

# Basic moments of the struggle and the positions of the KKE

from the 18th to the 19th International Meeting of  
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**We continue on the path opened by the  
October Socialist Revolution, for the  
victory, for socialism-communism**

**T**he three-day events of the 43rd festival of KNE were held in Athens (21-23/9/2017) with the participation of tens of thousands of people and youth sending a message of optimism and militancy, of rallying with the KKE.

Political discussions, concerts, theatrical performances, a children's playground and an enormous bookshop, as well as exhibitions like that on the historical course of the October Revolution etc. were attended in a mass way by workers and young people, who enjoyed themselves and at the same time learned about the positions of the KKE and KNE. 30 communist and anti-imperialist youth organizations participated this year in the "International Section".

The political rally at the central stage of the Festival that was held on Saturday 23/9 was sensational. The main speech was delivered by Dimitris Koutsoumpas, GS of the CC of the KKE, who sent a militant message to the people to rise up, not to compromise with exploitation, to join forces with the KKE, for the regroupment of the labour movement and the formation of the Social Alliance, in the struggle for the abolition of the exploitation of man by man, for workers' power, for socialism.

"The future is here! We honor the great October Socialist Revolution, the monumental event of the 20th century which paved the way 100 years ago. Now the working class and the peoples of the world can get prepared in order to make the 21st century the century of the final victory of the 'new' against the 'old', in order to make history and conquer the future of socialism and communism", stated the GS of the CC of the KKE Dimitris Koutsoumpas, and noted that the future lies in the revolutionary, unique political position of the KKE, which is equipped with its 100-year history, its contemporary and revolutionary program and the resolutions of its 20th Congress.

Dimitris Koutsoumpas stated that with the October Socialist Revolution "we passed definitively to the era of the overthrow of capitalism, to the era of socialist revolutions. This happens independently of the setbacks, the new difficulties in the correlation of class forces", asking the young people to search, to ask, to learn and discover all that is hidden about USSR, "to see beyond all the slander and falsification about Socialism that was built in the 20th century". He then referred to the achievements of the socialist construction, to the causes of the capitalist overthrow and to the necessity of the struggle for socialism.

Talking about the political developments in Greece, the GS of the CC of the KKE noted that "SYRIZA has completed its mutation into a bourgeois party and has already completed two and a half years of



bourgeois management" and added that the prime minister A.Tsipras "reveals his real face as a servant of monopoly groups, of capitalist development", stating that "Capitalist development, despite what SYRIZA says when talking to the people, cannot be fair. Because fair development in an unfair system cannot exist."

"Examples are countless and more the recent is the shipwreck in Salamis. On the one side, they celebrate that Piraeus becomes an "entry gate", an international hub "and on the other, ships that are floating coffins destroy health and the environment, they deprive the people of Athens even of swimming in the Saronic Gulf. That's is their development." he said. Dimitris Koutsoumpas then referred to the "deeply class-based and unjust" anti-worker - anti-people measures, which the government coalition of SYRIZA-ANEL have passed, adding that "The promises of New Democracy, which, of course, claims that, unlike SYRIZA, it knows and wants, and can better do the dirty work on behalf of the capital, function inside the same unjust class framework."

Addressing to the young people of the working class and the popular strata he said: "There is a solution! With the KKE on the way of the overthrow ", analyzing then the importance and the power of the organised struggle.

The GS of the CC of the KKE addressed a special greeting to the international delegations which participated in the 43rd Festival of KNE-Odigitis and referred to the coordination of actions with all the people that fight, against "the same aim, capitalism, imperialism, which crushes our rights all over the world."

Dimitris Koutsoumpas addressed to all those who are making proper use of their experience, to all those who feel frustrated, cheated by SYRIZA to show no confidence to New Democracy, PASOK and all the other parties adding that the solution for the peoples is "is far and away from the bourgeois management", along with the KKE " In order to overthrow and definitely abolish barbarity."

Dimitris Koutsoumpas called for the isolation of "the Nazi criminal organization of the Golden Dawn killers, these henchmen of the bosses."

He also stated that the truly promising alliance policy, is the social alliance of all the oppressed, refering then to the necessity of strengthening,



along with the KKE the workers'-popular readiness and struggle against imperialist war plans, against the involvement of any country in these plans and the scenarios of border change, pointing out that "these plans serve the so-called "geostrategic upgrading" of SYRIZA, New Democracy and other bourgeois parties, which in essence is the upgrading of the Greek bourgeoisie in the region". He said that the military base of Souda should close and no nuclear warheads should be transferred to Araxos base, adding that " the struggle against the imperialist war is inseparably linked to the struggle for workers' power, which is the only that can guarantee disengagement from the EU and NATO's predatory alliances."

Dimitris Koutsoumpas reminded that the KKE "never abandoned revolutionary struggle. It did not abandon socialism in the 20th century. it did not conceal that against the harsh dictatorship of the capital, there is only the "dictatorship of the proletariat", that is, the power of the working class that, together with its precious social allies constitute the vast popular majority, which is the only force capable of opening the way of the real freedom, peace, and satisfaction of great modern people's needs".

The GS of the CC of the KKE reminded and closed his speech saying that " The KKE, at the crucial moment, the day the Kremlin's red flag came down in 1991, had the strength to summon the communists through "Rizospastis", saying: "Comrades, keep the flag high! Hope is now in the struggle of the peoples "! We are proud of this."







## The work of the 20th Congress of the KKE was successfully completed

**T**he 20th Congress of the CC of the KKE was held at the headquarters of the party's CC from the 30th of March to the 2nd of April.

"We strengthen the KKE, for a powerful labour movement and social alliance. For power-socialism." This slogan of the 20th Congress of the KKE was prevalent everywhere. It adorned the enormous banner draped across the front of the headquarters of the CC of the party. It was apparent inside the meeting hall in the speeches of the delegates.

Everywhere there was enthusiasm and excitement, even before the work of the Congress began on Thursday. This was clear in the faces of the comrades, delegates and hundreds of others who had been invited to the opening of the Congress, who visited the special exhibition on the 100-year history of the KKE, with additional material from the KKE's archives.

As well as in the eyes of all those who received the special publication of the CC of the KKE on the lives and death of the 28 members of the CC of the KKE, who were executed or killed, consistently at the forefront of the struggles of the working class and people.



The General Secretary of the CC, Dimitris Koutsoumpas, presenting the Report on behalf of the outgoing CC noted "We assess our activity, we draw conclusions, we set tasks." And the discussion developed over the following days with precisely this goal. The strengthening of the party so that it is always the party for social overthrow, so that it can implement its historic, vanguard role, utilizing and deepening the contradictions of the capitalist system through class struggle.

Along with the elected delegates, observers comprised of veterans of the EAM resistance and DSE together with invited cadres of KNE followed the beginning of the Congress and the presentation of the Report. Dozens of guests were present at the opening of the Congress, representatives of the country's social, political and cultural life, representatives of the arts and science, sports, local government, representatives from trade unions, from the women's movement. Together with us at this important moment for the party, were militants that have worked for many years with the KKE, inside the ranks of the labour movement, the farmers' movement, the self-employed movement, in the struggles of the women and youth.

The messages of greetings from 102 Communist and Workers' Parties that reached the HQ of the CC of the KKE confirm the international resonance of the Congress.

Every corner of the building had been suitably arranged through the many days' of voluntary work and effort in order to host this important event. The contribution of all the material used to provide the meals during the days of the Congress and the voluntary work of dozens of comrades in every sector were just as valuable for the success of the Congress.

The permanent exhibition, with recent additions, on the history of the DSE and the course of the revolutionary movement in our country, which is located in the reception area of the offices of the CC of the Party attracted a great deal of interest during the opening day. These exhibits were recently added to by





the dozens of unique publications and materials from the KKE's archive related to the 100th anniversary of the Great October Revolution.

Shortly before the presentation of the Report, there was a highly emotional moment when musicians from various parts of the packed meeting hall began to play a very well-known melody, which became clearer when dozens of young people from amongst the delegates' section began to sing "The Guide", which had been written by the communist poet Kostas Varnalis.

There followed a short film with images from the 100-year history of the party.

The Presidium addressed a special salute, in a very emotional atmosphere, on behalf of the party to the dozens of veteran comrades and militants in the meeting hall. There was a specific reference to the 65th anniversary of the execution of Nikos Belogiannis, member of the CC of the KKE, and his three comrades, Dimitris Batsis, Nikos Kaloumenos and Ilias Argyriadis, which took place on the 30th of March 1952.

The reference to the cadres of the party, members of the CC and PB for many years, who had passed away in the four years since the 19th Congress. There was a minute's silence, followed by prolonged applause, inside and outside the hall, before the presentation of the CC's Report to Congress.

In the Report present by the GS of the CC of the KKE, Dimitris Koutsoumpas, there was reference to certain characteristic information regarding the inner-party discussions that preceded the Congress: "The entire pre-congress process, the votes in favour of the Theses of the CC and the substantial and creative discussion constitute an important step, a legacy for the future. At the same time, these express the significant work that took place over all the previous years with the Programme and the other elaborations and positions of the

party". 99.3% of the party members in the Party Base organizations voted in favour of the Theses of the CC for the Congress. 99.9% of the delegates in Conferences of the Sectoral, Area and Regional organizations voted in favour of the Theses.

In addition, all the leading organs of KNE and Base Organizations took a position on the Theses. The Theses were unanimously approved in the Central Council, Regional and Sectoral Councils of KNE. 99.7% of the members in the Base Organizations of KNE voted in favour.

It should be noted that in the pre-congress discussion, which lasted 3 months, 262 opinion-articles of members and friends of the Party and KNE were published in the daily newspaper-organ of the CC of the KKE, "Rizospastis" and in its theoretical journal ("Kommounisiki Epitheorisi"). 80,000 people acquired a copy of the Theses of the CC. 850 open meetings were held all over the country to discuss the Theses of the CC, with the participation of 23,000 friends of the KKE and KNE.

