

Communist Organization of Greece

** Communication **

The Communist Organization of Greece (Kommounistiki Organosi Elladas, KOE) informs all the Fraternal Parties and Organizations that the Leading Committee and the paper "Aristera!" have now a new address and phone/fax numbers:

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The former central address (Tsamadou 8, GR-10683 Athens / Phone: +30 210 3833955 and 3839246) is now the address of our Cultural Centre.

There is also a new Web site of the Organization: **www.koel.gr**, with a more extensive international section, mainly in English language. It is best viewed with Internet Explorer. The old address (www.arister.gr) remains active as the site of the paper "Aristera!".

The email address remains unchanged: **international@arister.gr** (with copy to koe@email.lu).



The central poster of KOE during the campaign for the parliamentary elections of 7.3.2004:

**"Are you confused?
Can you make the difference?
Blackball the Two Right-wings
The hope is in the rallying
of the Left"**

(*) The Two Right-wings: the conservative ND Party and the "socialist" PASOK, both pro-imperialist and neoliberal.

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The following Declaration has been adopted before the mobilizations that took place during June 2003 in Greece.

International Anti-imperialist Declaration

We, the undersigned, support and participate in the Thessalonica June 2003 anti-imperialist mobilizations on the occasion of the EU Summit, and we declare:

1. To fight the imperialist doctrine of "infinite war", we put forward the resolution of the oppressed for ceaseless resistance.

The "infinite war" declared by Bush administration and US imperialism under the pretext of fighting terrorism very soon turned out to be a war against mankind. This impelled tens of millions of people to unite in worldwide demonstrations unprecedented in the 21st century and to denounce the war and the crimes of the imperialists. The people correctly confronted the gang of Bush, Blair, Berlusconi, Aznar and company for violating international democratic rights and rules. The contemporary New Order declared by Bush Sr. during the first Gulf War is proving to be a horrible replica of Hitler's Third "Reich". By rushing towards war, spreading destruction, starvation and pauperization, the leaders of global capitalism aim at giving a breath to their effete and outdated social system. However worldwide, the peoples are forging ahead in a new big turn in international developments, with their growing protest movement and steadfast resistance to war. They are preparing themselves, through great difficulties, to overcome regressions and delays of the past decades, and to create the conditions for a new big assault, which will mark the 21st century.

- *Only the ceaseless resistance of the oppressed can successfully fight and stop the war machine!*
- *The 21st century will be the people's century!*
- *Down with the neofascist New World Order!*
- *Another world is necessary: Socialism!*

2. Let us fight to build the most powerful force in the world: peoples in struggle.

The war on Iraq proved that there is no bigger fraud than supposed "peace-loving" imperialists. Not only did they do nothing to stop the war, but right after the slaughter of the Iraqi people they also started bargaining

for their share in the loot. Thus, it becomes evident that peoples in struggle are the only force that can stop the course towards war, destruction, spreading pauperization and ecological degradation.

Building the international front of the peoples is not going to be an easy task. Nevertheless, significant steps are already being taken. The whole planet is colored by a new great circle of struggles. Latin America remains a volcano about to erupt. The nationwide uprisings, rebellions and mobilizations of the peoples of Argentina, Ecuador, Paraguay, Bolivia, Venezuela, Brazil, as well as the armed resistance (Colombia, Mexico and elsewhere), upset IMF plans and brutal imperialist interventions. In Asia, the people's resistance strengthens and spreads through the people's war in the Philippines, the mass movements against the reactionary Indian regime, the workers' and peasants' uprisings in China, the people's resistance in Nepal, the militant mobilizations in South Korea. All over the Arabic world unrest grows, focusing on the imperialist crime against the people of Iraq and the slaughter of the heroic Palestinian uprising. Moreover, a significant political awakening is taking place in the developed capitalist world: demonstrations with the participation of millions of people, development of workers' and proletarian struggles. In the countries of the former Eastern Block, popular protest becomes stronger and expresses itself against the policy of sellout and degradation implemented by reactionary governments.

3. We salute the development of the mass movement against imperialist/capitalist globalization, a movement that is a positive reality in the present conditions. We salute and support the meeting of this movement with the anti-war movement. We participate in them with the aim to provide the broad popular mobilizations with an anti-imperialist orientation and a socialist perspective.

