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- **GREEK'S COURT DECISION IS A DANGEROUS ONE!**

During the wars of plunder that took place at the beginning of the 20th century, Albania's neighbouring countries Serbia, Montenegro, Greece and Italy, smelling the final fall of the Ottoman Empire, tried at all costs, each in their own way, to prevent the formation of the Independent Albanian State. The Ambassador's Conference held in London in 1913 ignored the national interests of the Albanian people totally during the settling of borders, thereby fulfilling in general lines the wishes of the Balkan aggressors and taking great care not to worsen the relationship among The Great Powers any further.

Camëria of today is the ancient Ilirian Thesprotia and is exactly situated on the edge of the deep Albanian south, from Sarandë till Preveze. In the ancient times Camëria was bounded by Fokidas, whereas Thesolia was Thesprot land, i.e. Cam. Theodorit's data are accurate. He knew Greece quite well and was on friendly terms with Athen's elite, among which Pericle, Sofocli and so on. Their spiritual centre was the famous temple of Dodon, which was nearby Ioanina. The works of the ancient Greek classical writers mention the Ilirian autochthonous and the Iliro-Albanian of the Cam population a lot.

The ancient Epir was one of Iliria's southern states. Epir has never been considered as a part of Greece during the Osmanli invasion and neither in the Middle Ages. During the 5 centuries of the Turkish invasion, the south of Albania (Epirus) was the administrative unit of Ioania, with Ioanina as its capital city. Even the notorious chauvinist Venizelos has admitted that the North of Greece has been inhabited by Albanians. He emphasized: "It is absolutely true and accurate that the population of the North of Greece is from Albanian origin". At the outburst of the First World War, Camëria and

other Albanian parts were within the Greek state. The terror against the Cam population knew no limits. The Albanians who lived in Cameri and other Albanian parts within the Greek state were persecuted for their religious beliefs. (L.C. Albanians and Cameria Question 1912-1939; Pristine 2006.)

Greece was one of the first Balkan countries, in which fascism triumphed. Joan Metaxa brought the country under fascist dictatorship in August 1936. Its first victim was the Cam population. Two months before the Greek-Italian conflict, Metaxa's fascist government committed an horrible act, which probably never had happened before in World's History. All Cam men, aged between 16 and 70, concerning over 5000 men, were sent to concentration camps on the far-away islands of Ege. From this group of victims 350 men were slaughtered like animals, 400 others died later on from hunger and

inhuman tortures in the concentration camps. After the German invasion of Greece, it was expected that the Cam men who survived and came back from the concentration camps would take revenge against the Greek chauvinists who were responsible for their sufferings. But quite the opposite happened.

They stood above the feelings of revenge and chose instead the road of co-operation and coexistence, to bear together with the Greek people the new difficult situation created by the new German occupying army. In March 1943, a new Cam fighting unit was formed, which cooperated with EAM. The Greek historian M.M. emphasized that over 1000 fighters came from Cam population, not counting hundreds of others who were part of the Resistance Movements in the cities and villages. 68 Cam partisans in the ELAS gave their lives.

A great deal of Greek historians after the Second World War, and Greek diplomacy during the Cold War and nowadays have come up with the ridiculous theory as if the Cam population were collaborators of the Nazis and left for Albania when the war was over. Now it is proven that the massacres against the albanian Cam population were committed by Zorvo, who was a Nazi collaborator and committed crimes of the most horrible nature against the Cam population. The anti-fascist council of Cam refugees send several protest-notes and memorandums to the Great Powers, Greek government, the General Mediteranian Headquarters, the Central Committee of EAM, Epir's Governer and the Panepirot Committee of EAM in the 9th of May 1945. The representatives of Cam population sent another complaint to the Conference of San Francisco through the Allied Mission in Tirana. Referring to the contribution the Cam population gave in the war against fascism, they asked the San Francisco Conference to

intervene that the Cam population could get back to their own homes. Regarding the responsible persons and those who had committed crimes against Cams, they asked for them to stand trial and give account for their hideous crimes before a two-country court(Albanian-Greek court). (B.M. Cams Position 1998)

During the eighties Papandrea's government asked the Greek parliament to abrogate the "Law of War", which would open the way to a solution to Cam Question, but unfortunately the law didn't get abrogated. If the International Organization will remain silent and indifferent towards the Cam Question, **THE ALBANIANS WILL NOT**. They are ready to do everything it takes to be the legitimate owners of their own land. We wouldn't like to choose the way of violence, but this way is forced upon us by the short-sighted Greek chauvinism. The history has shown many times over that when Albanians loose their patience there is not a thing in this world to stop them from achieving their goals. With the Cam Question, it can't be otherwise. The Greek politics will be responsible for what will happen no far.