70 delegates spoke during the work of the Congress. The substantial agreement with the Theses and Report of the CC was expressed in the discussion. The determination and militancy in the effort to strengthen the KKE in every aspect, ideological-political-organizational. Significant experience from the activity of the party during the previous years was discussed- a period, during which the strategy of the KKE successfully confronted difficult and complex international and domestic conditions.

There was a great deal of reflection about how the KKE will become more capable in its task to regroup the labour movement, for the construction of the social alliance, in an anticapitalist-antimonopoly direction, about how it will become more capable in the struggle against imperialist war, in its contribution to the International Communist Movement, as regards party building, particularly in the work places, as regards the support it provides to KNE.

The Report and Closing Remarks of the CC of the KKE were unanimously approved. The Report of the Central Audit Committee was unanimously approved.

The 20th Congress also unanimously adopted the Political Resolution of the Congress. In the next period, the Political Resolution will be translated into many languages and uploaded onto the foreign language web pages of the Party.

The work of the 20th Congress of the KKE was completed with the election of the new Central Committee and the Central Audit Committee. The Central Committee in its first meeting elected comrade Dimitris Koutsoumpas as the General Secretary of the CC of the KKE.





# Internationalist event of the CC of the KKE for the 100th anniversary of the Great October Revolution



The internationalist event of the CC of the KKE for the 100th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution was held on 15/10/2017 in the Congress Hall of the KKE.

The event began with a video with a gramophone recorded speech of V.I. Lenin, which referred to the foundation of the Communist International. The GS of the CC of the KKE, Dimitris Koutsoumpas, spoke at the event, while representatives of the parties that participate in the preparation of the 8th issue of the "International Communist Review: Space for Discussion" addressed messages of greetings.



# Great classical music concert devoted to the struggle for the liberation of the working class



On October 18, 2017, within the framework of various events organized by the KKE to mark the 100th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution, a concert was held with the Symphonic Orchestra of the Greek Broadcasting Corporation (ERT) at the Megaron Music Hall with works by the Soviet composers Dmitri Shostakovich, Sergei Prokofiev, and Aram Khachaturian.

The ERT Orchestra was directed by internationally renowned orchestra conductor Alexander Myrat.

Lukas Anastasopoulos, member of the Culture Department of the CC of the KKE and the Office of the CC of KNE, noted in his brief greeting before the concert that "the works of the three great Soviet composers we will hear tonight were created in a society which had abolished exploitation of man by man. In a society where the focus of development

was on meeting the needs of the working people and the youth, the all-sided development of man. The October Revolution inaugurated a new era in the history of humanity. It was a window open to the sunshine of a future radically different from that of wars, crises, poverty and misery for the millions of workers that was engendered by capitalism. Red October revealed the huge productive potential of socialist society. In a very short period of time, the young Soviet Union succeeded in coping with the delays and pre-capitalist remnants of the nations that comprised it, covering the great distance that separated it from the powerful capitalist countries and in many areas overcoming them. One of these areas was Art, and Culture in general (...) The most valuable gift of the October Revolution in the field of Culture, not only for the people of the Soviet Union but also for the oppressed of the whole world, is that it opened the road to a new Art, Art for the working people and a new society, where the owners of wealth will be those who created it and not their few exploiters ...»

The concert was attended by a large delegation of the CC of KKE, headed by its General Secretary, Dimitris Koutsoumpas, as well as the President of the Hellenic Republic, Prokopis Pavlopoulos; the Speaker of the House, Nikos Voutsis; the Ambassador of Vietnam, Tran Thi Ha Phuong, and delegations from the Russian the Venezuelan and Chinese embassies along with many representatives from the artistic and intellectual community of the country.



## The KKE inaugurates an Exhibition of Stamps and Rare Documents in honour of the Great October Revolution



The inauguration of an original and exceptional exhibition entitled "100 Years since the October Revolution. A trip through History, with our eyes on the future. Exhibition of Stamps and Documents" took place on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 17, at the Municipal Art Gallery of Piraeus and will be open until October 28th. This is yet another KKE initiative within the framework of activities it is organizing to commemorate the Great October Revolution.

The exhibition features stamps depicting the anniversary of the establishment of the USSR, the Red Army, the revolution of 1905, the birth of great revolutionaries and theorists, the huge achievements of the USSR, economic, industrial and agricultural production, the success of Central Planning, health, education, sport and the exploration of space. Other stamps are dedicated to the action of the pioneers, to children, to the unique role of women, the great poets, the writers, the leading scientists of humanity. The exhibition features a display of rare books,

Soviet literary magazines as well as Red Army uniforms and decorations.

The event was attended by a large delegation of the CC of the KKE, headed by the General Secretary of KKE, Dimitris Koutsoumpas. While being guided around the exhibition he remarked: "This trip into history, on the occasion of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the October Revolution, arms us with a new force to deal with the bleak present of capitalist barbarism and, above all, to look with historical optimism towards the socialist future of mankind. Many people, especially the youth, must come and see this exhibition of stamps, documents and posters. We are issuing an open invitation to all, on the occasion of this inauguration, to fill the streets of Piraeus with people lining up to see this exhibition."



## Meeting of the Editorial Board of the "International Communist Review"



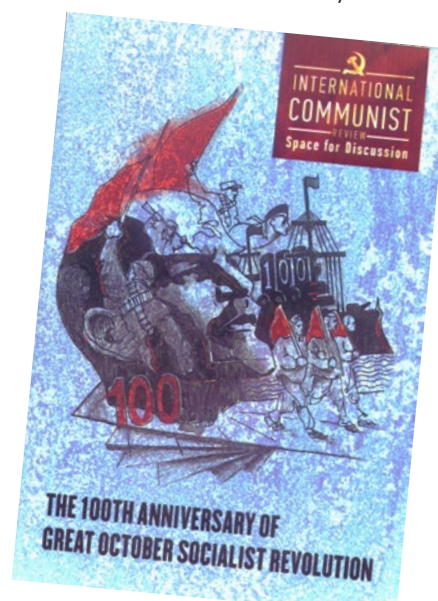
The meeting of the Editorial Board of the journal "International Communist Review: Space for Discussion" was held in Athens, at the headquarters of the CC of the KKE, on 14 and 15 October 2017.

The representatives of the parties that are founding members of the ICR took part (Communist Party of Greece, Hungarian Workers Party, Socialist Party of Latvia, Communist Party of Mexico, Russian Communist Workers Party, Communist Party of the Peoples of Spain, Communist Party of Turkey), as well as representatives of parties that

contributed to the writing of the 8th issue of the ICR (Workers Party of Ireland, Communist Party (Italy), Socialist Movement of Kazakhstan, New Communist Party of Yugoslavia, South African Communist Party).

The articles for the 8th issue of the ICR were discussed at the meeting, which engage with the movement for the emancipation of women and which will be published in 2018.

On 15/10 the representatives of the parties attended and delivered messages of greetings at the event for the 100th anniversary of the Great October Revolution, which was organized by the KKE.







## **International Theoretical Conference of Communist and Workers parties: "100 years after the Great October Socialist Revolution, the lessons and tasks for the contemporary communists"**

An International Conference was held in Leningrad between 11 and 13 August hosted by the Communist Workers' Party of Russia (CWPR) under the theme: "100 years after the Great October Socialist Revolution. Lessons and tasks for the contemporary communists."

The Communist Party of Greece (KKE) was represented in the Conference by comrades Giorgos Marinos, member of the PB of the CC and Eliseos Vagenas, member of the CC and Responsible for the International Relations Section of the CC of KKE.

**The Declaration "October-100" which was adopted, was also supported by the Communist Party of Greece.**





## Event for the 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Great Antifascist Victory of the Peoples in Berlin

**A**n important internationalist event was organized by the European Communist Initiative in Berlin on Sunday 7/5, with as its theme:

«May 9, 72 years after the Great Antifascist Victory of the Peoples: we are inspired and continue the struggle against the distortion of history by the EU-capital. For the overthrow of the rotten capitalist system that creates crises, wars, fascism.»

The event was supported by the Party Organization of the KKE in Germany and Party Organization of the CP of Turkey in Germany.

The programme of the event included interventions from the representatives of the CPs that participate in the “Initiative” and a concert with songs of the Red Army and other revolutionary songs.

A delegation of the CC headed by Giorgos Marinos, member of the PB of the CC of the KKE, attended the event.

The following 15 Parties participated in the event: Pole of Communist Revival in France, Communist Revolutionary Party of France, Communist Party of Greece, Workers’ Party of Ireland, Communist Party, Italy, Communist Party of the Peoples of Spain, Socialist Workers Party of Croatia, Belarusian Communist Party of Workers-Section of the CPSU, Communist Party of Norway, Hungarian Workers’ Party, Communist Party of Poland, Russian Communist Workers’ Party, Communist Party of Sweden, Communist Party of Turkey.

A representative of the German CP also attended the event.

The representatives of the parties of the European Communist Initiative visited and laid wreaths and flowers at the Soviet War Memorial in Treptower Park, where thousands of soldiers of the Red Army who gave their lives in the tough battle to capture Berlin in April and May of 1945 are buried there. The imposing statue of the Soviet Soldier is at the centre of the memorial





# The two years of the SYRIZA government confirm that there can be no pro-people management of capitalism

**At** a major political-cultural event yesterday (25/1/2017) in Thessalonica for the 99th anniversary of the Party, the GS of the CC of the KKE, D.Koutsoumpas, spoke and stressed amongst other things:

The review SYRIZA is carrying out concerning its two years in government is a review about the management of poverty and unemployment. A management of the crisis of the system, with the goal of facilitating the recovery of capitalist profitability. It confirms that the growth of the profitability of the few is not compatible with the people's prosperity.

If one thing has been repeatedly confirmed, it is that any government which operates within the framework of the power of capital, the EU and NATO is a priori an anti-people government, whatever name it bears, and whatever its intentions may be. There can be no pro-people management of capitalism.

Today, all those who feel leftwing, who voted for SYRIZA in the previous elections can find their real place in the ranks of the labour-people's movement, which will have as its goal and direction the struggle against the monopolies, capitalism, against imperialist war, in alliance and cooperation with the KKE. So that we can all together strengthen the people's resistance and struggle, the social alliance against the monopolies and capitalism, in the struggle for socialism.





