies of the Angle-American colonialists, but in the joint anti-imperialist struggle.;

—because they were against terrorism and blackmail, against the high-handed action of the petty dictators at the expense of our community, against inhumanity.

—because they supported democracy, justice, freedom of the individual and freedom of thought, because they were against despotism.

—because they were against colonialism and Pan-Turkism, genuine patriots faithfully following Ataturk's line.

—because they believed that the progress of our community economically, socially and culturally could be achieved only through a programme based on scientific foundations, and because they fought untiringly to achieve this.

—because they did not want: bloodshed between the two communities, destruction of families, children to be orphaned, mothers to become widows, young men and innocent people to die prematurely, our lovely island to be covered in blood and to be turned into ruins. They were fighting for a just solution through peaceful means, so that the two communities might continue to live in peace and friendship, enjoying mutual confidence.

Dear Turkish compatriots,

We, who have undertaken to continue the work of the champions of the rights of our community, warmly greet every democratic movement among the Turkish Cypriots and declare that we will use all our energy in support of these sacred principles.

The struggle for the victory of these principles, the struggle of the progressive intellectuals and of other dynamic personalities was a serious obstacle to the policy of the NATO imperialists who wanted to retain Cyprus as a base in, order to serve their plans. It was a serious obstacle to the pursuits of Denktash and his fascist partners whose only aim was to maintain their sultanate and multiply their profits.

In order to carry out their hideous plans and isolate our community, in order to subdue it to their aims, having first turned it into a robot, in order to divert it from the and-

imperialist struggle and present this sacred cause as a Greco-Turkish dispute, the imperialists and their local agents branded all those who opposed their policy as “communists” or “sold out to the Greeks”, “traitors of their motherland” and the like, aiming thus to create a climate of fear and confusion which would help them to exterminate their opponents;

In such a climate they began to exterminate every Turkish patriot, every progressive individual and labour leader who supported democracy, freedom of thought and freedom of the individual, everyone who daringly and ably unveiled their plans and aims. It was in this climate that they tried to cover the crimes and murders committed by them. Using demagoguery at its best and creating the non-existent threat of extermination of the Turks, taking advantage of patriotic feelings and enthusiasm and using inhuman means, they fanned anti-Greek hatred and tried to isolate Our community from the Greek one. Under the guise of federation they forced thousands of our compatriots to leave their houses and their property and move to certain areas of our Island. Hundreds of our compatriots who did not give way to Denktash’s fascists have been forced to leave their motherland and suffer the bitter fate of living in a foreign country.

That all those brothers of ours, who are to-day undergoing the present tragedy, were not removed from their homes in order to escape extermination by the Greeks, but in order to help the fulfilment of the aims of Denktash and his like, has been declared by Denktash himself and by radio Ankara.

Eighteen months have passed, but Denktash’ dirty plans have not been fulfilled. Denktash and his patrons are still stubbornly trying to distract the attention of our poor community, using the same humiliating means.

The experience of the last 18 months and life itself have proved that the contention of these incapable leaders that

Greeks and Turks cannot live peacefully together is nothing but lies and demagoguery. Contrary to what they say Greeks and Turks in tens of villages continue even to-day to live peacefully together and to maintain good relations.

The policy of Denktash and his followers, which aims at maintaining the vestiges of colonialism in our island and at fully restoring colonialism in the long run, has since a long time now gone bankrupt. As hero Kavazoglu said “Denktash and his followers have dragged our community to the brink. But they, too, have got stuck in a political bog”. These gentlemen still hope to get out of this political bog with the magic wand of the Americans and that the crisis will be solved within the NATO framework, outside Cyprus.

It looks as though these gentlemen have no intention to stop playing with the fate of our community and, of our nation, with the fate of world peace.

The solution and the future are in our hands

Our people is tired of refugee life. They want to return to their houses, to their gardens and fields and to go back to their old peaceful life. Those, however, who benefit by the continuation of the existing anomalous situation prevent the people from returning to their homes through force and the fear of death. It is high time an end was put to this crime committed at the expense of our compatriots.

The return to their hearths of all who were forced to go away under pressure from those who made use of the confused situation, created during the first days of the clashes, the return to their homes of all those who left out of fear for their lives, is a basic and necessary factor for the re-establishment of peace

in our island.

