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for a world

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Socialism!

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Introduction

We move towards the 12th Congress of KNE with the confidence that the youth can open the way to what is truly new, necessary and vanguard, a future with contemporary rights in education, work, in our lives; because we believe that the people have not spoken yet their final words; because we will not take a single step back from the great challenge of our era, for the strengthening of the fight to build a world worthy of our dreams, and worthy of our people, socialism-communism.

On the basis of the developments and the new elements that have emerged in the last years, we are concerned to elaborate an action plan for the contemporary needs of the youth of workers'-people's descent in schools and universities, of the youth in vocational training and apprenticeship programs, of the young workers as well as the children of younger ages, with a simultaneous intervention in the corresponding fronts of struggle. We fight so the theses, the ideology and the history of the Communist Party of Greece (KKE) reach broader sections of the youth; for the reinforcement of KNE. We have as our guide the contemporary, revolutionary Programme of the KKE, the resolutions of the 20th Congress of the Party, the resolution of the Nationwide Conference on the Youth, the elaborations of the Party overall, which we should specify in our approach to the young people of the workers'-people's forces.

The 12th Congress of KNE will take place in February 2019. The publication of the Theses of the Central Council (CC) of KNE for the 12th Congress marks this top for our Organization inner-organization process. The theses concern the members and cadres of KNE; we are certain that their study, the rich discussion in the leading organs and the Base Organizations (BOs), the fruitful questions and the criticism and self-criticism of our experience, the discussion on how will we become more efficient in winning more young people over with the revolutionary policy of the KKE, will make KNE even stronger. At the same time, we want the Theses to reach the thousands of young people we have gotten into contact with in the struggles and events all those previous years, the thousands of young people that do not put their trust in the system, that dispute it, that have a revolutionary way of thinking, so that the above tendencies can obtain a more meaningful content by our contribution – along with the experience of the former as well –, can be transformed into action and initiative of the youth in the anti-capitalist struggle. We invite them to take an active role in the pre-congress discussion of the Theses of the CC within the organisation, in our events and the pre-congress dialogue that will be conducted publicly as well, through the Organ of the CC of KNE, “Odigitis”.

The opinion, the contribution, the thoughts and the remarks of each and every person matter. The process of the Congress, from the pre-congress dialogue up until its conduct, will prove once more that KNE is “like night and day” in comparison to the youth organisations of bourgeois and opportunist parties whose congresses are mainly another, a quarrel for personal promotion and satisfaction of personal interests. These are traits alien to our Organisation, because our purpose of existence



and action is completely different. We act as like-minded volunteers in order to overthrow the rotten exploitative system, in order to bond and cultivate relations of trust and militant action together with the youth of the working class and popular strata, to bring the young people on our side to struggle for the new, socialist-communist society

The core of the Theses of the CC is the way that KNE could strengthen as a whole as the youth of the KKE and gain the ability to fulfil its vanguard role, in order to contribute with young forces in the regroupment of the workers'-people's movement; in order to connect the concerns of the youth and the development of struggles of the youth from younger ages with the promotion of the anti-capitalist, anti-monopoly struggle, in the framework of the social alliance, the struggle against imperialist war, for worker's power.

We are greatly concerned on the way that we will reach the high and necessary goals of recruitment and building a stronger KNE; in order to create strong and large in-numbers Organisations, rooted in every school, university, faculty, workplace and neighbourhood, city and village and thus giving "breath", life and hope to the young people that want to change the world, that do not compromise.

We have the ambition to be educated as the revolutionary youth of the KKE, to acquire the virtues and traits of a communist, of a revolutionary able to fight under all conditions, of endurance in "difficult and static times", of readiness for more acute turning points and developments. We learn how to change the world by studying the revolutionary ideology, by taking part in the everyday struggle, by assimilating the experience and conclusions drawn from the history of the communist and labour movement, by following the developments of science and technique, by achieving the necessary educational and scientific level through fights and personal effort, given the needs of our era and struggle, by becoming familiar with arts and culture.

By playing our own important part in the organisation and development of struggles of young people of workers'-people's descent, we are trained to live up to the expectations and our tasks, based on the beautiful goal that we all share, that of becoming members of the KKE.

We are ready to "embrace" openly and warmly the thousands of colleagues, fellow students, and classmates with whom we objectively have common interest to overthrow the system. Through the daily life and activity we aim to give answers to the questions, and solutions to the impasses that the youth experiences. By propagating the ground-breaking proposal of the KKE, we shall light the flame of struggle in all places where the youth lives, waging altogether the struggle for our rights. By taking and then passing on to the younger ones the torch of the struggle against the system, the torch of collectivity, selflessness, solidarity; by paving the way to the future, the way to socialism-communism.

In 2018, our organisation reached its 50 years of militant action by the side of the heroic KKE, which, for the past 100 years, keeps making history, while remaining the truly new Party in Greek society, precisely because it fights for what is truly new and contemporary: the abolition of exploitation of man by man, for socialism-communism, the society of true freedom. The youthfulness and freshness of its ideas also arise from its political and ideological maturity that is based on its 100-year course.

The 50-year course of KNE is the youthful storming of the future for this new society! The struggle to win over the mind, consciousness, heart, stance and action of the young people of the working class and popular strata is an essential element of the class struggle and the social alliance against the capitalists.



WE MILITANTLY FIGHT AGAINST THE CHALLENGES OF OUR ERA – WE WIN OVER THE FUTURE!

1. The needs and dreams of the youth do not fit in the Clashing Rocks of capitalism.

KNE's effort by the side of the KKE to live up to the challenges of our era takes place under complex conditions, through developments that affect the consciousness of the youth of workers' and peoples' forces in a contradictory way. Nowadays, in the eyes of a young person appears a world in a wrapping, which can be deceiving many times, hiding the exploitative and in the end dangerous character of today's system. At the same time the image of the "stationary" and "invincible" capitalism, following the overthrow of the Socialist Countries 30 years ago, definitely holds back the momentum of the fight against it. The distance since upsurge periods of class struggle and revolutionary changes in a number of countries, particularly affects the youth, due to its age. Another factor is the, definitely temporary, yet long-term, retreat of the revolutionary movement in Greece and internationally.

However it is a fact that in the society which we live today, capitalism, the ability of man to understand the world and produce the most advanced and innovative accomplishments and inventions of science and technology are not understood as factors that could improve the quality of life; that could improve drastically the content and the means of education, that could develop a contemporary and free, public health and welfare system; that could decrease the working hours while at the same time ensuring employment for everyone and that could develop infrastructure for the utilization of free time. On the contrary, the above, in the hands of the capitalists and their state, become factors of intensification of exploitation and increase of their profitability.

This is the world of capitalism, the world where the development of robotics and artificial intelligence is directly linked to increased unemployment and crashing the worker's rights. It is the modern capitalist world of smart devices, while 1.3 billion people do not have access to electricity. It is the world of huge food resources resting on the shelves of supermarkets, while 3.5 million children starve to death every year. The world where enormous wealth is produced annually, while more than 500 million young people are forced to live with less than €2 per day, whereas the ¼ of the youth in Europe and the 1/3 of the youth in Greece live on the verge of poverty.

The increase of productivity, due to technological development, among other factors, instead of bringing a general decrease in working hours and improvement in the quality of life, brings unemployment, under-employment and deterioration of living conditions. The research in a number of sectors of sciences, the development of medicine in order to be accessible to all and deal with the toughest diseases, the infrastructure for the protection of the population against floods, fires and earthquakes, all depend on whether such investments are profitable or not for the capitalist class.



It is no coincidence that a number of new discoveries are patented by monopolies, thus preventing the whole humanity from making use of them. The youth's right to an all-round education, free from irrationalism and unscientific theories, is opposed to the need for a constant competitive chase of skills that the capitalist production demands.

The cause is no other than the contradiction of the capitalist system itself; the fact that on the one hand we have the deepening of the social character of labour (i.e. the labour of any single individual depends on the labour of many others) and on the other hand we have the private appropriation of its result. This is the decay of the system. The decrease in working hours, the decrease in the retirement age, the qualitative increase in free time, the all-round formation of the personality of every human being, the utilization of all the contemporary possibilities can only be satisfied by a different organisation of society and economy, only in the socialist-communist society.

2. The life of young people in Greece.

During the past years, the developments in national and international level, as well as the forthcoming developments, confirm the need to further strengthen, and with a faster pace, the struggle to get rid of the rotten system of exploitation.

However, the general trend within the youth of the working class and popular strata is to passively accept the loss of rights, already conquered in previous generations, under conditions of a dynamic development of the capitalist system, as well as of a more favourable international correlation of forces. The measures taken in recent years have left a permanent mark on the lives and future of the young people in our country, that these days are getting educated, studying, seeking employment or making their first steps in a working environment consisted of great unemployment, unstable employment, "flexible" labour relations, very low salaries in the majority of branches, reactionary restructurings in education, healthcare and social insurance.

Nowadays disguised forms of wage labour are used broadly in order to bring greater profits to companies of certain branches. Such forms are those applied in workers employed in "Social Solidarity Economy", the agency workers, outsourced workers, freelancers alongside the many types of contracts of wage labour (mainly individual ones) that decrease wages, increase the working hours, and the intensification of labour. The wages (with some exceptions) are not enough to cover basic needs. In the name of apprenticeship, the unpaid employment is continuously expanding alongside the emigration of thousands of young people in search of a job in other countries. Job insecurity accompanied by frequent periods of unemployment leads to a constant chase of skills, while the orientation and use of the so-called young entrepreneurship programmes (start-ups, women's entrepreneurship, "new agriculture" for new farmers) are with no long-term prospect for the majority.

In education, changes are being made in its content, enhancing the rotten values and ideals of the system of exploitation, along with the necessary adjustments for capitalist economy that contribute in the enhancement of the flexibility of the scientific personnel and workforce that the capitalist market needs. The needs of the youth for culture, sports, recreation and vacation are being crushed by their commercialization.

All the above affect the friendly, social relationships, on the bonds with family and personal acquaintances of the young people, “cost” in mental and emotional wealth course of life of every young person to complete and develop an all-round personality. Insecurity, fear, and aggressiveness as well, fester; these factors lead to the aggravation of social phenomena such as the so called juvenile delinquency, bullying etc.

The situation that the youth is facing today is not going to change, only because the capitalist economy in Greece has entered the recovery phase since the outbreak of the crisis in 2009. This situation is due to reforms that are necessary for the capital, for the capitalist competitiveness, which is why they were also announced before the crisis and more or less, are being pushed forward in other countries as well, economically stronger than Greece. That is why a series of anti-people’s laws will remain and new ones will be adopted based on the commitments of the SYRIZA – ANEL (Independent Greeks) government that go as far as 2060, when we will be old enough to be grandparents; laws that the New Democracy (ND) and other aspiring managers of the exploitative system commit themselves to maintain and reinforce.

This experience, as well as the new problems arising before a new, greater and deeper crisis, could constitute elements that together with our action, will assist to the confrontation of the new illusions regarding “the end of memoranda” and the “recovery that will have a positive impact on the lives of the youth”, illusions regarding a “just” and “sustainable” development.

3. We live amidst dangerous developments that have the mark of the European Union (EU) and NATO. The danger of a generalised war in the region is looming ahead.

The people and youth have nothing to gain from the international institutions and alliances of the capitalists, such as the EU and NATO, from the plans of the capitalists in general. As much as the government and the rest of the bourgeois parties try to convince us that the EU, NATO and the USA “protect us”, we know that within the imperialist alliances there is no ally for our people; we also know that no people in any country has ever been protected by the alliances with the capitalist centres. This is what we are taught, in a tragic way, by the crimes in Syria, Libya, Ukraine and elsewhere, where the war machines of imperialism crush the peoples. This is what we are also taught by the experience of the peoples of the countries where, sometimes in the name of the “economic/monetary integration” and other times in the name of the “financial aid” by various vultures, such as the EU and IMF and other imperialist centres and institutions, that the road of crushing people’s rights is faithfully followed in order to ensure the profits of the few.

NATO constitutes a dangerous imperialist war machine, dangerous for all the peoples. Since its foundation and until our days, NATO has paved the way with the blood of dozens of peoples in favour of the profits of the monopolies. For the same reason, NATO increases these days its presence and intervention in the Western Balkans (FYROM, Albania etc.), in the Aegean Sea and South-Eastern Mediterranean Sea, in the Middle East and elsewhere.

The EU is an Institution of capitalist states, anti-people by nature, hostile to the needs of the new shift of workers of all its member-states. The attack against the life and future of every young person of people’s families, the crushing of work-



ers'-people's rights and freedoms, the reactionary changes in the educational and healthcare system in Greece and other European countries have the mark of the EU.

The EU cannot guarantee the economic convergence, the coherence among its member-states, as well as within them taken separately, something that is also projected and presented to the youth through the educational system. While there are various processes today for the enlargement of the EU (e.g. some countries of the former U.S.S.R. and the Western Balkans), the strengthening of the ties amongst its member-states, the strengthening of its jurisdictions, at the same time, the conflicts and contradictions are also intensified towards the above direction, the division tendencies of countries are being reinforced, resulting in many leading member-states taking different paths, forming sub-groups and alliances and even leaving the EU (e.g. Britain).

The general tendency of the development of international trade and capital export, as well as labour force, was accompanied by realignment in the correlation of forces amongst capitalist states, in the competition amongst them; their in-between contradictions took the form of a trade war, reinforcement of protectionism (e.g. on behalf of USA). In the EU, "Euro scepticism" was reinforced, which is also expressed through the bourgeois political system being more reactionary, throughout its spectrum, with the reinforcement of far-right, fascist forces.

The military conflict is also increased, mainly between the NATO forces against Russia, and also conflicts among members of NATO as well, e.g. Turkey-Greece, even between Turkey-USA. Imperialist war is raging in various regions, such as Syria, Iraq, Libya, Ukraine, Palestine, Yemen, and Afghanistan. Military forces gather in the South China Sea.

The alliances and institutions of the capitalists can never be relieved by the fierce competition among monopolies and capitalist states, laying in store constant sufferings for the people, even wars and refugees. The threat of a generalised imperialist war is greater than in the past years. The true solution lies within the daily struggle and conflict with these institutions, within the cooperation of the peoples, with the people holding the power.

The young men and women of Greece and the wider region have witnessed the horrific consequences of war, the drama of thousands of uprooted refugees and immigrants forced to leave their countries, drown in the Aegean and Mediterranean Sea, piled up in reception centres and "hot spots" in our country and elsewhere. The war is already here, in our neighbourhood, and it would be an illusion for anyone to think that when the neighbour's house is on fire, one's own is going to stay intact.

Greece is a country rich of natural resources, which also applies for the wider region. This reality though, instead of a blessing becomes a curse for the peoples of the region; given that competing plans of the biggest capitalist states and monopolies of neighbouring, as well as of the Greek bourgeois state, intertwine for the control of all this wealth and the control of the Energy and commodity transport routes.

The arguments about the upgrade of the country's geostrategic position, which is the main strategic goal of the capital in Greece and the strategy of the coalition government of SYRIZA-ANEL, as well as of the ND and other bourgeois parties, have no relation with the upgrade of the interests and the satisfaction of the needs of the



peoples. The essence lies on the upgrade of the Greek bourgeois class in its competition with the bourgeois classes of other states for the increase of the profitability by its participation in the loot of the exploitative plans in the region. In the land, sea and air of the Greek territory, more and more NATO and US military bases, military means, i.e. launching pads and attack targets, gather.

On these grounds, the responsibilities of KNE by the side of the Party are upgraded in all places where especially the new “shift” of the working class lives, is educated and works.

