

PRESS RELEASE

Representations were made to the Turkish Embassy today (13.11.87) at 12:30 p.m. by trade unionists from the Athens Labour Centre and the federations of workers in construction, pharmaceuticals, textiles, banks, leather etc., to demand that the Turkish government respect the political and democratic rights of the Turkish people and permit the leaders of the Communist Party of Turkey and the Turkish Labour Party, as well as other trade union and political refugees, to return to their country unhindered.

The Greek trade union representatives handed over to the Turkish Embassy a memorandum on the subject signed by scores of trade unionists across the entire spectrum of the trade union movement.

13.11.87



TÜRKİYE SOSYAL TARİH ARAŞTIRMA VAKFI

STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY

We, the trade unionists who have signed this statement, salute the common decision by the Central Committees of the Labour Party and the Communist Party of Turkey for their General Secretaries Nihat Sargin and Haydar Kutlu respectively to return on 16 November 1987 to Turkey from abroad where they have been compelled to live as political refusees. Their purpose is to struggle to secure the legalised activity of the United Communist Party of Turkey and to contribute to restoring the trade union and democratic freedoms of the Turkish people.

We wholeheartedly support the efforts of the parties, the working people of Turkey and their trade union organisations, which aim to abolish Articles 141-142 of the penal code on the basis of which the activities of the Communist Party have been outlawed, and we demand that the leaders of the two working class parties not be arrested on their return, that undemocratic laws be abolished and that imprisoned trade unionists and other democrats be released from prison.

Greek workers and all Greek people - who will in a few days be commemorating the Polytechnical School uprising, the highlight of our people's resistance to the junta - shall always support the struggle of Turkish workers and the Turkish people to restore democracy to their country.

Athens 10.11.87.

Name

Occupation

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| 1. Angelopoulos, Kyriakos | Member of Executive of Thessaloniki Labour Centre |
| 2. Alexandrou, Giorgos | Pres. Ass'n of Workers with US Forces |
| 3. Artemiou, Kostas | Gen. Sec., POEEP |
| 4. Andresakis, Giorgos | Member of executive of Gen. Fed. of Employees of the Public Power Corp. |
| 5. Androulakis, Spyros | Pres. Hania Labour Centre |
| 6. Galanos, Nikos | Pres. Greek Metalworkers' Fed. |
| 7. Brettakos, Ilias | Gen. Sec. Civil Servants' Fed. |
| 8. Georgakopoulos, Chr. | Gen. Sec. Post Office Workers' Fed. |
| 9. Gikas, Nikos | Pres. Gen. Fed. of Emp. of the Public Power Corp. |

10. Goutzamanis, K. Member of executive of Athens Lab. Centre
11. Giatras, Spyros President Civil Servants' Fed.(ADEDY)
12. Danalis, Grigoris First V-P Entertainment Workers' Fed.
13. Delivorias, F. Member of Exec. of Bank Workers' Fed.
14. Dimitriou, Theodoros Pres., Fed. of Oil and Gas dealers
15. Efstathiou, Kostas Pres. Ass'n of Bank of Greece Employees
16. Evangelidis, Georgios Member of executive of Thes/ki Lab. Cen.
17. Zaharopoulos, Theodoros Pres. Fed. of Athens Water Supply Workers
18. Zervas, Giorgos Gen. Sec., Thes/ki Lab. Centre
19. Theonas, Yannis Deputy Gen. Sec.
20. Iordannidis, Mich. Member, Exec. Committee ADEDY
21. Kaltsidis, Yannis Pres. Tobacco Workers' Fed.
22. Kotsifas, Takis Pres. Naoussa Labour Centre
23. Kehayas, Mich. Member of Exec. of Thes/ki Lab. Cen.
24. Koutsonikos, Yannis Pres., Larissa Labour Centre
25. Koutantos, Nikos Pres., Lasithios Lab. Cen.
26. Kokkinovasilis, Ch. Pres., Fed. of Indus. Workers' Unions (OBES)
27. Koutas, Kostas Gen. Sec., Fed. of Drug Workers
28. Kotsias, Spyros Pres., Gk. Fed. of Railway Workers
29. Kostopoulos, Mitsos Pres. Athens Labour Centre
30. Kakitsos, Stamatis Pres., Fed. of IKA-OCA Pensioners
31. Kokkinelis, Yannis Pres. Fed. of Construction Workers
32. Kakkavas, Thomas Pres. Garment Workers Federation
33. Kothris, Andreas Pres. Leather Workers Federation
34. Karamanou, Anna Gen. Sec. Federation of Teleph. Co. Employees
35. Karabinis, Ch. Member, Exec. Athens Lab. Centre
36. Kapoulas, Z. Deputy Gen. Sec. ADEDY
37. Karanasos, Nikos Member, Exec., ADEDY
38. Leoutsakos, Stathis Gen. Sec., Piraeus Lab. Centre
39. Manolidis, Manolis Pres. Kilkis labour Centre
40. Matzios, Giorgos Member, Exec. Construction Workers' Fed.
41. Mantzios, Sotiris Pres. Yannena Lab. Centre
42. Bekas, Panayiotis Pres. Preveza Lab. Centre
43. Brouskaris, Vagelis Pres. Tripolis Lab. Centre
44. Bramis, Panay. Pres. Libadia Lab. Centre
45. Mangosis, Yannis Pres. Carditsa Labour Centre
46. Metaxiotis, Ch. Pres. Mesolongi Labour Centre
47. Balomenos, Thanasis Pres. Gk. Fed. of Textile Workers
48. Bakirtzis, Kostas Gen. Sec. OBES



