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## **THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CYPRUS HAS NOW BEEN ESTABLISHED! — 26 November 2002**

The working class and the people of Cyprus, the working class of the world have now a party of their own, The Socialist Party of Cyprus (SPC).

The Socialist Party of Cyprus (SPC) has been formed as a result of struggle for labour and peace, a struggle to form a united Cyprus. The SPC is a party for the working class of our country, is a party for those working for peace, those fighting against the exploitation by the Imperialists. The SPC believes that our future is in our hands. We emphasise that the organised will power of the working class is the only force leading to peace and freedom.

All other parties who acclaim to be working for the attainment of socialism but in fact are working in harmony with the current regime, working hand in hand with those striving for domination over our Island is the fundamental difference between the SPC.

The SPC defends the grounds that the formation of guarantor states has inflicted on the people of Cyprus nothing more than suffering, along with mass migration, and as a result the abolition of all guarantors from the Island. We defend the point that all Bases —primarily the British bases— should be abolished and returned to the working people of the island.

On the issue of forming a United, democratic, free country we believe “we must stand up and take ownership of our homes”. We believe the alliance of all democratic forces to be curtailing in the attainment of this goal.

It is evident that the dominant, imperialist powers resolution plans are incapable of providing a permanent and peaceful solution to the Cyprus problem; they are striving to keep the seeds of nationalist hatred alive by claiming “division on the grounds of nationality and hence National determination.”

One of the most significant problems in the current proposed plan (namely that of migrants, land and ownership) proposed by the Imperialists (predominantly the British) requires careful consideration due to their responsibilities over the years. It is for this reason the Cypriots should be reimbursed with the bases and tied lands occupied by the British Imperialists. The lands occupied and estates occupied by the military should be passed on to those in need on both the North and the South of the island. The designers of this plan who are historically responsible for this destruction should pay unrequited compensation to those people who would be refugees again.

Poor masses shipped in to the island under the title of immigrants, subjected to the exploitation by the system, be it to the North or the South, should be approached in a humane manner and compensated for their sufferings over the years.

The regime on the north over the years has strived to increase the hatred between the immigrants from turkey and Cypriots, dividing the two communities leading to conflicts. Examples of this are becoming more and more explicit as each day goes by. Therefore, our party and all other democratic forces will strive to overcome the provocations of the fascist groups. We are face to face with new concoctions striving to widen the hatred amongst the working masses. Fascist groupings, supported by the government, are striving to transform conflicts amongst these people in to clashes. We call upon the masses to be aware of this and to demonstrate solidarity against these attacks.

The leaders of the Greek and Turkish communities who have been meeting to resolve the problems of the island (where the land problem is of utmost significance) have been committing a great crime by concealing the outcomes of these meetings from the public. From now on no measures or decisions should be concealed from the masses.

Our party will strive to uphold the interests of the Cypriot people both during meetings and in the preceding years. We will support any activities, which will hinder the grasp of the Imperialist powers over the island.

The future belongs to the masses that fight for peace and labour. The future lies in the formation of the Socialist Party of Cyprus' Anti-Imperialist Front Government!

***The Socialist Party of Cyprus***  
***General Secretary***  
***Mehmet Süleymanoglu***

**LETTER TO THE SLOVAK AMBASSADOR**  
**—29<sup>th</sup> January 2003**

His Excellency Mr. Ambassador  
Embassy of the Slovak Republic  
Nicosia

29<sup>th</sup> January 2003

Your Excellency Mr. Ambassador J. Varso

I deeply regret to inform you that, I will not be able to honour your kind invitation to attend the meeting of the Political Party Leaders at Ledra Palace on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2003, due to the denial for us of a permit to cross the Ledra Palace Check Point by the authorities in the Northern Cyprus.

We strongly believe that this action of the authorities is the result of another arbitrary decision of them, since they could not provide any logical explanation for it.

However, we are determined to pursue this case with the authorities and hopefully be able to attend the next meeting, if invited.

Yours sincerely,

***The Socialist Party of Cyprus***  
***General Secretary***  
***Mehmet Süleymanoglu***

## **ALL MILITARY FORCES WITHIN CYPRUS MUST UNCONDITIONALLY EVACUATE OUR ISLAND!**

**—26 February 2003**

Gathering from what little leak there has been to the press, the Annan plan is anticipated to propose the surrendering of 50% of all British military bases back to the Cypriot people. This news, which found extensive coverage within the Greek Cypriot press, claims its source is Lord David Hannay. Of this 50% surrendered land it is also anticipated that 90% will go to the Greek Cypriots and the remaining 10% will go to the Turkish Cypriots. This is said to have been proposed to mitigate the conditions of Greek Cypriot refugees.

It will be recalled that the Socialist Party of Cyprus brought this matter to the attention of the Cypriot public at its first circular, stating:

“One of the most important problems in this Plan is the matter of sovereignty, land and property. As the proposers of this Plan, and due to their historical responsibilities towards Cyprus, the imperialists, mainly Britain, should exhibit some self-sacrifice. Hence, both bases held by the imperialist British forces and the land surrounding these bases should be unconditionally surrendered back to the Cypriot people to mitigate their conditions. These proposers of this plan, due to their historical responsibility, should also undertake to compensate all those who shall be adversely affected by it. “ (Circular on founding of the Socialist Party of Cyprus, 26 November 2002)

At the time of our statement, this was criticised as a proposal that would jeopardise the whole process of negotiations. The groups for peace and unity called it detrimental to any proposed resolution, and that such claims would jeopardise any current negotiations, a blow on the head, so to speak. At the same time, Denktash had also dismissed and evaded this matter by claiming that “the fight should not be carried out in many fronts”. Once again, we assert that, with an ever-increasing organised and determined oppositional stance of the people, there is no aim unattainable, or beyond our grasp; and that British bases and all foreign armed forces should unconditionally evacuate our island.

*The Socialist Party of Cyprus*

**PROTEST AGAINST THE THREATS OF OFFICIAL  
AND UNOFFICIAL FORCES OF THE FASCIST  
REGIME — 2 March 2003**

“They will (be) drawn in their own blood”, “We will turn Cyprus into a lake of blood,” they said. Even if there is a peace agreement hundreds of you will not live to see the day,” they said. In addition, to prove they mean what they said, they have planted two high explosive bombs (at) to Inonu square, where 70,000 Cypriots met.

Cypriot Turks are in rebellion for the last few months, with the aim of liberating themselves from the oppression of the Turkish Republic’s Cypriot regime! They are fighting for freedom, independence, democracy and the right to determine their own destination. On 27 February 2003, they have filled the Inonu Square to achieve these aims. However, the official and unofficial forces of the fascist regime that has no power to stop this struggle, have threatened the people, distributing leaflets. These proved inefficient thus, they have placed bombs at the meeting place. If these bombs exploded, they would kill thousands who took part in the meeting! It is very important to know that, the official powers have neither condemned, nor explained this barbaric act!

Despite all threats; In spite of all that, our people have filled the meeting place to the tune of 70 000- one third of all those who live in the North and, almost all of the Cypriot Turks! Thus, they have declared that they will not bow to the oppression of these barbarians, that they are determined to unify Cyprus, and turn Cyprus into an island of peace!

The Socialist Party of Cyprus condemns these barbarians, these mass murderers who try to preserve their rotten system in spite of the wishes of our people, and through the mass murder of our people!

*Central Committee of the  
The Socialist Party of Cyprus*

## **ON WAR AGAINST IRAQ — 23 March 2003**

USA imperialism has attacked Iraq in order to occupy a country, which is rich in oil resources, with the aim of creating a singly polarised world where all the resources and markets are totally under its hegemony. USA imperialism and their collaborators, in front of the eyes of the whole world, despite the opposition of all the peoples of the world and the law of United Nations have began a bloody attack that is an act of barbarism and ferocity. On the third day of the attack, as there has been no evidence of the reasons put forward for the attack, the fact clearly came to light that this is an degrading attempt to grab the oil resources.

It is undoubtedly clear that the imperialist-based efforts for the failure of the peace struggle in our country are part of this dogfight for hegemony. On the one hand, the use of British bases in our country by one of the aggressors; British imperialism, and on the other, the opening of the air space by the Greek Cypriot administration for the use of USA war planes has made our country a spring-board for this barbaric attack. Once again, this situation has brought to light the dirty aims of those powers that are against peace in our island. We have no doubt that the rising peoples' movements will stop these bloody and bloodless attacks by imperialists that they carry out fearlessly at any time and anywhere they wish, by violating the international law and human rights against the life of human beings, peoples and their right to live, freedom and independence.

The USA imperialists and their collaborators are responsible for the results of this barbaric attack against the Iraqi people. We strongly condemn and detest the USA imperialists, their collaborators, and all those who help them for our country to be used as a tool for this barbarism and call upon them to stop this attack at once. We call upon all our people and all the peoples of the world to raise the banner of struggle in order to stop this aggression.

*Central Committee of the  
The Socialist Party of Cyprus*

**LETTER TO MR. COSTAS SIMITIS,  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EUROPEAN  
PRESIDENCY PRIME MINISTER OF GREECE  
—19 April 2003**

Mr. Costas Simitis  
Representative of the EU Presidency  
Prime Minister of Greece

19<sup>th</sup> April 2003

The Socialist Party of Cyprus expresses its gratitude for allowing us to discuss the Cyprus Problem with you.

The UN Security Council and many other political and diplomatic circles held Mr. Denktash responsible for dragging the process of negotiations for a solution into a failure after The Hague meeting. Our Party has always rejected the policies based on partition and the status quo pursued by Mr. Denktash during the process of the negotiations.

With this respect, we believe that, primarily the EU and Greece with all the interested parties must declare immediately that they will recognize the pro-solution and peace forces which may take the power in Northern Cyprus in near future and that, they are willing and ready to re-start the process of negotiations where it was left and reach a viable solution for the problem on the basis of Annan Plan. We strongly believe that, the pro-solution and peace forces in Northern Cyprus, acting in alliance, will replace Mr. Denktash by means of a democratic process in near future. The Greek Cypriot leadership, also, has to declare that they will recognize this change and that they will sincerely work together with this new power to re-create the common homeland for all Cypriots, on the basis of political equality.

The proposed measures to be taken for the Turkish Cypriots by the Republic of Cyprus, after the process of the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2003, must not damage or give any harm to the political equality and partnership.

In this period of time when Turkish Cypriot people are determined to take their fate into their hands and to materialise their will for a solution to the problem, ignoring the fact that the Turkish language being one of the official languages of the Republic of Cyprus, based on the 1960 Constitution, by the Greek Cypriot leadership is not acceptable. The allocation of all the six seats for the European Parliament to the Greek

Cypriot community is an attitude far from any good intention or good will.

We believe that, the EU must express its will openly on these two issues and declare that, Turkish Cypriots are as equal as Greek Cypriots and are commonly sovereign on the Island. The Greek Cypriot leadership must refrain itself, speedily, from taking any step which will remove the political equality of the Turkish Cypriots and which will reduce their rights to minority rights.

Mr.Simitis,

Our people, that is the people of Cyprus, expect to see you approaching the problem constructively, balanced and on the basis of equality. The recent history of Cyprus is the history of mistakes, which turned into destruction. The Socialist Party of Cyprus has not forgotten and will not forget the perpetrators of these mistakes and destructions.

***Mehmet Suleymanoglu***  
***General Secretary***  
***The Socialist Party of Cyprus***

**THIS IS A CALL TO THE WORKING CLASS OF  
CYPRUS! — 30 April 2003**

Let us gather in the streets and join the demonstration on May 1<sup>st</sup>, the day of unity, struggle and solidarity of the world working class. Let us celebrate May Days in the north and the south with the spirit of solidarity.

The Greek and Turkish Cypriot workers and toilers have a great responsibility in the struggle for independence and for unifying our country. Now the borders are opened, we must demand ever-increasing contacts and an end to the discriminatory rule of the administrations.

Let us meet and demonstrate against imperialism, fascism and all type of reaction, for the brotherhood of the people.

*Mehmet Suleymanoglu*  
*General Secretary*  
*The Socialist Party of Cyprus*

## **MAY DAY —THE DAY OF STRUGGLE, SOLIDARITY, ORGANISATION AND VICTORY OF THE WORKING CLASS! —1 MAY 2003**

We are celebrating this May Day with the hope of solving the problems of our county by:

Working intensely to have the Annan Plan signed;

Broadening our unity rather than narrowing it as the Peace Front;

Preparing a single candidate list for the forth coming parliamentary elections and preparing to win this election decisively;

Starting the work to rid the rule of the so-called Presidency, Government and Turkish State that is guiding them, who have condemned our country to remain divided, through this election.