## PAME's demonstrations all over the country



The demonstrations organized on 7/4 in Athens and 61 other cities by sectoral federations, labour centres and trade unions, which are also preparing for a general strike, provided an immediate militant response to the anti-people agreement that was finalized at the Eurogroup meeting between the government and the Quartet.

At the same time, the demonstrations also denounced the new imperialist offensive of the USA in Syria and Greece's involvement in the dangerous NATO plans.

## Mass combative strike response of the workers to the anti-people political line of the government-EU-IMF

A 24hr general strike was held in Greece on 17 May 2017, as well as the strike rallies and demonstrations of the All-worker's Militant Front (PAME) in dozens of cities, against the measures which the coalition government of the "Left" party of SYRIZA and the nationalist party of ANEL brought for discussion on that day in Parliament. Protest demonstrations will be organized by PAME all over the country on 18th of May, the day the measures will be voted on.

Thousands of workers through their mass participation in the strike on the 17th of May all over the country declared: "We will not become the slaves of the 21st century."

In Athens the strike rally of PAME ended with a large march to Parliament.

It is worth noting that the measures the SYRIZA-ANEL government brought after the negotiations with the imperialist unions of the EU and IMF for the 2nd evaluation of the 3rd Memorandum. It is clear from the results that the government negotiated with the lenders on behalf of the interests of the domestic monopoly groups and not the people, with the aim of accelerating the process of an exit from the capitalist crisis that favours capital.

The new raft of anti-people measures further escalates the assault, thrusts new burdens onto the already struggling popular households, at the same time when better conditions are being formed for the activity of the business groups (such as the new measures to liberalize the market and accelerate privatizations).

In brief, the measures provide for:

- ➔ New reductions in salaries and pensions, so for example, with the result that the pensioners will lose a sum equivalent to two months' pensions a year
- ➔ Increase of direct taxation even for those who have a low income, through the reduction of the tax threshold. So, for example, a salaried employee who earns 615 euros a month and who does not pay any direct taxes today, will be called onto to pay up to 300 euros of tax a year, i.e. almost half a month's salary.
- ➔ New reductions in public funds for healthcare spending.
- ➔ New cuts to various benefits (unemployment, heating).
- ➔ There are other measures to support capital in the new agreement, such as the increase of privatizations, the complete liberalization of mass dismissals for big capitalist businesses, the legislation of new obstacles to the calling of strikes, the consolidation of all the anti-workers laws on collective labour agreements passed since 2011, the creation of new obstacles for the signing



of collective labour agreements, the legalization of "lock outs" organized by the employers, the abolition of the Sunday holiday with painful consequences for retail workers and small shopkeepers, with aim of accelerating the concentration of the retail sector into department stores and supermarket chains etc.

These new measures will have a cumulative impact in a period when the situation of most employees and self-employed has already deteriorated dramatically due to the policies both of the previous ND-PASOK governments and the current SYRIZA-ANEL government.

In 2016, 45% of the population had an income under the fixed poverty line.

The GS of the CC of the KKE, Dimitris Koutsoumpas, attended the strike rally of PAME in the Ethnikis Antistasis sq. in Athens and made the following statement to the mass media: "The class war is now in progress, it is a marathon, not a rifle shot in the air. The class war must be a daily and continuous one. The harsh anti-people measures, the 4th memorandum along with the previous memorandums must be thrown in the dustbin of History and the only ones who have the authority to do this are the Greek people, the labour-people's movement.

For that reason, our call is: Popular uprising everywhere, not a day or hour must be wasted; the struggle doesn't end today or tomorrow but continues.

The KKE, the class-oriented forces, the militant movement, PAME, the Social Alliance will be present, every day, everywhere, in the streets and in the Parliament, in the factories, in the cities and the villages. This is a constant struggle, which must lead to the overthrow of this rotten and corrupt system, of its governments, for disengagement from the EU, with a social and economic plan which will have at its epicenter the working people, the ever-expanding needs of our people."





## Report and photos from workers' mobilizations

Trade unions, sectoral federations and labour centres, with demonstrations that were organized throughout the entire country on Tuesday 21st of February 2017, gave their dynamic response to the anti-people political line and new measures that the SYRIZA-ANEL coalition government agreed to at the recent Eurogroup.

In Omonia Square in Athens, the slogan on the banner behind the podium of the All-Workers' Militant Front (PAME) expressed the message of the mobilizations: "No fear, no submission-Struggle for work with rights-Life with dignity."

The mass demonstrations were a call to the workers to further organize and raise the level and intensify the struggles, focusing on the workplaces in every sector, with coordination and solidarity at the level of every city and nationwide.

The GS of the CC of the KKE, D. Koutsoumpas, and a delegation from the World Federation of Trade Unions attended the mobilization in Athens.







## Trial of the 35 cadres of PAME

**T**he All-workers Militant Front (PAME) denounces the reference of 35 of its cadres to a new trial for the mobilization organized on the 30th of January 2013 by class-oriented federations and trade unions at the Ministry of Labour to protest against the provocative statements of the then Minister of Labour G. Vrotsis that "the social-security system was built on the basis of clientelist relationships".

The statement mentions that:

"On the 16th of March, the "independent" judiciary is again dragging the 25 cadres of PAME to trial, presidents and members of the executives of dozens of trade union organizations, who after repeated postponements were found innocent, as all the charges against them made by the previous ND government and the then Minister of Labour G.Vrotsis were refuted, because they attempted to carry out a protest in his office.

The fabricated indictment which is being resuscitated is related to the mobilization organized on 30/2/2013 by class-oriented federations and trade unions at the Ministry of Labour to protest against the provocative statements of the then Minister of Labour G.Vrotsis that "the social-

security system was built on the basis of clientelist relationships".

The previous government attempted to set up a provocation, accusing the trade unionists of causing damage to the office of the Minister of Labour. The published photographs and the witnesses exposed the provocation and the indictment collapsed, leading to the exoneration of all the accused.

In light of the new demands of the business groups and the negotiations to complete a new agreement between the SYRIZA-ANEL government and the institutions, there is an attempt to under way to impose a deathly silence in the sectors and workplaces. In any case, amongst the new anti-people measures, a basic aspect of the new agreement is the attack on trade union rights and the freedoms of workers, the right to strike. With the rerun of a trial-parody, they want to send a message, to intimidate the workers, to pave the way for the new offensive.

We call on the trade unions to express their mass denunciation of the new attempts to criminalize trade union activity. They must intensify their activity to widely inform and prepare the workers in light of the developments, to organize a strike response to the new measures."

The World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) expresses its solidarity with PAME and "demands that the Greek government finally put an end to the criminal prosecution of the 35 trade unionists".

As a result of the people's struggle, the criminal prosecution of PAME cadres stopped.





## Patras: Large demonstration against unemployment

**O**n June 25 2017, a major demonstration against unemployment was carried out in Patras at the initiative of the municipal authorities with the slogan "Work for all, Work with rights."

Thousands of demonstrators sent a clear message for work, for measures to protect the unemployed and their families, for projects that the people need, for an increase of spending on social policy, for the satisfaction of the needs of the people today.

As the communist mayor of Patras, Kostas Peletidis, stressed: «We do not believe that with such actions we will overturn the wave of unemployment and poverty that are surrounding us, but we want our people to raise the level of their demands, to advance their just cause and project their needs that are just and realistic, to decisively target the real enemy, bourgeois politics and its power.» The mobilization was supported by dozens of trade unions from the region.







## FARMERS' DEMONSTRATION IN ATHENS

A farmers' demonstration was held in Athens, on February the 14th, organized by the Nationwide Committee of the Roadblocks against the policies of the SYRIZA-ANEL government and the EU, which is leading to the impoverishment of the small and medium farmers and to them being driven off the land, to the benefit of the monopolies and the big farmers.

The farmers have been carrying out mobilizations for 3 weeks now, closing the roads at dozens of points around the entire country.

Farmers from 11 Federations, 35 contingents from the roadblocks and 120 local associations from all over the country took part in the mobilization.

Trade unions from the public and private sector, mass organizations, people's committees, self-employed associations, the Federation of Greek Women, the Students' Struggle Front, student unions demonstrated their support for the farmers. In this way, they practically expressed the slogan that was heard dozens of times at the demonstration: "Workers-farmers, one voice and one fist."

A large delegation of the CC of the KKE participated in the mobilization, headed by the GS of the CC, Dimitris Koutsoumpas, who mentioned the following in his statement to the journalists:

"The farmers here today in Athens are sending a resounding message that denounces these governmental policies, the EU as a whole, a message against all those who are driving them from their livelihoods, from their land. They are escalating their struggle in alliance with and in unity with the other popular strata, with the working class and the urban self-employed. Victory will belong to them. United we can all together be victorious."







# STUDENT ELECTIONS 2017

# SCHOOL STUDENT MOBILIZATIONS

PANSPLOUDASTIKI is once again the second force in the universities (AEI) with 20.69% and 9,284 votes and a powerful force in the Technological Educational Institutions (TEI) with 20.70 % and 2,737 votes.

The forces of PANSPLOUDASTIKI, with new forces in the student unions, with thousands of votes nationwide and with determination, will continue to be in the frontline of the efforts to regroup the student movement, the day after the student elections, which took place in the majority of student unions on 24th of May 2017.

This year as well the student grouping that is supported by SYRIZA , "BLOKO", received a very low vote, 469 votes, 1.05% in the universities (AEI) and 88 votes 0.72% in the Technological Educational Institutions (TEI).