The struggle against the imperialist war is under way today, in the fight that we give by the side of the Party, for the exposure and the militant opposition to the imperialist plans in our region, to the dirty role and the policy of the SYRIZA-ANEL government, which leads the people and the youth to new adventures and sufferings. In the fight to stop every involvement of our country in the imperialist, war plans and preparations. So that NATO leaves the Aegean Sea, so that the USA- NATO bases close down. None young person, soldier or member of the armed forces to be found outside the borders. The young people should not compromise with the support of aggressive actions and wars in the name of attracting investments.

This struggle will take into account the new each time developments, the new data that affect the life, the consciousness, the mood and the stance of the masses, of the young people that we focus our attention on. Therefore, it will accordingly be escalated and our slogans and intervention will be formed.

In the frontline to defend the life and future of our people and our country, we will pave the way so that the working class and its children will not be trapped in the aims of the exploiters, but to constantly put their own class interests and needs in the centre of their struggle. Not to trust the exploiters, their parties and governments, those responsible and guilty of the war slaughter, because the only motherland that they worship and protect is the one of untold profits.

In this struggle we will be at the forefront, by the side of the Party, in order for the salaried employees and the pensioners, the struggling farmers and the self-employed, their children, to be victorious against any possible foreign invader as well as against the capitalist power of exploitation and wars or of the alleged “peace with the gun to the people’s head”. As “prize” of this struggle the working people will conquer power, will built the only society without unemployment, crises and wars, the socialist- communist society.

The NO of the communists to imperialist war is part of the struggle against its causes, an outright condemnation of capitalism, which bears it. The 20th century with two imperialist world wars and hundreds of local ones, as well as the first decades of the 21st century provide plenty of evidence. The NO of the communists to imperialist war is a NO to the economic, the internal and foreign policy of every bourgeois government and of the imperialist alliances in conditions of “imperialist peace”, the continuation of which is the imperialist war.

4. We cannot pin our hopes for a better life on aspiring old and new saviours, on bourgeois and opportunist parties, no matter what form they take.

Our previous 11th Congress was held just one month before SYRIZA came into governmental power. Four years later, the young people have gained their own bitter experience from the governance of SYRIZA. This experience is important and it can be utilised, it can be enriched with the conclusions also drawn over all the



previous years, when in governance were, in turn as well as in coalition, PASOK (now KINAL), ND, and other bourgeois parties along with them, which consecutively crushed the hopes of the people and the young generation for the improvement of their life.

SYRIZA was never a political force that allegedly did not make it “because even though it wanted to, it was blocked by strong , domestic and foreign interests”. This argument is presented by SYRIZA, in order to convince that it is a diametrically different party from ND, deceptively reproducing as separating line the “left-wing or right-wing”, in order to diffuse the dissatisfaction from the implementation of its anti-people’s policy.

In reality, the ability of SYRIZA to promote itself as a “new” political force, because it had not been in government, utilising its political-ideological origins - as an opportunist party- and the corresponding phraseology, constituted its main “asset”, the weapon that it used to target especially the young generation, in order to benefit from its will for significant changes in the country. In 2015, it fooled the people by using empty “leftist” slogans, even with unclear “anti-euro” rhetoric, thus providing to the domestic and foreign capitalist class the advantage of having the popular and youth consensus in the passing of the anti-people’s policy. This is the political “asset” that SYRIZA redeemed and is still redeeming, in order to receive credentials and congratulations from the bourgeois class and their staff, from the large monopoly interests, domestic and international ones, such as the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV), the vultures of the EU, NATO, the embassy and the officials of the USA and “devilishly good” Trump.

Only a few years have passed since the elections of 2012, when SYRIZA became the official opposition party, as well as since 2015, when SYRIZA emerged as a government and later on set a trap-referendum for the people and the youth. All the developments that have taken place since, the continuation of the anti-people’s policy by SYRIZA exactly from the point where ND and PASOK left it, do not confirm that this situation is a one-way street. On the contrary, they confirm the position of the KKE that no government on the grounds of capitalism can manage the system of exploitation with positive results for the people and its children, that a fundamental overthrow is needed.

The low opinion and lack of trust of numerous young people, especially towards the political parties that have governed, is justifiable. The important thing is not to be trapped in trusting the more stable elements of the exploitative bourgeois power (e.g. the army, the police, the capitalist ownership), nor to be expressed into a passive acceptance of the situation e.g. “things will always be like this, they do not change” nor to end up in a blurry reaction or be trapped in what is promoted each time as allegedly “new”, “free” or even “anti-systemic”. We aim through the intervention of the forces of KNE to channelise it into active action for the strengthening and militant regroupment of the movement, into an overall opposition to the system, into militant rally with the KKE and KNE.

This attempt will be in a continuous confrontation with the reformation of the bourgeois political system that is now in progress, but also with the current bourgeois political bipolar schema formed between the SYRIZA and the ND, their pursuit for coalition governments. Basically the same purpose is served by other political refor-

mations of various “baladeur” parties as well, first and foremost KINAL (Movement of Change), which is the transformed PASOK.

This new bipolar schema serves the safeguarding of new, successful for the capital change of parties in bourgeois government, through the entrapment of the great majority of the people and the youth in false dilemmas. For example, ND refers to “excellence and opportunities” – SYRIZA to “equal opportunities”. ND promotes the repression in order to deal with the immigrant-refugee issue, while SYRIZA condemns thousands of immigrants and refugees to the hell of Moria and goes hand in hand with those who caused the war and poverty. ND condemns the struggles of the people and the youth, while SYRIZA undermines them with its degenerative ideology and politics and does not hesitate to repress them.

The same goal is served by ND when presenting SYRIZA as more or less a “communist force”. It attributes to SYRIZA traits it does not have, in order to present itself as the only, genuine bourgeois political force, but mainly in order to corrupt the true class enemy, the ideology and policy of the labour movement. In the attempt of SYRIZA to present itself with an anti-systemic supposedly progressive mask, it also has as “militant” companions various groups of opportunists, as well as so-called anti-authoritarians, particularly in the – youth-aimed – attempt to completely distort the true, class-oriented, progressive, groundbreaking content of the overall political proposal of the KKE, as well as some of our most clear positions regarding old and “new” issues of ideological, political strife.

The fact that processes of the political scene concern and include even the Nazi-fascist Golden Dawn that participates in these using “underground” and open ways and also by moving some of its cadres to other formations of “right” and “far-right” wing, constitutes a proof of how rotten the bourgeois system is.

The true, anti-people’s content of the developments on the political scene is revealed by the political practices and stance of all bourgeois parties regarding key issues, the basic prioritisations and pursuits of the Greek bourgeois class, on which all capitalist parties agree.

The young people of our country have the only interest and the ability to intervene in the developments, to form them themselves according to their benefit, by the side of the KKE and KNE, by strengthening the KKE in every possible way, in order to strengthen themselves in the struggle for the life they deserve. The KKE is the only political counterweight to the rotten bourgeois political system, it expresses the genuine workers’-people’s opposition against all parties and governments that serve the capitalists. The KKE proposes and is at the forefront in paving the way for the only pro-people way out and perspective, the counterattack of the working class and the people, the workers’ power.

5. The truly contemporary and new today is the struggle for the contemporary needs of the youth, the struggle for socialism that emerges more timely and necessary than ever.

The true answer to the concerns of every young person lies in their participation in the struggle for a society that is the youth and beauty of the world, the society of socialism- communism. Despite the fact that the 20th century ended with the dramatic overthrow of socialism, the only rival of capitalism, this does not change the fact that our era remains an era of transition from capitalism to socialism and the 21st century





will confirm this. None of the social systems that humanity has known prevailed at once. History always moves forward, despite any temporary zigzags.

The release of the contemporary capabilities of society can only be achieved through the abolition of capitalist ownership, with the overthrow of its power, the establishment of the workers' power, which will socialise the means of production, will organise the production and social services with the central planning, i.e. with the new communist relations of production, and will reform all social relations.

The workers' power and the organisation of the production for the purpose of social prosperity prerequisite the universal participation of the workers in the exercise of power. It is a superior form of democracy that brings the new generation and the people to the fore of social-political life. The revolutionary principles of the socialist power concern the assembly in the workplace and the position of the elected representatives as vanguard workers of the socialist construction, who are controlled, recalled if they do not respond to their tasks, and with the active role of every young man and woman in the formation and realisation of the decisions made.

The construction of socialism-communism is based on what is the most progressive, contemporary and innovative in humanity, it utilises the scientific and technological advancements for the purpose of social prosperity. Every young person will be able have at their disposal all that is needed to form an all-round personality, to fully develop all of their skills, their special talents and inclinations, so that they will be able to contribute, with their creativity and innovative thinking, in the overall progress and development of society, in reassuring popular prosperity.

In this society, where there will be no exploitation of man by man, the scientific and technological progress will be unprecedentedly developed and free from the narrow and poor incentive of capitalist profit. Humanity will come accross innovative revolutionary breakthroughs that will constantly change its capability to produce, and have free time as well, abilities to learn history, the life and culture of other peoples, to develop the cooperation and friendship among different peoples.

The participation today in the organised struggle forms comradely relations based on the superior values of collectivity, solidarity, mutual respect, profound love for the working man, which all constitute a small portrayal of the new world of socialism-communism, the construction of which will open the way to the radical reformation of human relations including the relations between the two sexes, the relations between parents and children.



B. COMBATIVE AND MASS ACTIVITY IN TERMS OF IDEOLOGICAL – POLITICAL – EDUCATIONAL COUNTERATTACK

The basic task of KNE: To meet and inspire thousands of young men and women, even more than we have managed to do so far, armed with our vanguard ideas and theses, our vanguard action for the organisation of the struggle for all matters that concern the youth.

6. KNE is the only living force in the youth which fights in an organised and combative manner against the deterioration of its life, which can stand against the plans that the current system has set out for the youth, which can inspire and rally broader youthful forces to pave the way for the revolutionary overthrow.

Our organisation addresses with class criteria the young men and women who have a different level of political consciousness, being aware of the existing negative correlation of forces and the conditions that objectively form the thought and stance of the youth today. The vast majority of the youth belongs to the working class and the popular strata and lives under conditions that are a prerequisite in order to understand and to raise concerns. We are concerned about how we will improve our militant-ideological-political bonds and our communication with the youth in today's conditions, how we will not leave anyone to the "claws" of the system, how we will acquire joint action with new forces, how we will expand the circle of influence of KNE around every BO, how a significant part of young people in every area is steeled and acts in a vanguard manner.

We have not yet managed to confront this task with stability, persistence and the corresponding plan elaboration and assistance from the leading organs. It is crucial to acquire the ability to have a more well-aimed action and communication, in order to communicate more effectively the policy of the Party, its goals of struggle and perspectives that can give answers, solutions, food for thought and raise concerns to the youth of the working class and popular strata. We must give more persuasively the incentive to fight to thousands of young people, although there might be a distance in the way of thinking, but who are objectively close to us regarding their living conditions, conditions of education and work, we share the same present and future, unless we fight together to overthrow it. With all the cadres at the forefront in this cause, of acquiring immediate experience from the massive political work, the positive experience can be generalised and the difficulties of the everyday struggle that we detect today can be confronted.

The rising of political and class awareness of these young people is our responsibility and it requires to create and maintain bonds more massively. It requires a plan of organised interventions of militant processes and mobilizations, meetings, events that will be based on the elaboration of the appropriate content, arguments, slogans, goals of struggle and actions of demand in order for them to inspire the participation



of forces in the struggle and to strengthen the belief by more and more people that the overthrow of the capitalist power is necessary.

Our effectiveness, however, depends on whether each member and cadre of KNE can gain recognition in their area of action, in their circle of influence, as a vanguard militant that fights for the Programme of the Party, for the theses and goals of KNE. Not just as a propagandist, but also as a rally and organisation pole, with the ability to connect with other young people. On this basis, the personal prestige contributes to the increase of the prestige and influence of the Party and KNE. A young man and woman needs time to think, to be convinced, this is why it is very important for the members of KNE to know very well every area, its problems, the level of consciousness in which we intervene and of course the theses of the Party, and the more specific and specialised theses of KNE.

7. We confront the intervention of the opponent who uses all means and channels, while taking into consideration the special characteristics, the situation, the limited social and political experience, the moods of the new generation. Our action counters the dominant ideology through various channels.

It counters the institutions of the state that intervene through programmes, seminars, lessons, and other activities in the young people in the workplaces, in vocational training, in the universities and the technological educational institutes (TEI), in schools.

The employers play their role too, as they try in various ways to cultivate the opinion that the workers have common interests with their exploiters. The governmental and employer-led trade-unionism plays a special role, as it tries to promote the compromise in the struggle of the labour movement through the logic of “social partnership”.

In education, the content of school and university textbooks, the content of the lessons contributes decisively to the formation of the criterion of thinking and a life stance within the limitations of the system.

We also confront other political youth organisations mainly in the places of education, but also in the workplaces and neighbourhoods. The attempts of the governing party to form a youth organisation might not have been successful, however the influence of the policy of SYRIZA within younger ages should not be underestimated. ONNED, the youth of ND, especially in Universities and Technological Educational Institutes (as DAP), but also making efforts in the school students (as MAKI), audaciously promotes the demands of the capitalists as necessary changes, as the contemporary path which supposedly is in the youth’s best interest to walk. All the forces that remain in the youth of PASOK also contribute in this game, although in a different way, with presence and action mainly in Universities and Technological Educational Institutes (as PASP), while various opportunist schemes and anarchist-autonomist forces play a special role in preventing young forces to radicalise and join the KKE and KNE, in preventing the revival and direction that the movement needs to have today. A constant front is required against the Golden Dawn and other fascist formations that intervene in a planned manner in the youth, especially in popular areas.

We also take into account the intervention of the Church, which attempts in a special, multifaceted way to influence young men and women from a very young

age. While understanding the deep historical roots of religious faith in various religious doctrines, we need to reinforce as KNE the stable and essential ideological confrontation against metaphysical idealism, irrationalism, fatalism, the passive stance and acceptance of today's barbarity. We do not give up trying so that the members of KNE, with the ambition of becoming members of the Party, are free from religious prejudices, they align their choices with the principles and ethics deriving from the communist ideology, our scientific worldview, our vanguard ideas and theses.

8. We strengthen our confrontation against the factors and ideas that set obstacles to the radicalisation of the consciousness of the young people.

- The system presents as “conflicts” what is convenient for it in order to “undermine” the real conflict that is taking place.

The perception of the “anachronistic” class revolutionary violence is connected with the one of condemning “violence wherever it comes from”, while the legal violence of the bosses and their state is being sanctified. Individual political changes are presented as “breakthroughs” and “rupture”, which not only do they not affect the dominance of the capital but they work in favour of it.

Political forces, positions and action that do not disturb the bourgeois power but, on the contrary, they contribute in the distancing of the young people from the revolutionary struggle, are presented as “anti-systemic”. Besides, in different ways, but in the end in a coordinated way – more intensively during certain periods – the propaganda about the “systemic KKE” is reproduced by the entire political spectrum.

In this framework are included ideas and actions of anarchist and other groups, which using a “conflictual” wrapping act harmlessly, ultimately beneficially for the system, being hostile to the class-oriented organised struggle and sometimes reinforcing the logics of assigning to others to fight for you. They use various forms of the so-called “self-organisation”, “centers”, organized groups of sports fans etc.

At the same time, the Golden Dawn and other fascist groups dare to define themselves as “anti-systemic” and against the “old and corrupted establishment”, while they constitute the most fanatic supporters of capitalism.

We broadly project the genuine “anti-systemic” action, which is the struggle and action of the KKE and KNE, in the frontline of the fight for every issue, for the regroupment of the labour movement, the promotion of social alliance, in order for the struggle of the young people to strengthen, reaching the point of an overall conflict with the class enemy, the struggle for the overthrow of capitalism.