The Government has repeatedly stated that it will offer every possible help and that it will fully protect the lives of those who will return to their homes. We are pleased to see that the Government offers immediate help to those who escape from the repression of Denktash.

In spite of this we are of the opinion that more decisive measures can, and should be taken in order to facilitate the return of the refugees to their homes.

We believe that the suggestion made by D. A. Kavazoglou for the setting up of a mixed Greek-Turkish Committee to deal with the question of an honourable and safe return of our brothers and to take relevant constructive decisions: and suitable measures, is to-day timely. Simultaneously the repair of the houses that have been damaged; is an indispensable measure in order to secure the return of the refugees. When these favourable conditions are created and the refugees are called upon to return to their homes, we have no doubt that they will do so.

This would be a considerable step forward towards securing normal conditions in our island, and it would remove the mask from the faces of those who serve the foreigners, using our community as their shield.

The Government has repeatedly stated that it is ready to guarantee the rights of our community. We believe that an official statement to this effect would help dissolve certain doubts, and should be made as soon as possible.

We don't have even the slightest doubt that the cause for the hardships of our community and of the Cypriot people in general are the imperialists. Therefore, any solution that may be given through the mediation of these circles, not only will not end our hardship, but will create even new wounds.

We believe that a just solution to the Cyprus problem can

only be found through the U.N.O. As stated in the Plazza Report the only road leading to a solution is that of negotiations between representatives of the two communities with the participation of the United Nations Mediator.

Dear brothers,

The time has come for us to take our cause into our hands. If we remain inactive and if we are overcome by doubts and reluctance we will allow the continuation of the rule of Denktash, we will allow the continuation of the hardship and destruction of our community. We can no longer tolerate this situation. Comeback to your houses, to your fields and gardens, to the peaceful life that awaits you.

Let us an fight together for freedom of expression and democracy. For normality and peaceful co-existence with our Greek compatriots. For a peaceful and just solution of the Cyprus problem.

This is the only way in which we can put an end to our hardship. Workers, peasants, intellectuals, all of you who think in a democratic way, ahead of us lies the historic and patriotic task to gave our community from the enslavement and destruction to which it has been led. by the reactionary profiteers. It is our holy, obligation to enlighten our people.

Let us, all, together put an end to this disastrous situation.

I. H. AZIZ,
Agriculturist.
N. M. SEFEROGLU,
Trade Unionist.

Nicosia, 2)7)1965.

MASS RALLIES AGAINST NATO CONSPIRATORS

From June 29th to August 1st mass rallies and marches were organised in all towns of Cyprus and in big rural centres against the Pro-NATO conspirators, who are preparing to overthrow the Government of President Makarios and to impose a NATO solution on the Cyprus problem, on the basis of, the Acheson plan. Tens of thousands of people participated in these mass-rallies in Nicosia, the organising body was the Co-ordinating Committee of the Co-operating Associations and Organisations. Organisations of all political shades belong to this Committee. The Mass-rallies were addressed by representatives of workers, professional, religious and other organisations, by Mayors, members of the House of Representatives and other leading social personalities.

Below we publish the Co-ordinating Committee's declaration to the people, as well as the resolution which the mass-rally addressed to President Makarios. Similar resolutions were also passed by the mass-rallies held in other towns.

DECLARATION OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Patriotic men and women, of Nicosia and suburbs!

For eighteen whole months now the patriotic people of Cyprus, headed by the Government and President Makarios, and with the heroic National Guard in the van, has been decisively fighting for our sacred national cause. The unity of

the People, the Army and the Government has been the main weapon for the frustration of the devilish aims of the Turkish mutiny and of the sly imperialist pursuits at the expense of the sovereignty and national future of Cyprus.

Through its unity the people has been able to face successfully all foreign pressures and blackmail, all sly conspiratorial plans and the barbarous aggression.

Through our unity we have managed to achieve international recognition of our government as the only lawful government. We have managed to extricate our cause from the framework of tripartite talks and of NATO.

United we have dealt a fatal blow against the Zurich Agreements and we have denounced the Treaty of Guarantee. United at the U.N.O. we castigated the aggressors and those who undermine our cause and we secured the support of the progressive countries, and the active help of powerful friends.