The results as a whole were as follows:

## NATIONWIDE RESULTS IN THE UNIVERSITIES (AEI) 2017

<b>VOTES</b>	46716	<b>VALID</b>	44991
<b>INVALID</b>	1725	<b>BLANK</b>	941

	VOTES	%
<b>PANSPLOUDASTIKI K.S</b>	<b>9284</b>	<b>20.69%</b>
DAP	18456	41.02%
PASP	5732	12.74%
AAS	3095	6.88%
EAAK	3473	7.72%
BLOKO	469	1.04%
REST	3542	7.87%

## NATIONWIDE RESULTS IN THE TEI 2017

<b>VOTES</b>	14307	<b>VALID</b>	13664
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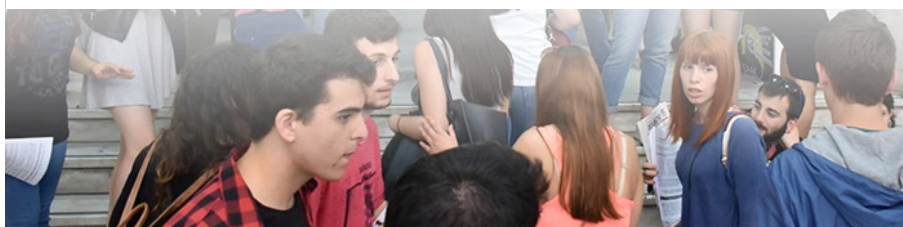
  

	VOTES	%
<b>PANSPLOUDASTIKI K.S</b>	<b>2737</b>	<b>20.70%</b>
DAP	6004	43.94%
PASP	3324	24.33%
AAS	125	0.91%
EAAK	143	1.05%
BLOKO	88	0.64%
REST	1067	7.81%

**NOTE**  
 PANSPLOUDASTIKI (supported by the Communist Youth of Greece-KNE)  
 DAP (supported by the youth of the conservative party of ND)  
 PASP (supported by the youth of the social-democratic party of PASOK)  
 AAS (supported by Popular Unity/LAE-a split from SYRIZA)  
 EAAK (supported by Antarsya and other similar groups)  
 BLOKO (supported by the youth of SYRIZA)

School students from many schools in Athens and Piraeus organized a dynamic march in the centre of Athens on Monday 13/2.

The school students are mobilizing against the school that crushes them instead of educating them, the school which is just an exam centre, which teaches them how to learn things like a parrot and various fragmentary pieces of knowledge. They are also protesting about the fact that their parents pay a lot of money for evening schools and private lessons so that they can enter university and also for the functioning of the schools. The school students demand amongst other things funding for the proper functioning of the schools.





# Student events organized by KNE



The Communist Youth of Greece's (KNE) Student Festival began on Thursday (16/3), which is being organized in many cities across Greece with a slogan borrowed from the poet of the Revolution, Vladimir Mayakovsky, "The future will not come on its own...If we do not also take measures."

The members and friends of KNE welcomed students who are thinking and are not compromising with the life and

future being prepared for them. They called on them to take measures, to organize the struggle about the future they need and deserve.

In Athens, the Festival was held in the central student accommodation of the university of Athens, where there was a prominent banner adorned with Gagarin and Einstein which wrote: "We struggle for science. We acquire knowledge, because science means truth, because

truth for social progress means the struggle for socialism-communism."

There was a book stall of "Synchroni Epochi" at the festival and an exhibition with as its theme "socialism vs capitalism". The Festival began with a dedication to the October Revolution with a poetry reading and music.

In his speech, Nikos Ampatielos, Secretary of the CC of KNE, referred to the 20th Congress of the KKE and the importance it has

for the Youth of the Party, KNE, and noted amongst other things: "Thousands of young people all over Greece are asking on a daily basis: "Can the situation we are living in change? And if so, how?"

We respond decisively: Yes, the world can change and will change. The Bolsheviks gave this response 100 years ago in October 1917. Red October, this world-historic event, which the comrades from the students' organization who arranged the dedication that has just finished took us to, demonstrated that -as Lenin said-"the ice has been broken; the road is open": The working class implemented its historic mission, i.e. it overthrew capitalism and conquered political power, leading the construction of socialism-communism...

We call on every student to think about, to search, to read about, to ask and find out what the system is concealing from them concerning the socialism that was constructed. They must judge and compare."

There then followed a music concert



# The Festival of KNE dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the October of Revolution



The events of the 43rd Festival of KNE and its journal "Odigitis", which is the largest political-cultural event in Greece, began in Piraeus on 24/6.

As Nikos Ambatielos, Secretary of the CC of KNE, stressed in his speech: "From here our party almost 99 years ago took its first steps, was founded as the child of necessity, as the mature child of a historical process that was accelerated by the Great



October Socialist Revolution. As anyone can easily understand, our Festival could only have as its theme this year the world-historic event of the previous century, the revolution of 1917 in Russia, which swept away the exploiters of the people and shook the foundations of the world of exploitation and continues to light up the future.

Workers and young people all over the world and in Greece will absolutely correctly honour this as it deserves. With major political-cultural events, publications

that have already begun to be promoted in a multifaceted way. First of all, by increasing and intensifying our efforts, as the KKE and KNE, in order to disseminate the historical relevance and necessity of the struggle against the barbaric system of capitalism, of the struggle to construct the socialist-communist society, the society where there will be no exploitation of man by man, of the comprehensive preparation of the working class for this great goal, taking all the necessary measures.”



## The youth with the KKE, for a world without exploitation and wars



The 26th Anti-imperialist Camp of KNE was completed with great success on Sunday, a beautiful meeting of thousands of young people from all over the country, who coordinated their steps with Ioannina as their destination. There, they took part in multiform political and cultural activities, gaining experience from the history of the communist movement, to continue in the front line of the struggle for popular demands, against imperialism, in the road of struggle for a future without wars

and exploiters. From a geographical area near the northwestern borders of Greece, with a great importance, they declared that the peoples of the Balkans have as common interest the struggle against the system that bears poverty, wars, exploitation. The thousands of young people also honoured the fight of the previous generations of the communist movement of the country. They came in contact with sides of the history of the youth of KKE during the years 1922-1943

and they held an event in the space that for almost 10 years operated as the Disciplinary Platoon of Kalpaki, which was a military camp of tortures for the communist soldiers by the Greek bourgeois state. There KNE and KKE inaugurated a monument in honour of the unbroken communist soldiers, declaring that KKE and KNE do not forget their heroes, that they remember, they learn from their example, they demonstrate it and carry it all over the country.

Both days passed with the unique way that these events have achieved all these years, combining the content of political demands with recreation, the acquaintance with history, the contact with all forms of art, leaving their impression, sending messages of fight and hope. The thousands of young people gave life to the park of Pysinella that hosted the camp. A space that had been

abandoned for 10 years, which with the voluntary work of members and friends of KNE and KKE was handed over to the people and the youth of the city in a better situation.

The peak of the events of the Camp was the great political rally on Saturday in the city of Ioannina, where GS of the CC of KKE, Dimitris Koutsoumpas was the main speaker.

In his speech D. Koutsoumpas criticized the anti-people's policy of the government of SYRIZA-ANEL, especially against the new generation, as well as for the implication of the country in the imperialist wars of NATO, the USA and the EU and he highlighted that "the popular struggle should put on its target the system the bears wars, poverty and unemployment" and added, referring to the only alternative way-out, socialism, and to the 100 years since the October Revolution: "To honour October, means first of all to fight today under the same flag, that of socialism-communism, until its final victory."

Furthermore, referring to the effort of the young people to learn the history of the labour and communist movement, he emphasized: "We, the communists, we have every reason to study the history of the revolutionary labour movement of our country and internationally. We are taught, we are inspired, we reach important conclusions that give us power, boldness and revolutionary optimism in our daily fights for the overthrow of exploitation, the construction of a new society".







## Solidarity with the children of the refugees

On the 17th of January 2017, thugs from “Golden Dawn”, at a time when the trial concerning the murderous activity of this fascist organization is continuing, gathered outside a school in one of the working class neighbourhoods of Piraeus. They intended to prevent the children of the refugees from attending the primary school.

The KKE together with dozens of trade unions denounced the new attack by Golden Dawn.

The Press Office of the CC of the KKE in its statement calls on the Greek people, parents, school students, teachers “to denounce and isolate Golden Dawn, to oppose it by extending their solidarity to the refugee children who have been driven out of their countries, because of the wars and barbarity. They must intensify their joint struggle against the wars that sow death and force people into becoming refugees.”







# The provocative judicial persecution of the communist Mayor Kostas Peletidis set in motion by the Nazis did not succeed

The courts of Patras unanimously found the Mayor of the city, Kostas Peletidis, innocent on the 23/2. He had been brought to trial because he did not provide space to the murderers-Nazis of Golden Dawn to propagandize their fascist views and spread their racist poison in the parliamentary elections of 2015. The verdict was greeted by the prolonged applause and slogans of the thousands gathered outside the courthouse of Patras.



The prosecution was carried out against him after the lawsuit filed by the former MP of Nazi Golden Dawn, because the communist Mayor, implementing the unanimous decision of the Municipal Council, did not facilitate the activity of the Nazi criminal organization of Golden Dawn, doing his duty to the people. Indeed in conditions where we have the "left" government of SYRIZA-ANEL, the mechanisms of the bourgeois state took a position against him. After the intervention of the fascists, these mechanisms raised the issue of the legality of the decisions of the Municipal Council and Mayor.



Kostas Peletidis, immediately after the court issued its verdict, made the following statement to the mass media: "The Mayor and the Municipal Council continue to consistently defend the people's interests. We will continue to our duty, we will continue not to facilitate the activity of Golden Dawn, its Nazi ideology, which is the source of its criminal character. We continue together with the people and their organizations, which supported the Municipal Authorities during this entire period, in order to isolate the activity of a formation that expresses the most extreme form of class exploitation. Together with our people in the struggle so that the people's families, sorely tried and tested by the barbaric measures of the bourgeois governments up until the present day, can breathe."

Representatives of trade unions, mass organizations, mayors and municipal councilors from all over Greece and thousands of workers stood at the side of the communist Mayor.







On the 14th of May 2017, the 37th Marathon Peace March was held, which began in the morning from the ancient tomb at Marathon and ended in the evening at the Ministry of National Defense. In its statement, the Greek Committee for International Détente and Peace (EEDYE), which organizes the march each year, denounces the imperialist wars and interventions and demands the disengagement of Greece from them and the closure of the US-NATO military bases. Thanassis Pafilis, member of the National Council of EEDYE and General Secretary of the World Peace Council, spoke at the welcoming rally outside the Ministry.

