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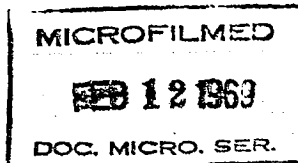
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Nea Politeia

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THE MERTEN CASE AND THE QUISLING.-

HOW THE CASE WHICH TROUBLED THE GREEK POLITICAL LIFE WAS SCHEMED.-

We remind you firstly that this newspaper has no relation whatsoever with the situation existing before the Revolution - nor with the persons and the events. For this reason, she is in a position to objectively face and interpret them with calmness and noble impartiality. She has declared this right from the beginning, she has proved it and will keep her word in the future, without any prejudices. Particularly in regards to Mr. K. Karamanlis, we have already expressed our opinions.

Secondly, we remind you that every word in this columns is always carefully weighed, like the shot of a marksman at the heart of the enemy - as Themistoklis Sofoulis used to say. And especially the words that we are about to use in this article are even more weighed. We agree beforehand that, if one of the phrases of the present article is denied, we shall be considered by all as having no prestige, courage and honesty. We shall speak without fear and passion, because the Greek people must be informed on who is he, who, like another Kyriakis, is trying to strike against, to harm and to ridicule the Greek people with the radio and television broadcasts from Western Germany.

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Thirdly, we remind you of a thunder on a clear sky in the political life of Greece. We are in 1960. A criminal of war, a German citizen, is released from prison and leaves for his country, during the days of Mr. Karamanlis. There is nothing suspicious in this case. One can only dispute the usefulness of not of the relieve of the punishment of a person, who was counted responsible for the liquidation of the Jews of Thessaloniki. But governments usually act on the basis of evidence and obligations, which the people ignore and which perhaps it is better not to publish.

But the wretched speculators of "yellowism" are not of the same opinion. And one fine morning, Mr. B. Mathiopoulos (who is even now conducting shameful anti-Greek propaganda from Cologne and through the "Reports" of the Social-democratic Party - what a pity....) surprises "Eleftheria" with a shocking news!-

Karamanlis was collaborating with the Germans, during the occupation, through Merten! The issue started with "Spiegel" and was continued, with boldness and cowardice, by the base quisling Mathiopoulos, editor of a pro-Hitler magazine at the time of Logothetopoulos, who played a major role in business with Eastern Germany and with Efraimides (as it has been also proven by a published photo -copy of a letter written by the EDA leader) and a drachma-hunting contributor, but without a relative reaction, of the Athens Agency, during the Papandreou government. Mathiopoulos' articles on the Merten case had indeed disturbed the country greatly - as well as the friends and rivals of Mr. Karamanlis. But what is the truth?

The truth, the whole truth, about this case is brought to light today for the first time by "Nea Politeia". Not to serve anyone but to show the decline of the pre-revolution "democratic" morals and the wretched methods applied by those claiming the sumposium of power, so as to be able to destroy each other.

As "Nea Politeia" reveals today, a "Merten Case" would have never existed, if B. Mathiopoulos did not exist. And if he had not, unfortunately, found the

right men, who supported and spread his slanderous invention, instead of - as they should have done - persuing him with contempt and disgust.

The disclosures regarding Mathiopoulos' role in the "Merten Case" were made by a person, who had no reason to forge the truth in this case:

This person is the president of the former Center Union in Western Germany Mr. G. Voukelatos - who, we hope, does not approve of either the "popular front" or the extremist stupidities. Moreover, Mr. G. Voukelatos has briefed in detail at least two gentlemen in Athens on the Merten case - one of these gentlemen is a personal friend of the Prime Minister and the other is opposing - we hope only for the time being - the revolutionary government.

Both of them ^{have} ~~has~~ never been friends or supporters of the ERE founder.

To them, therefore, he felt the need to disclose the dirty details of the speculative actions of Mathiopoulos, who, even in this case, behaved dishonestly and cowardly!

Mathiopoulos visits Mr. Voukelatos at his house at night, speaks to him about the greatly significant national issue of moral order which is indicated from the collaboration of Merten and Karamanlis (a quisling cannot remain president of the Greek government....), makes a melodramatic appeal for help and then both leave Bonn to meet with Merten. There are also some funny details of this trip to Merten - but are of no interest for the time being.

The meeting with the war criminal took place the next day, in the bar of a hotel of a big German city. The pertinent introductions are made, the feeble quisling promises a great deal to Merten in order to extract proofs of his collaboration with Mr. Karamanlis as well as a photograph, the famous "magic photograph", which of course was never published....

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Merten - because it seems that even the war criminals have some dignity and courage - is stunned! He declares to both of them that all these are lies!

He proves that it is impossible for him, despite the sum of money which was offered to him, to adulterate a seemingly true story.

Mathiopoulos, perspiring badly, insists.

He had found the sums to pay off Merten from the ERE opponents in Germany as well as from the editor of the Athenian newspaper, who, of course, as anyone in his place would do, would give anything for the exclusive right of such an important disclosure, which would increase the circulation of his newspaper and would contribute also to a moral cathart^sis.

But the adventurist meeting at the bar proves fruitless!

And the three "friends", greatly disappointed, depart!

Merten because, if what was said to him was true, he would have an opportunity to become rich easily!

Mathiopoulos, because he did not succeed in putting this rich supply into his pocket - he is always tempted by supplies!

And Mr. G. Voukelatos, because he could not believe that there is so much corruption in this world...

Despite of all these, V. Mathiopoulos continued the stories, deceiving Mr. P. Kokkas, the Greek people, the friends and the enemies of Mr. K. Karmanlis.

Such a political fraud had never occurred in the History of this country...

The case now continues with the myth and with the same director. Mathiopoulos pretends to be a friend of the Social-democrats so that the "whole family" gets a salary. He speaks in favour of Andreas Papandreou, but at the same time abuses him to others. He continues his contacts with the communists - and he is sometimes with Brillakis and other times with Koligiannis.

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Many people say that he is greatly interested in knowing the sum that "Junta" would pay for the excellent talent - the message was carried to him that he is not worthy even a two-drachma coin... And he continues, god knows with whose expenses, to slander Greece in order to discourage the German tourists from visiting Greece and to direct them, obviously to a "more democratic" direction, to Spain, Rumania or Bulgaria!. And possibly to Turkey....

There is already a question of moral order - for the Greeks as well as for our German friends.

Mr. G. Voukelatos is in Bonn and is not a supporter of the revolution and Georgios Papadopoulos. Therefore, those who spent nights being concerned about the "democracy" in Greece, have no reason not to accept him as a trustworthy witness.

And it would be interesting, if our accusations were verified by Mr. Apel for instance.

Moreover, we believe that every honest man cannot tolerate a very cheap scamp! This is the case of the quisling, who becomes intoxicated with the harm that he causes to the Greek people - and to the families of our compatriots, who are working and studying in Germany.

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