- To the so-called “realism” of submission, we respond with the realism of the overthrow.

By using “realism”, the system attempts to convince that feasible is only what is in the interests of capital and promotes its strategic objectives, that it is necessary and “realistic” for the current generation to work and live under worse terms than the previous one.

Achievements and rights that have been taken away during the past years are presented today as “malaises” and “exaggerations” that have allegedly led to the crisis. Their realism means cancelling the dreams of the new generation, literally



condemning it to even greater sufferings, leaving it unprepared in the face of dangerous developments.

The forces of KNE are the only ones that can broadly project the realism of action, by cramping the logic of “the lesser evil”, of lowered demands. To decisively demonstrate that we can improve our life only through the organised struggle, as long as the young generation together with the people gains strength, decisiveness and experience and is formed into the generation of the overthrow.

- The freedom for the people comes together with the abolition of the exploitation of man by man.

The same people that take away from the young generation the freedom to live in a humane way and evolve, are those trying to persuade it that in capitalism “everyone is free to do whatever they want”, as long as they do not question the capitalist ownership and power.

In reality, freedom has a very different meaning depending on the class each young person comes from or belongs at. The youth of the working class and people are nothing but free to be fully educated, to work with rights, to organise their future having a permanent and stable job, to participate in cultural events, to go on vacations etc. Whatever freedom the system grants to them stops where the freedom of capitalists to exploit starts, while this freedom is strongly violated when they dare to question this regime of exploitation. At the same time, the liberties that the bosses enjoy have literally no limit; they steal the wealth from those who produce it, they make fortunes, they shut down and move their businesses, while spreading on the way of their profits poverty, crises, wars, immigration and refugees.

The freedom of every young child of the working class and the people is born when they see clearly the causes and the culprits that keep them chained to the regime of oppression. It is conquered in so far as they acknowledge more deeply this unfair social reality and the road to change it, in the struggle to overthrow the class of our “captors”, the capitalists. Socialism, in which the workers themselves will be the masters of the production and their lives, masters of their own land and the wealth they produce, is the passage to the liberation of the whole society from the capitalist slavery. It paves the way of the real individual freedom and the all-round, unimpeded evolution of today’s oppressed people.

- The glorification of the individual path by the system hides the real dividing line in society.

In conditions of high unemployment and flexible forms and relations of employment, the only way-out presented is personal antagonism, the chase of personal “opportunity”, the logic of “to gain a position at the expense of others”, “your death is my life”, the “personal” survival. In essence, it is an attempt to make every young man and woman stand alone against life and its problems, to try to understand and improve their position through a lonely and “class neutral” way, to struggle individually for their future. To form a negative stance against class organisation and struggle, collective struggle which constitutes a one-way street in order for the young generation to conquer its contemporary rights both in a collective and an individual level.

A grid of beliefs is promoted, which are distorted, reactionary and very useful for

the system: the glorification of subjectivism, projecting the individual experience as a way of defining reality, the appeals of the bourgeois staff to “respect diversity and self-definition”, which reaches the point of projecting drug addiction as a product of free choice, any kind of fake discriminations and unscientific theories, such as the ones about the “social gender”, which of course have nothing to do with the consistent struggle against phenomena of racism, bullying and marginalisation of people that have made different choices.

All the above aim at disorientating from the main fact, that the majority of the youth constitutes the new shift of the working class, that it can demand its future, its social and individual rights, only if it understands who and why are taking them away, how and with whom it can conquer them, i.e. in social terms and not simply as a sum of individual efforts.

- We fight against anachronistic beliefs and theories regarding the relations between the two genders, the causes of inequality and the position of woman, the degenerative and anachronistic perceptions about family.

The evolution of the capitalist society and the position of woman within it, as well as the typical legal equality, blur for many young girls the contemporary aspects of inequality and discriminations based on the gender.

Especially in the contemporary conditions, a systematic projection of certain legislative initiatives of the SYRIZA government is taking place, in the framework of the alleged fight against discriminations. Wearing the cloak of “progressiveness”, they try to hide the fact that the living and working conditions of the majority of women, along with the new mechanisms of manipulation and integration, reinforce social discriminations in wages, labour relations, in every aspect of the economic, family and social life of woman.

In the name of “equal opportunities” for men and women, bourgeois parties, imperialist unions and organisations implement policies that “delete” the special needs of women due to maternity and increase the degree of exploitation. They have interest in the increase of women’s employment, without measures for the protection of the female organism, the working mother, but with flexible labour relations, such as “telework” and part time employment, supposedly so that women will secure time for their family and children.

At the same time, for the benefit of managing the prolonged capitalist economic crises, they also revived theories regarding the primary role of women in family, as a mother. They propagate that women should stop working for a time period until the children go to school.

These ideas and practices have negative influence on the stance of women both on work and maternity, presenting the choice between a “professional career” or the creation of family as a matter of individual responsibility and ability of the young girls. In any case, maternity in capitalism constitutes an individual issue and not a social responsibility, while the choice of a young couple to create a family is limited by economic and social factors.

The above factors form additional obstacles in the participation of young women in the movement, especially in the Party and KNE.

Every young girl, member of KNE, participates actively in OGE (Federation of Greek Women). As KNE, we give all our forces to show to even more youthful consciousnesses that the participation of women in social work is the base for the ab-



olition of the unequal relations between men and women and that the overthrow of the rotten capitalist system is a precondition for their liberation from every social inequality. We give all our forces to strengthen the struggle for equality and the emancipation of women of working class-popular families.

- We expose the dictatorship of capital behind the front of the bourgeois democracy.

The path to cover the needs of the new generation does not pass through bourgeois institutions and processes, but in conflict with the bourgeois state which is an instrument for imposing their interests.

Our entire ideological-political intervention and action, independently and in the movement, constitutes a confrontation with the bourgeois institutions and laws of the exploiters. The state, today, with its various institutions and permanent special mechanisms, with its functions as a whole, organises the violence of the exploiters against the oppressed ones, it defends the private capitalist ownership and the law of profit and safeguards the perpetuation of exploitation. The ideological dominance of the bourgeois class is organised through the educational system, the bourgeois political system and a series of institutions of the bourgeois state.

Through our entire intervention we must expose:

- The true face of the bourgeois democracy as a form of the dictatorship of capital, the reasons why the bourgeois governments and the bourgeois parliament will never be able to express the interests of the people and its children, because they are a “temple” of the democracy of the few, having the capitalist profit as “sanctuary” and the capitalist exploitation as “religion”.

- The role of the bourgeois justice, which operates under the orders of the ruling class, is consistently biased in favour of the bosses (e.g. persecutions, condemnation of university and school students, workers, declaration of almost all strikes as illegal, etc). This is proved by:

- The strengthening of the legislative arsenal against the enemy-people (terrorist laws, EU legislation against “radicalisation”, attacking the right to strike, etc) which the SYRIZA government not only does not abolish, but it utilises and upgrades it, thus serving the armouring of the bourgeois power.

- Especially the bourgeois Constitution, being the “law of laws” in capitalism, which has in its very core the protection of capitalist ownership and the undisputable “right” of the bourgeois class to exploit the working class, naming the interest of profitability of a weak social minority as “public”, as “general interest” of the whole society. This anti-people core of the Constitution cannot be rectified by any amendment. Nor does the current constitutional revision promote changes for “more democracy”, like SYRIZA and other bourgeois parties claim; on the contrary it adjusts the bourgeois state so it can exercise the power of capital against the people more effectively.

- The role of local and regional government, which is “closer” to the people, constituting the “long arm” of the central administration (the government) for the promotion of the plans of the capital, as well as for the integration through interventions of the management of poverty and unemployment, of other great popular problems.

- We strengthen the struggle against fascism and the system that bears it.

The members and friends of KNE, we have put our own “stamp” on the struggle



against the fascists and the system that bears them, on their isolation in all workplaces, on exposing their dirty systemic role to wider masses of young people. Our stable and multifaceted intervention in terms of collective action can “freeze” and limit decisively the influence of the fascist-nationalist ideas and action.

The fascist, racist and nationalist forces are true “children” of capitalism; they serve it through their positions and actions. They do not intervene, as they claim, in hostile ground for them. The dominant bourgeois ideology is the one generating the rotten, inhuman ideas integrated in the fascist-nationalist ideology, such as anti-communism, the hostility against the labour-people’s movement, as well as individualism, the division of people based on the “excellent nature” of certain people, etc.

Besides, the tolerance they enjoy is not a coincidence, neither is the coexistence of bourgeois politicians with Nazis in events, the consideration of Golden Dawn as part of the reform processes of the bourgeois political system, the provocative warm embrace they enjoy in organisations of bourgeois political forces within the movement, especially in youth places.

Fascism cannot be dealt with by the bourgeois democracy. It is the one that “harbours” it within it. The processes for a more “moderate” Golden Dawn do not weaken, but on the contrary they nourish the Nazi monstrosity; they do not preclude, instead they widen the ground for the action of fascist assault battalions “of the streets”.

The struggle against fascism cannot be effective unless it aims at the heart of the “mother” of the Nazi monster, the monopolies, capitalism itself. The anti-capitalist struggle alongside the KKE and KNE is the impetuous, combative, effective anti-fascist struggle, in which every young man and woman that does not compromise with the fascist monstrosity has a place.

Part of the bourgeois parties, including the fascist-nationalist forces, cry out in favour of the motherland, they sharpen the confrontation around the “national issues” (e.g. the developments in FYROM, the Greco-Turkish relations) cultivating openly irredentist positions and hatred for other peoples. On the other hand, the views of cosmopolitanism, expressed mainly by the SYRIZA government, propagate that peace, friendship and cooperation of the peoples pass through the “one-way street” of the imperialist alliances, NATO, the EU.

The seemingly opposite positions of nationalism and cosmopolitanism, in reality, complete and feed into one another. They constitute the two cloaks that the bourgeois ideology wears, in order to engage the people and youth in the main objective of the bourgeois class, its geostrategic upgrade in the framework of broader imperialist plans. Even when the bourgeois talk about friendship and cooperation, they mean nothing else but predatory friendship and their business; when they talk about peace they mean peace with “the gun to the peoples’ head”, they mean the peace of the exploitation of the working class, which prepares new wars.

The defence of our country for the benefit of the people, like the one that the KKE and KNE struggle for, is capable of expressing the true popular patriotism and pro-peace feelings of the young people, reinforcing the proletarian internationalism, the joint struggle of the peoples of our neighbourhood and of the world. The study of the History Essay of the KKE, especially of the period 1939-1949 can provide the members and friends of KNE with the necessary knowledge and conclusions related to the actions of these forces and their tackling by the Party in Greece (e.g. the rise and domination of fascism through the bourgeois parliament in European countries – Germany, Italy, etc. – during interwar, Metaxas in Greece, etc.).



C. KNE DEEPLY ROOTED THROUGH THE VANGUARD ACTION OF ITS MEMBER AND FRIENDS IN THE MASS ORGANISATIONS THAT ARE CAPABLE OF ACTIVATING AND RALLYING THE YOUTH.

9. KNE played a decisive role in order for “flashes” of combative action to be expressed in youth places, during a period in which the government and the rest of the forces of the system are doing everything in their power to establish “dead silence”.

The participation of the youth in general in the struggles developed was limited and mainly fragmentary. Despite the fact that the previous period was not marked by any significant outburst, a more massive movement of the youth masses, we should not underestimate these struggles that were developed with the decisive contribution of KNE in the participation in the struggle of the labour-people’s movement, like especially within school students, where there is a small lift with the rallies in cities of Greece during the past three years.

The participation of the youth in large strikes, in mobilisations against imperialist interventions, dangerous developments and the involvement of our country, the massive solidarity expressed with the victims of imperialist war, the important support of various, multifaceted initiatives against fascism, the “hotspots” of struggle that are being developed in sections of the youth, in workplaces and places of education, as well as in neighbourhoods and cities in view of natural disasters such as wildfires, floods etc., with a fierce expression of solidarity from the youth, is a great consignment.

We are aware of the fact that the majority of the young people is far from the organised vehicles of the movement, it is not aware or underestimates the strength of class struggle. The logics and practises of forces of the system that act within the movement as well, which lead to the viewpoint of party-owned associations and trade unions, swindler trade-unionists etc., as well as objective – but, of course, not insurmountable – obstacles, such as flexible and seasonal labour relations combined with the more general situation of the labour trade-union movement, influence.

In Universities, Technological Educational Institutions and schools, the reactionary line saying “parties out of the schools and universities” is being cultivated. It is based on an established situation of degeneration and clientelism, especially in Universities and Technological Educational Institutions with the responsibility of DAP and PASP, which aims at the devaluation of the movement, hitting the right to strike, transforming the student unions and the school student councils into vehicles of cooperation with the Ministries and administrations and putting obstacles to the intervention of the forces of KNE.

KNE is the force that consistently opposes these plans. The “stagnant” situation in which the movement appears to be today is not given, consolidated, as history has proved after all. There are ongoing processes in popular and youthful consciousnesses. Most of them are silent, underground, they are not expressed in decisive organisation, personal and mass participation in the struggles of the movement, but they do exist. The very needs of the young people constitute the basis for the development of militant processes that under certain preconditions can lead to sudden outbursts.

The way in which we acquire the ability, being at the forefront of the struggle and organisation of the fight, is crucial in order to exhaust all possibilities in every phase, so that the most positive process for the outcome of the class struggle is expressed.

10. The regroupment of the labour movement and the formation of an alliance of social forces with an anti-capitalist and anti-monopoly direction are the path and hope for the for the dreams and needs of the youth. We give all our forces in order to contribute in this cause with many combative youthful forces.

The integration of young workers and unemployed in the labour movement remains an issue of vital importance for its regroupment. These are forces that can contribute to its continuity, liveliness and combativeness.

The young men and women of working-class and popular origin, who are now educated and tomorrow will be integrated in production as salaried employees, as scientists or as self-employed and farmers in cities and villages, have every interest today in struggling in an organised way, to strengthen the mass characteristics of the trade unions, the student unions, the school student community, the associations of the self-employed and the farmers' unions.

From this point of view, we examine the tasks of the cadres and members of KNE. We have a special responsibility in the education of more youthful forces with the values of struggle, collective action, solidarity and trust in the capabilities of the working class. Our work is important in order to fuel the labour movement, the All-Workers' Militant Front (PAME), with new combative forces, which, from their school and university years, in their first steps at work, will have linked the substantial upgrade of their life and rights with the course of class struggle. Our efforts to strengthen the university and the school student movement and their rallying and connection with the class-oriented trade-union movement, is important from this point of view as well, while, there is a special responsibility, mainly of the female members of our Organisation, in making a specialised effort that is required in girls, workers, students and unemployed girls, which should be expressed in their participation in the associations and women groups of OGE (Federation of Greek Women) as well.

The militant regroupment of the movement in all sections of the youth will proceed as long as forces that today do not take part in the organised struggle, will join it. These are young people who raise concerns, who have a political criterion, but for various reasons have not yet decided to join the organised struggle. There are also young people who think in a very different way from ours, they have contradictions, hesitations, wrong perceptions, confusions, they are even indifferent about important issues that determine their life. We are constantly and correctly concerned about our capability to popularise and promote our line, in order for it to be adopted by broader forces. The truth is that the lack of social experience and historical memory for the majority of the young people prevents them from approaching of meanings like "conquest", "struggle", "rights", "class struggle".

The forces of KNE have contributed in the formation of new forms of organisation. By forming structures in places where they do not exist, in places where under the long-term influence of compromised forces there are conditions of dissolution and degeneration, by taking initiatives so that every trade union or association is better based in the place where it is active. The dozens of year-committees at universities and technological educational institutes, the struggle committees in associations where dissolution prevails, the initiatives in neighbourhoods— mainly in Athens — for committees of the young workers and the unemployed, all these constitute examples of our work that imprint the ground and the need to increase the organisation of young people in the mass organisations.