The GS of the CC of the KKE, Dimitris Koutsoumpas, attended the welcoming rally in Athens for the 37th Marathon Peace March and made the following statement:

«We strengthen the anti-imperialist struggle, the struggle against war, against the interventions. We connect the daily struggle of our people against the

## The KKE and the anti-imperialist movement are intensifying the struggle against NATO

The NATO forces retreated in the evening of Friday 2/6 from the tolls on a national highway in Northern Greece (Macedonia), which had been blocked by the forces of the KKE and KNE.

Earlier, dozens of KKE demonstrators had set up a roadblock on the Egnatia highway, impeding the transit of Albanian military vehicles, which were heading through Greece to Romania, where from the 6th to the 14th of June the NATO "Noble Jump 2017" exercise will be held. The demonstrators, shouting anti-NATO and anti-imperialist slogans, allowed other vehicles to pass, only impeding the transit of NATO vehicles, which withdrew after several hours of waiting.

Sotiris Zarianopoulos, MEP of the KKE, was at the side of the demonstrators.



## Marathon march: we strengthen the anti-imperialist struggle

memoranda, against the anti-people measures, the EU and the governments of capital, with the struggle against every imperialist war, every intervention. We struggle so that there are no border changes in our region and the world, so that all troops that are abroad return home, so that the bases of death are closed, so that NATO leaves Greece, so that we disengage from this predatory alliance, so that we do not participate in the dangerous adventures in our region, in the Aegean, the Balkans, the Black Sea, the Eastern Mediterranean, the Middle East, North Africa. This year's Marathon March can be the starting point for the strengthening of the anti-imperialist movement, the anti-imperialist struggle, against imperialist war, interventions, for peace and the people's prosperity."





# IMPORTANT INTERVENTION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY GROUP OF THE KKE AGAINST THE TRANSFORMATION OF GREECE INTO A NATO OPERATIONS HUB



The entire 15-member Parliamentary Group of the KKE tabled a question in parliament to the Foreign and Defense ministers on the question of the country's disentanglement from the imperialist interventions and wars.

«Question

To the Defense and Foreign ministers

Theme: On the disentanglement of the country from the imperialist interventions and wars.

The decisions of the governments of ND and PASOK in the previous years, as well as the ones of the SYRIZA-ANEL government today, for the involvement of Greece in imperialist interventions and wars, have placed and continue to place our country, our people in great hazards and dangers.

The slogan "No land, no water for the murderers of the people" has been historically expressed by our people. They shouted it during the war unleashed by the USA, NATO, EU against Yugoslavia in 1999 and in the later wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and Libya. Our people shout it in demonstrations throughout the country, denouncing the governmental decisions for the participation of Greek military forces in NATO's exercises, the provision of the base of Suda and other military bases and headquarters to the more general imperialist plans.

These days, the working people, the youth, with mass demonstrations in Hania demanded the closure of the US-NATO base in Suda, while in Alexandroupoli and other cities in Thraki, they demand that no Greek territory be used for the transit of foreign military forces which will participate in NATO's "Noble Jump" exercise in Romania.

According to published reports 4,000 military officers from Albania, Bulgaria, Britain, USA, Spain, Latvia, Romania, Norway, Holland and Poland will participate in NATO's exercise in Romania. Greece participates in the exercise by providing "Host Nation" support, during the transit of British, Spanish and Albanian military units through Northern Greece via the axis Alexandroupoli-Ormenio and Krystallopigi-Promachonas.

According to official statements, the Greek government is committed

to "providing facilitation at the airport and the seaport of Alexandroupoli during the deployment and redeployment of personnel and vehicles. Accommodation for personnel. Services for their escort and security during the reception, transit and departure from the country. Operation and staffing of the local coordination center in Alexandroupoli. Facilitation for logistics and medical treatment services. Access to ground and satellite communications."

It is a fact that this NATO exercise also prepares the ground for new wars and interventions, for the formation of an inter-state military force capable of being used against the peoples, wherever needed.

The SYRIZA-ANEL government, following the path of the previous governments and in the name of the so-called geostrategic enhancement doctrine, bears serious responsibilities because it provides Greek territory, the military bases of our country and multifaceted assistance to the murderous apparatus of NATO.

Within these circumstances, the positions and the struggle of the KKE and the labour-people's movement acquire special significance: "No land, no water for the murderers of the people", immediate disengagement of the country from imperialist interventions and wars, closure of the Suda base and other US-NATO bases and headquarters, return of the Greek military forces from missions abroad, the complete disengagement of our country from NATO and the other imperialist organizations.

The Ministers are asked: what is the position of the government regarding the people's demand for the country not to be involved in the imperialist plans and for Greek territory, camps and sections of the Greek Armed Forces not to be used in NATO's "Noble Jump" exercise and other similar military exercises?

What is the position of the government regarding the people's demand for the non-renewal of the agreement with the USA concerning the Suda base, the closure of this base and other US-NATO bases which are directed against our people and other peoples?"





## Tripartite Summit of Greece-Cyprus-Israel

Another link in the chain of plans and antagonisms that are dangerous for the peoples

On 15/6 the 3rd Greece-Israel High Level Cooperation Council and the Tripartite Summit of Greece-Cyprus-Israel were held in Thessalonica with the participation of the Prime Ministers A. Tsipras and B. Netanyahu and the Cypriot President N. Anastasiades.

The discussions and decisions taken there reflect the government's goal regarding the geo-strategic enhancement of local business groups, the interconnection of capital from the three countries and the expansion of their joint business activity, mainly regarding energy resources and transport routes.

This effort is unfolding in the context of the sharpening antagonisms of the imperialist centers and countries in the Eastern Mediterranean, specifically over the control of the natural resources and transport routes, with enormous dangers for the peoples of the region.

A. Tsipras focused on the "strategic relationship", as he characterized it, between the three countries, as well as on their plans for "stability and security" in the region, which is a necessary precondition for their next goal, which he described as "support for entrepreneurship".

He also made reference to "energy cooperation", which is based on the "geopolitical position of the 3 countries" at an important crossroads and on or close to energy deposits, serving the strategy of the bourgeois class by making the country an "energy hub". In any case, he noted that this goal contributes to the implementation of the EU strategy concerning the diversification of its energy sources and supplies so that it can basically reduce its dependence on Russian fuel. In this framework, A. Tsipras referred to the Greece-Cyprus-Israel cable and "East Med" pipeline (which via Cyprus and Greece transports energy from the Eastern Mediterranean to the EU), as well to the development of renewable energy resources.

"There were also discussions at our table about the developments in the wider region, the Syrian and Cyprus issues." added A. Tsipras, while in his reference to the Palestine issue he made a point of recognizing the "right

of the Israeli people to live in security", the pretext used by the state of Israel to carry out crimes against the Palestinian people on a daily basis.

The Israeli Energy Minister welcomed the participation of Greek companies in the sector of hydrocarbon utilization in the regions of Karich and Tanin. He called on them to strengthen their role in the utilization of Israeli natural gas deposits and underscored the impetus their increased role could lend to the EastMed pipeline plans.

A number of agreements were advanced in these meetings regarding cooperation with Israel in various industrial sectors, while in terms of military cooperation, even if it was not on the agenda of the meetings, the following was stressed "that it exists and is expressed both by the cooperation between the military industries of the two countries, as well as by their joint exercises and training."

The newspaper 'Rizospastis', organ of the CC of the KKE, characterized the Tripartite Summit as being "another link in the chain of plans and antagonisms that are dangerous for the peoples."

On the evening of 15/6 the working people and youth of Thessalonica through their mass participation in the rally and march organized by the Committee for International Peace and Detente of Thessalonica demonstrated their opposition to our country's involvement in the imperialist plans, which accompany the antagonisms of the monopolies, in whose framework the Tripartite Summit of the Prime ministers of Greece-Cyprus-Israel is integrated.

The demonstration also sent the message that the peoples are united in their common interest to fight for a life without exploitation and poverty, without bosses, for a situation where they will enjoy the wealth they produce.

The demonstrators also denounced the presence of the Israeli Prime minister in Thessalonica as a provocation to the pro-peace and anti-war feelings of the people, as he bears responsibilities for the criminal attacks against the peoples of the region and chiefly against the sorely tested Palestinian people.



# The KKE denounces the interventionist policy of the USA and EU against Cuba

The KKE denounces the recent statements of the US President regarding US policy towards Cuba, its intention to continue and reinforce the policy of intervening in the internal affairs of Cuba, maintaining its criminal blockade against Cuba despite the international outcry.

The KKE has always defended the Cuban Revolution, decisively stands at the side of the Cuban people and expresses its internationalist solidarity. It opposes the interventionist policy of the USA and EU; it struggles for the lifting of the US blockade.



## European Parliament Resolution on Cuba: organized infiltration plan for the EU monopolies

During the Plenary Session in Strasbourg, the KKE's MEP, Kostas Papadakis, made an intervention about the resolution of the European Parliament concerning the "EU-Cuba Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement" and noted the following:

"The unacceptable resolution promoted by the EU and the European Parliament is an organized plan leading to the infiltration of the EU monopolies, the establishment of reactionary mechanisms and NGOs into Cuba. Both the US embargo and the EU's interventions are aimed against the Cuban people.

The EU and its governments of the imperialist wars and interventions, of the 20 million officially unemployed, of the tens of millions living below the poverty line, wag their fingers about human rights at the Cuban people, which for decades eliminated unemployment,

expressed the necessity of abolishing the exploitation of man by man. In a country that, despite the sanctions, had achievements that are unattainable for the capitalist countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

We denounce the long-standing blockade of US imperialism and the EU's interventions against Cuba. We stand firmly at the side of the Cuban people and we express our solidarity with the Cuban revolution".

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## The KKE is opposed to the extension of the defense cooperation agreement between Greece and the USA

The Press Office of the CC of the KKE mentioned the following regarding the government's decision to extend the defense cooperation agreement between Greece and the USA:

«The extension of the Defense Cooperation Agreement between Greece and the USA, which also concerns the Souda base, confirms that the SYRIZA-ANEL government is not only continuing the political line of the previous ND-PASOK governments in this sector as well, but is also entangling the country even deeper in the aggressive imperialist plans in the region, in a period characterized by a dangerous intensification of the antagonisms.