With the unreserved support of the people and the army, the Government managed to take our problem before the UNO and to open up the way for a solution based on the principles of the UNO Charter, for a solution which will be acceptable to the sovereign will of the Cypriot people as a whole.

The secret of our success has been the absolute unity of people-army-government, the absence of the nation—destroying divisions, the unity of all national forces in a united fighting front. The enemies of our cause realised this right from the beginning. It was realised by the hardened imperialists who work through conspiracy, corruption, murders and buying off of consciences, whenever force and the power of guns fail.

The enemies of the Cypriot cause, headed by the imperialist powers of NATO, have, for a long time, been trying to break the unity of the Cypriot fighting forces by creating a rift in our ranks between the people, the Government and the army. This would be a fatal blow at our cause and would

deliver us helpless to the imperialist machinations.

The Cypriots shut their ears and scorned those, who were working out this destructive disunity. Yet those hated criminals have not only not reasoned but have even proceeded to the formation of conspiratorial and subversive activities within the ranks of the National Guard.

The recent revelation about organised subversive activities in the army, which P.S.A.* accepted as its own, and the open call of “Ethniki” for the overthrow of the Government, carrying out of political assassinations and the establishment of “Martial Law”, are examples of the anti - national and fascist character of this organised conspiracy which is threatening Cyprus with total destruction.

Dear compatriots,

The Co-ordinating Committee of the Working People’s Clubs and Organisations, expressing the common wish and demand of the people, is organising a popular mass rally in Solomos Square in Nicosia on Monday at 11 a.m. This mass rally will denounce strongly the destructive fascist conspiracy which has been worked out by pro-NATO elements and which is aimed against the unity of the people and the National Guard, against the existence of normal conditions in Cyprus and against our national struggle. The Mass rally of the people of Nicosia and suburbs will declare its belief and insistence upon:

- our consistent national-liberation struggle.
- the correct line of Unfettered Independence, Self-determination—Union with Greece.
- the unshakable unity of all patriotic forces, the unity of

* An extreme right-wing organisation.

People-Army-Government. It will re-iterate its confidence in the Government and President Makarios, who are leading the fighting forces of the Cypriot people. It will demand the exemplary punishment of the fascist conspirators who are busy working out in the dark the destruction of the people and of our national cause, through conspiracies, assassinations and through disruptive activities in the Army.

—Long live the unity of People-Army-Government.

—Long live the Policy of: Unfettered Independence—Self-determination—Union with Greece.

—Down with the fascist conspirators who undermine the National Guard, the Unity of the people and the National Struggle.

RESOLUTION ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT

“1. It denounces the conspiratorial activities of the foreign-led agents, as antinational and unquestionably treacherous. These traitors are organising, in the National Guard and among the people in general, subversive activities aimed against the elected and popular Ethnarch, President Makarios, and against his government. In so doing they are undermining the national struggle of the Cypriot people.

2. It denounces the conspiracy organised by fifth-columnists against the unity of the people, the discipline and loyalty of the National Guard and the national-liberation struggle of the Cypriot people.

3. It re-affirms the unreserved support of the overwhelming majority of the people for the policy followed by His Beatitude, President Makarios, and the Government, on the national question.

4. It re-iterates. that. the complete unity of the people is a fundamental pre-requisite for the successful completion of our national struggle for unfettered independence—self determination—Union. It brands as enemies of the fighting Cypriot people and as traitors of the national cause all those who are weaving conspiracies or are in any way acting against national unity.

5. It calls on the government and the House of Representatives to take all necessary measures in order to protect the complete unity of the people and to safeguard the indispensable discipline and order in the National Guard. It also calls on the government and the House of Representatives to use all legal means in. order to stop any subversive and conspiratorial activity aimed against the Cypriot people and its national cause”.

WEST GERMAN PROVOCATIONS IN CYPRUS

The Cypriot people gives the right answer.

The West-German ambassador to Cyprus, completely disregarding the independence and non-alignment of the Cyprus Republic, and despising the friendly feelings of the Cypriot people towards the German Democratic Republic decided again this year to organise a meeting in Nicosia to celebrate the anniversary of the 1963 fascist coup in East Berlin.