On this Day,

We condemn:

The division of our county;

The division of our people on the basis of nationality and religion;

The disarming of our people by those who are arming themselves to the bone in their country and in ours;

Those who have confiscated part of our country, and with no remorse promise to return part of the country they have confiscated, if an agreement is reached;

The interference of all foreign powers who under the pretext of guarantors, think that we only deserve such a rule;

The mentality that allows all foreigners to decide on our behalf in all our institutions;

Those who are insulting us, and those who are presenting this rule of degradation as liberation to us;

The World conditions and those who are presenting us and the world such a system that is forcing us to accept such an insulting plan as liberation, as an alternative to war in our country.

We condemn the bourgeois who are presenting us nothing but nationalist and religious hatred, war, massacres, forced migration, daily fight for survival, unemployment and poverty, fear and worry. We condemn the bourgeois who are forcing us to watch the killing of people and murder of humanity on televisions and generating fear among us. We condemn this system of imperialist bourgeois regime.

We celebrate this May Day

With the consciousness that our country can only be liberated when all countries, all nations are free and by becoming brothers/sisters instead of

being enemies, we can only rid ourselves from these insults when imperialism, that is presenting nothing but death and poverty to all countries and nations, is overthrown.

We celebrate this May Day

By working intensely to achieve the bright future of the days of love and respect for humanity provided by communism, when the abundance of goods will be produced by automated factories controlled by computers and utilizing electric energy which could have been achieved a long time ago if the barbarous bourgeois property ownership and rule had not existed, when all of us will take part in managing our own affairs and when there will not be the rule of some by others.

The future belongs to the workers and toilers....

The future belongs to humanity and love....

We must put an end to the rule and ownership of this barbarous bourgeoisie.

We celebrate this May Day with this determination!

We have nothing to lose. In addition, they will bomb and loot those who do have. There is our humanity, our pride, our honour and a great World to win!

***The Socialist Party of Cyprus***

## **JOINT MAY DAY —1 MAY 2003**

The May 1, 2003 was a historical day for the people of Cyprus.

May Day was celebrated with the true spirit as deserved.

May 1, 2003 was the day when the workers, toilers, the revolutionary intellectuals and the youth joined by bypassing the Greek or Turkish nationality, as the people of Cyprus. They demonstrated to everyone that they are a single whole and did not recognise the fictitious borders set by bourgeoisie.

We witnessed this May 1<sup>st</sup>, when Turkish Cypriots felt to address the Greek Cypriots with Greek and the Greek Cypriots felt to address the Turkish Cypriots with Turkish leaflets.

By taking part in the May 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations on both sides of the border, with banners, flags and slogans in Greek and Turkish, the workers and toilers of Cyprus have demonstrated that they did not recognise the fictitious border of imperialism and its native bourgeois.

After 45 years of segregation, on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003, the Greek and Turkish Cypriot workers have jointly chanted “Yaşasın Kızıl 1 Mayıs, Zido O Gokkino Brodomayia!” The slogan “Long Live Red May Day”, “Red May Day” in the language of 1958, was an important symbol that showed the desire and aim of Red May Day.

When the youth of Socialist Party of Cyprus chanted “May Day is Red, Will Remain Red!” together with Greek and Turkish Cypriot youth, it demonstrated re-birth of the spirit of struggle and solidarity of the 1958.

### **THE ATTEMPTS OF THE RULERS TO BLOCK THE JOINT CELEBRATION OF THE MAY 1<sup>st</sup> WAS FUTILE.**

The rulers panicked when it was clear that the May Day was going to be celebrated jointly, with solidarity, in the south, in the morning, and in the north, in the evening. This would enable those in the north to cross into the south in the morning and those in the south to cross into the north in the evening.

The head of ministers Eroglu was telling the press for 2 days that they were not going to allow the joint celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> May.

The angry people who lined up at Ledra Palace checkpoint to cross into the south, when the police started to employ the delaying tactics for formalities protested the police force at intervals. The people were determined to cross into the south and eventually crossed into the south and joined to the march, though with delay, despite the fact that they were forced to wait for long hours.

When the Greek Cypriot people joined to the march in the north, in the evening, this was a wonderful reply to the regimes of both sides.

“KIBRISLI TÜRK-RUM İŞÇİLER BİRLEŞİNİZ!  
ELLİNES KE TURKOS ERGADES ENOMENI!”  
(Greek and Turkish Cypriot Workers Unite!)

The people in the north started gathering at the Ledra Palace checkpoint in the early hours of the morning for the celebrations of May 1<sup>st</sup> in the south organised by PEO (trade union).

They were determined to celebrate May 1<sup>st</sup> together with Greek Cypriot workers after 45 years. They crossed into the south with determination and patience despite all the attempts to block them.

They crossed with their banners. They wrote their banners in Greek and Turkish to prove fellowship of people against the bourgeois nationalism.

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(Greek and Turkish Cypriot Workers Unite!)

The slogan “Greek and Turkish Cypriot Workers Unite!” trembled the north and the south, gave fear to the status-quo regimes in north and the south.

Immediately after the people were allowed to cross the borders late in April, Socialist Party of Cyprus started the initiative to celebrate May 1<sup>st</sup> jointly on both sides. Unfortunately, the conservative forces of both sides did not do anything and towards this direction until the last moment. The conservatives in the north gave a laughing excuse and said, “The time is too short, god willing next year”.

Those conservatives in the south, by saying, “every organisation has its own tradition and action, we also have very little time and we can not do it jointly”, aimed to block the joint celebrations of May 1<sup>st</sup>. By joining to the celebration with 3-4 union leaders under the pretext of “symbolic celebration”, these forces did not realise that they were serving the interest of rulers unconsciously.

We, as Cypriot socialists, wanted to show that we would not bow to any blockade and were determined to enable the joint celebration of our people and started to organise a joint May 1<sup>st</sup> celebration with “Stop the War Coalition”. In the end, we concluded to celebrate May 1<sup>st</sup> en masse, in the south and the north.

When PEO learned that we were going ahead with this type of joint celebration, they offered to supply us buses to take us to the headquarters of PEO and join to the procession of PEO.

Because of our efforts, we “kindly” declined the offer of PEO and carried out all our preparations accordingly. We told PEO that we would march from Ledra Palace to Elefteria Square and meet them there and we marched as planned...

### **THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CYPRUS IN THE STREETS OF THE SOUTH PART OF NICOSIA**

We waited the marchers of PEO to enter into Elefteria Square and marched with Stop The War Coalition and Cag-Sen, from Dragos Square, with our banners that had the following slogans:

“YAŞASIN 1 MAYIS!  
ZIDO BRODOMAYIA!”  
“LONG LIVE MAY DAY!”  
“KIBRISLI TURK-RUM İŞÇİLER BİRLEŞİNİZ!  
ELLINES KE TURKOS ERGADES ENOMENI!”  
GREEK & TURKISH WORKERS UNITE!  
“SAVASI DURDURUN !”  
STAMATISTE TON POLEMO !”  
STOP THE WAR!”

We entered into Elefteria Square with the applauses of Greek Cypriot, Turkish Cypriot and Kurdish workers who were already present there.

As the celebrations, organised by PEO, was winding down, we marched towards the USA Embassy and protested the imperialist wars in Iraq and other parts of the world.

### **THE THEATRICAL SHOW OF EKIM WAS MAGNIFICIENT**

The short theatrical show staged by EKIM Cultural-Art-Production CENTRE drew a huge interest.

The young members of EKIM portrayed the agony of war, the unity of toilers against the war and chauvinism and showed the workers that in order to get rid of wars all together, the way forward is the establishment of their own government, through a musical play. The musical generated highly emotional moments for the audience. When the play finished, the audience applauded the EKIM performers several minutes.

## **MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> WAS NOT OVER UNTIL IT WAS CELEBRATED IN THE NORTH PART OF NICOSIA**

This year May 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations in the north was organised by This Country is Ours Platform. The workers and toiler in the north gathered in Kugulu Park at around 19:30 and marched by the parliament building into Saray Onu Square. The Greek Cypriots crossed into the north and joined the march and celebrations as the Turkish Cypriots had done earlier in the day. Greek and Turkish slogans were chanted jointly after 45 years. It was a historical day for the working class of Cyprus.

Despite the occupation, despite the attempts to block the joint celebrations the workers of Cyprus gave the direction forward:

Jointly fighting imperialism and its native bourgeoisie...

### **JOINT MAY DAY CELEBRATION – A HISTORICAL DAY FOR THE WORKING CLASS OF CYPRUS**

After 45 years of segregation, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2003, the Greek and Turkish Cypriot workers have jointly chanted *Long Live Red May Day* in Greek and Turkish. In the language of 1958, this slogan was an important symbol that showed the desire and aim of Red May Day. By taking part in the May 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations on both side of the border, with banners, flags, leaflets and slogans in Greek and Turkish, the workers and toilers of Cyprus have demonstrated that they did not recognise the fictitious border of imperialism and its native bourgeois.

The rulers panicked when it was clear that the May Day was going to be celebrated jointly, in the south, in the morning, and in the north, in the evening.

The head of ministers Eroglu was telling the press for 2 days that they were not going to allow the joint celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Unfortunately, the conservative forces of both sides did not do anything and towards this direction until the last moment. The conservatives in the north gave a laughing excuse and said, “the time is too short, god willing next year”. In a similar way the conservatives in the south did not want to go for a mass joint Mayday celebration, with the excuse that “every organisation have its own tradition and action” and that “in such a short time we can not organise it jointly”. So under the pretext of “symbolic celebration” 3-4 union leaders joined the celebration.

We, as Cypriot socialists, soon after the people were allowed to cross the borders late in April, wanted to show that we would not bow to any

blockade. So we started to organise for a joint May Day celebration in the south and the north with “Stop The War Coalition”.

So, from the early hours of the morning the Turkish Cypriots started lining up at Ledra Palace checkpoint to cross into the south for PEO’s May Day celebrations in the south. The police started to employ the delaying tactics for formalities, make us all angry, but we were determined to cross into the south despite the fact we had to wait for long hours.

We waited the marchers of PEO to enter into Elefteria Square and marched with Stop The War Coalition and Cag-Sen, from Dragos Square, with our banners that had the following slogans:

“YAŞASIN 1 MAYIS!  
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GREEK & TURKISH WORKERS UNITE!  
“SAVASI DURDURUN !”  
STAMATISTE TON POLEMO !”  
STOP THE WAR!”

The slogan “Greek and Turkish Cypriot Workers Unite!” echoed in the streets of Nicosia, in north and south, giving fear to both ruling classes. We entered into Elefteria Square with the applauses of Greek Cypriot, Turkish Cypriot and Kurdish workers who were already present there.

As the celebrations, organised by PEO, was winding down, we marched towards the USA Embassy chanting anti-war slogans in English, Greek and Turkish. We demonstrated against the occupation of Iraq, against imperialism and against war in other parts of the world.

In the evening, it was the turn of the Greek Cypriots to cross into the north and join the march and celebrations as the Turkish Cypriots had done earlier in the day. This year May Day celebration in the north was organised by This Country is Ours Platform. The people gathered in Kugulu Park at around 7.30 and marched by the parliament building into Saray Onu Square. When the Greek Cypriot people joined in the march, it was a wonderful sight and sent a message to the ruling classes of both sides. Greek and Turkish slogans were chanted again jointly after 45 years. It was a historical day for the working class of Cyprus. Despite the occupation, despite the attempts to block the joint celebrations the workers of Cyprus gave the way forward: fighting jointly imperialism and its native bourgeoisie...

**THIS IS OUR CALL TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE ON THE SIDE OF PEACE AND DEMOCRACY; WHO ARE AGAINST WAR AND IMPERIALISM; AND REVOLUTIONARY-COMMUNIST ORGANISATIONS IN TURKEY, GREECE AND BRITAIN. —4 May 2003**

The imperialist-colonial character of the Annan Plan that has been proposed by the United Nations for the solution of the Cyprus Problem is obvious.

During the negotiations of this plan, the British Government has declared that it would transfer half of the territories of its bases in Cyprus to the new government, if an agreement is signed. Whether, they made this proposal knowing that an agreement would not be signed anyway, will come to light in the future period of the signing of an agreement.

Meanwhile, it is obvious that the Annan Plan has continuously referred to the “motherlands” (Turkey and Greece) as obstacles to reaching an agreement, and did not refer to Britain at all as even a reason for not reaching an agreement. Our Party believes that it is British Government that is the main reason for not reaching an agreement in Cyprus.

The position of Britain in our country is openly colonialist. Approximately %3 of the territories of our country is used as a military base by this country, in order to threaten and make war against the countries and peoples of the region. This has happened in the last colonialist war against Iraq, in 2003. The British government do not want to loose these bases, for this reason, it continuously supported reaction in our country and incited enmity among the nations of our country. It is directly responsible from all individual murders of our leading patriots, and mass massacres that have occurred in our country. The present diplomat of the British Government who is responsible for the Cyprus affairs is Lord Hannay, exactly the same person who became infamous during the Rwanda-Brundi massacre, jointly with Ms. Allbright of the USA.

The United Nations, by not opposing the British bases in Cyprus and by approving appropriation of the territories of Cyprus by another country, is negating its supposed foundation of opposing colonialism.