We encourage actions concerning the organisation of young people for partial demands, particular aspects of their life such as sports, culture, vacation, the needs of the young couples etc., cultivating stably the need for any form of organisation that arises from these processes to be part of the associations, the trade unions etc.

The elaboration of special demands, spearheads and fronts of struggle that are required in every workplace, school, university department, faculty and neighborhood is necessary for the promotion of our line. In order to increase the organisation and participation in the associations and trade unions, it is necessary for the majority of the young people to understand this need through what they see and experience. The forces of KNE, we work, we discuss and we organise partial demands having as criterion the interests of the young people of the popular families and the working people and we take all measures to deal with any issue that arises through the collective organised struggle. At the same time, we form the content of demands with a corresponding plan of initiatives that will contribute in the generalisation of struggle and the development of anti-capitalist - anti-monopoly consciousness.

The escalation of the plan combined with the independent ideological-political work and the elaborated tactics in the movement can contribute to the politicisation of the struggle. This effort cannot be carried out only through slogans, or by using the majority in an organ of the movement as a formality, but it necessitates methodical work which is being enriched with conclusions during the action. Our action in view of the creation of the University of Western Attica, where our elaborated position, its assimilation by the forces of KNE, the plan of action we developed, the special formation of struggle frameworks and demands, all contributed to the sharpening of the strife and the rallying of broader forces, is a great experience.

There are other political forces inside the mass organisations which try to rally people either around the line of defending the system or around dead-end and without prospect logics that in the end lead to integration. These forces, in many occasions, have the majority in mass organisations, a fact that makes even more difficult the organisation of the struggle. We are at the forefront, leading the struggle, not only because we are the first ones to trigger militant processes –an established trait that we need to maintain – but also because our line contributes in the strengthening of the organisation, the demands and the participation in the struggle. This effort applies even where we have the trade union majority. The intense ideological-political confrontation that we must carry out against other forces, cannot be limited only to issues of demands – which is also very important– but it should concern the prospect, the orientation and the purpose that the movement should have. In other words, it has to give an answer to the question “for what purpose should I fight for?”.

Strong KNE in the places of work, vocational training, apprenticeship, in the new shift of the working class

11. We strengthen the effort to build broad militant bonds in the industrial sectors and businesses that concentrate thousands of young workers.

The efforts that the members of KNE made together with their co-workers to organise the struggle in the workplace is important. The effort to develop struggles and strengthen the mass characteristics of the trade-unions has offered a valuable experience for the development and building of more Organisations of KNE in sec-

tors, especially in telecommunications, in retail trade and services, in restaurants and hotels, in healthcare, in transportation and more, which concentrate thousands of young workers and KNE has a special responsibility.

The vanguard section of young workers, who are currently organised in the trade-unions, participate in the assemblies, strike, come in conflict with the employer, fight to change the correlation of forces in favour of the class-oriented forces, can be multiplied with our decisive intervention. The members of KNE that have been elected to the union committees of their trade-unions, in branches and struggle committees in the workplaces must contribute in this, they must establish themselves in practice, gain prestige, renew and reinforce the bonds of the Party and KNE with the young workers.

Such possibilities became evident in the elections of sectoral unions of the Restaurants, the Telecommunications, the Retail Trade, the public hospitals and the Union Federation of Hospital Doctors of Greece (OENGE), with the election of young people in the administrations and many young people becoming members of their trade unions and taking part in the elections. The attempt to form new company level trade unions such as in First Data, PDS and Mellon, the struggles carried out for the signing of Collective Labour Agreements (CLAs) in sectors and companies, such as in the ship repair zone, in COSCO, in OTE-Cosmote Group against the compromised majority of the Federation, an effort that rallied forces with the sectoral trade union of Telecommunications and Informatics (SETIP) and mobilised young workers. The effort to set up Trade unions and Union Committees in the retail sector using as a spearhead the terms of employment and the legal establishment of the Sunday holiday.

An essential work leaving important consignment is the attempt to establish the central directions of the Party in the workplaces in which we intervene. The development of a militant stance throughout the country regarding issues of unpaid work, lay-offs, occupational accidents, even fatal ones, e.g. the case of the delivery driver, in cases where the employers ask the employees to return a part of their salary back, working conditions, against exhausting working hours and employers' terrorism – especially against seasonal workers – have confirmed in practice to the young people in these workplaces the need of organisation and collective demands, solidarity inside the workplace.

All the above are important steps but do not cancel the fact that the level of organisation of the working class, and especially of its new shift, is low and we have to confront it.

Employer-led and governmental trade-unionism (PASOK-PASKE and ND-DAKE) has formed to the youth a negative stance towards trade union action and trade unions. Their refusal to accept as members of the trade unions workers with different labour relations, the majority of which are young people doing their apprenticeship, is characteristic. We struggle against the fragmentation of the workers (“old”-“new”, with “fixed-term” or “indefinite duration” labour contracts or “permanent workers”, “contractors”, “agency workers”, “vocational training workers”, “apprenticeship workers” and more) and the bourgeois intervention that tries to turn one section against the others.

We take the lead in order to integrate more stably in the life of the trade unions thousands of young men and women that choose to become members in view of mil-





itant procedures or trade union elections. We give our hand to more young people to take responsibilities in the workers' trade unions, with trust and support, multiplying the forces that will be the base of the trade unions inside the workplaces.

We are oriented towards all the issues that concern the living conditions of the young workers. The struggle for the establishment of a Collective Labour Agreement (CLA) responds to the concerns of the young people regarding the working conditions and which have a decisive impact on their personal and social life, the stress and insecurity they face. In the workplaces where our forces organised with an elaborated framework and action plan the enlightenment and the need to demand a CLA, and after even answering the question “what is a CLA?”, there was a significant impact that was also expressed in the participation of young people in the mobilizations in specific sectors.

The presence in youth places, of trade unions, Labour Centres that rally with PAME opens paths, it is embraced by several young people that show great interest. The intervention that was organised, with the vanguard action of the communists, by Labour Centres and trade unions, with tours and events in workplaces where the youth is concentrated, in places of apprenticeship and vocational training, in universities and technological educational institutes, for the organisation of the solidarity with the immigrants and refugees, for the struggle against the imperialist war, stands out. This connection between class-oriented trade unions and mass organisations with youth places needs to be strengthened in a more elaborated way and on a steady basis.

The forms of intervention that we chose each time to utilise on issues that seriously concern the youth also play an important role in the attraction of young people, forces with no past experience in the organised struggle. A characteristic example is that of the march against unemployment from Patras to Athens that was took place on the initiative of communists that hold the majority in the Municipality of Patras, which was embraced by and rallied broader forces of Labour Centres, trade unions and mass organisations of the youth, sports and cultural associations.

The young people, despite the fact that today they are tormented by unemployment, insecurity about tomorrow, financial problems of their own and their families, they rightfully prioritise their basic needs in sports, culture, entertainment and recreation. They are factors of forming social consciousness and stance; consequently it is the base also for the formation of political consciousness, of militant action. The 5x5 Workers' Football League organised by PAME is a break for hundreds of young people, this is why it stably acquires more mass characteristics, contributing in this way so that more young people meet and bond with their trade union.

For the same reasons the Youth and Workers Centres need to multiply throughout Greece in order to become the “houses” of the trade unions in popular neighbourhoods. The activity that is developed where those exist (solidarity schools, Greek lessons to immigrants and refugees, cultural and sports teams, expression of solidarity with Greeks and immigrants, with refugees in practice) has contributed in the enrichment of the action of the branches of trade unions, Trade Union Committees and unemployed committees, as well as in the rallying and action of forces in the neighbourhood. It is the responsibility of the organs the way in which we utilise this substructure in every neighbourhood where it exists, for massive intervention in the workers and the unemployed, the young people from the universities, the technological educational institutions, the vocational education centres and the technical

schools. We are at the forefront of the creation of such places everywhere, with a plan and good coordination, as well as of the enhancement of their function wherever they already exist.

We are at the forefront of solidarity, of the development of joint struggles with the young immigrants and refugees against the system of wars and refugees, against the even more obstacles that these young people need to overcome in order to be educated, to work, to survive. We raise a shield of protection against the action of Nazi and fascist gangs that target and attack immigrant workers.



12. We have to make steps in the intervention in vocational education schools, vocational training schools, apprenticeships, Merchant Marine Academies.

Vocational education and training is a multitudinous place that consists of worker's children, children of unemployed and small self-employed, who are forced early to get a job in order to support their family and their needs. The direction of the acquisition of mass characteristics and the upgrade of apprenticeship responds to a new form of the institutionalization of the subminimum wage with subminimum rights.

We can pass to a new phase of more qualitative and mass intervention in these places, in order to build strong BOs at every vocational education and training school of the Manpower Employment Organisation, in the public vocational education centers (Ministry of Education, Manpower Employment Organisation, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Tourism, etc.) and the private vocational education centers, and it is necessary to pursue a suitable intervention for the 2-year university courses. The vanguard action of the members and friends of KNE in these places, on the one hand is a precondition of militant stance against the lessons of the employers and on the other hand most of these young people constitute tomorrow's work force in sectors of strategic importance for the party development.

The action of KNE should have at its center the school, the place of apprenticeship and the development of militant action and demands in view of sharpened problems which are big. The difficulties are detected in the lack of Unions in many schools, in which the structures of the organised struggle have not been firmly set. An additional difficulty is the limited time because of the 2-year duration of vocational training and apprenticeship. Cores of militant action were formed at schools mainly because of the sharpening of the problems, such as the students' commuting cost, their deletion from the unemployment registries of the Manpower Employment Organisation, the lack of laboratories or teachers and only after the students themselves started having assemblies, discussing how to organise their struggle. This way, all the spectrum of the obstacles that they come up against in the knowledge of the profession they chose, as well as the obstacles in their practical training, their apprenticeship and their job after school, was brought to the surface.

A result of our attempt is the formation of student unions in public vocational education centres in more cities in the past two years, through mass procedures and the participation of thousands of students throughout the country. It is necessary to upgrade the support given by the leading organs to the members who act militantly through the Student Unions in public vocational education centres, Private Schools and the 7-member and 3-member councils in the technical schools of the Manpower Employment Organisation, so that they become the vehicles of massive organisa-



tion and demands of the students in schools. In areas where a Student Union in Public or Private vocational education centres has not yet been formed, we can pursue the formation through mass procedures of a struggle committee. We must insist on the elaboration of demands and frameworks. At the same time, the members of KNE that act in the trade unions need to contribute in the orientation of the unions towards the development of action and demands for the youth in vocational training and apprenticeships based on their specialisation and sector.

The aspects that concern the daily life of the students are the basis for discussion in every specialisation, in every vocational education school, in order to coordinate the organised, collective demands of all the young people in the technical-vocational education.

The more we contribute in order for the procedures of the Unions of the vocational education centres and the Councils of the technical schools of the Manpower Employment Organisation to acquire more mass characteristics, the better we elaborate on the nationwide experience consistently throughout the year and we integrate the labour trade unions in the intervention, the more the collective organisation and action in the school today and in the workplace tomorrow gain ground among the young people of these places. The trade unions and Labour Centres, that rally with PAME, have prestige and are appreciated, because, to a certain degree, they have processed a framework of demands for the young people of these schools, they give them the right to become members of the trade unions, they struggle so that the young people from these places will have equal rights in the companies, contrary to all the employer-led – governmental trade unionism of ND, PASOK and SYRIZA.

Respectively, the responsibility of KNE for the construction of robust Organisations with prospect in the Merchant Marine Academies, with bonds that will be maintained even after the completion of school, whatever professional path they take, stands out. The capability that we have in these areas, the great prestige of the Party and class-oriented trade unions in the sector, especially in the engineers, is the result of the long-term vanguard intervention of the KKE.

The guiding support of the CC must assure the ideological and political support of our forces, their preparation for the period of their academic journey, as well as for their life overall on dry land and at sea, so that they respond to the harsh confrontation regarding all issues with the ship owners capital that brutally and in a multiform way intervenes in the embarkation, inside the Merchant Marine Academies, even in the maritime technical high schools. The elaboration of our thesis on maritime training helps and can be utilised more. The intervention and good coordination with PEMEN (the trade unions of the merchant marine engineers) paves new ways for us, especially in the approach, organisation and action with the young people of this sector.

Strong KNE at schools means strong and combative school student struggles

13. The positive experience from our decisive intervention in schools constitutes the base for an impetuous development of our forces.

With no complacency we need to establish the positive elements which are imprinted in our work, despite the fact that they are not uniform. The better orientation



of the leading organs and the more unified effort of adjusting the general directions of the Organisations to the school students. The studying and implementation of a more targeted plan of construction and growth in the schools by taking into account more issues that influence and raise concerns. The more massive establishment of our forces in the school student movement and the initiative of moves in it in relation with other political forces. The broader political discussion of our proposal about the school of the contemporary needs and possibilities.

The above were also expressed in the School Student Festivals, which constitute a basic milestone in our action in the school students, a connection and a peak of all efforts of discussion, organisation and confrontation on a city and a neighbourhood level. However, a decisive step regarding their further upgrade with richer activities that will precede and follow after their completion, is necessary.

The need for us to become more capable in the battle of ideas is primarily the duty of the leading organs, the school student cadres and the BOs which must discuss and plan the intervention in the schools and in the classrooms of the comrades, the assistance given to each comrade taking into account everything that the school students are taught, everything that they hear inside and outside of the schools. The multiform action must constitute the continuation of the rich inner-organisational discussion in the school student BOs. This is where our forces should firstly learn, in order for them to be steeled against the dominant ideology and to be prepared to open decisively the discussion to their friends, in their schools, inside the lesson. Steps have been made towards this direction that can be developed even more with the more stable utilization of “Odigitis”, its special columns for all the ages of school students, the elaborations of the Organisation, the publications of “Synchroni Epochi”, which with a bigger stability can become the “guides” of action of the school student BOs. This way, it is possible to generate questions and doubt in confrontation with the role and the content of the bourgeois school, in which all the contemporary bourgeois ideological constructs are integrated.

Our goal is to cohesively unfold a multiform militant- ideological- educational- cultural- historical continuous action, to project combatively our positions and values, to rally more school students around the activity of the school student BOs and all these to result in the growth and construction in schools.

More specifically:

- The past years, a step has been made regarding the intervention and growth of KNE in Junior High Schools that has fueled the BOs in High Schools and technical schools. In these ages, the primary duty is the issue of education, to set the bases for the formation of criterion, life stance, in order for them to defend the working class and the people, their classmates, regardless of the colour and religion, to set the bases of formation and cultivation of class criterion, to learn to act collectively, to come in touch with the values and ideals of the Party and KNE, to forge elements of their personality, such as defending what is just, integrity, courage, honesty, boldness, responsibility, sense of initiative. We have to take into account the traits of these ages, such as that it is the phase in their lives when they start to perceive a series of issues that occur around them as social, they start to form a “stance” on a lot of issues, they start to have more overall concerns, to try to define themselves inside the society etc. Our action in Junior High Schools can be based on the triptych “Collectivity- Knowledge- Action” utilizing a variety of topics and forms. The opponent



elaborates and develops its intervention in these ages. A characteristic example is the “Thematic Week” in Junior High Schools, to which we responded with a joint action of students- parents- teachers and it is a way of work that must acquire more permanent traits overall in schools.

- In High Schools, alongside the work of education which is defining, in these ages we must support even better, with a more upgraded content, the element of knowledge. High school students come up against the elaborated ideological attack of the bourgeois state, the EU, NATO, other political forces that intervene in their consciousness utilizing the bases they have set earlier. Respectively, a way, a methodology of thinking that is based on fragmentation, irrationalism and rote memory, has been formed to a greater level than in younger students. The eyes of the high school students are looking more towards the future, what they are going to do after High School.