Our people strongly denounced this attempt of the West German Ambassador. Below we publish a report carried by "Haravghi", dated 18th June, in connection with the popular protest meetings against the neo-fascist provocations. We also publish a question on the same subject which was put before the House of Representatives by Mr. K Papaioannou, Member of the House of Representatives and C.C. of AKEL.

"Our people, demands that an end be put to the neo-fascist provocations.

Strong denunciation of the anti-democratic attitude of West Germany.

Gratitude towards the G. D. Republic.

"Yesterday, tens of workers, men and women, organised an imposing protest picket march in Nicosia. The pickets declared once more the endless gratitude of the Cypriot people towards the German Democratic Republic, and castigated the

provocations of the nee-fascists in Nicosia and the anti-Cypriot attitude of Bonn in general.

“Some of the slogans carried by the pickets were: “The German Democratic Republic supports our National Cause”, “The Bonn Government is an enemy of our cause”, “West-German Warmongers, get out of Cyprus”, “the neo-fascist provocations in Cyprus, must end”, “West Germany and NATO support partition”, “The imperialists of NATO are deadly enemies of Cyprus”, “The West German militarists slander President Makarios”, “The West German militarists and revanchists aim at grabbing the German Democratic Republic and at securing lands beyond the Oder and the Neisse”.

“The pickets walked through the main streets of the capital where they were warmly applauded by the people”.

Question in the House of Representatives on the West-German intervention in our internal affairs.

The following question, in connection with the outright violation by the West German Embassy of diplomatic norms and the violation of the sovereign rights of the Republic of Cyprus, was placed before the House of Representatives at its yesterday's meeting by Mr. Ezekias Papaioannou, Member of the House and G. C. of AKEL.

“Every year the West German Embassy in Cyprus organises a meeting in Nicosia, during which the Soviet Union and the People's Democratic Republic of Germany are insulted.

“Given that these activities constitute an outright violation of diplomatic norms and of the sovereign rights of the Republic

of Cyprus, and having regard to the friendly relations Cyprus maintains with these countries as well as to the support they are offering to our national-liberation struggle, in contrast to West Germany which works against it:

“What measures does the competent Ministry intend to take in order to put an end to these provocative activities which are harmful to the Republic?”

(“Haravghi”, Newspaper, 18.6.1965).

ONLY COMBINED EFFORTS OF ANTI- IMPERIALIST FORCES GUARANTEE PEACE AND FREEDOM

Statement of the Pancyprrian Peace Conference

The Pancyprrian Peace Conference, held in Nicosia on June 27, having heard the Report of the Pancyprrian Peace Council, and speeches by the participants in the Conference, votes:—

1. Our motherland and the entire world is going through the most critical moments of its history since the end of World War II twenty years ago. The aggressive powers of imperialism are dragging the world to the brink of war in order to serve their selfish economic and military pursuits. The U.N. Charter is being trampled upon, the independence of sovereign states is being violated, unacceptable methods of blackmail, subversion and armed aggression are being used in order that the will of the imperialist forces be imposed.

2. The people of Cyprus, who, during the last 18 months has tasted the bitter fruits of the imperialist conspiracy, the foreign-led Turkish mutiny, various interventions, pressures and blackmail and finally the air attack and bombing, fully realises the gravity of the situation and the dangers of destruction created by the intervention of the imperialist powers in the internal affairs of other countries.

3. The times are critical for both our people and the whole of humanity. We cannot in any way underestimate the dangers and remain inactive. The danger is common and only the combined efforts of all peace-loving and freedom-loving forces can save the peoples' right to freedom, peace and civilisation,

their hopes for a better future.

4. The experience gained from the long liberation struggle has taught our people the value of unity of all patriotic forces in effectively facing the powerful and sly enemy. The Pancyprian Peace Conference considers the patriotic unity of the people as the most important factor for the success of our national struggle, and as an indispensable pre-requisite for the victory of our people. For this reason we call on everyone to stand united by our Government, which is headed by President Makarios, and to strengthen it in every way possible so that it may carry out successfully the heavy duty it has undertaken.