The European Union, by not accepting the British bases in Cyprus as the territories of the Republic of Cyprus, and thus of EU, approves the occupation of the territories of one of their member by another member, and thus negates the supposed principle that European Union member countries cannot occupy one-another’s territories.

Our Party which is fighting to achieve the signing of the Annan Plan, and therefore would not join in the campaign that we are proposing to you, requests from you to join forces with all those who are on the side of peace and democracy; anti-war and anti-imperialist; and revolutionary and communist organisations in your country, against presence of the British bases in Cyprus; begin a campaign in your country, in other countries and in United Nations and European Union; that not only half of the territories of the bases of Britain in Cyprus, but all of them, and immediately, without waiting for any agreements, be returned to the Republic of Cyprus; and ensure that this demand is put forward before the British Government, United Nations and European Union.

If, those who are on the side of peace and democracy; anti-war and anti-imperialist; and revolutionary-communist organisations in Greece and Turkey feel, that such a campaign would be a bourgeois-nationalist one because it does not come against their own countries' imperialism, they would be wrong. Furthermore, it is we, the Cypriots, who want you to carry out this campaign without referring to the positions of Turkey and Greece in our country.

We express in advance our lasting respect and solidarity to you for the support you will give against the colonialism of the British Government in our country.

***General Secretary***  
***Mehmet Suleymanoglu***  
***The Socialist Party of Cyprus***

## **FASCIST GREY WOLVES ARMED WITH STICKS AND IRON BARS ATTACKED THE NEAR EAST UNIVERSITY SPRING CELEBRATIONS —18 May 2003**

### **BARBARISM**

Yesterday evening (17 May 2003), about 200 fascist grey wolves have attacked with sticks and iron bars that were prepared beforehand to a crowd approximately 1500 people where the music group Duman (Smoke) participated in the spring celebrations of the Near East University and barbarically have beaten up the Kurdish students.

The police, in a word, has just observed this attack that according information sources has been planned beforehand, where many people have been wounded. Knowing that police has supported this attack, many heavily wounded Kurdish students avoided even going to hospital despite their wounds.

After 15-20 minutes of the start of the concert, approximately 200 fascist grey wolves with sticks and iron bars, plunged into the crowd, shouting 'god is great' slogans and making noises by hitting sticks and iron bars against each other. It has been observed that the massive civilian police force present at the school have not intervened and they just remained as observers while the Kurdish students were beaten up.

The fascists blinded with the rage of barbarism they created, they climbed on the stage and dispersed the music group that was giving a concert and broke their musical instruments.

Then it was observed that the fascists blockaded the school's entrance gate and the Exhibition Area and started their "human" hunting.

The police that had not intervened while all this was happening, when the situation was quiet, they sent in the Agile Force. The Agile Force took position in front of the "stand" that belonged to the Kurdish students.

According to the information coming in, those who started the incidents were not only those students who studied in the Near East University, but were also together with other fascists from other universities and personally from the Grey Wolves Organisations. Also, among other information coming in, it is said that a person known as the leader of the fascist grey wolves in the past, was tied up so that he does not inform the planned attack beforehand.

We ask:

1. Where was the state last night which sent hundreds of police and even the fully equipped Agile Force to the smallest activities of the trade

unions and “This Country Is Ours Platform”, who attacked to Elye (village) with the excuse that a “referendum” would be held there and had blockaded Girne (Kyrenia)?

2. It is obvious that the events that took place cannot be treated simply as a ‘student fight’, which this attack was planned beforehand, and that most of the fascists were professional who were gathered from outside the school. And also what was the reason behind the police that was present there remaining as an observer and not intervening at all? We are calling upon the General Police Department to declare the number of people arrested in connection with the incidents and why the police did not intervene and just remained as observers.

These questions can be multiplied. However, in any case, one fact cannot be hidden; as long as the forces of peace and democracy do not succeed to establish their awareness and solidarity in every issue and field, the attacks of the fascist forces would not be repulsed.

The Socialist Party of Cyprus (SPC) considers and strongly condemns these fascist attacks in the Near East University as an attack on democracy.

Our Party calls upon all forces of peace and democracy to increase their awareness and show their solidarity as required in face of the fascist attacks that took place in the Near East University.

***General Secretary***  
***Mehmet Suleymanoglu***  
***The Socialist Party of Cyprus***

## **ATTEMPTS TO CLOSE DOWN AND BAN THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CYPRUS BY THE AUTHORITIES IN NORTHERN CYPRUS —7 July 2003**

Socialist Party of Cyprus (SPC) was officially founded on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2002, when the copies of its program and constitution (Appendix 1 and 2 respectively) were submitted to the Interior Ministry of the authorities of Northern Cyprus. This procedure was conducted in accordance with the constitution of the “Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC)”.

The undersecretary of the Interior Ministry sent a letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2003 to the Party via the attorney of the Party with an attached document from the office of the Attorney General (Appendix 3). This document, which was signed by the deputy Attorney General, is as if an assessment of the program and constitution of the SPC, states the articles or parts of them which are allegedly against the law and the constitution of the “TRNC” and demands amendment to them, otherwise threatens with taking legal action against the SPC.

This letter clearly constitutes a violation of freedom of expression, thought, conscience and organization; like many other violations of human rights in Northern Cyprus. This assessment is full of contradictions and concocted claims. For example; “opening of the check points and establishment of free movement for everybody all over the Island” and “unconditional peace” are two of the demands of the program of the SPC. The deputy Attorney General objects these two demands in his assessment (pg.4) and demands their removal from the program. However, as the whole world knows the check-points were opened on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2003, and although restricted, free movement has been facilitated all over the Island. And again, everybody knows that, the initiatives for the resumption of the negotiations for the solution of the Cyprus problem are in progress.

The most striking fact of this assessment of the deputy Attorney General is in his conclusion (pg. 6), where he demands an amendment to the relating articles of the law of political parties and the constitution of the “TRNC”, such that, the concerned authority (i.e. Ministry of Interior) will have the power and authority to close down and ban any political party straight away without going through any legal procedure, as it is now.

This approach clearly gives an indication of the intentions, which have been already released to the knowledge of the public, of the authorities in Northern Cyprus the way they will amend the laws, undoubtedly they will

be more oppressive and brutal, concerning political parties, trade unions, NGOs, press, public demonstrations, public meetings, strikes, etc. if there is no solution to the Cyprus problem in near future.

We as the democratic forces of Cyprus will not surrender to the oppressive rule of any regime/s in Cyprus. Our struggle for a free, liberated, united and democratic Cyprus will go on under every condition. The support of international democratic forces and people, which we have the right to demand and expect, is an important element in our struggle.

***General Secretary***  
***Mehmet Suleymanoglu***  
***The Socialist Party Of Cyprus***

## **THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CYPRUS PROTESTS THE ARBITRARY PRACTICES OF THE RULERS**

**—2 December 2003**

Those authorities that occupy the seats with the votes of the people of the Northern Cyprus in order to serve them are acting otherwise. They are striving to have a share for themselves from the shoulders of the Turkish Cypriot working people whom by letting them alone in their living struggle force them to become illegal workers.

According to the official statements, eight thousand working people are passing to the South from the North Cyprus and work in the jobs they find. Among these, there are university graduates as well. Most of these workers who work on the building sites do not have any legal rights. They are forced to work with an illegal status and the working periods depend on the words coming out of the employers' mouth. In addition, these workers are not given the opportunity to join the trade unions and are given fewer wages than those Greek workers working with them and doing the same work.

The authorities of the Northern Cyprus who consider themselves as the state, instead of looking at the problems of the workers, they act the opposite. The workers who came to the gate of Ledra Palace today are faced with official documents given to them by the authorities in order to sign. With these documents, they aim to have a share in the working people's earnings. The authorities of Northern Cyprus are aiming to collect income tax from those who declare their earnings and sign these documents. The workers who refused this came out together into the streets.

The Socialist Party of Cyprus (SCP) declares that it supports the struggles of these workers whom are forced into an illegal worker position on our island that is divided into two, declares that it is on their side and states that this anti-humanitarian, illegal and arbitrary attitude of the status quo is a sign of a dying regime short of 12 days to the elections. It calls upon all workers, toilers, democrats, progressives and lovers of the country to support as one fist the Peace and Democracy Movement that is the political force of the struggle of the Turkish Cypriot people on 14 December against the rulers.

*Kazim Ongen*  
*The General Secretary*  
*The Socialist Party of Cyprus*

## **THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CYPRUS ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS — January 2004**

***Q1) When was your newspaper first published?***

A. Our newspaper started its publication in February 1996.

***Q2) How often is your newspaper published? (Daily, Weekly, monthly etc)?***

A. Our newspaper was published monthly until November 2002. It is being published bi-monthly since then.

***Q3) When was your party established?***

A. Our party was founded on 22 November 2002.

***Q4) Why did you create a new party?***

A. We encounter this question, quite often. “When there are so many left parties, why have you formed a new party?” question is a very important question. The fundamental difference between the Socialist Party of Cyprus (SPC) and other parties that define themselves as left-wing party is that, the SPC believe and bases its policies to the ideology of the working class. The SPC refuses to compromise with the existing regime; instead of preserving capitalism, the SPC asserts the replacement of capitalism. SPC is totally against the guarantors and demands the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all troops and removal of the bases in Cyprus.

***Q5) How many party members do you have until now?***

A. We have seen great interest to our party from the masses and especially from the youth since we set up our party. Unlike the parties of the regime, our concept of membership is not based on “uncontrolled expansion” of the party. For this reason, central organisation of our party is well set-up and our party is rapidly organising itself in all the regions.

***Q6) Which are the principles that the party is based on? (Marxism, Leninism, Stalinism etc)?***

A. In opposition to the regime that we live in, our party believes in the necessity of socialism more than what has always been. With this connection, the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin that enlighten the road to socialism are the teachings of the science of socialism to us. Our party accepts Leninism as science but does not see the definition of “Stalinism” as a correct one. The application of Leninism, and its

development, to the historical development of a society and the party should not be understood as “Stalinism”, it is the practical process of building socialism.

***Q7) Inside the Greek-Cypriots it is believed that your party is a Trotskyite one because of your connection with Ergatiki Dimokratia (Workers Democracy). Is this true?***

A. As it can be seen from the above answer, the SPC is not a Trotskyite party. It aims to be the party of the people of the whole island. It aims to be the party of the working class and toilers of Cyprus. It sees all Cyprus as its field of struggle. For this reason, the SPC, in its struggle against the division of the island, against the hegemony of imperialism on the island, against reactionaries and chauvinism, it has organised joint events with Ergatiki Demokratia. If it agrees with them with the common aim it will continue to organise joint events. These joints of events are open to all revolutionary, patriotic and to all that are on the side of labour in the south. We have been sincerely calling upon everyone for this.

***Q8) Do you have any relations with AKEL?***

A. We, unfortunately, have not managed to set up a healthy links with AKEL since the party was set up. Although they positively responded to our calls to have a joint meeting, we have not been given a date to meet. However, we continue the inheritance of KKK that was formed in 1926. If AKEL claims the inheritance of KKK, then we have an easy issue here.

***Q9) What is your goal in the Cyprus problem?***

A. We see it very important and aim to have “an anti-imperialist, independent and unitary Cyprus”. In order to achieve this, i.e. it is necessary to have the mighty power of the people to remove imperialism and its lackeys from the power. In addition to this, we need to forge a strong and practical support of the working class of Turkey, Greece and Britain. To achieve this, we need to have “an anti-imperialist united front” in our country. In order to achieve a real independence and democratisation in our country, this we must succeed with this united-front policy.

***Q10) What is your goal in the society matters?***

A. What you understand from the question on society matters is not very clear. Many things can be understood. When our party considers or proposes a solution to any matter, it always takes the stand whether such steps help our struggle or not.

***Q11) What is your opinion about the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC)?***

A. TRNC is a form of state that is not even recognised by those that claims to set it up.

The administration is used by Turkish Republic through Denktash. The Turkish Cypriot people are not worried about keeping TRNC alive and develop it. TRNC is used to divide and make this division permanent on the island.

***Q12) What is your opinion about the elections of the TRNC?***

A. Our party believes to use all the means that is going to enable the people to take the power for the interest of the people. If necessary, taking part in the election is one of them. If the conditions allow us this option as part of the struggle, our party will not refuse it.

***Q13) Will you participate in the elections next December?***

A. The struggle process during the past 2-3 years and the mass movement during the past months have entered into a new phase. This phase is the total rejection of the regime and the move to take power by people's power. The puppet parties of the regime blocked the attempted referendum in this period. The election in December provides a possibility to settle the accounts between those who are trying to keep the status quo and those on the side of peace. The people will make the referendum that was blocked.

Denktash will be immediately removed from the talks and a new team will be set up to sign the agreement and make it a reality.

Article 10 of the constitution will be changed immediately and break the absolute rule of the army.