49. Maragoudakis, Kostas	Pres. Greek Fed. of Accountants
50. Mihalopoulos, Dimitris	Pres., Fed. of Local Gov't Workers
51. Xenos, Vagelis	Pres. Fed. of Workers in Pharmaceutical Trades
52. Orphanos, Giorgos	Pres. Fed. of Telephone Co. Workers
53. Paraskevopoulos, Par.	Pres. Thes/ki Lab. Centre
54. Papamichail, Yannis	V-P, Gk. Fed. of Railway Workers
55. Ploumis, Panayiotis	V-P, Athens Lab. Cen.
56. Pipergias, Dimitris	Gen. Sec., Gen. Fed. of Employees of PPC
57. Panayiotakis, Man.	V-P, GFE of PPC
58. Poularikas, Alexan.	Member of Exec. Sec. of Fed. of Bank Workers (OTOE)
59. Perlengas, Timos	Pres. Fed. of Entertainment Workers
60. Plageras, Dimitris	Gen. Sec. Bakery Workers
61. Papamargaris, Haris	Member, Ex. Secretariat of OTOE
62. Papachristodoulou, K.	Member, Exec. of Athens Lab. Centre
63. Protopapas, Ch.	Member, Ex. Sec. OTOE
64. Raftopoulos, Sot.	Gen. Sec. Fed. Railway Workers
65. Savopoulos, Kostas	Gen. Sec. Accountants' Fed.
66. Sarikas, Yannis	Pres. Labour Centre, Rhodes
67. Salamerti, Linda	Pres. P.O.M.E.E.A.
68. Stergiopoulos, Fanis	Pres. Fed. of Press and Paper Workers
69. Siokos, Sotiris	Member, Ex. Sec/t of OTOE
70. Tasoulis, Vagelis	Pres., Agrinion Lab. Centre
71. Tsitsios, Giorgos	Pres., Pyrgos Lab. Centre
72. Tsigaras, Giorgos	Pres., Thebes Labour Centre
73. Tsaparikos, Socrates	Pres., Samos Lab. Centre
74. Tsapralis, petros	Pres. Kalamata Lab. Centre
75. Tsagarakis, Minas	Pres., Fed. of Post Office Employees
76. Fysakis, Giorgos	Pres., Fed. Private School Teachers
77. Fatouros, Francescos	Gen. Sec., Athens Labour Centre
78. Christodoulou, Vag.	Pres., Mytilini Lab. Centre
79. Hatzisocrates, Dim.	V-P, Fed. of Temp. Workers in the Public Sector
80. Psalidas, Christos	Pres., Kozani Lab. Centre
81. Zisimopoulos, Michalis	Pres. Piraeus Lab. Centre
82. Stephanou, Yannis	Gen. Sec. POEM
83. Bourdakos, Michalis	V-P Piraeus Lab. Centre
84. Katsamagas Georgios	GEN SEC OSYGO Co-operative Employess fed.
85. Kirgos Odisseas	B V-P "
86. Anastassopoulos Christow	President OUPAE (Transport federation)
87. Orphanidis Giannis	Gen.Sec "