- The work in the technical schools is crucial since the youth from these places joins earlier the production process (from the first grades of technical schools it starts working in different sectors and finishing the last grade it enters production or apprenticeship). It is necessary to adjust and stabilize a more specific plan of intervention, as well as the inner-organisational discussion in the technical schools, in order to avoid stagnation in recruitment at a crucial sector that we prioritize. This responsibility concerns primarily the CC. The upgrade of our intervention in the technical schools begins with the support given by the leading organs taking into account issues and perceptions that the opponent cultivates, such as that “the students of the technical schools are not good with studies”, that “the brutal exploitation- which in capitalism is called apprenticeship- is an opportunity for the students”. Our action itself confirms that highlighting the developments in the respective sectors of the specialisations and sections of the technical schools, the confrontation with the content of the textbooks, highlighting the need of an all-round education that is connected to the development of science and technology, help our intervention in the technical schools.

14. KNE’s contribution in the development of the school student movement. In the four years that have passed since the 11th Congress until today, under the intervention of KNE in the schools, steps were made in the reviving of the school student communities, in the development of struggles with multiform actions of demand and of school student creation under the slogan “A school that educates us and does not exhaust us”. This expresses the dislike for today’s school as well as for the upcoming changes in High Schools that the SYRIZA-ANEL government presented.

The fact that the forces of KNE from the first moment decisively took the lead in the struggle of enlightenment, they came in conflict with the propaganda of SYRIZA and the climate of complacency that it was creating, they were at the forefront in the organisation of the struggle for the contemporary rights of school students, had as a result that we were able to mess up the “pro-student profile” that the SYRIZA-ANEL government is trying to build to a number of students. A corresponding effort is also made by the rest of the bourgeois parties, especially after the decrease of the age limit for the right to vote at 17.

In the school student mobilisations that were manifested in the past 4 years, a more generalized discontent from a number of students was strongly expressed



about the situation in education, their future, their families, for their life overall. An important tool in our work that set at the center of discussion the further concern, giving food for thought, but also answers to many school students activating them in this way, was the elaborated, for these ages, publication of the School Student Committee of the C.C. “What kind of school do we need today”. The adjustment of issues of our intervention on the basis of the living reality that the students live at their school and house, their experiences, was very helpful.

Our forces extended the strife on many more issues that concern the school students along with those of education, about serious developments of the period, such as the consequences of the capitalist crisis on the life of the school students, the attempt to criminalise the school student struggles, war, the character and the role of NATO and the EU, the need to isolate of the fascists, activities of solidarity with the refugee children, the Palestinian people, cultural- sports activities etc. The above issues were based on existing concerns of the school students and gave a “boost” to the overall action at schools, they contributed in the involvement of more school students in the action.

At the same time, the ability and capability of our Organisation to influence, to form moods against the dominant “wave” of integration, to revive student communities, is confirmed. The vanguard stance of the members of KNE at the school student councils and at the overall action of the school student community is a condition in order to form hotspots of collective discussion and militant action, for new forces to join the struggle. It is our goal to widen and consolidate the steps that we have made in our action. To confront even more decisively the proven obstacle in our action, the fact that we do not have organised forces in the majority of the schools.

The steps that were made in the development of struggles in the school students, do not reverse the general chronic situation that exists in the school student movement, as the majority of school student councils and General Assemblies of grades and schools do not convene and the content of their action in many cases is under the directions of the ministry and the school principals.

In the past years, with the active participation of school students- members of KNE, Coordination Committees of school students have been formed, whose role is mainly to organise and coordinate the school student struggles.

The Coordination Committee of the school students of Athens has an important role in the nationwide organisation of the school students, it stands out for the activity that it develops, it is recognized in Athens as well as nationally. The creation of 14 coordination committees that exist all over Greece, took a step forward with the nationwide meeting that took place after many years, on the school year 2017-18.

The realization of this specific initiative was mature and necessary. It was based upon the existing concern mainly of the school students who participated in the school student mobilisations of the previous years- and not only them- about the need of coordinating the action of the schools more widely. The enthusiasm of the forces of KNE for this nationwide meeting, as well as the way that it was embraced by hundreds of students nationally, are characteristic elements.

From this standpoint, coordination committees can be formed in other cities as well, with the goal to be based upon the school students themselves, to be based on the level of school units. Our goal is that through this activity, in which the forces of KNE will continue to be at the forefront, their existence and action, their demands



will be known to even more schools and school students. The combination of this action with other initiatives, such as concerts, sports tournaments contribute to their success. As long as their action will spread, wider parts of school students will participate, with even more concerns, as well as students that are influenced by other forces. This makes it even more demanding to overall support our school student forces, so that they can take up such work more effectively, in terms of a more intense conflict.

All this effort sets the bases in order to open the discussion for the structure of the school student movement more courageously, in terms that will favour the more massive, multiform and with duration, collective and militant action in schools, against both the efforts of the SYRIZA-ANEL government as well as ND, which are preparing changes in the function of the student communities aiming to control them.

The creation and existence of coordination committees does not substitute the actions and initiatives of school units, but it unifies actions, it strengthens the planning by regions. The strengthening, the liveliness of the school student community even with new forms of organisation of the school students, apart from the 5-member and 15-member school student councils, can give a great boost to the school student struggles, their coordination.

A strong KNE at universities and technological educational institutes, for a militant, massive student movement that targets the system and demands the contemporary needs in the studies and the work future of the students

15. The course of MAS (Students' Struggle Front) is a crucial element of the regroupment of the university and technological educational institute student movement.

The university and technological educational institute student movement is still in deep crisis and retreat. This is expressed in degeneration phenomena and in the abstention from collective procedures, such as the student elections.

The above are due to and have an expression in the negative correlation of forces that remains. Elements of this are the facts that the groupings of ND and PASOK-now KINAL (DAP, PASP respectively) have the majority in the organs of the student unions, while opportunist forces, although they measure a steady decrease, cumulatively are still a calculable force.

At the same time, however, important processes are taking place under our decisive intervention, which is expressed in the strengthening of MAS (the unions that rally with MAS are now 44 out of 17 that contributed to its foundation) and with some – still small- steps that are made in unions where Panspoudastiki KS is the first force.

Our responsibility, as well as the possibilities to make more decisive and quick steps in the effort of the regroupment of the student movement, are highlighted from the steady rallying of forces that is expressed in the past years in the fact that the ballot of Panspoudastiki remains at the 2nd place nationally in universities and with high percentages in technological educational institutes - while DAP, PASP and EAAK measure a strong decrease in an absolute number of votes -, the most first places in student unions (67 unions nationally), the increased participation of unions every year in MAS, the creation of a nationwide coordination of students in student residences (11 unions participate out of the 17 that seem to be active).



At the majority of the unions where Panspoudastiki is the first force, through the militant action that they develop, some steps are made in the participation and organisation of the students, there is ground for them to be strengthened considerably. The unions whose action stands out due to our work in the general bad situation are still few. These are unions that function, students participate in the general assemblies, they assure the communication of the students (newspaper, website), they organise events and actions on issues concerning the content of the studies, science, the general developments, they develop sports and cultural activities, and they are in contact and develop a joint action with their sectoral trade union.

The above have a special importance if we think about the effort of further repressing the student movement, which is spearheaded by the hit on the student asylum. These processes might seemingly not “concern” the students, but they influence and are expressed in their abstention from collective procedures.

The integration in the unions of new forces that today abstain, hesitate or do not trust them, is a responsibility of the forces of KNE. The vanguard action of our forces contributed to the participation in the procedures of the unions of young people who were indifferent towards the unions at first, who abstained from their procedures. Our action opened roads in young people that in the logic of “realism” –that DAP and PASP cultivate- were trapped by and or defended the current situation, students that at first thought that it was worthless to fight and a utopia to demand what they need, joined the struggle. Meanwhile, there are many cases of students that we managed to shake off the disappointment that was cultivated by the dead-end line and action of the forces of EAAK, in combination with the policy of the SYRIZA government. We have not used up all the possibilities that we have, a lot of times we undermine it, assuming that the situation in some unions is consolidated.

As a result of our efforts, the recognition of MAS by broader parts of students as the most alive, militant part of the student movement, is expressed. A vanguard of unions is expressed, that is at the forefront of the front against the anti-people policy of governments-EU, against the imperialist plans and NATO, of the organisation, participation and action on all issues that concern the students, the solidarity with the refugees and the Palestinian people, the front against fascism, the coordination and joint action of student unions and trade unions.

Any changes that are taking place in higher education and the SYRIZA-ANEL government promotes, such as turning the technological educational institutes into universities, are based on the realisation of laws that have preceded and their further promotion aiming at creating a unified space of higher education according to the directions of the EU-capital. It is necessary to strengthen the direction that the needs and rights of the students do not fit in the plans of the government- EU for a higher education fully subjugated to the interests of the capital. The well-aimed exposure of this can also deal with the illusions that are being cultivated among the students of the technological educational institutes in view of their transformation into universities on the one hand and the sectional logics that may be promoted to the students of the universities on the other.

The recognition of MAS will proceed as long as the orientation with the framework of struggle of MAS will be strengthened inside the unions that it rallies, as long as there will be an increase in the massiveness, the participation and organisation of students and steps will be made towards changing the correlation of forces in the



unions where it remains negative. We are concerned about both the direction and the structure, the situation of the student movement overall. With a specific plan, initiatives and organisation so that the mass of students that fights in a militant orientation will stand out, in order to develop multiform, multifaceted activity, to deal with the phenomena of degeneration and dissolution that are dominant inside the unions. A crucial element is that the student and labour movement go hand in hand, which is a condition in order to strengthen each union, while it contributes to the working people and the popular strata to make the education of their children a matter of their own struggle.

Through this effort we will also confront issues of understanding in a distorted way the role and character of MAS, which is an obstacle in its further development.

The anti-capitalist - anti-monopoly line of struggle that the forces of KNE work in the student movement and that is expressed in the cohesive struggle framework of MAS, it cannot be automatically and uniformly adopted in the unions by the students. The forces of KNE that act in the unions (whether or not they rally with MAS), they cultivate this line in terms of strife, confrontation, organisation, collective action and demands. As long as the correlation of forces change at a union level, the possibility of more unions to approach, participate and or adopt the struggle framework of MAS will be created.

MAS is not a grouping of KNE or a sign that we put up when we want to organise struggles. It is a rallying of vehicles of university and technological educational institutes with goals and demands that come in conflict with the policy of the governments-capital- EU struggling for the contemporary rights of the students. This rallying will strengthen, to the extent that the massiveness, the organisation, the strife, the claim are rising in the unions, which are the duties of the forces of KNE. The initiatives that are expressed in struggle committees and school year committees, especially in view of sharpened issues and that need to be generalized, they do not replace the function of the union, but strengthen the organisation within the union.

16. We form a plan for the highlighting and demand of the contemporary needs of the students.

The function and action of the student unions neither identifies with nor cancels the independent plan of KNE. The intervention of the forces of KNE in the unions is a part of the independent political work that is required. The logic of “now we will deal with the movement and afterwards with KNE” or the opposite is wrong. The forces of KNE are responsible for the function of the student unions, for the strife in them with a framework of demands-struggle, which concerns the content of the studies as well. We are responsible for the independent ideological-political intervention in faculties, with all forms of action. Any positive steps made at a union level will not have continuity if KNE does not grow organisationally.

Any hesitation or undermining that is expressed in our intervention on issues concerning the content and the program of the studies, the living conditions, entertainment and sports, the work future, come in contradiction with the fact that we are interested in the overall life of the students, that it gives us the possibility to come in contact with thousands more students, to rally broader forces, to contribute to the politicization of the struggle in better terms. The participation of the students in interventions that we have made which concern scientific conferences and events,

concerts, cinema, sport activities etc. confirm the need for those initiatives to be generalized as a permanent element of intervention in every department and institute through a multiform plan.

We prioritise the matching of every school with the respective sector. The information, explanation and exposure of what prevails after the degree prepare the students, so that with their head high they will be able to confront the situation that predominates after the degree. The first organised effort that we made through 9 announcements of KNE concerning the future of the graduate in specific faculties is encouraging. A front was formed against views such as “if I am competitive I will find a better job”, “if you are good, you won’t be lost”, “I cannot ask for a lot because the company gives me a job”. Correspondingly, the initiative of MAS “What comes after the degree?” was embraced with interest by thousands of students. This work can be upgraded significantly through an organised, multiform plan along with the corresponding sectoral Organisations and trade unions. In the effort of specialisation, we need to take into account that the anarchy and unevenness, that objectively exist in the capitalist economy, create differentiations between sectors, an element that is imprinted in the expectations and the corresponding perception that is formed to the students, without of course canceling the basic trend which is the intensification of exploitation. In health schools, schools of education and polytechnic schools, where this work was elaborated with an organised plan, in view of upcoming changes in the programs of the studies, in the work future of the graduates, developments that triggered the discussion for the role of science today, for example floods, wildfires, contributed in opening a rich discussion with even more students and raising the political criterion.

We are concerned about what and how the students are taught, the orientation and the character of research, which today are subjugated to the monopolies and come in conflict with man and his needs. The ideological struggle will be more effective to the extent that it also deals with ideological issues of the content of studies, especially in faculties that are characterized by the special role that they have in producing bourgeois theories and ideological constructs, irrational and antiscientific theories and in anticommunist work. We form a front against cooperation of institutes and companies that constitute a mean of ideological manipulation of the students, a mean of consensus to the cut of educational and labour rights. The front that we have formed against the imperialist organisations of NATO-EU and their relation to the institutes has left an imprint and can be upgraded confronting the tolerance that seems to exist.

Our intervention needs to highlight the need for a all-round, universal, objective, in depth education. This work can provide with more criteria the forces of KNE who want to do postgraduate studies, in order to serve also from their scientific speciality the needs of the movement. The studying and projection of the proposal of the Party for a unified Higher Education in the socialist society can upgrade overall our intervention and give answers to the worries of the youth. It can constitute a base of political discussion, creation of an overall criterion about what is contemporary, necessary and new, to highlight the superiority of the communist relations of production in the sector of research, occupational rehabilitation of the graduates, the general educational and cultural activity of the youth. Our position can constitute a basis of demand today highlighting the need for an overall conflict with today’s system, the need for research and science to be set on another basis and purpose, in order to cover the expanded popular needs.





17. The rights of the soldiers do not stop at the gates of the army camps. The military service for a young man is part of and affects his life and, correspondingly, the overall life of a young man and his family affects the period of his military service. Objectively, the logic that says “do as you are told in here and leave the rest for after the service” cannot be developed.

The multiform action and demand of KNE has contributed in establishing in practice the fact that the rights of the young soldiers do not stop at the gates of the military camps. The demands of decent living conditions and being informed in all ways about the developments that concern their service, but also their life overall, stand out. The protests that are made by soldiers from various units of the country condemning the joint exercises and co-trainings of the Greek armed forces with the murderers of the peoples, such as NATO and other forces, like the state-murderer of Israel, are just.

The positions of the KKE during the previous period had a great impact on the young soldiers, and also in young officers and noncommissioned officers, through the stable intervention of the Organisations of the Party and of KNE, that must be stabilised.

It must be a permanent element in the orientation of the mass organisations of the youth and the labour movement, the engagement, demand, and defending of the rights of the young people who serve their service.

18. Sports: a front of wide intervention and action.

These activities must be better tied with the content of our perception for sports, which gives us advantage and it has a wide recognition by the youth in this field. Namely, projecting the fact that sports contribute in making man more energetic and active, it favours mood and will. Group sports contribute in the development of collective organisation, in the development of personal skills through cooperation, qualities that are necessary for the activation in social action.