What is desired is the unity of all those in favour of peace, of course. This is a Peace Front. Our party has been putting all its efforts to achieve this. This Front should not be the Front of the 5 opposition parties. It should be the Front of all the organisations that has formed BMBP (This Country Is Ours Platform). Its trade unions, NGOs, etc.

We observe that some parties are trying to stay away from this unity when our party made a move towards this end. CTP is thinking of standing for election on its own by thinking that it has received more than enough support of the people during the demonstrations in the past months. We do not wish this to happen. If it happens, our party will endeavour to set up our Front with other organisations that support the peace. Else, our party will take part in this election.

***Q14) Will you try to establish an alliance with other parties in the elections? Which?***

A. It was touched upon in the above answer. We are in favour of having an alliance with CTP, TKP, BKP, YBH and trade unions.

***Q15) Do you participate in Bu Memleket Bizim (This Country is Ours)?***

A. We take active part in BMBP. We demand that BMBP becomes more solid organisation. We even suggest that the name of this “Peace Front” be This Country is Ours Party.

***Q16) What is your opinion on CTP, YBH, BKP, and TKP?***

A. All these parties are reformist parties, despite the fact that have their differences. Ultimately, rather than change the system, they think of taming it. There is not enough time or space to explain there differences here, of course.

***Q17) What is your opinion about Annan's plan?***

A. Annan Plan, as known by everyone is an imperialist plan. It protects the interest of imperialism on the island. Although this is the case we our party has given its support to this plan. Because it retards the current situation to a certain extent and increases the relations between two communities. It supports the component that significantly reduces the prescience of armies. Furthermore, it received a huge support of the people in the north. If this plan is rejected, there must be an alternative solution plant to present to the people. It is also necessary to implement such a plan. Unfortunately, those powers that claim to be on the side of the people have not been organised and give the necessary anti-imperialist struggle. They always supported chauvinism and their own capitalists.

When our party gives support to the plan, it explains its true face and its drawbacks to our people at the same time.

***Q18) Before the creation of your party were you activate like a group? If yes, in what way?***

A. Every party in history passes through an evolution unique to itself. The SPC has gone through such evolution.

***Q19) What is your opinion about the opening of the borders and the latest developments?***

A. The opening of the borders and its development is a positive sign. They kept the communities apart to feed chauvinism, but this trend is in

reverse. However, if what is achieved is not carried forward, serious negative effects may surface. Passing with a passport must be rejected. The negative attitude of Cyprus Government towards the Greek Cypriots that crosses into north must be rejected.

The most important one is that we must not forget that Cyprus is still divided and there is no peace on the island. Therefore, those that support peace must join their forces together. We must direct our struggle with joint events. The struggle that has been waged in the north to date has not found much support in the south. The time has come to question this mentality.

***Mehmet Süleymanoglu***  
***General Secretary***  
***The Socialist Party of Cyprus***

## **MESSAGE TO EDON BY THE YOUTH COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CYPRUS**

**— January 2, 2004**

Comrade Chairperson,

Dear Comrades,

We, as the Youth Committee of the Socialist Party of Cyprus salute the 14<sup>th</sup> Congress of EDON with our warmest hearts, and extend our solidarity to you in your struggle.

Comrades,

Our world is becoming a scene of a new imperialist division and hegemony dogfight. Cyprus is also among the victims of this dogfight. In this process of fighting for re-division, which has mainly continued on the oil fields in the Middle East, political developments are taking place in our country, which will affect our future.

Since 1950's the Anglo-American imperialists have done everything they could to divide our country on the ethnic, as well as geographic grounds in line with their 'divide and rule' policy. As a result, in the period from 1963 to 1974, by using the powers under their control such as Turkey and Greece and their local lackeys, they have divided our people on ethnic and our country on geographic grounds. Unfortunately, the left forces in our country also bare responsibility in the realisation of this process.

At the present stage, the collapse of the Soviet Union, the emergence of European Union as a new imperialist power in the political arena has resulted in the change of balance in the Middle East and re-division is on the agenda. Thus, at this point, the official recognition of the "de facto" situation, which on appearance has not disturbed anyone for 30 years, is now on the agenda. The Plan of the United Nations, known as the Annan Plan, has been put forward for this reason. This plan is a compromising plan among imperialist powers. Despite this, we as the Socialist Party of Cyprus have supported this plan. Because, the "ceasefire" situation that has been ongoing for 30 years would come to an end with a compromise and relatively would be an imperialist peace: We prefer an imperialist peace to an imperialist war. Because, the de facto occupation that is ongoing would come to an end, which would open the way for joint organisation and joint struggle against chauvinism and the reactionary forces in our country in order to re-unite our common homeland.

Yet, a solution around this plan has not been realised despite the support given by almost all of the Turkish Cypriot people. The imperialist

powers, especially the Anglo-American imperialists, are delaying the implementation of this plan, prepared by none other than themselves. Because they still have not agreed among themselves. Thus, this shows us that the Annan plan is not a real solution of the Cyprus question, but that it is only a compromising plan amongst the imperialist powers. This plan would only constitute a compromise for the contradictions between Anglo-American – EU imperialists and their peripheral extensions, Turkey and Greece. However, this will not solve the problem. Because, in essence, the main contradiction in the Cyprus question, which is the contradiction between the people of Cyprus and imperialist powers, will not be resolved. With this plan, while the “de facto” situation would become “de jure”, the British bases, the military forces of Turkey and Greece would continue their presence on the island and EU would establish its hegemony through its political power.

The real solution of the Cyprus Question can be only realised through the removal of imperialist powers and all foreign powers from Cyprus, and break-off from the imperialist system. The re-establishment of a common homeland in peace depends on the defeat of imperialism. We believe that the struggle for the emancipation of our people and country from imperialism can only be carried out through an *Anti-Imperialist United Front* of all anti-imperialist forces that would be established under the leadership of the working class.

In this connection, we wish you and your Congress success and hope that EDON, as one of the anti-imperialist forces of the Cypriot youth, takes its place in the formation of this front and that the 14<sup>th</sup> Congress would end with resolutions taken in this direction.

***Youth Committee of the  
The Socialist Party of Cyprus***

## **THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CYPRUS DOES NOT APPROVE FOLLOWING BEHIND ANKARA’S “NEW PLANS”— 23 January 2004**

We are entering into a more active phase in regards to the Cyprus question. As Ankara realises that eventually the process of the talks and connected with it “the solution” would happen, now is running after her own particular interests. As our people’s wish for a solution based on the Annan Plan is on the forefront, the Ankara’s particular demands and threats are increasing. With a colonialist attitude, together with those circles who say “the Northern Cyprus is ours”, let us take a distance on the road to European Union, by using “Cyprus and the Turkish Cypriots” as a political hostage. They say, like Britain, “let us take a “legal military base”, where our position outside the international law would not be questioned. It seems that the latest preparations and efforts are towards that direction. While Ankara is not hiding the fact that she is making efforts to make changes on the “Annan Plan” where an overwhelming majority of Turkish Cypriots accept it, is making new preparations under the name “Attitude Document”. Our people, not being aware of these preparations and contents would be forced to accept its results.

The government that has being formed after the elections is busy with interpreting this “preparation” as favourable. However, it should be announced to the whole world that Ankara has no such right and authority. To accept in advance, what National Security Council says on behalf of us, in fact means to accept the influence of the National Security Council over our country. To expect hope from the National Security Council means one’s losing hope from its people. The majority people have reached this for the last two years. There would be a lot of need from our people’s organised struggle in the streets for the realisation of a process that would reach a referendum in April on the basis of the Annan Plan. The Socialist Party of Cyprus is strongly against the attempts of Ankara and other forces to “avoid May” and demands for new military bases in Cyprus. Our Party that demands the removal of all military bases and forces would oppose against new demands for bases.

While we are demanding a country free of foreign bases and military forces, we should altogether pay attention to any scenarios that may be put in front of us.

General Secretary  
Kazim Ongen

The Socialist Party of Cyprus

## **INTERVIEW WITH THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CYPRUS**

***Q1- What are your personal positive-negative experiences in the BDH (Peace Democracy Movement)?***

A. In the process of the formation of the Peace and Democracy Movement (BDH), the formation philosophy and effort mostly came from the Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP). The distance in the joint struggle as the greatest experience that was taken by This Country is Ours (BMBP) in recent years was obvious. However, as a result of a number of structures, the Republican Turkish Party (CTP) in the lead that put a brake, the This Country is Ours (BMBP) was left non-functional. In addition, the election period was approaching.

In the light of these developments, the formation of BDH was realised. When the BDH was formed, the “alliance of organisations and policies” was brought forward instead if “alliance of internal organisation”. A “participation call” was made to all parties including CTP, trade-unions and civil community organisations. As parties, the Socialist party of Cyprus (KSP), The United Cyprus Party (BKP), The Communal Liberation Party (TKP) and 3 trade-unions had participated. Intellectuals in society in favour of a solution had also joined in the process. The fundamental objective was to organise the demands for a solution and peace of our people on a sound ground. In addition, for this objective civil initiatives of BDH would have been organised all over the country. This scheme was not realised due to the prevention by Akinci. The party activities were brought forward.

In the period until the elections, the facts that were revealed by BDH could be underlined as follows: BDH was held by the society. The masses joining and supporting the BDH were the masses that were politicised, that objected to the existence of the Turkish Republic and her interventions in Cyprus. I worked in the party centre and Omorfo region during the election period. I hold responsibility in the Omorfo region. As the general secretary of the Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP) and as all members of the Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP) we lived through a serious “election” experience in this election period. We had the opportunity to recognise the bourgeois election tricks. We carried correct policies to them in our work amongst the masses. We have established permanent links with the masses. We have introduced the Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP) to the whole country. Of course, there are also many negative experiences. I can say that the candidates, whom we were “together” in the same alliance in the election

struggle, did not see this election as part of the struggle, and saw it as an election for Member of Parliament.

The BDH process showed us how easy the elections could be manipulated in the small societies. In this election, we saw also, how important the press is as a means of propaganda.

***Q2. What are your evaluations after the elections?***

A. Our first evaluations after the elections were that BDH could not receive the expected votes. The fact came forward that only in the total; the pro-solution side won “the election with its characteristic as a referendum.” We were saying that this election is a referendum. Despite the attacks on the election through employment, press, bureaucrats coming from Turkey, with military forces, the result should be understood as an unexaggerated success.

We are saying that the struggle should continue after the elections as we see elections as part of the struggle. Some sections in the BDH proposed to transfer the BDH into a classic party, close all the participating parties, or exclude them. This approach made BDH incompetent. It has blunted the democratic process.

As a result of the picture that came out of the elections, the CTP-DP government was formed. It was the Turkish Republic that formed this government. Instead of attacking this government directly from the front, for the continuity of the pro-solution struggle that has been carried until now with the support of the base of the CTP, we defended the position of the “conditional support” to the CTP administration. In this context, the negativeness of the programme in the parliament, the negativeness of the DP, the presence of Denktash in his position, the mistakes of the CTP administration should be exposed without concealing them. Then, by giving a “vote of confidence” to this government, the unity of the pro-solution side should have been brought to the forefront. Unfortunately, this position did not find any ground within the BDH except us. Each side acted only thinking their own interests. They did not consider the interests of the people.

When the Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP) look at the picture that came out after the elections and the process, supports that the BMBP should again rapidly become active. It is obvious that the Cypriot people (in both the north and south) should jointly act together.

***Q3. What is the position of the BDH after the elections?***

A. Unfortunately, the BDH has not been successful in carrying out the mission we considered during the formation process. The BDH, having the objective of organising the people that want a solution, after the elections alienated itself from the fact of being “a front party” and progressing rapidly in the direction of transforming into a “classic part”-the Party of Akinci”. The internal Party democracy is not functioning. The motivation of the masses that joined and supported the BDH has also decreased. In this process, the Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP) shall not break the links with the masses that has established and will increase its efforts to organise the struggle. It shall work towards enabling BMBP to return to the streets. The Cypriot people should grasp the importance of the common struggle for its freedom. by grasping that the independence and unity of our country will not be given to us by the “motherlands” and imperialists. The Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP), as a socialist party of the whole Cyprus shall continue its struggle with the organisation of the whole Cypriot working people. This struggle can be put forward within the BDH, BMBP and as an independent political struggle.

**REPLY OF THE YOUTH ORGANISATION OF THE  
SOCIALIST PARTY OF CYPRUS ON THE COMMON  
DECLARATION PROPOSED BY EDON\*  
—6 February 2004**

Comrades,

Do please note that, our organization is more than ready and happy to sign this common declaration, and to do all it can for the achievement of its aims. This fact was proved by our organisation's, and our party's activities in the North.

The political strategy behind this declaration is “the solution of the Cyprus Problem by establishing a united and federal Cyprus that is a member of EU, under the auspices of the UN.”

There are few problems relating to this strategy.

***The attitude of the UN.***

The basis of UN, as an organization of free nations and countries, is to defend these freedoms.