That is why the closure of the base at Souda and all foreign bases in Greece, together with Greece's disengagement from NATO and its plans, constitute demands that must be at the centre of the people's struggle.»

## Large anti-NATO anti-imperialist demonstration in Thessalonica



On the 24th of June 2017 the All-workers' Militant Front (PAME) organized a major national demonstration in Thessalonica against the imperialist interventions and wars and Greece's participation in them.

As the main speaker G. Perros, member of the Executive Secretariat of PAME, stressed:

«We demonstrate and we demand:

No participation in the imperialist interventions and wars outside our borders. No involvement in the massacres of NATO and the EU. The ships, airplanes and military units must return home. No soldier must be outside our borders.

All the foreign military installations must be closed. NATO must leave the Aegean and the Balkans.

There must be a struggle against border changes, a struggle against restrictions of trade union and other liberties.

No military spending for NATO, but spending for the needs of the workers'-people's families. NATO out of the Aegean.

There must be a struggle against nationalism, racism, chauvinism.

Solidarity with the refugees, the immigrants, solidarity with all the peoples».

Zeljko Veselinovic, President of the Trade Union Organization SLOGA from Serbia, addressed the rally on behalf of the foreign trade union delegations from the Balkan countries, while G. Mavrikos, GS of the World Federation of Trade Unions, also spoke.

After the rally, there was a demonstration through the streets of Thessalonica to the NATO command centre located in the city.





# Solidarity with other Communist and Worker's Parties



## Statement on the threat of the National Electoral Council to ban the CP of Venezuela

The Press Office of the CC of the KKE mentioned the following in its statement on the threat of the National Electoral Council to ban the CP of Venezuela:

"The KKE denounces in the most categorical way the threat of the country's National Electoral Council to ban the CP of Venezuela and stands decisively at the side of the communists and will intensify the efforts to express internationalist solidarity in a mass way.

The attempt against the PCV is based on the activation of a law that was passed in 1965 by the anti-communist police state regime of the period, which sought to impose additional mechanisms for the

control of political activity.

The National Electoral Council provocatively demands that the Communist Party of Venezuela submits lists of its members in order to "renew" its legalization as a recognized party and this data will be in the hands of the state mechanism and also accessible via the internet.

This attempt against the PCV, which is the most consistent defender of the interests of the working class and the people's rights, takes place in a moment when the deadlocks and the crisis of the capitalist path of development in the country are manifesting themselves intensely and when the threats against the people and the people's movement are sharpening.

The country's government and the political forces which support or tolerate this attack bear great responsibilities.

The working class, the popular strata must draw conclusions and defend the PCV from this new attack and take into account the historical experience which shows that the attacks against the communists are always the precursor for wider attacks against the people's rights and gains.

The KKE expresses its full support to the Communist Party of Venezuela and its decision not to hand over details of its members to the bourgeois state and stands in solidarity with the nationwide mobilization being organized by the PCV on April 7th against the attempt to outlaw the party."



## The KKE denounces the arrest and imprisonment of cadres of the RCWP

The KKE denounces the arrest and sentencing of cadres of the Russian Communist Workers' Party (RCWP) by the Russian authorities, which was carried out during the demonstration of the 9th of May,

day of the Anti-fascist Victory.

Specifically, as the RCWP and its youth- The Revolutionary Communist Youth League (Bolsheviks)-denounce Alexander Batov, member of the Secretariat of the CC of the RCWP was arrested in Moscow and P. Tipakov, Secretary of the RCWP's local committee was arrested in Nizhny Novgorod. As the RCWP denounces, the Russian authorities have carried out these actions because cadres of the RCWP were handing out leaflets and explaining to the workers the real meaning of the Anti-fascist Victory of the Soviet People, against the hijacking of this heroic epic by the current bourgeois authorities of Russia. The two comrades of the RCWP were sentenced to prison, A. Batov for 7 days and P. Tipakov for 10 days, on charges of "resisting the police" during their arrest.

The KKE denounces these anti-democratic acts and demands the immediate release of the cadres of the RCWP.



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## THE KKE IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE COMMUNISTS IN RUSSIA

The MEP of the KKE, Sotiris Zarianopoulos, denounced, with a question to the High Representative of the EU for Foreign and Defense of Policy F. Mogherini, the arrest of two cadres of the Russian Communist Workers' Party, as well as the tabling of law that outlaws meetings of MPs with workers and is aimed against the Communist Party of the Russian Federation.

The question of the MEP of the KKE was as follows:

"In recent decades, after the overthrow of socialism in the Soviet Union, an assault against the democratic and trade union rights of the workers is being observed in a number of countries in Eastern Europe, as well as in Russia. The climax of this assault is both the anti-communist bans in former socialist countries, which are members of the EU, as well as in Ukraine, and also the corresponding restrictions on the activity of the CPs.

New worrying incidents have been coming to light recently in Russia, like the arrest of two cadres of the Russian Communist Workers Party during the celebrations of the Anti-fascist Victory on May 9 2017, by the Russian authorities. In addition, the tabling of a draft law, which outlaws any meeting of elected MPs at all levels with workers, without the permission of the authorities, targets the Communist Party of the Russian federation (CPRF) and aims to impede the communication of the MPs of the CPRF with the workers.

Based on the above the High Representative is asked:

-What is the position of the Commission on the anti-democratic acts of the Russian authorities?

-What is its position on the serious issue as regards the persecution of and obstacles to the political activity of the CPs?



## Solidarity to the Struggle of the CP Pakistan

The Communist Party of Greece (KKE) condemns the orgy of violence and terror unleashed by Taliban and other islamist groups in Pakistan. Since the beginning of 2017 tens of people have fallen victim of lynching, attacks and murders, under the accusation of "blasphemy".

The last episode of a long series of events is the public humiliation, lynching and murder of 23-year old Mashal Khan, student of Journalism in Khan Abdul Wali University, Mardan, Khyber Pukhtoonkwa Region, friend of the Communist Party of Pakistan, by a Taliban vigilante group inside the University premises and in front of the eyes of the police forces and of the University authorities, on April 13th 2017.

The KKE expresses its internationalist solidarity to the CP of Pakistan, struggling under very difficult conditions against the exploitative system, against the anti-peoples policies, against cruel anticommunist state mechanisms and paramilitary organizations. The KKE holds in high esteem the struggles developed by the CP of Pakistan for the emancipation of the working class and for the Pakistani people's interests and expresses its wholehearted support to CP Pakistan's struggle.



## STATEMENT OF THE PRESS OFFICE OF THE CC OF THE KKE ON THE VISIT OF A.TSIPRAS TO UKRAINE



The Prime Minister A.Tsipras chose to visit Ukraine in a period, when a regime has been imposed in this country that emerged through a coup, supported by the USA, the EU, NATO and with the utilization even of fascist groups.

The visit coincided with a new exacerbation of the situation in Southeast Ukraine, with the outbreak of new bloodshed, with the current President P.Poroshenko and his reactionary government bearing the main responsibility for this.

He visited Ukraine, at a time when the trial-parody to outlaw the CP of Ukraine is under way, when Soviet and anti-fascist monuments are being torn down and the collaborators with the Nazis are being extolled as "patriots" to the youth.

This regime that Mr Tsipras visited has created "black lists" of its political opponents, which include cadres of the KKE, amongst them G.Lamproulis, MP and Deputy Speaker of the Greek Parliament and S.Zarianopoulos, MEP of the party, because they demonstrated the real interest and solidarity of the KKE with the people of Ukraine, who are being massacred in the Donbass region.

The discussions about cooperation, in the framework of the EU and NATO, about commercial agreements, demonstrate that the so-called "multidimensional foreign policy" of the SYRIZA-ANEL government is nothing other than the one-dimensional servicing of the interests of capital, far removed from the real interests of the peoples of Greece and Ukraine.

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## The Ukrainian authorities continue to unacceptable target cadres of the KKE for their political activity

On 16 May 2017, the President of Ukraine, Piotr, Poroshenko, who ascended to the Presidency through the overthrow of his predecessor by a coup, and with the active support of fascist forces, ratified the list of sanctions at the expense of over 1000 people from dozens of countries from all over the world, including three cadres of the KKE. Specifically: Sotiris Zarianopoulos, MEP of the KKE, Giorgos Lamproulis, MP of the KKE and Deputy Speaker of the Greek Parliament, and Giorgos Magganas, cadre of the KKE.

The cadres of the KKE are being targeted for their political activity, because they visited the war-stricken region of Donbass in November 2014.

The current Ukrainian authorities continue to be in the grip of a nationalist psychosis, to massacre the people of their country in the Donbass region, to vandalize anti-fascist and Soviet monuments, to outlaw political parties, the CP of Ukraine amongst them, to historically rehabilitated and justify Ukrainian Nazis, and to promote their country's accession to the imperialist unions of NATO and the EU, causing with these actions of theirs the "disintegration" of their own country.

The unacceptable decision of the President of Ukraine against the cadres of the KKE is one more addition to this disgusting state of affairs,



which the Prime Minister of Greece, A. Tsipras, rushed to support last February, satisfying the business and Euro-Atlantic interests.

The SYRIZA-ANEL government bears enormous responsibilities for the support it provides to the reactionary Kiev government, at a time when this government, amongst other things, is targeting cadres of the KKE.



# The "Madrid Declaration" is dangerous for the peoples



**T**he signature of the Prime Minister, A. Tsipras, on the "Madrid Declaration" issued by the leaders of the states of the South of the European Union, which was signed on Monday 10th of April 2017 and provides complete cover to the US missile attack on Syria, demonstrates in the most characteristic way the determination of the Greek government to support dangerous imperialist plans in order to serve the efforts of the geo-strategic upgrading of Greek capital.

