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THE TRAGEDY OF THE GREEK COMMUNISTS IN EXILE IN THE REVISIONIST COUNTRIES

I am continually receiving letters, petitions, statements and resolutions from the Greek comrades in exile in the revisionist countries and always my heart aches for them; I feel an indescribably great grief for those heroic comrades who fought with unrivalled bravery against fascism, against the monarchists, against the British and the Americans. We assisted them wholeheartedly; we shared our food with them at a time when we were hungry ourselves, endangered the borders of our Homeland which were attacked with large monarcho-fascist forces (**1**), we fought there and did not give up an inch of our territory; some of our men were killed there, but we saved

1. This occurred in August 1949, when the Greek monarcho-fascists committed a series of armed provocations on the southern borders of our country. These provocations were part of the plot hatched up by the Anglo-American imperialists against the People's Republic of Albania.

all our comrades and brothers, the Greek Democratic Army, the heroic Greek partisans and took them into our own homes. I personally took part in that delicate and painful operation. The Greek comrades who, fought valiantly, wept bitterly over their defeat and wanted to go back to fight, but this was impossible. After what had happened they were deeply moved by the warm welcome of our Party and people. We did our internationalist duty, helped them to take courage and to strengthen themselves spiritually. We discussed the situation with Stalin, indeed in the talk with him and Molotov, at which Zahariadhis and Partsalidhis were present, I presented our views about the war of the Greek partisans and openly stated my views about certain mistakes of the Greek leaders, views which Stalin considered correct, and we left that meeting as comrades-in-arms.

We parted sadly with our Greek brothers, our heroic comrades, the Greek partisans, when they left for the socialist countries of Eastern Europe to which they wanted to go. in the firm belief that wherever they were going they would be as they were in Albania, with the only difference that their homeland would not be so close as it was when they were in our country. And in fact this is what occurred as long as Stalin was alive. Wherever they went they were settled, placed in jobs, organized, went to military schools, to vocational schools, party schools, and so on. They organized their party and ana-

lysed the war with its victories, mistakes and defeats.

After the death of Stalin, the great tragedy of the Greek comrades began, a tragedy which has not yet ended.

The Khrushchevite revisionists are the executioners of the Greek comrades. They are responsible before world opinion and the Greek Communist Party for all those terrible things which are being done to the heroes of martyred Greece.

Not even the monarchists within Greece have done the things which the Khrushchevites are doing to the Greek comrades in the Soviet Union. This is the whole tragic history, full of pain, of the liquidation of the Greek Communist Party, of its leaders, of physical liquidations, internments, beatings, hideous murders, which cannot even be summarized here, because it would take whole volumes.

But the voice of heroes, of our Greek comrades who are languishing in internment, breaks through the ice and the borders and reaches our Party, the Party which they have boundless trust in and indescribable love for. They seek our help, because they have trust only in us. From the gloom of exile they listen to Radio Tirana, they even want to hear the songs of our people, because they remind them of the great love and loyalty of the «Arvanites» and their Marxist-Leninist Party.

Greek comrades and brothers, who are suf-

fering at the hands of the modern revisionists, how I grieve for you now, because you are suffering greatly!

Greek comrades, because of the political circumstances, with our country encircled by enemies and the Greek monarcho-fascists among them, we have not helped you as much as we should have done, especially those of you in exile. We are deeply aware of this shortcoming, and this hurts us. But we shall do everything possible to perform this duty. I gave instructions to comrades to work on a series of materials, to find ways and means to ensure that world opinion and communist opinion learns the truth about you, about your cause, your heroic struggle and the savage hostility of the modern revisionists towards you.

Dear comrades, stand strong as steel, as you stood in the storms in the mountains of heroic, martyred Greece. Stand unflinching as rock against the betrayal of the Soviet and other revisionists. Struggle, close your ranks against enemies, prepare yourselves for the great struggle against imperialism, let the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin guide and inspire you in the coming battles. Throughout the ancient history of our two peoples, which is full of wars, we Albanians have always stood beside you and have fought together with you for freedom. And now, too, we will be beside you, beside the Greek working people