Unfortunately, and in relation to Cyprus, UN is not acting in line with the basis of its being. UN accepts UK, Turkey and Greece as guarantor power, with a number of rights in relation to our country. Nay more, it accepts them to having their armed forces being station in our country. On top of Turkey and Greece having their armed forces in our country, UK has basis and listening devices all around our country, and the Cypriot lands upon which these are based, are declared as lands belonging to the Queen of UK.

UN is not challenging these injustices against our country and our people. On the contrary, all its activities in relation to Cyprus are based on taking these as given.

UN, behaving as it does, is actually undermining its own basis. A UN, that does not defend the rights of small countries and nations, might as well not exist. An organization that creates antagonisms in the very philosophy of it principles, acts in opposition to its principles, is an organization digging its own grave!

We must warn the UN, and demand from it that it takes upon itself to get rid of all the rights the guarantor powers claim to have over our country, and their military forces and basis from our country.

How on earth are we supposed to achieve a just solution under UN auspices if the UN behaves in this fashion?

### ***The attitude of the EU***

This attitude is no different from the UN.

An organization that declares private property as an inviolable human right accepts UK's declaration of Cypriot lands as belonging to UK. An organization, that declares private property as an inviolable human right accepts the confiscation of Turkish and Greek Cypriot lands which have been confiscated through acts of genocide by the reactionary, chauvinist forces in our midst, and from the so-called motherlands-not forgetting the provocations organized in our Country by the UK and USA, to help the above mentioned forces to commit these acts.

It is obvious from the facts that this declaration of private property as an inviolable human right is put forward to defend the property of the financial oligarchy, not the small property owner, not the small countries. But once put forward as a principle, and once it is trampled under foot, one should not expect those who are denied property, or those small property owners who lost their property, to abide by it. Just as the UN, so does the EU is digging its own grave by undermining its own principles. Of course, one other principle of the EU, is supposed to be the defence of the boundaries of its member states. How the heck, the UK ended up having boundaries in our country, which is defended by the EU? Where the heck are our boundaries, in this small island? Whose properties are the lands where these soldiers and basis are based?

How on earth are we supposed to achieve a just solution as a member of EU if the EU behaves in this fashion?

### ***Federation***

Federation amounts to the division of our country on the basis of nationality and geography. To achieve this, this so-called inviolable human right, the right to private property has to be trampled under foot. Once that is accepted, the entire basis for discussion about the return our people to their own lands becomes an outright lie. It becomes a discussion of imposition.

“Which side”, in co-operation with what countries, will impose its will upon the other! At the end of all, depending on the result, some number of our people –Turkish and Greek Cypriot- will be cut off from their own country, their own lands.

This factor is closely related to the discussions on the basis of Annan Plan, and achieving better results, for the both communities, through these discussions? We can not see how this is possible, given the fact that all our basic rights are being trampled upon, and those who decide our future through these discussions-Turkey, Greece, UK, and the big property owning Turkish and Greek Cypriots- are the ones who trample upon these rights, including our right to live.

Annan Plan is an imposition upon us by these forces through the auspices of UN, EU and USA. What ever the result of the discussions, it will still be an imposition, and it will still be based on trampling under foot our basic rights as a country, as a nation and as individuals.

“The solution of the Cyprus Problem by establishing a united and federal Cyprus, that is a member of EU, under the auspices of the UN.”

He who accepts this strategy, and works to achieve it , also accepts all these impositions on us!

Our organization accepted this strategy, and worked to achieve it- demanding that one should not discuss the Annan Plan any further for discussing it provide opportunities for refusing it- for we had no other choice. All our peace loving parties and organizations are basing their activities on this strategy, and we are weak without their support, and the support of our comrades in the guarantor countries. And, under these conditions, any bourgeois-imperialist solution is better than none, better than the present situation.

But, our organization is determined to remind all the comrades that there is another way, indeed a much better way, to solve the “Cyprus Problem”!

### ***“A Government of Anti-Imperialist United Front”***

A government that shall annul all the so-called rights of all the guarantor powers, thus helping UN to act in accordance with its principles, and transforming our country into an honourable member of UN with equal rights to all countries.

A government that shall nationalize the military basis of all guarantor powers, and the big landed property. A government that shall distribute these lands and property on them to our people who lost their lands and homes, and to the landless and homeless, thus solving the land problem

without dividing our people on the basis of nationality and religion, defending the small property owner and the propertyless, and by establishing a new and just principle for the ownership of land. Ownership of all lands by the whole nation.

A government that shall prohibit all forms of chauvinism and organizations based on such ideas.

A government that shall defend all the minorities.

Our peace loving parties and organisations have the right-and the duty, to fight for these, win the elections based on these principles, achieve power and implement these. Let us unite to achieve these.

“The solution of the Cyprus Problem by establishing a united and federal Cyprus that is a member of EU, under the auspices of the UN.”

Present concrete form of this principle, is the Annan Plan. To the extend that all the peace loving and democratic parties and organizations wants to achieve the success of this plan, let us unite our people for this purpose. Let us organize and mobilize our people to achieve this plan. Let us not leave them as passive observers of those who want to dominate them, and deny them peace even under conditions of their imperial domination.

Our organization can see the difficulties this strategy, and this plan based on this strategy creates to unify our people, our peace loving and democratic parties and organizations. On this score, our party and organization is ready and willing to agree to any demands put forward by them to achieve unity, to achieve peace. We, and our party have but one demand: let us organize and mobilize our people to achieve peace, and unity of our country and our people!

Glory to the Greek communists and Greek patriots who fought the Nazis and the British and American imperialists in the Civil War.

Glory to Cypriot communists who joined these battles!

Glory to Stalin and the Soviet Union!

Long live anti-imperialist united front government in Cyprus!

The Socialist Party of Cyprus-Youth Organisation!

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**\*COMMON DECLARATION (Final Proposal)**

The youth organizations EDON, CTP Youth Branch, TKP Youth Branch, YBH Youth, BKP Youth Branch, KSP Youth Branch, CABP Youth Branch, organizers of the Bi-communal Youth Excursion which is going to take place in Troodos Mountain on 15th February 2004, under the slogan “Youth for a United Cyprus based on federal solution”, declare the following:

Reaffirm their commitment for a peaceful and united Cyprus based on federal solution to accede European Union on May 1st, 2004.

Remain focused on the efforts of the UN to achieve a solution through negotiations on the basis of the Annan Plan. Such a settlement must provide for a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation with a single sovereignty and one international personality, on the basis of relevant UN resolutions, the High Level Agreements of 1977 and 1979 and be in accordance to the UN Charter and International Law. The solution must respect the basic human rights, the fundamental freedoms and civil liberties of all Cypriots and observe the principle of political equality of both communities.

Call the Secretary General of the UN to resume negotiations on the basis of the Annan Plan. Expect the EU and the International Community as a whole, to act at their level best to facilitate and support the efforts of the UN. Such a revived initiative must aim at achieving, as soon as possible, a comprehensive, workable and lasting settlement of the Cyprus problem.

Urge all sides to negotiate within the philosophy of the Annan Plan, in order to fill in the remaining gaps and to seek those changes that are in favour of Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots alike, and make the Plan more functional and thus the solution more viable.

Consider that despite the efforts of the UN and of the International Community at large, the bi-communal talks under the auspices of the UN have failed to result to a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem, due to the negative attitude of the Turkish Cypriot leader Mr. Denktash at The Hague in March 2003, who was backed by certain decision-making mechanisms in Turkey.

Despite the strong will of the Turkish Cypriots to overthrow the status quo on December 14th, 2003, the status quo mechanisms managed to manipulate the outcome, to a certain extent, thus not allowing the replacement of Mr. Denktash.

Underline that the partial lifting of restrictions on the freedom of movement since April 2003 and the witnessed reunion and interaction between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots has provided the most concrete evidence of the strong will for peace and reunification that exists among ordinary people. At the same time, the supporters of the status quo witness the groundlessness of their nationalist policies of segregation and division on an everyday basis.

While welcoming the positive atmosphere brought about by the interaction between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots, we consider the requirement of passport presentation and all other restrictions as totally unacceptable and outside the spirit of good will and reconciliation and we call for their immediate lifting.

Declare that the partial lifting of restrictions on the freedom of movement and other measures cannot under any circumstances be a substitute for a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem.

Call upon the youth of Cyprus to join us in the struggle to promote peace and rapprochement thus strengthening our cause for a solution based on the Annan Plan and the reunification of our common country. We want Cyprus to enter the European Union reunited on May the first. The youth of Cyprus is no longer misled by the nationalist policies of segregation and division. Our vision is one of a united Cyprus based on federal solution, with its people living in peace, security, democracy and prosperity.

The progressive and peace forces in both Communities, despite the setbacks, have the historical task of maintaining the hope for the reunification of our island. We have a duty to continue the struggle for rapprochement and peaceful coexistence between G/C and T/C. We express the certainty that time will come when our people will be able to work, live and struggle together in a concerted effort to build the future of our children, in a peaceful, reunited and prosperous federal Cyprus.

Nicosia, 06 February 2004

#### Slogans

Main slogan: slogan “Youth for a United Cyprus based on federal solution

Ancillary Slogans:

Peace in Cyprus cannot be obstructed

Cyprus belongs to Cypriots  
G/c – T/c common struggle, common homeland  
United Youth, United Cyprus  
Unity, struggle, solidarity

## **NOW IS THE TIME FOR CYPRIOTS TO RAISE THEIR VOICES, TIME FOR SOLIDARITY—18 February 2004**

Following the talks in New York, an optimistic atmosphere has been created regarding a solution in our country. We should not lose sight of the attitudes and demands of the foreign powers following this optimistic atmosphere.

As the sides are entering into the negotiation process, proposals and demands are being put forward that will lead to the permanent division of the island instead of measures to unite the island. Permanent military bases and forces are envisaged where as a demilitarised island had been proposed until now.

It is anticipated that in April there will be a referendum in both parts of Cyprus held in conjunction with one another. There are those who believe that this is not sufficient enough for peace that Cypriots have the right for self-determination.

The Turkish Republic insists that the approval of the parliaments of the guarantors must be sought, and is using this as a method of threat and pressure.

Up to now, Greece has kept quite about the military bases and the approval of the proposed agreement by her parliament. It is time we raise our voice proclaiming that we do not recognise any power over the referendum that would determine the future of Cypriots.

For the last three years, those Turkish Cypriots in favour of a solution, fought against the division of Cyprus and against the regime in the north. On the one hand, those who want peace and a solution, and on the other those who defend the status quo. In the current period, there are forces in the north and in the south that are fed up of the existing situation, and these forces demand an agreement and a referendum that would lead to peace and a solution.

Historical responsibilities fall upon the shoulders of the progressive Greek Cypriots. Greek Cypriots must shoulder the struggles of the Turkish Cypriots' calls "this country is ours and we shall govern it".

All Cypriot people should converge in the YES campaign in the referendum for peace and a solution. The means for common work should rapidly be created for this.

Any person or organisation that stays away from the joint action in the referendum, in the north and south of Cyprus, serves the continuation of the division of our island.

The Socialist Party of Cyprus rallies all of her efforts in the struggle of all Cypriots with a common struggle to unite and free their own country, with all her strength. This is our call to all progressive Cypriot people both in the north and the south.

*Central Committee of the  
The Socialist Party of Cyprus*

**JOINT STATEMENT SENT TO MR KOFI ANNAN,  
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
— February 19, 2004**

*February 19, 2004*

Nicosia  
Mr. Kofi Annan  
Secretary General  
United Nations

Your Excellency,

We, the Civil Society Organisations in favour of peace, the true voice of the undeniable majority of the Turkish Cypriot people and the organisers of the mass demonstrations of 2002 and 2003 observe with approval and appreciation your efforts in overcoming the Cyprus Problem.

It also is our prime desire that a solution to the Cyprus Problem is acquired as outlined by the Annan Plan within the current negotiation process which you had initiated on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, 2004. An agreement acquired with reference to the Annan Plan would end the social and economic isolation of the Turkish Cypriots and through the modernisation prospects provided by the E.U., Turkish Cypriots may further integrate with the rest of the world. We are aware of the impacts instigated from this occurrence. It is for this reason that we – together with our Greek Cypriot compatriots – desire to adopt the Annan Plan and to join the E.U. under the title of a United Cyprus Republic.

The Turkish Cypriot people have proved through their constructive participation to the mass demonstrations and other peace functions that they will strive to overcome and replace all forms of racism and pro-nationalism with sacred prosperity of humanity. When all these realities are taken into account, it is apparent that the Turkish Cypriots have been prepared for Peace and the Supranational Administration of the E.U. for quite some time. The establishment of the E.U. has restructured the unification of Europe despite the loss of hundreds of thousands of lives within the two Great World Wars'. Both the Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots are comprised of mature and capable individuals, which are willing to be acceded and contribute to the E.U. process.