This effort can confront entrepreneurship in top-class sports, in which the commercialization of sports goes hand in hand with the cultivation of individualism, selfishness, competition, as well as the cultivation of the perception that “the first one takes everything, the second one nothing”, which connects distinction with profit, using all means, fair and unfair, turning athletes into consumable tools that move the entertainment industry, even risking their own lives.

We intervene, in confrontation to those who act in the youth and utilize the love for sports and a team identifying it with the interests of the presidents that are businessmen, ship owners, bankers, and industrialists, organising also such “fan armies” that support them both inside and outside of the stadiums.

Some steps were made concerning matters of Physical Education and Sports in the previous period that highlighted the possibility to come in contact with wide masses of youth, utilizing as a connecting link the love for sports, and also cooperating with sport federations, unions and distinguished athletes. The problem that the action in the front of Physical Education and Sports is not a substantial element of the work of the Organisations and organs, remains.

There is positive experience that can be utilized, in order to work more widely, at the level of sports’ unions and trade unions of the neighborhood. The participation of hundreds of youth in the Camps and the corresponding forms organised in the framework of the Festivals, in the tournament of PAME and other such activities that have multiplied, can be spread to all the cities of Greece.

Having as a guide our perception that the basis of Physical Education must be the school, the university, the vocational school, all the places of education and afterwards the structures of the municipalities and the sports' unions, we must be the ones who take up the organisation of this activity that has significantly decayed (school championships, university sports, workers' sports), as well as the development of demands and actions from vehicles of the youth, school student councils, student unions, workers' trade unions.



19. A movement against all drugs.

KNE has a stable position and action against all drugs because they effect and alter the consciousness, they alienate the human being from the society, apart from the catastrophic consequences in basic functions of the brain, the formation of terms of addiction. We also oppose them of course because we strongly believe in the strength that every young man and woman has to fight in an organised way for their life and dreams. And this struggle requires collective struggle, knowledge, to have a clear thought and the head held high.

In the past years, a whole plan of propaganda in favour of the liberation of all drugs has unfolded, with cannabis as the spearhead, through articles, the internet, events, drug festivals, discussions and interpellations in the Parliament. The peak of all this effort is the voting of the last draft laws for the legalization of cultivation of the so-called "industrial and pharmaceutical" cannabis, which leads to an uncontrolled cultivation and a much easier trade for any use. The liberation of drugs, based on the experience from other states, leads to the mitigation of the reflexes of the youth, an increase in use, while at the same time it undermines the struggle for detoxification of thousands of young people and their families.

While the importance of the action of KNE against all drugs is understood and some efforts were made mainly during the "international day against drug abuse", our engagement in this issue remains in terms of campaigns, both in the need of elaborating and improving with the above plan the confrontation with the "drug culture", and in the requirement for a stable engagement in this. We can be at the forefront in the school student councils, the student unions and the workers' unions, organizing stably a multiform activity in cooperation with the National Youth Council Against Drugs (ESYN), and also with prevention centers and the "dry" programs of detoxification. The experience from the action of the National Youth Council Against Drugs at schools is valuable and it can be generalized.

20. The intervention of KNE in the younger ages of the youth.

KNE is responsible for organising a plan of intervention with a content and forms that respond to the multiform and elaborated education of the bourgeois class through its state and mechanisms to the children of younger ages in a very multiform way and around the bourgeois values of life. Especially in the ages before joining KNE, when the children begin to acquire criteria for society and to form political perceptions, a rich educational work must be developed.

The formed intervention in the younger ages has been established as a concern almost by all of our Organisations. The publication and circulation of the magazine for children "Kokkino Aerostato" (Red Hot-Air Balloon) has contributed in this step, as well as the establishment of the children's camp in the framework of the Anti-imperialist Weekends of KNE.



The positive steps that have been made in our work with the younger ages of the youth must be stabilised and strengthened.

Especially for the students of the 7th grade, a smooth transition is required for the direct contact with KNE and the school student BO, wherever it exists. KNE, along with the help of the Party, must contribute with a more long-term and overall planning in those ages.

There is a lot of positive experience from some Organisations in relation to the concern that the school student BOs show, primarily of the corresponding school student cadres, towards the children of the younger ages (such as groups of children of younger ages who participate in the nationwide school student contest of collective projects of KNE and 'Odigitis' or participate in the school student Festivals). It is understood that any participation of these children is an important start, but it does not automatically mean that they will join KNE. This is our goal, with the appropriate preparation that needs a more substantial contact of these children with KNE, which means specialized, personalized preparation and discussion.

D. STRONG KNE! EVEN MORE AND MORE CAPABLE, WE PAVE THE WAY TOWARDS THE REVOLUTIONARY OVERTHROW!

21. The course of KNE from the previous Congress sets the bases in order to consolidate a course of organisational growth of KNE at all places.

Our organisation renewed its forces at all places, its bonds with the young men and women from the working class and the popular strata. The response at the complex conditions that the majority of the forces of KNE faced for the first time, regarding the political and economic developments, the repeated election battles, the referendum, and the social-democratic government of SYRIZA, which required increased endurance, political, ideological and organisational readiness, was significant. If steps had not been accomplished in relation to the main goals that we had set at the 11th Congress, we would not be able today to count steps of progress of our Organisation. All the period from the previous congress coincides with the governance of SYRIZA-ANEL (January 2015 until today) and its effect, with a special aim at the younger ages, the specific strife that has been developed.

An important effort was made so that KNE could respond to the complex duties of the period, combined with the goal of making the Organisation more robust and massive, more ideologically and politically mature, to develop its revolutionary characteristics, to set roots in even more youth places.

These years, our Organisation, responded to its role as a basic source of the Party with new members and cadres, as a school of communist education of thousands of new members of KNE. Hundreds of members and cadres of KNE are utilized every year exclusively in the Party, fueling sectoral and area-based party base organisations as well as in positions of cadre responsibility in the leading organs of the Party. We set the goal to increase the rate of renewal of the lines of KNE in order to fulfill this important task.

This entire course was connected with the celebrations for the 100 years of the KKE, the 50 years of KNE, the 100 years since the October Socialist Revolution having left a strong imprint to the members and cadres of the Organisation as well as to an important part of the youth alongside us. The connection of today's duties with the historical course of the Party, the revolutionary and more widely the labour

movement in Greece and globally, with the knowledge, study, and assimilation of the conclusions of this course, it was proven that it is a source of inspiration, a source of cultivation of a militant, combative stance today, it is a necessary precondition for the continuation of the Party, the movement, for the fulfillment of our high goals. Thus, we have to and we are able to continue with the studied utilization of the new History Essay of the KKE (1918-1949) which was approved by the Nationwide Conference of the KKE, in June 2018, and in general the documents about the history of the Party, the labour movement, capitalism itself in Greece.



Today's KNE is a generation educated in complex conditions, with difficult tasks. It is nurtured militantly, having made steps in the effort of improvement of the ideological-political education and having gained experience from crucial confrontations.

Under no circumstance is there and should there be a climate of self-satisfaction and lack of concern about how the programmatic duties of the Party are assimilated and better served by our action. We are able to see clearly the many and crucial guiding issues that come up, to ensure more firmly the steps that we measure.

The duty of passing into a phase of important increase of our organised forces is a term for KNE to respond to its role, to widen the influence of the revolutionary ideas in the youth, to strengthen the militant, insubordinate stance of the young people against the system of exploitation to strengthen the anti-capitalist, anti-monopoly orientation of the struggles of the youth.

We reach the Congress of our Organisation, counting a small organisational growth, a step that was not and is not given. The main thing is that low rates of recruitment remain in all parts of the youth, despite the effort and the positive outcomes that we had in the growth of our school student forces with stability all the previous years and since it was set as a decisive element for the course of KNE as a whole in the next years.

The matter of the organisational growth of KNE was set at the center of the political guidance, it drew the attention of the leading organs, our cadres and members. The realization of the Extended Meeting of the Central Council for the 50 years of KNE distinguishes, as well as the efforts of the Organisations in the competition that was proclaimed in honor of this important historical anniversary for our Organisation, and also setting high goals towards the 12th Congress.

All this discussion confirms that we can pass to a new period, of great growth of KNE all over Greece, prioritising the big urban centers where the working class is concentrated, and also fully preparing a much higher percentage of the members of KNE to become members of the KKE.

The issue of the growth of KNE is not just another duty, but the core of our whole action, the outcome that we pursue, the foundations and preparation that we will build for the following period. It is the basic criterion of success of every action, every activity that we organise so that new organised forces will join KNE, the circle of influence of the Organisation will spread, there will be an increase in the ability of the Organisation to conduct the ideological and political confrontation based on the positions and the policy of the Party in the direction of a planned and systematic communication with thousands of young people, the utilization of forces that stand out, their multiform preparation in order to become members of KNE. This intervention should be at the epicenter of every member of KNE.



KNE is a school of formation, education of new communists and not an organisation of ready communists, it is necessary to do some ideological and political preparatory work before the recruitment of someone in the Organisation but this does not resolve completely the matter of assimilation of the members of KNE. The complete assimilation is a process that takes time and it concerns the education of each member of KNE through the organised life and action.

22. We correspond the function and life of the Organisation to the great requirements of the struggle.

In order to respond to today's requirements of a much wider and better aimed intervention of KNE, first of all it is required to improve our own work. We have to face our lacks and weaknesses that remain and weigh negatively on the planning of a wide political opening, on the ideological and political equipment, on the function of the BOs and the organs.

This is why we need organs- battle staff which by being at the forefront of the daily struggle, they guide, insisting on the accomplishment of specific goals that are set in each place and serve our overall tasks as part of the plan of KNE and the KKE. We know that their promotion is hard, taking into account the level of consciousness and organisation of the youth, generally, the trend of fragmentation and distorted prioritization and the distorted criteria that the system cultivates. Our weapon is the development of the theoretical political fundament within KNE, our presence wherever the youth lives, the "torturing" and the collective discussion and experience about how we develop hotspots of resistance and action, how they will be combined into a "wave" that politicises and promotes the anti-capitalist consciousness and stance.

We raise the bar of our guiding responsibilities, we support fully the function of the Sectoral Councils (SCs). The discussion, the function and the ability of the SCs to fulfil their complex tasks is the reflection of our guiding role, beginning with the Central Council.

The ability in popularising, in elaborating the confrontation and the arguments requires the knowledge of the area of action taking into account a series of factors (social composition, standard of living, perceptions that dominate), the monitoring of the ideological political strife and the developments, the assimilation and understanding of the positions and the policy of the Party. These are elements that are not conquered spontaneously, but with the persistence of the leading organs, so that the criterion and the method of work are developed. In order for the everyday work to be effective, "Rizospastis" and "Odigitis" are irreplaceable weapons for all the members of KNE, first of all for the cadres, as tools that open multifaceted roads in the guiding work and the establishment of the political criterion in members and cadres as well as in the expansion, stabilization and the deepening of our political bonds in every place.

The fragmentation that we often come up against in our everyday efforts can be dealt with as long as we support the Organisations to monitor and orient the work according to the general and special goals that we have set. We must not lose the main thing "amongst the many", meaning in which way KNE will be strengthened through the wider and better aimed intervention that it develops for the attraction of more young people in the struggle, in the joint action with the



KKE and KNE. By strengthening the need for a continuous study of the resolutions and documents of the Party, so that in a creative way the collective experience will be passed on and adopted as their own by the cadres of KNE that are renewed continuously. This work is built through the necessary efforts to draw conclusions, assessments, and experience from the action that the Organisation develops at every place.

An important aspect of our guiding work is the reinforcement of the climate of initiative in the framework of the central direction, of the objective assessment of the impact of our actions at every place, assessing each time the substructures that we leave behind and how we will continue. In this way, the discussion and function of the SCs and Bureaus will be upgraded, in order for them to generalize the positive and negative examples that can contribute in expanding the experience of all the members, in all the BOs. In the procedure of the examination of the collective and individual work in the BOs and the organs, the spirit of constructive criticism and honest self-criticism must be strengthened at all the levels of the youth of the KKE as component and irreplaceable elements of our function, driven by the overcoming of weaknesses, gaps and lacks in our work and reaching its peak with the procedure of the annual assessment and election assemblies. Besides, all of our function is a continuous effort to overcome gaps and weaknesses in our work, collectively as well as individually.

23. Assessment of the work of the CC.

The Central Council that was elected by the 11th Congress correctly oriented the Organisation based upon the resolutions of the Congress, the resolutions of the Party. The positive elements as well as the weaknesses in the overall course of KNE are a reflection of its responsibility.

With the decisive support of the Party it acted in the new conditions that were formed in these years. An effort was made in its meetings and resolutions to specialise the strategy and policy of the Party in the youth with the specific issues in each place, in the school students, university and technological education students, in the working youth. Especially in the effort of KNE to pass into a phase of impetuous, organisational growth, so that the Organisation will be able to respond to the ideological and political strife, in new elements that appear. On this basis, a series of lectures was held in the CC.

The CC, with a special responsibility of its Bureau, showed the following weaknesses:

a) It did not accomplish in all cases to adjust the general political and organisational directions of the Party to the needs of KNE. Many times there was a distance between the assistance that the realization of the general tasks required and the guiding support that was eventually given, a practical spirit did not always prevail in dealing with problems and difficulties.

b) It could better generalize the positive as well as the negative experience from the action of the Organisation, from the new data that we had in the course of our work, aiming to deepen more the elaboration of directions. The leading organs did not always adopt in an organised way by the CC any experience or effort from dealing with difficulties.

c) Many times in the name of strengthening a particular direction, specific sides of the guiding work and creative monitoring weakened. The direction for a turn of our



intervention towards the school students, would transform for certain periods the action in other parts of the youth and tasks, to a typical monitoring.

d) The intervention in vocational training and apprenticeship was not strengthened as it needed as well as in some work sectors that gather thousands of young people. Organisational measures of deployment of cadres and forces are required with a higher persistence, for the intensification of the political intervention, the essential guiding of the Organisations, the good cooperation with the Party Organisations.

e) Despite the effort that was made in the last period in the universities and technological educational institutes, there was a need to insist on how the directions are well based on the needs and possibilities of every faculty, every department, the correlation of forces in the student unions, on the issues of ideological-political strife that are objectively addressed based on the content of the school, the studies and the sector.

24. On the auxiliary committees of the Central Council and the organs of KNE.

With the decisive assistance of the corresponding sections, committees and auxiliary groups of the Party, an effort was made in order for the committees of the CC and the organs of KNE to upgrade their work. New ones were created and others were upgraded.

There is need for a more stable and uniform assistance of the committees of the CC so in the content as well as in their necessary staffing, there should not be continuous alternations because due to their character, this does not help to deepen in the specific fronts and demands that this work has. The members of the committees must have some degree of tested practical experience, not to be detached from it due to their task in a central work, but to renew it and utilize it.

The elevation of cadres can be better aimed, based on the special demands that the work of the committees has, the need of apportionment, study, ideological fronts, monitoring of the strife overall and more specifically in the movement, in order to enrich the guiding ability of the CC but also of all the organs of KNE. In the elevation of cadres, we must take into account the formation of strong auxiliary staff alongside the CC.

To the extent that we were capable in that, we managed to enrich the content and the diversity of our intervention, but also to expand the influence of the Organisation, our ideas. We must continue the positive effort of the committees for the popularization and dissemination of the special elaborations on important issues for the younger ages, the education of the committee force for this work, which creates a substructure for KNE and the Party.