- **PRESHEVA DISTRICT IS ALBANIAN**

Presheva is an Albanian district, which is in Eastern Kosovo. It became a town in 1455, after it was invaded by the Turkish Empire. In 1489 it became the center of Vilajet. Presheva was the fifth town from 1878 untill the end of the Turkish invasion of Kosovo in 1912. During the Great Austro-Turkish war (1683-1689), the Albanians joined voluntary the Austrian army in the war against the Turkish army. During 1841-1843, Presheva rose in revolt against Tanzimat's Reforms. The Albanian League of Prizeren (1878), which was formed by Albanians to protect their country from being divided among their neighbouring countries, was active in Presheva as well.

Regarding the Serbian violence and genocide to drive away the Albanians from Velika Pllana (now settled down in the villages Shitarica and Vushtri), and from Leskovci (now settled down in Shoshoj, Zhunice, Patatoc), here is what was written in documents of that time: "A longside the road abandoned corpses of dead children and of frozen old people could clearly be seen". To prevent the Serbian genocide, the Albanians of those parts revolted at Gryka e Gerdelices. Now there was a war going on at two fronts. The battle of

Kacanik in 1910, led by Idriz Seferi against the Turkish army of Dervish Pasha, was another glorious page in the history of Albanian people.

During 1912-1941, the position and situation of the Albanian people in Yugoslavia was very difficult. They were still been driven away from their homes to Turkey and were replaced by Serbians. The Albanian population went through a difficult economic period. They were denied in schools the learning of the Albanian language and they were also deprived of their elementary rights including their national symbols.

Tito's regime separated the Presheva commune from Kosovo in 1945, without taking into consideration the will of Albanian people. This was done to assure the assimilation of Albanian population and the annexation of Presheva, including it in the administrative unit of Vranja, and other times in that of Leskov. To Presheva district were joined other villages, such as Staneci, Seferi, Caravajka, Pecena, Depca, Maxherja and Ronatoci, which were before part of Gjilani Commune. The Tito Regime increased the violence, terror and repressions against Albanian population of Preshave in June 1948.

Presheva's inhabitants signed a political treaty in which they asked to join Kosovo or Albania. This demand was repeated again in 1968 and in 1981. The narrowing of human rights in Kosovo, the suspension of the 1974 Constitute, the taking away of the right for self-governing of the local organs, made the Albanian people to support massively the Presheva's Albanians in the referendum of the 1st and 2nd of March, when Presheva's Albanians demanded the political-territorial autonomy with the right to join Kosovo.

The movement for the republic of Kosovo was active in Preshava during the years 1981-1987. The secret services of the Yugoslavian state found out the existence of this illegal patriotic organization. The leaders of this organization, Hamdi Ajdini, Jetullah Arifi, Halil Selimi, Milazim dhe Hetem Arifi, Shaqir Shaqiri, were unjustfully sentenced for a lot of years in the notorious Yugoslavian prisons. During the NATO attacks upon the Serbo-Cetnik army, the position of the Albanians of Presheva was worsened even more.

The violent ethnic purification of the villages of Highland of Karadak was done through killings, burnings and lootings. In January 2005 the local council voted for an autonomy of this district, with the approvement of the majority of the counsellors. By not taking this demand into consideration the Serbian authorities will show that they still haven't learned their lessons from history.

- **WHICH IS THE HUMANITARIAN SYSTEM AND WHICH IS THE CRIMINAL ONE**

During these last 15 years the bourgeois propaganda has been telling all kinds of lies about the Communist system, accusing it of denial of human rights and freedom. Let us now compare yesterday with today, to see clearly which is the criminal system.

## **THE LEGAL SYSTEM AND THE SECURITY OF LIFE**

### ***YESTERDAY***

-The law was equal for everyone. Persons and homes were considered sacred and untouchable until the prosecutor had all the necessary proofs for an accusation. The person didn't get mistreated, physically nor mentally. The court sentence was executed within three months. The criminal got the maximum punishment. Peace and tranquility ruled the country. During the hot summer months people slept with the doors and windows of their homes wide open. The citizen could travel all over Albania without the least of worries or troubles. (Being afraid was unthinkable)

### ***TODAY***

-The person gets arrested and his house gets searched without a search warrant. He goes through a physical and mental torture. Not a few people have died in the hands of the police. The imprisonment can go on for years without any proof. The trial is a bargain. The killer, the trafficker, the thief and all the other scum are the most privileged. Tens of witnesses disappear in a mysterious way. The fear and uncertainty rule the country. The iron gates and bulletproof doors at home are a must, otherwise you could get robbed by the many junkies, when the time to get their fix comes. No one is safe in their own home, let alone outside. No one feels safe during the broad daylight, let alone during the night. The parents are anxiously waiting for their children to come back home from school or work, as many children are kidnapped for prostitution and other illegal trades.