The opening of the borders, which took place on The 23rd of April, has provisionally re-united the two communities after 29 years. The fact that no distinctive dispute has occurred within the past 10 months proves the actual desire of peace of our two communities. Why should not the Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots and the Turkish and Greek communities accomplish the peace and prosperity, which the French and German people have accomplished within the E.U.? It is thus apparent that a solution to the Cyprus Problem would transfer the Eastern Mediterranean region to a Sanctuary of Peace. The Turkish Cypriot people are currently excited and joyful to contribute to this process, which will also provide an opportunity for them to be integrated to the entire world.

Your Excellency,

You have achieved in exciting our people through your initiatives in preparing the Plan sharing your name. We are now within the final period of the final rendezvous in acquiring peace.

It is the first time in history that the Turkish Cypriots have attained the opportunity to “*determine their own destiny*”. For the Turkish Cypriots, this situation is considered as a revolution. We would like to suggest that the criteria and requisites of the referendum are contained within the Plan and that disputed issues of the Plan are finalised via the referendum.

It is crucial to the majority of Turkish Cypriot Civil Society that the negotiations are transparent.

We once again would like to mention of our approval and support to initiatives of the U.N. within this crucial phase and would like to conclude that we observe your efforts and the efforts of Mr De Soto – which lead us to peace and E.U. accession – with excitement, support and approval.

On behalf of the Turkish Cypriot Civil Society Organisations in favour of the Annan Plan – (listed below) - and E.U. accession for a United Cyprus,

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Şener Elcil  
General Secretary,  
Cyprus Turkish Teachers’ Trade Union

Mr. Mustafa Damdelen  
Member of the board of directors  
Turkish Cypriot Chamber of  
Commerce

*This Country Is Ours Platform* comprises of the following organisations: -

KTÖS (Cyprus Turkish Teachers' Union), KTOEÖS (Cyprus Turkish Secondary School Teachers' Trade Union), DEV-İŞ (Revolutionary Trade Unions Federation), DĞİŞ (Revolutionary General Labourers' Trade Union), EMEK-İŞ (United Public, Cooperative, Agricultural & Other Services & Crafts Workers' Union), BES (Municipality Workers' Trade Union), TÜRK-SEN (Turkish Workers' Trade Unions Federation), KTAMS (Cyprus Turkish Public Servants' Trade Union), KTMMOB (Chamber for Associated Cyprus Turkish Architects & Engineers), EL-SEN (Electricity Workers' Trade Union), TEL-SEN (Telecommunication Workers' Trade Union), BEL-SEN (Municipality Employees' Trade Union), TIP-İŞ (Cyprus Turkish Physicians' Trade Union), YÖN-SEN (Cyprus Turkish Construction, Wood & Public Service Workers' Union), KOOP-SEN (Cooperative Workers' Trade Union), DAÜ-SEN (EMU Academic Personnel Union), Famagusta Turkish General Workers' Union, Chamber for Cyprus Turkish Tradesmen and Craftsmen, Cyprus Turkish Stock-Breeders Association, YKB (Patriotic Women's Association), Cyprus Turkish Artisan & Writers' Association, Freedom And Rights Association, Kyrenian Folk Art Association, Peace Association, Peace and Democracy Initiative, Socialist Truth of Cyprus, EKİM Culture-Arts Association, KSD (Cyprus Arts Association), KIB-YAY (Cyprus Turkish Publishers' and Booksellers' Union), Naci Talat Foundation, Kutlu Adalı Foundation, Women's Movement for Peace and Federal Solution, KIBES (Cypriot Scientific, Education, Health and Solidarity Association), Women's Research Centre, ÇAĞ-SEN (Public Employees' Union), AASD (European and Mediterranean Arts Association), KGP (Cyprus Youth Platform), GİBETSU, BASIN-SEN (Media Workers' Trade Union), GÜÇ-SEN (Customs Workers' Trade Union)

CTP (Republican Turkish Party)  
TKP (Peoples Liberation Party)  
KSP (The Socialist Party of Cyprus)  
YBH (Patriotic Unity Movement)  
BKP (United Cyprus Party)

Additionally, the following organisations have taken part in this joint correspondence:

BDH (Peace and Democracy Movement – comprising of TKP, KSP & BKP)

ÇABP (Solution and European Union Party)

The New Action Committee of the Common Vision

## **THE POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CYPRUS (KSP) —Response To The Proposals of the *Ergadigi Demokradia* —February 2004**

The political perspective of the Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP) is the removal of all imperialist forces (including the so-called guarantors) from the island and the formation of an anti-imperialist political and economic structure.

The Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP) is aware of the existing difficulties regarding the realisation of this perspective.

Among these difficulties are as follows:

The implementation of imperialist policies by AKEL and CTP in the name of ‘left-wing’ and pushing the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities and the working classes into hoping help from these imperialist policies.

The success of the struggle against imperialism would not be possible if the imperialist policies of AKEL and CTP are not exposed among the masses.

The left-wing, revolutionary, anti-imperialist parties in the international arena and especially in the countries directly related with Cyprus (Turkey, Greece and Cyprus) do not have an effective political line and are not active in practice for the removal of imperialism from Cyprus. On the contrary, with their present perspectives and practice instead of being useful, they are harmful to the anti-imperialist struggle in Cyprus.

Under these circumstances the Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP) proposes the following:

-Believes that it would be correct to take a series of tactical steps for this struggle, in order to improve the present situation, specially the conditions in the north of the island for the benefit of people.

-The Socialist Party of Cyprus (believes) that this would ease the process of helping the masses to understand that it would not be possible to have solution-peace under imperialist conditions, that imperialists have to be forced to make a solution-peace by the mass struggle, and therefore, help to expose the imperialists among the masses.

Taking into consideration the present international conjuncture; the Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP) prefers a United Cyprus even within the imperialist framework, in comparison to the division and especially isolation brought by the division and conditions under direct hegemony of

the Republic of Turkey and shall struggle with all her might for this purpose.

The Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP) pays great importance to the unity of all peace-loving organisations in this struggle. The Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP) believes the understanding and development of the potential that would form the ground for an anti-imperialist unity and struggle which the present ‘anti-occupation’ / ‘anti-separatist policies and practice carry the seeds of the anti-imperialist struggle in front of us.

From the point of view of the Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP) the present urgent tasks are as follows:

The realisation of the unity of the island before 1<sup>st</sup> May,

The realisation of the united struggle and will of all peace-loving forces of the island and not only of the north,

A give a common struggle for a ‘Yes’ both in the north and south in the referendum that would be held on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

The Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP) do not see a drawback joining the secondary struggles such as ‘anti-war’ etc. as long as the struggle is given within the framework of this perspective and does not impede it.

**INVITATION TO PRESS CONFERENCE**  
**—24 February 2004**

The Socialist Party of Cyprus (SPC) will be holding a Press Conference on the developments arisen by the announcement of Mr. Mustafa Akinci on the issue of re-forming the Peace and Democracy Movement (BDH), the related resignations from the Movement and the position of the SPC on this issue as a founding member of the Movement.

The Press Conference will be held at:

K.T.O.S. Building, Nicosia  
on 25th February 2004, Wednesday  
at 14.00 pm.

General Secretary of the  
The Socialist Party of Cyprus  
Kazim Öngen

## **PRESS CONFERENCE BY THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CYPRUS —25 February 2004**

*On the developments arisen by the announcement of Mr. Mustafa Akinci on the issue of re-forming the Peace and Democracy Movement (BDH), the related resignations from the Movement and the position of the SPC on this issue as a founding member of the Movement.*

Members of the Press

Our people who have suffered from the oppressive rule of anti-democratic regimes, perished by immigration and endured pain and hardship in the recent history, have shown a great determination for solution of the Cyprus problem and peace.

The Socialist Party of Cyprus (SPC) has been saying that solution and peace can be achieved through a collective struggle of all pro-solution and pro-democracy forces in alliance and collaboration. That is why our party fully supported the resolution taken at the great demonstration organised by This Country Is Ours Platform on the 26<sup>th</sup> December 2002, which was calling for “united action”. We started the struggle with the idea of “united until solution”. A foundation for an alliance was laid together with The Communal Liberation Party (TKP), The United Cyprus Party (BKP), some trade unions and a number of intellectuals. Although The Republican Turkish Party (CTP) and all the other trade unions and NGOs were invited to join in the alliance, this was not realised.

The alliance, which was aimed to be achieved, should have a perspective of a common and united struggle until the solution was reached and organising all the pro-solution peace forces for this goal. Peace And Democracy Movement - Civil Initiative (BDH-Sİ) was founded on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2003 within this perspective and Mr. Mustafa Akinci was elected as the president and spokesman of the Movement.

Peace And Democracy Movement (BDH) took the will of our people, which has been expressed countless times at the İnönü Square, as its guide. The struggle at the İnönü Square was a struggle for solution, peace and democracy.

As BDH-Sİ, we set ourselves the goal to organise within all the sections of the society in Northern Cyprus. BDH-Sİ started to be organised all over N. Cyprus by the participation of trade unions, NGOs intellectuals, civil servants and ordinary people in general.

The process of 14<sup>th</sup> December elections came up as the organisational work was carried out for the BDH-Sİ. (According to the law in N. Cyprus,

any organisation which intends to participate in the elections must be registered as a political party at least three months before the election date.) In order to participate in the elections, 47 individual members of the BDH-Sİ founded and registered the Peace and Democracy Movement Party (BDH) on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2003. We regarded this step as a compulsory, procedural step with respect to the elections only. An umbrella political organisation of the BDH-Sİ. The primary goal for us was to organise the people and conduct the struggle for a solution until the solution was reached, as a Civil Initiative.

BDH won six seats in the parliament of N. Cyprus, despite of all kind of obstacles created by the regime during the election campaign. We came across with “my party” approach from Mr. M. Akıncı and his colleagues while were expecting to re-tract BDH to its genuine goal which was to struggle for a solution on the Island, after the elections. Mr. Akıncı and his colleagues opted to take steps to transfer BDH into an “Akıncı Party” of a handful of social-democrat individuals, rather than expanding the Movement in the masses.

The SPC as one of the principal founder of the BDH, tried to explain to Mr. M. Akıncı that his project is wrong and is a mistake. The SPC explained to Mr. Akıncı and his colleagues that, BDH was not founded for the elections, but for the struggle for a solution and peace and a difficult period is ahead of us in this struggle in the forthcoming months. According to the SPC, the process of solution to the problem will continue until a referendum is carried out and concluded in both sides. At the moment, the issue of referendum constitutes a serious problem for the people of Cyprus. In order to obtain a positive result from the simultaneous referenda for a solution, alliance and collaboration of all peace and democratic forces of all Cyprus (Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots) are necessary more than ever.

Mr. Akıncı and his colleagues, however, took the steps to possess BDH, which has been a collective product of the peace forces, by saying that “the process of solution is over, concluded and now it is time to concentrate on the coming federal and European elections”.

Although the people who and organisations which put forward all their efforts and resources to create BDH, warned that this move of Mr. Akıncı is a mistake and will liquidate BDH, still Mr. Akıncı and his colleagues continued to transform BDH into their own party.

Mr. Akıncı held a press conference on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February and said that “BDH has started a new process of re-formation as a political party”. He tried to explain that the alliance is still continuing by saying that “the

roof of the three parties in the alliance has been strengthened”. However, he did not explain how will the political parties TKP, BKP, the SPC and Çağ-Sen, BES and Tıp-iş as trade unions which were the founder organisations of the BDH-Sİ will fit in this new formation politically, ideologically, legally and structurally; bearing in mind the existing political, ideological, structural and statutory differences amongst these organisations. He also did not explain whether it is legally possible or not to amalgamate all these organisations into one single political party.

The SPC is saying that BDH is a collective product of the struggle and self-sacrifices of the parties, trade unions and the individuals and not only Mr. Akıncı’s and his colleagues’. Therefore the Mr. Akıncı’s move to transform BDH into his own party is also “unethical”. If Mr. Akıncı was not happy with the party TKP, of which he was a member, and he had the intention to found a new party, he had to do so and then join BDH with his new party.

Members of the press,

The SPC believes that, BDH is not a party of people’s alliance created by the determined support of the masses any more. It believes that BDH from now on is the party of only Mr. Akıncı and his colleagues. Therefore, our ex-general secretary and current coordinator of the BDH Mehmet Süleymanoglu has resigned from BDH, together with the other ex-members of the SPC who took part in the ranks of BDH. The SPC, also, considering the fact that the principles of foundation of BDH as a party of alliance being annulled by the move of Mr. Akıncı, believes that all the grounds and causes which existed so far for all the political support to BDH from the SPC have been removed.

The Socialist Party of Cyprus will always be helpful and constructive in creating “policies of alliances” which are essential to our people in their struggle for peace and democracy.

***Kazım Öngen***

***General Secretary***

***For the Central Committee of The Socialist Party of Cyprus***

**THE DECISION TAKEN BY DISI THAT “THE FLAG  
AND NATIONAL ANTHEM OF THE SOUTH  
CONSTITUENT STATE SHOULD BE GREEK FLAG  
AND NATIONAL ANTHEM” CANNOT BE ACCEPTED  
—4 March 2004**

The New York process has increased the hopes in favour of a solution in our country.