France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Malta, Greece and Cyprus through this Declaration have adopted and legitimized the pretexts used for such interventions and provide complete cover for the US offensive, which is further escalating the imperialist confrontation in the region, arguing that it "had the understandable intention to prevent and deter the spread and use of chemical weapons..!"

The Declaration supports the further militarization of the EU, mentioning amongst other things that the governments of the countries of the South, representatives of capital support the conclusions of the European Council, "enhancing the EU's strategic autonomy and its capacity to act, becoming more involved in the protection of Europe and its citizens, sharing more responsibilities with NATO..!"

**COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREECE**  
**The government has no hesitation in supporting the imperialist plans**

The Press Office of the CC of the KKE stresses the following in relation to the government's stance on the US attacks in Syria:

"After inviting NATO into the Aegean, supporting all the aggressive decisions of NATO, after the discussions with US ministers about expanding their military bases in Greece, the government has taken a further step. By signing the Joint Statement of the Summit of the countries of the south, it provides full cover to and characterizes as "understandable" the imperialist attack of the USA against Syria, which adds fuel to the fire of the antagonisms, with dangerous consequences for the peoples of the region.

It has been demonstrated that the SYRIZA-ANEL government has no hesitations when it comes to supporting the dangerous imperialist plans in order to serve the geo-strategic enhancement of Greek capital, which is seeking a share of the war plunder."



## The partition “solution” that is being furthered in Cyprus and the dangerous developments in the region bear the stamp of imperialist plans

**O**n July 11, 2017 a discussion of the leaders of the political parties was held in the Greek parliament regarding the developments in the Cyprus issue and the outcome of the negotiations in Geneva.

During the discussion, Dimitris Koutsoumbas, GS of the CC of KKE, underlined that the Cyprus issue is an international problem of invasion and occupation of the northern part of Cyprus by Turkey. It is a problem that bears the stamp of NATO intervention, of the general imperialist plans for the region.

He reminded that the KKE combatively opposed the partitionist “Anan” plan, that was neither just nor viable and would engage the peoples of Cyprus, Greece and Turkey in new adventures.

He highlighted that in the recent period, the “solution” being “cooked” under the pretext of “Bicomunal Bizonal Federation” is a partition of Cyprus; it is a partitionist and dangerous solution, and he went on adding: “We fear that this is the objective of the various propositions elaborated by the staffs of USA, Great Britain, and also of the United Nations, with the co-responsibility of the Cypriot and the Greek government, such as for example the propositions for an international police-military force with the participation of Turkish forces, looking for a mechanism of observation for a solution, before this solution has been found.

“In effect, the systematic interventions of the USA, of Great Britain, France and the EU as a whole, in order for the talks to be sped up and for a deal to be struck, aim at closing up the deal quickly so that the road for the exploitation of the energy resources of the island opens in favor of the interests of sections of the capitalist classes of the implicated states and of the various euroatlantic plans.

“At the same time, they aim at utilizing the geostrategic position of Cyprus, where NATO and British military bases have been installed, in the competition with Russia, in conditions of sharpening of the already acute contradictions internationally.”

Simultaneously, D. Koutsoumbas highlighted the responsibilities of the bourgeois political forces for the dangerous developments, noting: “The responsibilities of the government of SYRIZA-ANEL, as well as of the ND and of the other parties that support the one-way of the euroNATOist “prison” for our country are immense.

“On the one hand you praise the participation of Greece and Turkey in NATO as a factor of “peace and security” and when the Turkish provocations become outrageous and when the air and sea borders of our country suffer multiple violations, then you “draw from the sleeve”, as a new “lifejacket”, the so-called “tripartite alliance” of our country with Israel, Cyprus, Egypt.

“You cultivate that way, in both circumstances, hollow hopes, either by sweet-talking Turkey, or by calling the “police” of the USA in Eastern

Mediterranean, trying to convince that both in Greece and in Cyprus we will be able to use the energy resources for the so-called “development” and for exiting the crisis.

“You lie, you lie consciously! Because you know very well that these resources and the profits that will come of them will go directly into the pockets of the megatheriums of energy, the monopolies of this sector of economy.

“These deposits, in conditions of monopoly capitalism, of imperialism, attract as honey attracts bees, the powerful competitions, the imperialist wars.”

In the end, referring to the proposition of KKE, he underlined:

“That is why our position, the grounds upon KKE’s position is founded, is a great distance away of the positions that you serve, of the space that you open so that the plans foreign to the real interests of the cypriot people – Greekcypriots and Turkishcypriots – come to pass, plans foreign to the Greek people’s interests, which struggles in a tornado of cross purposes, and of the Turkish people that bleeds under an authoritarian regime and sheds its blood for the interests of the Turkish capitalist class.

“We struggle for the unitary interests of the whole of the working people of Cyprus, not in favor of the energy monopolies, of the USA, of NATO, of the rest of your allies!

“We underline the necessity of coordinating the struggle of the working class and of the popular strata of Cyprus, of Turkey, of Greece, for the abolition of the consequences of the occupation in the perspective of total emancipation from the chains of exploitation.

“We stand in favor of the immediate retreat of the occupation forces and all the rest of the foreign military troops from Cyprus.

“Generally, we support the abolition of the consequences of the Turkish occupation, the end of colonization and dealing with this problem considering social, humanitarian criteria, we support the right of the refugees to return to their hearths and homes.

“We support the closing down of the NATO-British military bases and the abolition of the favorable status in effect since many years ago, we continue the struggle so that the military base of Suda in Crete and the rest of the US-NATO bases in Greece also close down.

“The KKE believes that the struggle of the working class, of the popular strata, must be aimed at the objective of a Cyprus where its people, Greekcypriots and Turkishcypriots, Armenians, Maronites and Latinos, will be real masters of their fates.

“A Cyprus United, Independent, with One and Only Sovereignty, one Citizenship and International Personality, without foreign bases and troops, without foreign guarantors and patrons.”



# Statement on the dangerous developments in the Korean Peninsular



**T**he Press Office of the CC of the KKE in its statement on the dangerous developments in the Korean Peninsular mentions that:

"The KKE expresses its intense concern about the dangerous situation in the Korean Peninsular. The developments reflect the escalation of the economic and military competition and inter-imperialist contradictions in the entire Asia and Pacific region between powerful capitalist states and business interests, at an international and regional level. It is not the result of choices of the allegedly "crazy" leaders of the USA and North Korea, as is being deliberately cultivated by the mass media in order to conceal the real causes of the confrontation.

These antagonisms between the USA, Japan, China, Russia etc. are related in particular to the new division of the markets, the exploitation of the energy resources, which are to be found in regions such as the Korean Peninsular, the South and East China Sea, the Arctic and elsewhere. All this results in the constant intensification of the dangerous arms race and even the possibility of a military conflict. The USA is also paving the way for the increase of the sales of modern armaments to Japan and South Korea, while maintaining powerful military forces (28,000 troops) and military hardware in their bases in South Korea. It is constantly conducting major military exercises with provocative scenarios for the invasion of North Korea.

It is no accident that from the very first moment, the new US administration of Trump, together with the goal of renegotiating large scale economic agreements, like the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP), turned its attention to this specific region, which is in the under-belly of China and Russia and is considered by China to be a region vital to its interests, as well as other regions of Asia that are on the "Silk Route". All the above, together with USA's large trade deficits in relation to China, influence the formation of an aggressive political line in order to defend the US monopolies.

The USA is in the dominant position amongst the capitalist states with a nuclear arsenal, which it has already used, while it is characteristic that very recently the USA, Britain and France absented themselves from negotiations for the signing of a treaty to ban nuclear weapons, with the excuse that this is not compatible with the realities of the international security environment. At the same time, NATO is talking openly at its summits about the possibility of using nuclear weapons. Consequently, the USA's entreaties about the nuclear programme of North Korea are enormously hypocritical and serve as an alibi, the moment when the USA and other capitalist states, like Britain, France, Pakistan, India etc

possess nuclear weapons.

The USA invokes the nuclear threat from both North Korea and Iran in order to install its so-called "anti-missile shield" both in the Pacific and in Europe, while in collaboration with the EU it follows the path of overthrowing or supporting governments in line with its own interests and imposes sanctions that target the peoples. In addition, it is once again reinforcing its military presence in Afghanistan, with its attention turned towards China and also Russia. The same is also true regarding the concentration of NATO troops in the Baltic.

On its part, Russia is taking a position against these plans, which objectively serve the aim of impeding a possible response by Russia, in the instance when the USA and NATO alliance attempt a "first nuclear strike".

The USA is utilizing the stance of North Korea to develop its own nuclear programme, to promote its geostrategic interests in the region and more generally. However, the brutal crime the USA committed 72 years ago, with the nuclear destruction in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, as well as the long-term consequences of this crime, demonstrate that the solution is not to be found in the development of nuclear weapons. It is no accident the first workers' state in the world, the USSR, had abandoned the first nuclear strike and played a leading role for a world without nuclear weapons.

The exacerbation of the situation in the Korean Peninsular will not change or reduce the tension in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East. This is not only because the consequences of a possible military clash, with the use of nuclear weapons indeed, will be global, but because in the final analysis we are talking about fragile inter-imperialist "balances" and a geopolitical "domino set" that is unfolding on an international level, from the Baltic, Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean to Africa, Asia and the Pacific.

This is not the first time the USA has focused on this region. It played the leading role in the Korean War from 1950 to 1953, which led to over half a million dead and to the dismemberment of the country. In any case, it should not be forgotten that Greece sent troops to participate in the imperialist military intervention in Korea, with over 180 Greeks being killed and 600 wounded. This was the choice of the Greek bourgeois class and its representatives.

The Greek government, with the support of the official opposition and the other bourgeois parties, is undertaking enormous responsibilities, as it participates in and agrees with the decisions and dangerous plans of NATO, serving the interests of the local bourgeois class, as all the bourgeois governments have done up until today. It places enormous emphasis on the role of Greece in the framework of the alliance, in the name of the country's "geostrategic enhancement". It has just recently agreed to expand the base at Souda and other military bases and infrastructure for the operations of the USA, NATO and the EU. It continues Greece's contribution to the enormous NATO budget and integrates the armed forces even more deeply into the imperialist plans, intensifying the competition with Turkey.