## **THE EMPLOYMENT, WAGES AND THE WELFARE**

### ***YESTERDAY***

-Work was assured by law. There was work for anyone above 18 years of age, who didn't go to university or was not in the army. Everyone, without exception, was insured for healthcare and retirement. You could get work according to your professional qualifications. To occupy an important position involvement in politics was not obligated. For the workers and cooperativists there were foodcanteens with symbolic prices (almost for free). Children went in creches and kindergardens run by the state for free. The miners and workers with difficult strenuous jobs got the highest salaries. The difference between the highest and the lowest salary was no more than 2 : 1 . The pension was 70% of the salary of the last years of work, and it was enough to support the pensioner and his whole family (3-4 persons). The retirement age was lower for the miners and those with strenuous jobs. The women retired 5 years before the men.

### ***TODAY***

-The job is not assured by law. "The freedom of self-employment" has made that many people have entered a life of crime. About 1 million people have emigrated abroad, after the shutting down of factories, concerns, and agriculture cooperatives. State employment is done according to political membership. Every political party that comes in power, replaces its opponents with their own people. A great deal of people are not insured by their greedy bosses for healthcare and retirement. Accidents at the workplace caused by poor workconditions have reached high rates. The wages and the pensions are ridiculously low compared to the high costs of living. The age for retirement has grown 5-10 years above those during the communism era, even while the average age of living has not changed. The pension is now 30% of the salary of the last years of work, and it is hardly enough for a single person let alone to support a family. The difference in wages in the state as well as in the private sector reaches from 1:10 to 1:20, not including here the extra expences of the ministers, deputies and so on.

## CONCLUSION

### **YESTERDAY**

-We were living happy, in peace and harmony, full of love and without any concerns. We were living in welfare in a country which developed every day in every aspect (before the death of comrade Enver Hoxha). 1986-1990 marks the falling down of economy, from US\$ 1300 per capita in 1987, to US\$ 750 in 1990, as a result of wrong reforms in agriculture and deviations in politics from the band of Ramis Alia .

### **TODAY**

-A few persons (10%) have millions of dollars and became rich beyond their wildest dreams, whereas the rest lives from hand to mouth. Entire families suffer from hunger and don't have a roof above their heads. Many people have lost the security and tomorrow's certainty they once had. In many cases people are seen talking to themselves.

### **• RUGOVA'S CORPSE AWAY FROM THE NATION'S MARTYRS**

Ibrahim Rugova, the president of Kosovo, died at the end of January 2006. He was the favorite pet of the West and Milosevic's regime. Rugova has always declared that he was in favor of the democracy of Kosovo handed by the West. This made him very popular in the West and in Serbia. When the UCK began an armed movement to win the independence of Kosovo, Rugova accused them as being "UDB agents", trying to isolate them from winning the support of the people of Kosovo.

The West, which was in a difficult spot, after repeated Serbian massacres in Bosnia and Kosovo, was forced to intervene militarily through NATO. In those difficult and critical moments for the people of Kosovo, who were undergoing an ethnic purification, a smiling Rugova side by side with Milosevic had the nerve to ask the West to stop attacking the Serbian army. This masked-faced man didn't accept for several years to honour the memory of UCK's martyrs and its ex-commandant Adem Jashari, who was slaughtered in Recak together with over 40 other Albanians by the Serbian paramilitary forces. This covered this puppet with a black fog, who was proud of nazi-collaborators, like Xhafer Deva. With his death the ex-fighters of UCK refused to lower the flag half-way and to bury him side by side with the nation's martyrs.

- **OVER HUNDRED PERSONS KIDNAPPED BY CIA IN EUROPA**

The words of comrad Enver Hoxha that the American imperialism is an international thug, were proven true today CIA arrests and tortures people nowadays not only in Latin-America, Asia and Africa, but even in the heart of the modern and civilized Europe. CIA applies in European prisons the same methods used by Gestapo during the Nazi era. The modern Europe has no time to protect the elementary rights and freedom of its own citizens, because it is engaged in finding the "crimes of communism". How funny sounds its policy, how ugly and without a shred of dignity. Will the common people be silent about this ugly reality? Of course not. Only the proletarian revolution will disappear from the face of the earth capitalist system and will provide truth rightness and freedom for all people of the world.