Denktash and his circle that have been fed by the regime and held the power for forty years have increased their insistence against a solution. Mr Denktash has actually started the “no in the referendum” campaign.

The pro-solution parties and social civil organisations that have entered into stagnation and lassitude following the following the elections are only contended with observation.

The struggle for a solution, peace and freedom had not gained so much importance that has been a dream of the Turkish Cypriot people for the last forty years.

The Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP) call upon all pro-solution and peace parties and organisations immediately to start the “yes in the referendum” campaign. In order to achieve the historical expectation of our people we must immediately reach a “unity for a solution”.

The attitudes that have undermined the destruction of the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot communities as a result of chauvinism are still continuing.

No opportunity should be given to nationalism and nationalist steps in a United Cyprus that would be formed on the basis of the Annan Plan.

The decision taken by the parliamentary group and authorised party organs of the second largest party in South Cyprus, DISI that “the flag and national anthem of the South constituent state should be Greek flag and national anthem” cannot be accepted. No passage should be given to politics that put forward under different guise the discriminative, chauvinist and racist policies of TMT and EOKA.

The Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP) strongly protests this decision taken by DISI. We reject the shadow of “motherlands” over the identity of our future united country.

*Central Committee of the  
The Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP)*

## **ASSESSMENT & PROPOSAL BY THE YOUTH ORGANISATION OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CYPRUS FOLLOWING THE REFERENDUM IN CYPRUS—10 May 2004**

We, the youth organisations below made an assessment of the results that came out of the referendum process. As a result of our assessment we came to the following conclusions:

The status quo with its guardians in the North has been rejected by the “YES” votes of the overwhelming majority.

The “YES” outcome in the North and the “NO” outcome in the South do not mean that the island cannot be reunited and Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots cannot live together.

The political manipulations made for years by the political leaderships regarding the Cyprus problem, the negative influence of the church, the failure in organising of the people’s opposition extensively, the failure of the peace-loving parties in the South in fighting together and the failure in explaining sufficiently to the people the latest Annan plan have been effective in the “NO” outcome. However, the active participation of the Turkish Cypriots in the North in the process despite all kind of negativeness and putting forward the demand for peace played a major role in obtaining the “YES” outcome. These outcomes are used by the extreme nationalist chauvinist sections in the North and South in diverting them in the direction of raising nationalism. It is in the hands of the peace forces in the South and the North to prevent this and overcome the negative atmosphere.

The common actions and struggle of all peace-lovers, from the most liberal to the left, socialist sections for peace by meeting on common denominators and the organisation of an extensive and wide social opposition, the long years of the struggle of the Turkish Cypriots, the contribution of the most important and extensive unity of the leadership and its extensive power; This Country is Ours Platform was an important factor in obtaining the successful outcome in the North.

The necessity of raising the struggle higher and spreading enormously all over the island is an outstanding question in front of us.

And the most concrete form of this –by keeping in mind other alternative names- should be an organisation such as This Country Is Ours Platform in the South Cyprus as well. This unity will not be a left unity, but a unity of all people’s forces that believe in the common land and in bringing peace.

We, as the youth organisations, groups and individuals believe that the struggle for creating a common land took a new form, that the struggle should increasingly continue, that the formation of a platform that would cover all the island is the most immediate need. And we declare that we will work together with all peace-loving parties, groups and individuals in creating a United Cyprus Republic on the basis of the Annan Plan, in its present form without going into any new arrangements in the plan.

In this context, we as the undersigned signatories of the youth organisations declare to all public opinion that under the name “Youth Platform For Peace” (the name of the platform will be determined on the basis of a common decision. This is only a proposal of the Youth Committee of the Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP GB)) will oppose against nationalism and chauvinism that is aimed in raising on the island of Cyprus and continue our common struggle until we reunite our island.

“THE COMMON COUNTRY SHALL BE CREATED BY  
COMMON STRUGGLE!

Signatories:

***Youth Committee of the Socialist Party of Cyprus (KSP GB)***

## **AKEL SHOULD NOT BE A HINDRANCE TO THE REFERENDUM & SOLUTION—12 April 2004**

The 12-clause resolution that has been made by the Central Committee of AKEL has been an absolute disappointment for the Cypriot people. It is obvious that behind the demand of the postponement of the referendum lies the logic of “I could increase more the interests of the Greeks”.

The Socialist Party of Cyprus states that the AKEL’s attitude would not help to the struggle of uniting our country and creating a common land. The resolution of the Central Committee of AKEL does not appear only as a postponement of the referendum and bringing new bargains to the agenda. This attitude is a position to drop out the solution.

The Cypriot people know very well of the cost of AKEL’s support for ENOSIS in 1950’s. The Socialist Party of Cyprus reminds once more that steps that would lead to double ENOSIS must be avoided. The Cyprus problem is not something that could be solved by parties from the point of their own communities. This problem can be resolved from the point of the Cypriot people.

The Socialist Party of Cyprus calls upon AKEL to correct its mistake at their congress on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2004.

*Central Committee of the  
The Socialist Party of Cyprus*

**JOINT PRESS RELEASE BY THE ÇABP Youth Branch,  
CTP Youth Branch, BDH Youth Committee, TKP Youth  
Branch, YBH Youth and The Socialist Party of Cyprus  
(KSP) Youth Section—13 April 2004**

For all these years of taking courage and maintaining sincere goodwill, the Cypriot political youth organizations have carried out bi-communal activities for mutual understanding and the common goal of reunification of Cyprus, and signed various common declarations, including the very last one signed on March 28<sup>th</sup> 2004. (Please refer to the second page)

In conformity to our previous common declarations, we; the Turkish Cypriot political youth organizations as ÇABP Youth Branch, CTP Youth Branch, BDH Youth Committee, TKP Youth Branch, YBH Youth, and KSP Youth Section would like to reconfirm and stand strong behind our previous demands for a United Cyprus based on a Federal Solution. For the sake of accomplishing this common objective, we call upon the other seven political youth organizations (all of the other organizations that have signed the common declaration on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004) to join us and justify their position by saying “YES” on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and support the final version of the Annan Plan which is;

- \* prepared based on the UN resolutions
- \* supported by the Council of Europe and the EU institutions
- \* also internationally accepted.
- \* will allow the possibility of the reunification and will give the common struggle chance to the two communities for their future

Finally we would like to conclude by saying that; we believe the considerable amount of the members of the political parties which have decided to vote against the Annan Plan are in favour of saying “YES” in the referendum and we would also like to remind them that the voting which will take place on April 24<sup>th</sup> is strictly not party politics but will directly affect our future so we call upon the Cypriot youth to say “YES” for a EU member re-united Cyprus in the referendum. In this respect we underline that we see all of the leaderships of the political parties which are promoting for “no” as a part of the status-quo and that it will be impossible for us to continue our relations with their youth organizations and taking part in any future bi-communal youth events until the referendum which will take place on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

ÇABP Youth Branch, CTP Youth Branch, BDH Youth Committee ,  
TKP Youth Branch, YBH Youth , KSP Youth Section

## **AN INVITATION TO AKEL—26 April 2004**

The chaotic situation created in our country, during the process that we are going through is a serious concern to the Socialist Party of Cyprus.

The General Secretary of AKEL D. Christofias, while assessing the results of the referendum at a press conference on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2004, said , “The time has come for the leaderships of all the progressive forces in both communities to gather around a table and discuss the possible disputed points, and endeavour to reach at common theses on principle matters concerning the Cyprus problem. This is my invitation to the leaders of the progressive forces in the Turkish Cypriot community.” We want you to know that we are extremely pleased with this invitation.

We studied the press statement assessing the referendum results on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April, of the General Secretary Dimitris Christofias. We are trying to understand the approach of AKEL with all our good intentions. However, our party, which is committed to create the “common homeland”, finds it difficult to understand the decision of AKEL to say “no” in the referendum.

It is difficult for us to understand the “the time is short, let the referendum be postponed, so that we can explain the plan to our people” kind of approach of AKEL just before the referendum. It is unfortunate that you could not find enough time to explain the plan, which has been on the agenda since November 2002, to your members and the people.

In the mentioned press statement, it is said that, “the time after 1<sup>st</sup> of May is not important”. We do not agree with this approach either. The SPC has conveyed its political views pursued during the process of referendum, to you already. In these political views it was underlined that the SPC will never step back from the aim of creating the “common homeland”. It has also explained the reasons of this policy to the people. Under these conditions, will the “common homeland” be created by means of the Republic of Cyprus, which will be a member of the EU by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May; or will it be created by means of the United Republic of Cyprus? This question must be clarified. How will it be possible and what will be the conditions to reverse to the Annan Plan after 1<sup>st</sup> of May, when the active membership of Cyprus to the EU will begin? What kind of guarantees are considered within this context? We demand to know.

We believe that, we have to cooperate to integrate the day of struggle of our working class, the May Day into the process of creating the “common homeland”. The SPC is making the following proposal to the CC of AKEL concerning the events of May Day.

PEO and the This Country Is Ours Platform (TCIOP) must organize and celebrate the May Day commonly together. AKEL has to contact TCIOP immediately for this purpose. The common May Day must be a common organisation of PEO and TCIOP. The contents and the address must be aimed at the common goal.

This will prepare the common ground for the common struggle of the peace forces both in the north and in the south. This approach will create the opportunities in the struggle to defeat the rising chauvinism both in the north and in the south. This proposal has to be conveyed to the TCIOP before its meeting at 18.00 hrs. tomorrow. The SPC will support this proposal. If TCIOP does not respond to this proposal positively, then the SPC is ready to join a common May Day event together with other parties, trade unions and organisations, which may also participate.

When we take into account the fast changes within the political process that we are going through, you have historical responsibility to break the rising waves of chauvinism and open the way for the common struggle for the “common homeland”.

The SPC is expecting to see responsibility and courage from the CC of AKEL during this historical political process.

Comradely regards,

***For Central Committee  
Kazım Öngen  
General Secretary  
The Socialist Party of Cyprus***

## **LONG LIVE MAY DAY 2004—1<sup>st</sup> May 2004**

Once more our working class and all our progressive people will celebrate this 1<sup>st</sup> of May in a divided country!

Once more our working class and all our progressive people will celebrate this 1<sup>st</sup> of May in a country where the characters of bourgeois nationalist foes of humanity, nations and of the country of bourgeois nationalism are exhibited!

Once more our working class and all our progressive people will celebrate this 1<sup>st</sup> of May in a country that has been divided by bourgeois imperialism under the so-called motherlands and bled!

Once more our working class and all our progressive people will celebrate this 1<sup>st</sup> of May in a country where British imperialism made a base by dividing and bleeding!

Once more, our working class and all our progressive people will celebrate this 1<sup>st</sup> of May in a country that has been divided as a result of being under the imperialist direction of United Nations and a project of the European Union!

While a bourgeois system is ongoing both in the South and North of our country, while the bourgeoisie is in power in the so-called motherlands; Greece and Turkey, while the same bourgeois system is ongoing in United nations, Britain, USA and European Union, while yielding to all the demands of these powers, still obtaining the peace and uniting our country has become impossible!

Our party has declared many times that the peace and unity would not be obtained if we leave our future to the collaborating bourgeoisie and the imperialists of the world.

Our party has declared many times that even a peace that has been imposed by imperialists can only be created with the joint efforts of all our people.

Worker comrades, our progressive working people

Alienate the parties in the South that you are members of from the national council and from those official ones similar to them in the North from carrying out work.

Force the parties that you are member of to start work in order to establish the unity of all progressives.

If we do not become one body, one force, the foreign imperialists and their lackeys in our country will rule this country and we will not be able to obtain peace, freedom and democracy. We will not be able to live together in one country, in peace with our neighbours!

Our Party has made many calls and proposals to all parties in this direction. However, we have to create the unity of all progressives all over the country. Force the parties to unite all our people all over Cyprus! Let us invite all parties in the south and the north to determine joint attitude and to struggle for building a common country.

LONG LIVE THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST UNITED FRONT GOVERNMENT!

*Central Committee of the  
The Socialist Party of Cyprus*

## **CYPRUS: THE ANALYSIS OF THE REFERENDA**

We are presenting to the comrades the views of the Central Committee of the Socialist Party of Cyprus that was published in the Socialist Truth in Cyprus newspaper just before the referendum on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2004.

As it is known to all of us, although a Yes vote came out of the referendum in the North, a No vote came out in the South.

Our Party states that this result has confirmed two basic views in relation to the solution of the Cyprus problem. These are as follows:

1. Imperialism is utterly bankrupt in the solution of the national question. For imperialism, to solve the national question, i.e. to establish the brotherly solidarity relations between nations and peoples is impossible. However, in the conditions which we are in, the national question cannot be resolved if such relations are not established. Imperialism cannot exist without leading to wars between different nations in one to one or between different countries. At the same time, it cannot exist without leading to wars between great imperialist powers for the spheres of influence. The solution of the national question in the conditions of imperialism is impossible. Those who want to solve the national question have to solve the problem of imperialism and break the chains of imperialism!