The publication activity of the committees is characteristic as well as their contribution to the publications of the CC: “What kind of school do we need today?” of the School Student Committee of the CC, the 4th issue of the series “Truths and Lies about Socialism: On the Socialist Revolution”(publication of the CC), the publication “Begin! You must know everything! You must take the power!”, “Moments from the life and action of KNE in illegality”, which was elaborated by the Ideological Committee of the CC, the publication of the speeches from the event “50 years later... Apparent and invisible views of May 1968”, the republication of the book “Memories from the life of OKNE” with a prologue by the Bureau of the CC. Of special importance was the reprint of a collector publication of 1948 (during the three-year struggle of DSE)

of the “Communist Manifesto”, as well as a series of inlays in “Odigitis” (about OKNE, DSE, the October Revolution, the anti-dictatorship struggle of the youth), which were elaborated by the Editorial Committee of “Odigitis”.



The creation of an educational and cultural wave, a condition for the upgraded participation in the struggle

25. The vanguard militant conquest of the knowledge of the abilities that exist in today’s society, the critical assimilation of the knowledge of the bourgeois education, the knowledge of the laws of the struggle for the overthrow of capitalism is a term and a precondition to strengthen this struggle.

KNE confronts the dominant trend of the substitution of study and the conquest of knowledge by fragmentary information. This trend is expressed in all the levels of education, mainly in the content of the lessons, but also in information with the dominance of the flow of news, the line, the picture, video, without any deepening. In this procedure, contemporary means and forms, which could have functioned reinforcing the conquest of knowledge, are used against it. There is diffuse information on the internet which is mixed with deceitfulness and various lies and is fragmentary. Without the information by the Party press, the 902 Portal etc., the criticism of the elements that aim at misinformation and the substitution of essential knowledge is impossible.

We defend the scientific opinion that the mental procedure requires comparing, search of sources, formation of critical thought in order for it to lead to new knowledge. In this whole procedure study is irreplaceable.

A bet for every leading organ and BO is the improvement of the relation of every member of KNE with “Rizospastis” and “Odigitis”, the Communist Review, the Marxist and progressive literary book. They are goals that are directly related to the improvement of our ability to convince about the proposal of the KKE. The study and utilization of the Party Press is an indicator of formation of the BO, an indicator of the course and evolution of the cadres.

Every member of KNE is “obligated” to utilize and distribute its time, so that –with the aid of knowledge, as well as the experience from the direct participation in the movement- they contribute as much as possible, so that broader parts of young people from the working class and the popular strata see with a class criterion the objective reality, without all the ideological “mud”. This is a matter of guiding help, apportionment of work, but also of the members of KNE themselves.

26. The ideological-political work in KNE. The ideological work in the ranks of KNE is a decisive element to develop new roads of approach of young people of the working class and the popular strata, to gain them in the organised struggle. It is a necessary element for the endurance that is needed in the struggle, in the deep conscious conviction for the value of its role, even in conditions when there are no direct results.

Many steps have been made since the previous Congress. However, the fast renewal of members and cadres of KNE require continuous persistence and effort to maintain the orientation and the positive steps that are made in each phase. The permanent prioritisation of the ideological work is an orientation which must



be given mainly from the organs, from the Central Council and its Bureau, to the SCs.

Through the activity that was developed in the previous period, regarding the 100 years of the KKE and the 50 years of KNE, as well as the 100 years since the October Revolution, through the discussion on the 20th Congress of the Party with the theses of the Central Committee, as well as the Resolution of the Congress, the members and cadres of KNE, we managed to come in contact in a multiform way with the proposal of the Party, the contemporary elaborations, as well as the history of the labour and communist movement, to measure steps in the assimilation of the strategy and the Programme of the Party. The study of the History Essay of the Party for the periods 1918-1949 and 1949-1968 will play an important role in this effort. Especially, we must take into account that this elaboration is also an important weapon for matters regarding the revolution of 1821, as in less than 3 years, 200 years are completed and it will be a point of conflict, possibly more intensely at schools and universities.

There is an upgrade in the education systems in the Organisations of KNE (schools) both in their number and their content. This concerns the schools of all levels, from the school of the CC to the schools for new members of the Sectoral Organisations. We have accomplished in almost all Region Organisations to have schools of new members every year, while the Region Organisations that organise schools of the Region Councils are more. A substructure has now been formed in teachers from the Organisations of KNE, which can be utilized to support even better the goal for all the members of KNE to go through organised systems of Marxist education. The upgrade of the connection of the theory with issues of the contemporary ideological-political struggle remains as an issue.

An element of the ideological work is overall the study and the planned intervention at every place. A basic element of the intervention and strengthening of the vanguard action that every cadre and member of KNE must develop in their sector is the utilization of “Rizospastis” in the everyday struggle, to be the daily guide in action. This is something that concerned the organs all the previous period and there is a positive experience from many Organisations, although they do not reverse the fact that a small part of the cadres of KNE, and an even smaller number of the members, has such relation with the study and dissemination of “Rizospastis”. Correspondingly, the work with the promotion of the Marxist book, the publications of “Synchroni Epochi” and the Communist Review, although it has been proven that paths can be paved through well-organised events and publications.

It is a weakness that must be decisively dealt with, that in view of periods that are more intense in action, we leave behind the upgrade of the discussion in the BOs concerning all matters. This was expressed in the past four years with the lessons in the BOs. More decisiveness is needed so that the lectures, the lessons, the discussion of articles to take permanent characteristics in the framework of the Organisation. Of course, these must also acquire combative characteristics, not to be a general discussion. To be combined with the intervention of the BO, with what it comes up against, to help the members of KNE open their horizons, acquire a criterion, to be able to upgrade their intervention based on these.

The contribution of the responsible cadre for the ideological work is decisive, as well as the formation and function of the Ideological Committees of Region Organisations. It is of great importance the issue of being able to ensure a sufficient number

of cadres in every Region Organisation, assigned in the ideological work, both with a theoretical composition and organisational abilities. The responsible cadre for the ideological work must not be assigned with other tasks, but have the organisation of the ideological work as their main responsibility. This is something that is not solved in a unified way and everywhere at the Region Organisations. A close cooperation is needed between the responsible cadre for the ideological work and the “organisational cadres”. A relation that should not be limited only in the framework of the meeting of the organ, which is the base, but to permeate the overall daily routine of the Organisation.

27. “Odigitis” an irreplaceable weapon in our action.

The overall improvement, better utilization and increase of dissemination of “Odigitis” concerned the CC and its Bureau which discussed on this agenda during the four years that passed from the 11th Congress.

The situation with the dissemination of “Odigitis” is not good, despite the fact that the special editions and the tributes, especially in 2018, gave an increase of about 10%. The big, unutilized possibilities that we have in order for “Odigitis” to reach even more young people at the schools and places of vocational training, at the universities and work places, were shown in practice. The core of the problem that we must confront is that the relation of the member of KNE is very weak both with its dissemination and utilization, its study. It is crucial in which way all the measures regarding the dissemination of “Odigitis” are stabilized in the Organisation, just as it correspondingly is for “Rizospastis”, as well as the utilization of “Odigitis” both inner-organisationally and at the places where every BO of KNE intervenes. This is why the leading organs to the bureaus of the BOs need to be more concerned about how the dissemination of “Odigitis” will be organised, how it will become the concern of even more friends of KNE, how a network of friends of KNE will be stabilized around every BO, which will get as well as disseminate “Odigitis”.

The positive steps that were made in the duty of popularising the policy of the KKE in the youth are still behind the demands. This is what the Editorial Committee of “Odigitis” is judged on.

28. We study the developments on the internet, we utilize every possibility that technology has to offer, we intervene in an organised way with multiformity.

We treat informatics and its applications as a tool that has created huge new possibilities in production, communication, education, etc. These possibilities will be liberated and they will serve the working man when, for example the internet, stops developing based on the needs of its current owners, which are the monopoly groups.

An independent issue is the social media which have been widely propagated with the biggest percentages of use being in the youth.

Our position for collective and not individual use of these applications can contribute in the improvement of the organised intervention; it consists of an advantage that only KNE can have. The intervention of KNE in the internet and the social media is done in an organised way and with apportionment, as in the rest of the mass media. It requires planning, escalation, and multiformity. It is not an individual responsibility of each member and cadre. We can improve our propaganda in the form and con-



tent, especially to upgrade the website of the Organisation and “Odigitis”. Our intervention today is behind the needs.

We support the need of a multiform intervention of vehicles of the movement in the internet with the goal of strengthening the organisation where the youth lives, studies and works, and not its substitution. The international experience has shown that in crucial phases of class struggle, the utilization of such forms will not be possible.

Whoever creates an account in the social media chooses to make their personal data directly available for storage, processing, and exploitation from the monopoly groups, mechanisms of the bourgeois states, secret services, etc. Views that say “what need does the system have to watch me?” or “since they have us profiled anyway” undermine our own action and the class enemy. They undermine that the registering that is done through the social media is much more upgraded. The need for the safeguarding of the Party and KNE in any occasion applies in general to communication, something that always exists on the basis of the facts of each period.

At the same time, the fact that the information from the social media is more unbound in relation to the “traditional” bourgeois media is not true. The companies that have the social media have admitted themselves that they are the ones that decide which information will be raised high and which one will be “buried”. Decisive in the above is the intervention of mechanisms that act for the interests of the capitalist states, imperialist alliances and business interests.

The reactionary utilization of the internet and the social media in capitalism makes real contact and socialization of the young people harder. It is no coincidence the fact that the phenomenon of addiction to internet use is growing, with the result of the creation of corresponding programs of detoxification.

29. On the Festival of KNE-Odigitis.

The events of the Festival all over Greece constituted the basic way of contribution of KNE in the celebration of the 100 years of the Party and the 50 years of KNE. Important steps were made in the utilization of new means and forms. The events were embraced by many artists, new groups, amateur school student and student bands. It contributed in the renewal of our bonds with the cultural, sports groups, detoxification communities, and the mass organisations. Thousands of young men and women passed from the Festival’s events, they got to know KNE, they came in contact with the political proposal of the KKE.

The Festival of KNE and “Odigitis” remains the greatest cultural-political activity of the Organisation, the greatest political-cultural event in the youth. However, in a series of cities and events of the Festival, smaller than the central ones, we need to measure steps in the elaboration of their content as well as in the participation of the youth in them.

The Festival Committee has an important role in the content and the conduction of the central Festival in Athens and in general. The care for the overall upgrade of the events all over Greece, the testing and integration in our substructure of new materials and means, the creation of new ways and forms of conducting events is a demanding work that must spread all year round and it requires the corresponding stable function of the Festival Committee as an auxiliary staff of the CC. The Culture

Committee has a special role in that, as it needs to contribute in the creation of new paths of communication with dozens of artists and cultural groups, with young people who make their first steps in artistic creation.

For KNE, the engagement in culture, especially the acquaintance with the work of artists who were connected to the historical course of the KKE and the struggles of our people, we aspire to be an integral element of our overall function and action. Art is an important factor of cultivating human feelings, fantasy, sensitivity, and also the will for groundbreaking action. These are characteristics necessary in the revolutionary education of the members of KNE, in the formation of tomorrow's members of the Party. They are aspects that improve our ability overall as an Organisation to create bonds with masses of the youth and to inspire the struggle for the abolition of the exploitative society.

All the previous years, by the side of the activity of the Party, with the Scientific Congresses, the tributes, the exhibitions and the artistic productions, we made an important effort both on a central level and on a level of Region Organisations, to unfold a rich cultural- political activity, which mainly had at its center the events of the Festival, the productions of the Culture Committee, the tributes on the occasion of the events for the celebration of the 100 years of the KKE and the 50 years of KNE.

An important milestone was the creation of the Cultural Centers in Athens, Patra, and Kalamata. The Youth Center of Culture and Youthful Creation, which was created in Athens, helped us become more capable in our political-cultural intervention, in the development of a multiform activity with continuance throughout the year. Throughout the period from the previous Congress, the Center was a "house of creation" for dozens of artistic groups, but also student and school student groups which "bonded" with it. Dozens of small events, tributes, book presentations and seminars were hosted there. The cultural groups of the Central Council were formed more firmly, with more young people participating in them, they obtained a permanent place for their rehearsals and a contemporary infrastructure was formed, capable to cover their needs of function.

It is necessary in the following period to upgrade its function with a stable program of political-cultural events, supporting in a multiform way the activity and intervention of the Organisation, with an overall upgrade of the infrastructures that it has, with the realization of lessons and seminars, which will contribute in the better formation and renewal of the Cultural Groups of the Central Council. Simultaneously, the experience of the Centers must spread with their creation in other cities as well.

The rich and active function of the Base Organisations of KNE, the decisive element for the cultivation of unified will and action

30. Base Organisations (BOs), which embrace with care and a plan their members, from their first steps in the organised life, so that everyone going through the revolutionary school will become members of the Party of the working class, to have a steady course in the long road of class struggle.

The improvement and stabilization of the elaborated assistance to all the members of KNE, so that they are fully assimilated in the organised life and action, is a crucial issue for the course of the development of KNE overall, it is an important aspect of construction. We have the responsibility for the new members of KNE to be integrated smoothly in the Organisation. In this course there is nothing self-ex-





planatory. The bar of what is demanded is high. This means the correspondence of the guiding care taking into account the starting point of every young person who is organised in KNE.

Today, it is not enough to just hold a meeting of the BO before central milestones of the intervention of KNE. Of course, the meeting of all the BOs for all of these is irreplaceable, and must be considered given, along with the assessment that must follow, with some basic conclusions (possibilities, weaknesses, etc.) and how these are specifically imprinted on the plan of the next day.

However, this given agenda cannot meet today's requirement for a richer planning of the independent intervention of KNE and the intervention of our members and cadres in the massive organisations that each member participates in. This effort requires a good and steadily oriented inner-organisational life, assimilation of the strategy of the Party, guiding assistance. With the planned, stable, multiform programme of action, in-depth study of what influences consciousness overall, the prediction and preparation, the elaboration of the corresponding plan of ideological, political counter-attack. This exact discussion for the plan can "enliven" the function of the organs and BOs.

A basic issue that remains is the strong bond of the member of KNE with the revolutionary strategy of the KKE, with our great ideals and the cause of the working class. However, taking into account the age and the transitional period of life, that the young members of KNE go through, the corresponding practical assistance is needed in order to be able to pull through wherever they act.

The planning of a BO must take into account the specific abilities of all of its members, in order for everyone to contribute their maximum on the basis of their capabilities. Every member of KNE must take up from time to time, its special mission, whether this concerns the internal needs of function of KNE or our intervention, based on their capabilities and abilities, place of responsibility, interests, needs that exist in every BO and every place, having as criterion that all the members will contribute at the maximum on the basis of what they are able of and to continuously improve. It is the responsibility of the Sectoral Council in which way no member of KNE will "stall" in routine, but to continuously take up new tasks, to be tested in ways and forms of action, to steadily study books, to become increasingly better. The organs, to the bureau of the BO, guide with compass the fact that the BO needs to act cohesively and decisively as one person, that although consists of separate, unique personalities, each one contributes to the collectivity, according to its abilities.

Every member of KNE is not guided generally, but in order to become a more capable leader of the young people around them, to create concern and to rally young people with the vanguard ideas. To the extent that we will overcome in the organs and by extension in the BOs the vagueness, blur and generalities in planning, the BO will be helped to focus on the goals that we decide, their realisation, the creative monitoring of decisions and actions.

The road of approaching our goal of all young people who join KNE to become members of the Party, goes through the improvement of the guiding assistance, so that it forms and strengthens a comradely climate of solidarity and collectivity, to strengthen the belief that the tied group of revolutionaries that struggles to change the world, overcomes as a fist every obstacle that appears, integrating every member of the BO in the planning and in the effort of assimilation of the strategy of the Party.