- **ISLAMIC MILITANT GROUP HAMAS HAS WON PALESTINIAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.**

Israel insists it will not deal with an authority including Hamas. But Hamas co-founder Mahmoud Zahhar refused to renounce violence. "We are not playing terrorism or violence. We are under occupation," he told BBC World TV. "The Israelis are continuing their aggression against our people, killing, detention, demolition and in order to stop these processes, we run effective self defence by all means, including using guns." Greetings to Palestine people for victory!

- **GUANTANAMO -the real face of imperialism today**

"Mounting evidence from many sources, including Pentagon documents, indicates that military interrogators at Guantanamo Bay have used aggressive counter-resistance measures in systematic fashion to pressure detainees to cooperate. These measures have reportedly included sleep deprivation, prolonged isolation, painful body positions, feigned suffocation, and beatings. Other stress-inducing tactics have allegedly included sexual provocation and displays of contempt for Islamic symbols.<sup>1</sup> The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and others charge that such tactics constitute cruel and inhuman treatment, even torture."<sup>(M.G.B. NEJM)</sup>

Fragments from the revolutionary press:

- **STATEMENT OF Mikis Theodorakis ON THE ANTI-COMMUNIST MEMORANDUM**

The Council of Europe has decided to change History. To distort it by equalizing the victims with the aggressors, the heroes with the criminals, the liberators with the conquerors and the Communists with the Nazis. It considers that the biggest enemies of Nazism, i.e. the Communists, are criminals and indeed equal to the Nazis! And it even worries and protests, because although the Hitlerites were condemned by the international community, nothing as such has happened yet with the Communists. For this reason it suggests that this condemnation takes place now by the Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on the 24-27 of coming January. ...Perhaps tomorrow they shall decide to outlaw the Communist Parties, half-opening this way the door for the ghosts of Hitler and Himmler to pass, who, as it is well known, began their career by outlawing the Communist Parties and by locking up the Communists in death camps. However, in the end, they were drowned in the very blood of their victims, those 20 million dead of the Communist Soviet Union and so many other hundreds of thousands of Communists who gave their lives, as it also happened in Greece, by putting themselves at the front line of national resistance movements all across Europe. ...For this great crime against humanity, as well as for the contemporary Hitlerite torture camp at Guantanamo, the Council of Europe has absolutely nothing to say. So how can anyone believe that they are honestly concerned for human rights, when even within their own home, Europe, they have allowed for CIA planes, filled with people without any rights, to drive them into special prisons in order to be tortured? Such citizens cannot be prosecutors. At the Court of History that one day will pass sentence on the countless crimes committed by their big brother, from Vietnam to Chile and from South America to Iraq, they will be on trial on the count of toleration.

- **LESSONS OF Katrina**

*If you are poor, and especially if you are Black and poor, even if you are in the richest country in the world, the government does not care whether you live or die.*

The devastation that occurred after Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, particularly **New Orleans**, was what people only expected to see in a "Third World" country. Many died of thirst, hunger and treatable diseases, while many volunteers, including doctors, were turned away. The government sent troops in,

not primarily to provide food, water or medical assistance, but to "regain control" of the area, as if there was an insurgency there. This has opened many people's eyes to the nature of the U.S. government and ruling class.

...From the day that Katrina struck the area to now, there were heroic efforts by people, individually and collectively, to fight the effects of the hurricane and the government's attacks. Many people helped neighbors trapped in their houses or on roofs of flooded buildings to evacuate. People shared food and medicines that they were able to get from supermarkets, stores and pharmacies. An independent progressive news team interviewed four young African-American men at the Astrodome in Houston. They had first used an air mattress and then a commandeered boat to rescue hundreds of people in their neighborhood in New Orleans, at a time when the government was still doing nothing.

...Revolutionary democratic **Cuba**, even though it is not a rich country, is an example of a government that is able to provide the basic necessities for its people, even in the face of a 45-year long embargo by the U.S. government. Its education and healthcare system are the envy of most people in the world. It has a higher literacy rate and lower infant mortality rate than even the United States. When Hurricane Ivan (also a category 5 storm) struck Cuba in 2004, it was able to evacuate 1.5 million people without any dead, despite having much fewer material resources including transportation.

**(The future is ours!)**