2. Without solving the national problem in the conditions of imperialism, to obtain a bourgeois-imperialist peace without obtaining the equality and solidarity between countries by keeping the relations between them within the bourgeois-imperialist framework, even reforming these relations in a better way becomes extremely difficult and it becomes even more difficult every passing day in the face of increase in the fight for their interests between great and small imperialists and at the same time in the face of increase in the class struggle of the workers and poor sections of the people against the bourgeoisie and imperialism. Such a reformist development and even obtaining a relative peace becomes difficult, because of the conflicts of the bourgeois-imperialist powers renders this impossible and as long as it renders it impossible, even such a reform effort requires a vigorous price and a revolutionary effort of the working class, even a bourgeois-imperialist peace requires to be imposed on the bourgeois-imperialist circles by the working class and poor peoples.

Either a revolutionary struggle that will be carried out by nations which have been pushed into a conflict for a bourgeois-imperialist peace, or the impossibility of such a peace, the impossibility of nations living together in peace even within the bourgeois-imperialist framework.

The main factor behind the present result, which was brought about by the Annan Plan, is the factor that we deal with it below. That is, that other

Cypriot left wing parties have closely tied themselves to the bourgeois-imperialist solution proposal, therefore their inability to unite the Turkish and Greek and other nations in the direction of one aim, not even entering into such an effort.

Our Party supported the Annan Plan, which was the concrete form of this strategy in order to show this erroneous strategy of our left wing parties to the revolutionaries in their ranks and our people, that this strategy is a means for defeat and not victory. However, as the struggle to obtain the Annan Plan was not carried out all over the country within the framework of a revolutionary, i.e., the Anti-Imperialist United Front Government programme and therefore as the unity of our people all over the country was not achieved this effort was fruitless.

That means that as all efforts were made within the bourgeois-imperialist solution policy, as the inability to achieve unity between North and South, Greek & Turkish peoples due to this framework, as somehow the inability to turn this struggle into a revolutionary character, even a bourgeois-imperialist solution has become impossible.

Our Party is using all means, which arise in the political arena in order that our people take their destiny into their own hands and make them grasp that it requires them to enter into a massive and intensive effort. Within this framework, our Party worked with heart and soul in the formation of This Country is Ours Platform (BMBP) in the North and that this platform move, unite our people forward over the movement for a bourgeois-imperialist peace and for the use of all this in order to divert our people towards a revolutionary direction.

Our Party, which took part actively within the bourgeois-imperialist peace movement, throughout this period, has made an effort to spread this movement and achieve unity all over the country. Our Party considers This Country is Ours Platform as a necessary means to be established all over the country, as a good opportunity to explain the situation following the rejection of the Annan Plan and in obtaining this, and at the same time as an inevitable necessity in achieving a bourgeois-imperialist peace. Our Party considers that it has proved to all that demand peace and especially to our peace-loving people that the results of the referendum confirmed the necessity of such a platform.

It will be impossible to achieve even a bourgeois-imperialist peace, an imperialist solution if our working class and people do not establish This Country is Our Platform all over the Iceland like an active and united force in the North.

Our Party considers spreading This Country Is Ours Platform all over the country as the main and basic question for all peace supporters.

We hope that the views we put forward above and the views we are putting forward below will help to understand our strategy and tactics.

As a result of this experience we postulate our demands from our British comrades as below.

For the removal of the British bases and the annulment of guarantorship treaty of the British state in Cyprus we demand the active support of the British working class. The British government claims that they are in Cyprus to protect the well being of the Cypriot people. The British bases are used to suppress the independence and freedom of not only the Cypriot people but also the people in the Middle East. One of the biggest intelligence-gathering centres is in Cyprus. The British government together with the US administration utilise the British bases in Cyprus for the enslavement of the people in the Middle East and North Africa as well as Blacksea region. British comrades should actively support anti-imperialist united front government programme and have close contact with the revolutionaries in Cyprus. We urge them to closely follow the policies of our party and take a stand against nationalism.

### **THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CYPRUS SAYS YES**

Two basic strategies representing different class standpoints are proposed to resolve the Cyprus Question.

One of the first among these is our Party's strategy of anti-imperialist united front government. This strategy aims at breaking the chain of imperialism in Cyprus. This strategy is the strategy of defeating the rule of the bourgeois classes in Cyprus whose existence is based on world imperialism, and thus putting an end to the dependence of our country on foreign imperialists. This strategy relies on a break from the imperialists' motherlands, as well as unity with the socialist motherlands.

The second one of these strategies keeps our country as a part of the world imperialist order, as a part of the imperialist chain. This is the strategy of "solving the Cyprus problem through the discussions of the local bourgeois representatives under the UN auspices, and thus achieving a united, federal Cyprus which is an EU member."

2.1. This strategy, because it does not aim to get rid of the rule of the local bourgeoisie, or because it does not aim to get rid of this rule, also does not aim to get rid of the existence of the foreign imperialists in our country. This strategy requires collaboration, and even unity with the imperialist motherlands.

This strategy includes the division of the country geographically into two based on nationality and religions. The idea of federation demonstrates this forward clearly.

This strategy makes it impossible for our people to overcome the national and religious division based on their own interests. It is a means of preserving and strengthening the bourgeois national and religious division. The fact that our left parties were not able to present a detailed and joint plan in line with this strategy testify to the fact, that they were not able to separate themselves from the local bourgeoisie, the bourgeoisie of the imperialists motherlands, and worse still from the foreign imperialists, and thus left the solution based on this strategy to the bloody hands of UN, EU, England, Turkey, Greece and Cypriot Greek and Turkish bourgeois. This strategy turns one into the tail end of these reactionary forces.

Annan Plan is the form and the result of this strategy. It has been formed and presented by the UN. It foresees Cyprus as a unified and federal state. And it foresees it as a member of the EU!

It is an imperialist lie to present the Annan Plan, which is the result and expression of this strategy and reflects the fact that we have been divided into two on the basis of bourgeois nationalism, as a win-win situation for “both sides”. It is the world imperialist system, that is the winner of this agreement, and the honour and dignity of our county is trampled underfoot by these barbarians! British bases, and together with the British imperialism, NATOIST and imperialist motherlands’ guarantorship and their military forces are preserved in our county, these monsters are armed to the teeth within and around our country, while our country is disarmed, and the basis of the bourgeois nationalist division of our people, that is the big land ownership is also preserved.

This agreement is a shameful agreement on behalf of Britain, Turkey and Greece; it is a document of imperialist imposition on a small country and its honourable people. It is an imposition of the dishonourable on the honourable!

Papadapoulos and Denktash are two representatives; the enemies within, of the local bourgeois, their religious, civil and military bureaucracy who have played important roles in the imposition of this dishonour on our country. All those who think that we have forgotten about those who are responsible from the nationalist genocides in our country are gravely mistaken!

Our party, SPC have struggled hard to break the hold of the strategy of “solving the Cyprus problem through the discussions of the local bourgeois representatives under the UN auspices, and thus achieving a united, federal Cyprus which is an EU member” on our left parties, our trade unions, our

mass organisations, worker comrades and our poor people to replace it with the strategy of anti-imperialist united front government, but we have so far failed.

Our Party, SPC, under the conditions of this failure, and in order to be able to spread the idea of the fact that it is a necessity to put into practice the program of the anti-imperialist united front government in order to achieve unity of our people and the independence of our country, decided to support the Annan Plan, which is a concrete form and result of this strategy of “solving the Cyprus problem through the discussions of the local bourgeois representatives under the UN auspices, and thus achieving a united, federal Cyprus which is an EU member”. SPC proposed that this be accepted as was proposed by the UN in its first form, since any attempt to change this agreement, already an imposition of imperialism on us, in the name of defending the interest of “both sides”, would only help widen the bourgeois nationalist division of our people, and more, in the present international conditions would only strengthen the hold of Turkey in our country. Our left parties, who could not come together to put forward a common plan in accordance with their strategy, did not accept this proposal idea.

The fact that all our parties that work on the basis of the strategy of “solving the Cyprus problem through the discussions of the local bourgeois representatives under the UN auspices, and thus achieving a united, federal Cyprus which is an EU member”, and fought against us instead of joining us in a united front against imperialism, have now clearly proved that their policy is one of following bourgeois-imperialist policies. AKEL and CTP, although parties of our working class, have clearly become parties of social democracy!

CTP, as an inevitable result of these bourgeois-imperialist policies of theirs, acted as the defender of the “Turkish side” that is acted together with the Turkish Cypriot bourgeoisie and Turkish imperialist Motherland!

AKEL, as an inevitable result of these bourgeois-imperialist policies of theirs, acted as the defender of “Hellenic side” that is acted together with the Greek Cypriot bourgeoisie and Greek imperialist Motherland!

In this diplomatic struggle, because the “Turkish side” that was backed by USA, England, and even Germany-France, have come on top, CTP is for YES, while AKEL, although this plan is the concrete result of their policy as well as CTP’s, is talking about saying NO. Although AKEL is trying to identify this policy as a defence of Cyprus as a whole, that is not correct. What is in question is not the benefit of Cyprus as a whole, but the losses of “Hellenic side”!

But what does being insistent on bourgeois-imperialist solutions, and when the UN put forwards its solution refusing it mean? This is a declaration that a solution based on this bourgeois-imperialist policy is impossible!

At every turn of new discussions between the bourgeois representatives of our divided people, AKEL and CTP declared loudly that agreement is about to be had! While our Party said, no, it is not going to happen! Because, even for achieving a bourgeois-imperialist solution, a strong, united and revolutionary struggle of our people is needed!

If this agreement, the Annan Plan, becomes not possible because AKEL says NO, then, there should be not one person left in this Party who still defends the policy of “solving the Cyprus problem through the discussions of the local bourgeois representatives under the UN auspices, and thus achieving a united, federal Cyprus which is an EU member”! One cannot defend a policy when one is not ready to face the consequences of!

Our Party is not surprised that the defenders of this strategy, which is the root cause of the bourgeois national division of our people parallel to the imperialist motherlands’ can become ardent supporters of YES or NO! They have just yesterday surrendered the unity of our people and our country to the bloody hands of imperialists. It does not surprise us that, today; they try to get the most for their own bourgeoisie and for their own motherland. Not being able to achieve peace under bourgeois-imperialist conditions does not surprise our party. Nor would it scare us!

It is better that all the imperialists and their followers, the so-called left, be scared of us and of our brave people. Those who deny us peace even under their tutelage, under their bourgeois-imperialist conditions will be forced to answer through our democratic struggle, in the ballot box! Matters not if they say YES, and are for the “Turkish side”, or NO and are for the “Hellenic side”!

Our party that has declared above the meaning of the Annan Plan as it is now, supports this plan which places us in a very difficult condition to block a situation that may arise and be worse than this, and to achieve a bourgeois-imperialist peace to block a possible bourgeois imperialist war and division of our country!

We call upon all our people to support and put into practise this agreement!

The Cyprus which will be the result of this agreement will be one that will be disarmed while foreign troops and basis are stationed on its soil, it will be divided geographically based on nationality and religion, the big landlords will have their lands while our poor and refugee people will not be able to go back to their lands. We are aware of the fact that we shall face

many problems, and these will be utilised by the bourgeois-imperialist camp to divide our country and our people, will be utilised against our people's interest. Based on these facts, our party SPC calls upon all our people, headed by the worker comrades, particularly our Cypriot Greek worker comrades, to develop their class based unity, to raise their struggle for an anti-imperialist united front against imperialism, their local bourgeois lackeys, and bourgeois-imperialist tail-endist left parties.

Our struggle has not yet ended. It has started a new under the new conditions!

Long Live independent and democratic Cyprus!

Long live the anti-imperialist unity of our people of all nationalities!

Down with imperialism and their local lackeys!

Long live anti-imperialist united front government!

**YES AT THE REFERENDUM! LET US WORK FOR THE  
VICTORY OF AN ANTI-IMPERIALIST CYPRUS AT THE ELECTIONS  
AFTER THE REFERENDUM!**

***The Socialist Party of Cyprus***

***General Secretary***

***Kazim Ongen***

“After 45 years of segregation, on **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003**, the Greek and Turkish Cypriot workers have jointly chanted “**Yaşasın Kızıl 1 Mayıs, Zido O Gokkino Brodomayia!**” The slogan “**Long Live Red May Day**”, “**Red May Day**” in the language of 1958, was an important symbol that showed the desire and aim of **Red May Day**.

**“KIBRISLI TURK-RUM İŞÇİLER BİRLEŞİNİZ!  
ELLINES KE TURKOS ERGADES ENOMENI!”  
GREEK & TURKISH WORKERS UNITE!**

**“YAŞASIN 1 MAYIS!  
ZIDO BRODOMAYIA!”  
“LONG LIVE MAY DAY!”**

**“SAVAŞI DURDURUN!”  
STAMATISTE TON POLEMO!”  
STOP THE WAR!”**