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GREEK REACTION IS ASSUMING POWER

The monarcho-fascist dictatorship has been restored in Greece. The power of the fascist generals, which has the Glücksburg (1) king at the head and the support of American imperialism, is re-establishing the terror in Greece, is filling the terrible interment camps on the islands with people, the same camps where the communists and the soldiers of ELAS and the Greek Democratic Army were tortured and killed for years on end.

The Greek fascists took power by means of force because the game of «democratic» elections endangered the monarchy and the immediate interests of American imperialism. The latter makes the law in Greece and has turned it into its main base in the Mediterranean from which it supervises and supports its own diversionist activity and threatens all the peoples of the Mediterra-

1 Prussian royal house, from which Constantine, ex-king of Greece, came.

near basin who do not obey it. Greece is considered by the United States of America as the southern gateway to Europe and America is trying to keep it under its iron heel.

Even the allies of America in NATO, such as Turkey, Italy, etc., are displaying no liking at all for what is occurring in Greece because the chauvinist Greek monarchists will start to pursue ideas of Greater Greece against Turkey and against the Italian influence in the Mediterranean. Of course, the Italians want to maintain the alliance of the «centre» left in which socialists of Nenni and Saragat cannot readily accept that the neofascists in Italy, inspired by the Greek monarcho-fascists and encouraged by their coup, should take power, so the Moro government is displaying displeasure at the events in Greece.

The Italian government thinks that the Greek monarcho-fascists will attack Albania as Mussolini did in 1939 and thus the interests of the Italian big bourgeoisie are placed in jeopardy. Here there is a real contradiction between Italian government circles and the Greek monarcho-fascists, on the one hand, and the Yugoslav Titoites on the other.

However, we count on our own strength, our own organization and determination to defend every inch of our socialist Homeland. What is occurring in Greece does not frighten us at all, but we do not underestimate the danger in any way, that is why we have taken all the necessary measures.

For the time being there is nothing to be alarmed at, because at these moments the monarcho-fascists are not sure of themselves, and are concerned to consolidate their positions internally. Later they may recommence their provocations against us, but they will always receive a lightening reply from us which will destroy any plan they hatch up and spoil their appetite.

At the moment the monarchists are making mass arrests of communists and democrats. News agencies say that more than 10 thousand people have been arrested, including Manolis Glezos, about whom there are reports today that he has been condemned to death. If this is so, we must protest, because Glezos is known as a fighter against nazi-fascism. I know him personally.

There is no end to the treachery of the Soviet revisionists. They interned and tortured fine Greek communists and advised their comrades and the Greek emigrants to return legally to Greece. Now the *Asphalia* has arrested all those who went back and will kill and torture them, repeating the terrible tragedy of Macronisos. (2)

However, all the revisionists and the Titoites

2 At the end of August 1950 the Venizelos government, which came to office with the aid of the American imperialists, launched a savage terror against the people. More than 37 thousand patriots who fought against fascist oppression and the Anglo-American intervention were interned to the death camps on the islands of Macronisos, Ageos-Evstratios, Trikeri, etc.

are worried because what is occurring in Greece demonstrates the failure of their policy of alliances, coexistence, «friendly» relations, and so on.

The contradictions between imperialist powers will increase and become sharper.

American imperialism is adding to its evil deeds. Fascist dictatorships have been established in several countries of Europe.

The modern revisionists, with the Soviet revisionists at the head, have been intimidated and have turned into lackeys of American imperialism and the reactionary bourgeoisie in Europe. They are begging for their peaceful coexistence, but this treacherous coexistence is being turned into defeat, just as our Party foresaw.

However, we will always be very vigilant and cool-headed; we must always keep our powder dry, march boldly ahead on our revolutionary road, strengthen our socialist Homeland, and ruthlessly expose the imperialists and revisionists. The enemies can do nothing to harm us. If they attack us they will meet their death. They know well the determination of the Albanian communists and of the heroic Albanian people.