5. The Peace movement highly respects and trusts the UNO and the principles of its Charter. Consequently we consider it a great success that the Cyprus question has been drawn out of the framework of tripartite talks, and of NATO, and that it has been promoted through the Security Council and the General Assembly of the UNO. Solution through the UNO means solution on the basis of the will of the sovereign people of Cyprus as a whole, it means a just solution without exchanges or unacceptable conditions.

We duly respect our Government's efforts to promote our question through the UNO, and we will strengthen its National policy by all means, because it is based on the only correct line of policy of Unfettered Independence, Self-determination, Union with Greece.

6. During the critical moments of its struggle the people of Cyprus has realised the vast importance of international solidarity of all forces struggling against the common enemy for national freedom, peace and co-operation among all peoples. The Peace movement has been for years advancing the fighting ties of our people with the freedom and peace-loving forces of all the world and it will, continue to contribute towards the development of the solidarity between our people

and the other peoples fighting for their freedom. The numerous meetings in all Districts of Cyprus in, support of the fighting people of Vietnam, the strong denunciation of the imperialist aggression in the Congo, Vietnam, the Dominican Republic, and elsewhere, prove the high spirit of solidarity of our people, its sense of duty and supreme humanism.

7. In order that the peoples of the world may win their freedom, in order that the danger of nuclear war may disappear and world tension be eased, the realisation of certain basic pursuits is of paramount importance. These pursuits are being promoted by the freedom and peace-loving forces of the world through the UNO. The Peace movement throughout the world has been fighting for these pursuits. The main ones are:

- Recognition and application of the right of self-determination for all the peoples of the world.
- Respect of the equality and sovereign rights of all states. No intervention in the internal affairs of other states.
- Abolition of the anachronistic, racial discrimination.
- Banning and thorough destruction of nuclear arms. Banning of chemical and bacteriological weapons.
- Abolition of all bases on foreign territories.
- General and complete disarmament. The wealth, which is to-day wasted on armaments, should be used for the welfare and progress of all humanity.
- Application of the principle of the UNO Charter in the relations among States, peaceful co-existence and co-operation among states of different social systems; stable and lasting peace must be secured.

The Peace Movement expresses its appreciation towards the Cyprus Government, because it supported these fundamental principles through its Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Kyprianou, at the UNO General Assembly on 25.1.1965. The Peace Movement believes that in the future Cyprus will

again appear in the international field as a warm supporter of the high ideals of the peace-loving and progressive humanity.

8. The Pancyprian Peace Conference expresses its deep gratitude to all States, peoples and organisations which have shown solidarity with the Cypriot people and who have, in whatever way, strengthened its fight against the dark powers of force and slavery. In particular it thanks the World Peace Council for its solidarity and active support to our struggle.

The Cypriot people is showing its respect for this support by its consistent support to all other fighting peoples, by its unyielding struggle against the aggressive powers and by its irrevocable decision not to allow the soil of Cyprus to be used as a base against our neighbouring friendly countries.

9. The Peace Conference considers the question of the “British Sovereign Bases” as one of the most important problems for the liberation of Cyprus, for the maintenance of peace in the area and for the growth of relations of friendship and-co-operation with the neighbouring peoples. The Bases have been used to organise, arm and maintain the mutiny. It was from the bases that the British troops set off to impose on us the “green line”.

The bases, with the nuclear weapons, constitute a fatal danger to our life and to the life of other peoples; they are a danger to the development of normal conditions and peace in the M. East. It was from these bases that the aeroplanes took off to attack Suez and Port Said. The grand Peace March from Curium to Limassol with the participation of tens of thousands of people, which was dominated by slogans demanding the abolition of the bases, showed how much the Cypriot people hates these foreign bases. The Cypriot people knows how incompatible these bases are with its freedom and independence and considers their abolition as a prerequisite for any acceptable solution to the Cyprus problem.

10. The Peace Conference greets the fighting people, the honoured National Guard, and expresses its respect for their self-sacrifice and devotion.

We greet those peoples, who, like the Cypriot people, are facing bravely and decisively the foreign aggression. We denounce the aggressive powers which are threatening the independence of the peoples and world peace.

We call upon the Cypriot people and upon all peoples to rally together and fight for the high ideals of freedom, peace, co-operation and progress.

—Long live National Freedom!

—Long live Peace throughout the world!

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