

Letter from the

Revolutionary Marxist Organization A/synechia

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Dear comrades:

Please accept our warmest comradely greetings! We thank you once more for sending us your publication. *The Northstar Compass* is, on an international level, a very precious source of information about the situation in the ex-Soviet Union and of solidarity with the struggles of all of the Soviet people. Our publication "*Aristera*" (Left) is often based on your articles and translations in order to analyze the developments in this region. From this month, we will start sending you each month a copy of "*Aristera*", together with our "*International Bulletin*" (which is the only publication of our Organization in the English language).

Dear comrades:

We would like to ask you to add our Organization, plus the Revolutionary Marxist Organization named A/synechia from Greece, to the growing list of organizations, parties and movements that support the **Call** of an International Conference which will establish the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. As we already have written to you, "we agree with you that it is a duty of us all to **support** in every possible way our Soviet comrades and we consider that the creation of the necessary International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People will greatly contribute to this cause". We confirm once more this position and we inform you that we will send a delegation to take part in the International Conference.

Moreover, we are authorized to inform you that the Greek *Union of Working People* and the *Left Mass Formation of Youth* are also supporting your call. Those are two front organizations constructed in the nineties with the initiative and the support of the Greek Revolutionary Marxist Organization called A/synechia. The Union of the Working People (UWP) is active in the trade union movement in Greece, mainly in all the sections of

teachers, paramedics, construction workers, private employees, etc. The Left Mass Formation of Youth (LMFY) is active in the youth movement, having an effective organized presence in the secondary higher education, technical schools and most universities. You will soon receive the relative resolutions of the Pan Hellenic Committee of the UWP and of the Coordination Committee of the LMFY!

Dear comrades:

Let us inform you, on this occasion, about some developments that marked our country during the last months, and the relative activity of our Organization.

As you may know, the **earthquake** of September 1999 provoked serious damages in the capital city of Greece. 150 people lost their lives, thousands were injured and many buildings are uninhabitable, mainly in the poor neighborhoods. Our organization has also suffered very considerable losses because of the earthquake. We lost one comrade when the factory in which he was working collapsed, causing the cruel deaths of tens of workers. All the locals of the Organization in the region of Athens are either destroyed or seriously damaged, including our Cultural Center, the newspaper's offices and the Organization's offices in the center of the city, as well as the offices of Nikea, a neighborhood near the port of Pireas. Many of our dear comrades became homeless.

The Organization from the first moment came near the people who have been harmed by the earthquake. A People's Committee has been already constructed, with the active participation of our comrades. The mobilization of the homeless people aims at obliging the government and the capitalists, who are responsible for the extensive losses and for the criminal violation of the most basic and elementary security regulations, to immediately reestablish human conditions of life for all the victims of the earthquake and to compensate them.

Despite this extraordinary situation, the whole membership of the Organization made and makes all efforts in order to respond to our duties. These damages were not able to slow down our activity and development.

The following months, we actively participated in our important people's movement. ***The Anti-imperialist and the Anti-War Movement*** (which was co-founded by the Revolutionary Marxist Organization called A\synechia, the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Greece and the Workers Anti-Imperialist Front during NATO's naked aggression against Yugoslavia) played an important role in the great anti-imperialist massive demonstrations against Clinton and his local supporters, which took place in tens of cities all over Greece. During the month of November 1999 - the anti-imperialist, anti-Yankee morale of the Greek people, of the working masses and of the youth, has been expressed in a multitude of ways. The people defied the state terror and the interdiction to freely demonstrate, and gave a sound and militant answer through these protests which took place in Athens, Thessaloniki, Patras and many other Greek cities. The government is accountable in the eyes of all progressive people for the terrorist pogrom it launched in Athens which was under the direct order of the USA,

showing once more its subjugation to imperialism. The "socialist" government of Simitis dared to bring into effect "laws" dating from the years of the fascist dictatorship in order to forbid the demonstration to the US Embassy. It steeped in blood a peaceful march of thousands of people in the center of Athens.

Once more, it is confirmed that the **policy of dependence by imperialism** goes along with the most cynical terrorism and the violation of the most elementary democratic rights. It transforms our country into a huge military base used by the NATO imperialists in order to conduct their aggression in the Balkans and elsewhere. It leads to the partition of Cyprus. It also brings to the people unemployment, poverty, and sadness. A\synechia vehemently denounces the arrests, which then marginalizes the youth. The Revolutionary Marxist Organization also organized mobilization against their committal to trial with heavy accusations. Among them were four members of our Organization and of the anti-Imperialist movement.

Our organization also supported the mobilization of the secondary education students, which from October 1999 to January 2000 occupied hundreds of high schools all over Greece. The Union of the Working People and the Left Mass Formations of the Youth are active in all the small and big struggles that are developing in Greece during the last few months.

In the forthcoming parliamentary elections held on April 9, 2000, organizations such as The Revolutionary Marxist Organization A\synechia (mostly known in Greece under the name "Aristera"-(Left) and the Marxist -Leninist Communist Party of Greece (MLKKE) will present a first Unity List. The existence of this unity list is a positive response to the demand for unity of the genuine left forces on a principled basis. It marks the beginning of a new and hopeful course of the genuine Left. Our Unity List "Aristera!-MLKKE" aspires to become one of the cornerstones of the reconstruction of the Communist Left, which then will oppose the compromising policy of the reformist and revisionist parties, a cause of great damage to the left movement. The reconstruction of the Communist Left is indispensable in order to create the conditions that will permit the people's movement to confront successfully the policy of the bourgeoisie and of the imperialism. We realize that this is a most urgent and difficult task. But at the same time, it is the only path to be followed if we want to mobilize and inspire more and more militants in our country, if we want to reconstruct the total faith of the people's masses in the road of the revolutionary struggle.

- * Open the road for the genuine Left!
- * Resist successfully' against imperialism and globalization!
- * Oppose resolutely the New World Order and the destruction of the Balkans!
- * Withdrawal of Greece from the European Union, the Economic Monetary Union and NATO!
- * Set a bar against the anti-imperialist policy of the right-wing and the "socialist" parties!

For the Leading Committee

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