In the conscience of the broad masses, the imperialist/capitalist globalization has acquired a clearly negative meaning. Nowadays only the vindicators of imperialism attribute to it positive characteristics. From Manila through

Seattle to Florence, the movement against imperialist globalization mobilizes millions of people in all the continents against the IMF and the World Bank, against the WTO, against NATO and other imperialist unions, against the plunder of working masses and world's resources by the imperialists, against the environmental destruction. Despite its spontaneous origins and the multitude of forces that are active within it, this movement has managed up to now to repulse the double attack against it: the one launched by the reaction, which is rabidly striving to terrorize and repress it, and that launched by reformism and social-democracy, trying to manipulate and disorientate it by leading it towards harmless channels. We are part of this movement, fighting in order to deepen the anti-imperialist orientation and broaden its objectives by providing it with a socialist perspective, against both the enemies and the fake "friends" of the masses.

- *Down with the imperialist globalization!*
- *Down with NATO and all imperialists and reactionaries!*
- *Let's de-rail the G8, WTO, IMF, the World Bank and all the imperialist unions!*

4. **Let us oppose the imperialist European Union policies, the building of the European imperialist pole.**

The EU is, in reality, nothing but the European version of imperialist globalization. It organizes the domination of the European finance capital over the peoples of Europe and more broadly of the world. The leaders of the EU, despite their inner contradictions, take a common-allied stance against the peoples. Through the EU they impose all-European austerity policies, they literally crush living labor, they spread the labor Dark Ages, they demolish social and democratic rights. At the same time, especially through the Euro, they turn the economies of regional countries into "satellites". Thus, despite their opposite declarations and their costly propaganda, they cause a huge transfer of resources from the countries of the European periphery to the imperialist center, while exporting at the same time crisis from the imperialist center to the countries of the periphery.

WE DENOUNCE the supposed peace loving but virtually cynical and reactionary international role of the EU. The juxtaposition of the French-German axis with the USA and the split inside the EU on the occasion of the war on Iraq has no progressive or peaceful basis. The same is true for the expansion of the EU. The candidate countries will pay a heavy price, with the increase of unemployment and immigration, the further degradation of the working people's living standards, the

plundering of their resources. WE DENOUNCE the formation, through the Schengen Convention and the so-called anti-terrorist laws, of the "Fortress-Europe". Repression, racism and fascistization are EU policies. They reached up to the point of outlawing parties and movements of the Basque Patriotic Left in the Spanish State, as well as parties of the Left persecuted by reactionary or fascist regimes in third countries (Turkey, Philippines, Palestine, etc.). They created the slanderous "anti-terrorist" lists including therein revolutionary and anti-imperialist leaders and movements. Consequently, the growth of racist and fascist views and their political strengthening in a series of countries (France, Italy, Austria, Denmark, Netherlands, Germany) are not accidental at all.

The moment when the imperialist EU is tried, under the burden of its intense internal conflicts, is not far. No one should be lulled by myths about a smooth evolution of the EU into a prosperity zone for the peoples, into a "Europe of the peoples". No one must be lulled by myths that the road of political and economic independence, the path of national independence, is "out-of-date". On the contrary, nowadays that the dead-ends reached by the global monopoly capitalism become ever more evident, the route of independence, especially for the countries of the European periphery, remains more timely than ever!

- *Let us broaden the struggles against the imperialist and reactionary politics of the EU!*
- *No to the holocaust of living labor - No to the "Fortress-Europe"!*
- *Against the imperialist globalization and its integrations, let us assert economic and political independence!*

Basque Patriotic Left
Bulgarian Workers Party - Communists
Communist Organization of Greece
Communist Organization of Luxembourg
Communist Party Marxist Leninists(r), Sweden
Communist Party of Colombia - Maoist
Communist Party of India (M-L) ND
Communist Party of Poland
Communist Party of the Philippines
Communist Workers Party, Finland
El Diario Internacional, Peru
Labor Party, Yugoslavia
Maoist Communist Party, Turkey
Marxist Leninist Communist Party, Turkey
National Democratic Front of the Philippines
Network of the Communists, Italy
Workers Communist Party, Norway