31. We strengthen the guiding assistance having at its center the improvement of the function and action of the BO.

The secretary and the bureau of the BO are in direct daily contact with all of its members, they advise and help older and newer members in all the everyday problems and the new challenges in the action and their lives, they provide arguments and politically equip the BO. The personal example of the cadres is evaluated daily. They have the first responsibility for the plan of the BO in the places it intervenes, for the promotion of decisions of the above leading organs, for the deployment of the members of the BO and the utilization of its circle of influence.

Here is one side of the answer to the concern that was developed about the members of KNE that under the pressure of various factors and problems do not participate in the life and action of the BO as they should, but at the same time, the BO does not give in all cases the struggle to support them and not retreat. Existing objective difficulties in the conditions of life, as the working conditions and the alternations of the working environment, the work hours, unemployment and the economic problems, the pressure from the house, personal difficulties, such as those who are born within the class struggle along with the multiform attack of the enemy, cannot be an excuse for a revolutionary organisation, that we did not manage to assimilate young militants who under our action made the decision to join KNE. The measures of assistance must be taken in time, before a stance of retreat is formed.

The creation of personal comradely bonds with all the members of the BO, the secretary and its responsible of the above organ, in which way the process of the annual assessment and election assemblies will be organised until the Congress and thus how the leading organs are elected, the study of important documents and the early prompting to read, the analysis in relation to the current political developments and the ideological, political strife that is carried out, the systematic effort of acquaintance with progressive Art, with the great moments of the history of the communist movement in our country and internationally, are aspects that should not be undermined, as the positive and negative experience on the issue of assimilation up till now shows us.

In any case, balance is needed in the guiding assistance especially of the area-based BOs, due to the fact that they consist of members of KNE of all ages and in different life phases, concerning the organisation of the collective discussion, the combination of personalized and massive work, in the setting of a program of action. The BO being just a group of campaign or just a group whose members act individually, each one of them at their place and their personal circle, cannot take us very far. On the one hand, the massive initiatives of the area-based Sectoral Organisation and BO must become a big event and cause impression to all the young people of the area, on the other, it is not possible for all of our initiatives to be of such kind. The individual intervention of the members of the area-based BO at their place can be completed with a program of action that unites in harmony the intervention of the area-based BO at the places that we prioritise (schools, vocational training, work places), along with the organisation of small events and meetings at the neighborhood, culminating with our more central interventions and events.

At the same time, the area-based Sectoral Councils must deal with some issues that are expressed more intensely in the area-based BO. That is where the oldest members of KNE are concentrated, and so measures of reinforcement are needed in order to meet our basic task, to fuel the KKE with new members. That is where the





young couples are concentrated, who live together and plan their future, and a special support in practice is required. That is where most of the members of KNE after their studies are connected to, with the experience from the Organisations of the universities and technological educational institutes. It is required to conquer a method of support and adjustment to the new tasks and different issues that the area-based BOs deal with. This is where the weight of coordinating the members of KNE from sectoral and student organisations for the intervention in a place, the dissemination of “Rizospastis” etc. rests.

32. Organs that plan with the prospect of the timely emergence of new cadres, their communist education, the deployment of forces according to our needs and priorities.

The monitoring from the organs of the course of a member or a cadre of KNE and the planning for their emergence or apportionment to a new task requires a better, timely examination and measures. It is not enough to just take a general look at who responds now and who is at the forefront of our work, who has or does not have free time, something that is often said.

In the frameworks of the organs and the apportionment of the fronts and the guiding responsibility, it is necessary for more comrades to be alternated more courageously in various tasks, so that they do not gain partiality, but to generalize experience and not for it to be accumulated in a few cadres.

Given the permanent renewal of the cadres, the long-term planning and the timely preparation for the emergence of new cadres, especially with a working class origin and from the working youth, need to be permanently at the orientation of the organs of KNE.

This requires among other things, the timely connection of members and cadres who change their place of responsibility, to the school, the university, vocational training, work places, to another area-based Organisation in order to plan in all Organisations the utilization and deployment of the available forces of KNE. We have not yet overcome some unjustified delays in the connection of the comrades from and to their new organisations, an issue that mainly concerns the CC and that creates essential problems in the political guidance and the smooth function of the BOs and the organs.

The axes of our orientation in the emergence of cadres can be guaranteed in a unified way through the collective discussion and the vanguard action at every place, our daily function and the irreplaceable help of the Party.

The care for the ideological- political adequacy by attending circles of inner-organisational education as well as the cultivation of the effort of individual study, the enrichment of the Marxist library must be an undeniable base for every candidate cadre of KNE.

The creation of a close, unbreakable bond with “Rizospastis” and “Odigitis” and the formation of a daily habit on this basis, which is conquered in everyday life, in order to ensure the appropriate time.

The expansion of the personal circle of influence and the vanguard action in order to bring young people to the organised fight, to the revolutionary struggle.

The worry about the special developments at the place of intervention that concern the youth or that need to be taken into account in the planning.

The worry about the overall course of development of the BO and its action, the

creation of a climate of comradeship and communist solidarity among all the members of KNE, first of all with the personal example.

The cultivation of a climate that strengthens the endurance and the conscious discipline, the belief in our great ideals and the revolutionary goal. The building of a modest and stable character, the selflessness and the unwavering stance in the difficulties, personal and other.

The alertness for the various mechanisms of the enemy at our place of intervention and planning.

The compliance of the statute of KNE and the principles of its function as the youth of the KKE, fighting against generality and vagueness, against the distance between words and actions.



33. The improvement of the Finances of the Organisation, a material force in the struggle.

KNE gave the struggle by the side of the Party in order to also meet the task of concentrating revenues. However, there is no room for rest. We need to be alert for the intensification of anticommunism, the attack of the bourgeois class and its state, having at its center the finances of the Party, not only on an ideological level, but in practice with the realisation of the reactionary measures that want the nominalization of the financial supporters of the parties. The Party has clearly stated that it will not discipline, but this needs a corresponding improvement of our work, so that the Party will have financial independence in the current, but also in more complex conditions.

The KKE and KNE act, acted and will act always supported on the dues and contributions of the members and friends. The monthly and timely attribution of the due from all the members of KNE is a term and precondition for the realisation of the decisions of the Organisation. In order for KNE to be able to have professional cadres, for the political guidance to reach all of our comrades even in the most remote village or island, to be able to disseminate propagating enlightening materials, to publish books, to organise multiform political events, to operate Youth Centers of Culture and Youthful Creation.

It is of special importance, the members of KNE, from the first steps of their organised life, to be “trained” to form a network of permanent financial supporters, from the young men and women with whom we give daily small and bigger battles. To be educated to address with courage, wherever they might be, for the financial support of the Party.

KNE has gained experience to give the battle of the 2-month Fund-raising Campaign with success, to over-cover its plans. It has conquered the fact of organizing big multiform events, with the Festival as the peak, which require important work of financial support, but also financial planning. We can rely on this experience and capability in order to achieve a rise of the stable financial work, an increase of the revenues.

With the primary responsibility of the new Central Council, we need to make a decisive step in the more systematic and studied engagement of all the organs with the finances of the Organisation with the BOs in the center, the dues and the financial work from all the members of KNE. The formation and function of the Finance Committee of the CC helped in this direction.



34. The international action of KNE.

The duties of KNE in the international movement derive from the international character of the class struggle and serve the goal of the strengthening of the Communist Youth Organisations (CYOs) and the coordination of their action, so that a wave will be created, that will contribute to the struggle for the rights of the youth and the revitalisation of the international communist movement with new forces.

In the years that passed from the 11th Congress, the action of KNE went along with the effort of the Party for the regroupment of the international communist movement and it worked having as a basic priority the reinforcement of the discussion, the joint action and the coordination of the CYOs. In this direction we developed and deepened our bilateral relations with dozens of CYOs, we projected the policy and the elaborations of the Party and KNE, we exchanged valuable experience on the effort of strengthening the CYOs in every country. KNE, with its action in Greece and in the international movement has gained prestige among the CYOs, many organisations watch with interest our elaborations, the overall action of our Organisation has a positive influence.

Today, in the conditions in which the international communist movement is in retreat, it is a hopeful fact that there are CYOs which with the support from their parties, develop their revolutionary characteristics, they do not submit to the negative correlation of forces, they make a notable effort to strengthen the bonds with the young men and women from the working class and the popular strata, while many of them confront relentlessly the persecutions, the anticommunism and the state repression. It is an internationalist duty of KNE to continue to support this effort with all its forces.

Specifically:

Our organisation worked for the upgrade of the Meetings of the European Communist Youth Organisations (MECYO), as a regional form of discussion and coordination of the action of the CYOs, which consists of an important conquest for the organisations of Europe. In the framework of the MECYO we promoted common websites for the promotion of the coordinated action of the CYOs, regarding the 70 years since the Antifascist Victory of the Peoples, on the refugee- immigrant issue and the 100 years since the Great October Socialist Revolution. In 2018, MECYO was hosted by KNE, where issues regarding the regroupment of the movement of school students and students, the intervention of the CYOs in the young workers were set at the epicenter.

- Of special importance are the International Seminars of KNE in which theoretical-political issues were discussed and were carried out in the framework of the KNE-“Odigitis” Festival as well as the International Seminar in 2017 in Thessaloniki, whose topic was the stance of the communists in imperialist war. In this direction the translation in other languages of documents of KNE, such as the publication of the CC, “Truths and Lies about Socialism”, the declaration of the CC for the 50 years of KNE etc., has contributed positively.

- Joint events were carried out such as the event of the CC regarding the Refugee issue in Thessaloniki in 2017 with the participation of 5 CYOs, the joint event with the Communist Youth of Turkey in Chios in 2018 etc.

- We were at the forefront in the international campaigns, such as the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people in 2018, in joint statements and

resolutions, such as the appeal of solidarity with the refugees- victims of imperialist war, the resolution for the anticommunist persecutions against CYOs, the resolution against persecutions of members of KNE for their anti-imperialist action, which were supported by dozens of CYOs from all over the world.

- KNE responded to the invitations and participated in congresses and events of CYOs in many countries.

Overall, the course of the CYOs will be inextricably bound with the course of the revolutionary regroupment of the international communist movement, of the CPs. This process will not be linear; it will be long-term and vulnerable to setbacks, especially in turning points of the developments, such as an imperialist war etc. In the CYOs, the ideological and political problems of the international movement are reflected, as they are especially expressed after the counterrevolution in the USSR and the other socialist countries, while at the same time there are special issues in the ideological-political strife. In these conditions, KNE with the support of the Party, gives a complex and demanding ideological-political battle in the international movement.

In the previous years, the contribution of our Organisation was positive in the repulse of the effort of opportunist and social-democratic forces in the international movement for the slandering and distortion of the positions of the KKE, for the isolation of the KKE and the support of SYRIZA, especially in the period that it was elected in government. Overall, the experience of the anti-popular governance of SYRIZA confirms the assessments of the KKE, it substantiates and strengthens the ideological-political front in the international movement, against the forces which have at the heart of their policy the social-democratic type of management of capitalism and the so-called “left” and “progressive” governments. The above are confirmed both from the experience of the “progressive” governments in Latin America, as well as from the historical, but contemporary experience of the social-democratic governments in Europe, such as in Portugal and Spain.

KNE will continue with consistency to show its solidarity in practice with the peoples who struggle and are targeted by imperialist aggressiveness, such as the people of Cuba, Venezuela, Cyprus, Syria, Palestine and more.

The action of KNE for the reinforcement of the orientation of the WFDY.

The World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) from its foundation in 1945 has an important contribution in the development of the anti-imperialist struggle of the young people and the solidarity among the peoples. The retreat of the international revolutionary movement after the counterrevolutionary overthrows of 1989-1991 could not leave WFDY unaffected. Today, it continues to be a place of rally and action of dozens of organisations from all over the world. In its framework coexist CYOs with revolutionary traits, but also with opportunist forces, a fact that objectively makes the developments contradictory. KNE gives stably the battle so that the anti-imperialist struggle in the WFDY targets the real enemy, the monopolies, their governments, the international imperialist alliances EU/NATO, to turn against the imperialist wars and the causes that bear them. In the next period there will be a continuation and intensification of the strife with organisations which detach imperialism from its economic content, support governments of bourgeois management, which want to utilize WFDY as a mean of achieving interstate agreements, attaching it to the chariot of one or another government.





In this framework the strife of the 19th World Festival of Youth and Students (WFYS) was expressed, which took place in Russia. KNE struggles from principled positions, with combativeness and persistence, to set the right criteria which would guarantee the success of the Festival, it came in confrontation with the effort of the Russian state to get involved in the Festival, with the aim of altering its anti-imperialist content.

KNE, along with other CYOs, struggles against wrong views in the international movement which reject the need of strengthening the joint action and the forms of coordination of the CYOs, who try to decrease this important effort with characterizations about sectarianism and the claim that it comes in confrontation with the action of the WFDY. The experience shows that the discussion, the healthy concern, the coordination and the joint action of the CYOs, not only is not an obstacle for the strengthening of WFDY, but a necessary precondition in order to safeguard its anti-imperialist character, it is also the solid ground for the orientation and the reinforcement of the action of WFDY, in order to contribute in the mobilisation of forces, organisations, against the policies of the capital, the governments and their unions, the imperialist plans and wars. The argument about sectarianism is unfounded and harmful, it sets obstacles in the international joint action of the communists and it comes in contrast with the experience of the international communist movement, as it results from the regional and international meetings of the Parties. The event that was held at the scope of the 19th WFYS with the participation of 36 CYOs from all over the world for the celebration of the 100 years since the Great October Revolution proved that despite the ideological-political differences between the organisations, there is important ground and a need of strengthening the discussion and joint action on an international level among the Communist Youth Organisations.

In the next period, KNE with the guiding contribution of the KKE needs to strengthen even more its intervention and action in the international movement. Basic axes of this intervention need to be:

- The defending of the necessity and timeliness of socialism, the principles of the socialist revolution and the scientific laws of the socialist construction in confrontation with positions that are cultivated in the youth and present socialism as various versions of capitalist management such as “socialism of the 21st century”, “socialism with market” and more. The exposure of choices that insert to the youth perceptions of support of bourgeois governments and the parliamentary road towards socialism and more.

- The defending of the history and the values of the communist movement, its contribution in the struggle of the peoples in confrontation with anticommunism and the slandering of socialism from the attacks and distortions of bourgeois and opportunist forces.

- The strengthening of the coordinated struggle of the CYOs and the youth against the imperialism competitions and wars, the sharpening of the confrontation with the bourgeois classes and governments in every country, the intensification of the fight against NATO and the EU, against military bases.

- The contribution of KNE in the struggle of young communists for the strengthening and the regroupment of the labour- people’s movement on an international level.

The fight against the erosive role of the Party of the European Left (PEL) and similar opportunist organisations with which it cooperates. To repulse their effort to infiltrate the youth, to undermine radical “flashes” and to manipulate its struggle.

- The support of the efforts of the KKE for the “International Communist Review”

(ICR) and the “European Communist Initiative” for the creation of terms for the formation of a Marxist-Leninist pole in the international communist movement with the aim of its revolutionary regroupment.



We are certain that the 12th Congress will make our Organisation even more robust, more capable in winning youthful consciousnesses with the groundbreaking policy of the KKE. We can turn into practice the slogan of the 12th Congress “Even more, more capable, we pave the way for what is truly contemporary and young, for a world “worthy of our dreams, and worthy of our people”, Socialism”. We are optimistic that the 21st century will be a century of new uprisings, new socialist revolutions.

*“Whoever has been beaten down must rise to his feet!
Whoever is lost, must fight back!
Whoever has recognized his condition, how can anyone stop him?
Because the vanquished of today will be tomorrow’s victors
And Never will become: already today!”*

Bertolt Brecht

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