Various mass media, as well as politicians, utilize the situation around the nuclear issue related to North Korea, not only slandering the struggle of the peoples for a world without the exploitation of man by man as a whole, but also in order to prepare the ground so that our people accept a military intervention by the USA and NATO in North Korea, under the pretexts of "restoring democracy" and "dealing with weapons of mass destruction", which were also utilized in other imperialist interventions, such as in Iraq. The KKE supports the position that it is exclusively a matter for the people of each country to decide on the economic, social and political regime they will have, and also whether they will change it, through their own organization and struggle.

The developments impose vigilance, the intensification of internationalist solidarity and the strengthening of the struggle against the imperialist interventions and wars, against nuclear weapons. This struggle is integrally linked to the struggle for bread and wages, against capital and its governments, whatever shade of bourgeois government they may be. It is linked to the struggle against the imperialist unions, like NATO, the EU, as well as against others in Asia and elsewhere, against the capitalist system of exploitation and the power of capital, which, as history has shown, does not hesitate to commit all kinds of crimes against the peoples in order to overcome the sharpening contradictions and major problems, in order to achieve its goals and to safeguard its dominance."





## NATO, the USA and the EU are in no way guarantors of "peace" and "security" in the Balkans

D. Koutsoumpas spoke at a major rally in Thessaloniki

**T**he political and cultural events of the 43rd Festival of the Communist Youth of Greece (KNE) and its newspaper "Odigitis", which this year are dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the October Revolution.

The three days' of events of KNE's Festival in Thessaloniki were held from the 13th to the 16th of September. At the Festival a major political rally was held, where the GS of the CC of the KKE, Dimitris Koutsoumpas spoke and called on the youth "from tomorrow, with the impetus of the successful festival, more workers and young people should come with us on the path for revolutionary change.

All together we should struggle for the society that can satisfy our contemporary needs. A society where each of us on the basis of our capabilities can fully develop our personalities and utilize all our abilities and play a leading role in constructing this society. A society that cultivates initiative, creativity, truly innovative thinking and conscious activity, which liberates all the potential of young people which today is being suffocated by the system of exploitation and wars, capitalism. It is the society where the working class will have the power, where the working people will control the economy because they will possess its keys, and for this reason they can enjoy all the wealth that they produce with their hands and intellect, sweat and toil. The Bolsheviks 100 years ago in October 1917 gave the same response i.e. that the world changes. The new smashes the old through a revolution. This has always been the case. We call on the youth to learn, to ask about, to study the days that shook the world. To dispute the view of the exploiters, who throw mud at the revolutionary movement in Greece and internationally."

The GS of the CC of the KKE made reference in his speech to the domestic and international developments. He denounced the SYRIZA-ANEL government for the harsh anti-worker and anti-people measures it is implementing. He called on the workers to join forces with the KKE, with the labour-people's movement which has a line of rupture and confrontation

with the capitalist system.

In this speech, D. Koutsoumpas, speaking from Thessaloniki, which geographically is located in the "heart" of the Balkans, made detailed reference to the developments in the Balkans, to the sharpening of the inter-imperialist contradictions in the region. Below is an extensive extract from the speech, which is related to the situation in this region and the assessments.

"Dear comrades,

October confirmed in practice that the struggle for disengagement from the imperialist war is integrally linked to the struggle for worker's power and this strategy of the Bolsheviks was confirmed 100 years ago.

In particular, we want to discuss this experience today, when the confrontation, competition between the strong powers of the global capitalist world is also involving our region, the Balkans, the Aegean, the Eastern Mediterranean.

The relations of our country with the neighbouring Balkan countries, and also the Greek-Turkish relations and the Cyprus issue are entangled in this competition, in one way or another.

Here the "rope" is not simply taut, but is becoming a "knot" due to the contradictions, not only of the most powerful states, but of other smaller "links", of the plans of the region's bourgeois classes.

The multifaceted disputing of the sovereign rights and borders of Greece by the Turkish bourgeois class, and also by the bourgeois classes of other neighbouring countries, where nationalistic chauvinism is re-emerging, such as for example, in Albania, is taking place at a moment when in our wider region the war in Syria is being conducted, when the "cauldron is boiling", not only in the Middle East and North Africa, but also in Europe, in Ukraine, all along NATO's border with Russia.

This is why the decision of the SYRIZA-ANEL government to renew the U.S.-Greece mutual defense cooperation agreement is not a "routine" act but a move that entangles our country even deeper in the plans of the USA and NATO, which seek the reinforcement of the already very significant role of the naval-air-force base of Souda, a powerful "tool" in their war plans in the Mediterranean, as well as for a wider scope of operations.

At the same time, the maintenance and modernization of the base at



Araxos is taking place so that it is ready to receive the transit of nuclear weapons, increasing the dangers for our people. And the government is concealing all this from the Greek people.

We call on you to be ready, to organize the struggle.

No to the bases and no to the nuclear weapons!

Indeed, when the US Vice President, Mike Pence, made statements in August that Russia seeks military conflict, the destabilization in the Balkans, anyone can understand why the USA is interested in reinforcing the Souda base and why the Defense Minister of the SYRIZA-ANEL is proposing to provide them with new territory for military bases and why the US ambassador in Athens is "touring" the Greek islands.

And these statements of the US Vice President which were made here, in the Balkans, in August and specifically in Montenegro, which hastily and without a referendum, as it had promised the people, entered NATO, are indicative of the intensification of the inter-imperialist contradictions in the wider region.

This summer's NATO military exercises in the Balkans, naval exercises in Bulgaria and military exercises in Romania, are very characteristic of this situation.

The SYRIZA-ANEL government completely involved in the NATO plans, sometimes invites NATO into the Aegean in the framework of the war in Syria and other times as a transit route for NATO forces, as was the case this summer. It does not safeguard the interests of the country, as it claims, but places the "noose" of the inter-imperialist antagonisms around the neck of our people.

So, when Greece is becoming a "tool" in the Euro-Atlantic plans against Russia. The bourgeois class of Russia, seeking to benefit from any fissure inside the opposing NATO alliance, signed an agreement with Turkey to sell it the modern Russian s-400 systems.

This is a move that is integrated in the inter-imperialist antagonisms and which are being conducted in every way. Diplomatically, as we see from the mutual expulsions of US-Russian diplomatic personnel, militarily, as we see from the increase and mutual targeting of the enormous arsenal, as well as economically, around how, for example, the international weapons' market will be divided up.

At the same time, however, such moves, at a time when Turkey is directly threatening the sovereignty of 17 Greek islands, only contributes to intensifying the arms race between the bourgeois classes. A race which the two peoples will pay for, at a time when the Greek and Turkish peoples are facing the impasses of the capitalist development path, poverty, unemployment, exploitation.

In addition, the sale of these weapons, even when they are considered to be "purely defensive" reinforce and strengthen the aggressiveness of the Turkish bourgeois class at the expense of Greece and other countries, like Syria, whose borders Turkey is disputing.

This is the reason why when the governments claim that our country is a "pillar of stability" is a "triangle of instability", because it is assimilated in the plans of the USA-NATO-EU, they are once again telling lies.

In reality, they want the working class and our people to wear Euro-Atlantic "blinkers" which will impede them from seeing how dangerous our country's involvement in these antagonisms is, which serve aims alien to theirs and

specifically aims related to how the bourgeois classes, above all the strongest ones, the "lions", and then the rest, the "tigers", "hyenas", and even the "vultures", will share the "prey" of the energy resources, raw materials, the transport routes of the commodities, the market shares.

This is the reason the much vaunted "pillar of stability" of the SYRIZA-ANEL government, as well as the previous ND and PASOK governments is made of "straw", illusions, is built on the "shifting sands" of the instability of capitalist barbarity, of the economic crises and imperialist wars.

NATO cannot safeguard a resolution for issues amongst the Balkan countries, as it has not ensured a solution between Greece and Turkey for 65 years or in the relations between Greece and Albania.

Indeed, over the last 8 years when Albania has been a NATO member, the trend to expansionism, unacceptable territorial claims against Greece has not receded but on the contrary has intensified, while Albania cancelled the agreement on the EEZ in the Ionian Sea, which had previously been signed.

Of course, neither NATO nor the EU can vaccinate the Greece-FYROM relations with "peace" and "security". The rekindling in the recent period of discussions about the issue of the "name", the involvement of various mediators in order to resolve this issue is also integrated in the framework of the further assimilation of the neighbouring country in Euro-Atlantic imperialism.

The USA and its allies do not want at all to see the increase of the influence of their competitors in FYROM and its integration into energy plans and other plans that are in conflict with their own. In any case, we cannot forget that next door, on the borders with Kosovo, the USA has its biggest base in the world, Camp Bondsteel.

Nor can the various political-military axes, which are being promoted, like those with Israel or Egypt, safeguard "peace" and "prosperity". These "axes" which indeed they present as "richly dowered brides" and as a solution for the unimpeded exploitation of the energy wealth of Greece and Cyprus, for the salvation of the people in conditions of capitalist crisis, the only thing they can create are new torments for our people.

To begin with, because wherever "axes" are being created all over the capitalist world, life demonstrates that they find equally strong "anti-axes" in front of them, i.e. rival economic and geopolitical interests. Then it is well-known that the few, the enormous energy colossi profit from the exploitation of the energy wealth and not the working class, not the peoples!

This is the reason why the pressures being exerted on the Cypriot people are unacceptable, regarding an "alleged" solution to the Cyprus issue, in the name of the unimpeded exploitation of the energy resources by the monopoly groups and with the aim of legitimizing the consequences of the Turkish invasion-occupation and its results.

The KKE consistently expresses its solidarity with the Cypriot people against the Turkish invasion-occupation and every kind of dichotomous "solution".

Our party fights for a united Cyprus, for one and not two states, with one sovereignty, one citizenship, one international personality, for a common homeland for Greek-Cypriots and Turkish-Cypriots, without occupation and other foreign armies, without foreign bases, without guarantors and "protectors", with the Cypriot people masters in their own land."

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