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REPATRIATION OF GREEK CHILDREN

Letter dated 28 April 1951 from the representative of the Union of
Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed
to the President of the General Assembly

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The delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations has received from Budapest the following two telegrams protesting against the sending of Greek children from Yugoslavia to Greece without the consent of their parents:

1. "IN THE NAME OF 607 PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN ARE IN YUGOSLAVIA, WE STRONGLY PROTEST AGAINST THE FACT THAT, FOR A SECOND TIME, THROUGH THE AGENCY OF THE SWEDISH RED CROSS, OUR CHILDREN ARE BEING HANDED OVER BY THE BELGRADE GOVERNMENT TO THE MONARCHO-FASCIST ATHENS GOVERNMENT. WE LEARN WITH INDIGNATION THAT AMONG THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN HANDED OVER ARE DIMOU CHRISTOS, WHOSE PARENTS, BORIS ALEXANDROS AND VELIKA, ARE IN THE PEOPLES' DEMOCRACIES, AND SIMOS TRYFONIDIS, WHOSE MOTHER, STEFANA, IS ALSO IN THE PEOPLES' DEMOCRACIES. THIS ACT OF THE SWEDISH AND YUGOSLAV RED CROSS AND OF THE BELGRADE GOVERNMENT IS CONTRARY TO ALL HUMAN FEELING. IT IS A REAL CRIME PERPETRATED AGAINST US BECAUSE, IN SPITE OF OUR PREVIOUS PROTESTS, TRYFONIDOU'S OTHER SON, SIMOS, HAS ALSO BEEN HANDED OVER, AS WELL AS DIMOU CHRISTOS, AGAINST WHICH THESE TWO PARENTS PROTEST. WE REQUEST YOU TO TAKE ACTION FOR THE RETURN TO US OF THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN ILLEGALLY HANDED OVER TO THE ATHENS GOVERNMENT: KINELA SOFIA, KOSTANDINOS DIMITRIOS, KIRJAKOPULU KOZMA, KIRJAKOPULU ATHINA, KAROCEA NIKO, KARIDI LEONIDA, LAZOPULU ARGIRI, MANAVI KOSTA, MICSI JANI, MARKU KOZMA, PANOS THANASIS, NANOS TRJAKOS, DUVALIDIS KIRACA, XANTOPULUS JORGOS, PULOS NIKOS, PETROPULOS STAVROS, PANDOS THOMAS, RALIS LAZAROS, RALI EFTIHIA, SMIDZIS JANIS, SUKARI KIRACA, TARTIS GEORGIOS, CSEBA KIRACA, TELIOS PERIKLES, CAPANOS GEORGIOS,

TOLI KOSTA, FELIPU ELEFTERI, DUVALIDI HRISTULA, BORIS DIMOU, DIMOPOULOS VELIKA, DIMOPULOS STEFANA, TRYFONIDI SAVAS, IRODANIDIS MARIKA, KOITSEVA STEFANA, STERGIOFSKA NAOUM, LAZANIS TSAKOS, DANIIL ALEKOS, NEDENKAS PITROPOF, MARKO PAPADOPOULOS, NIKOS GOGAROF, MICHALIS KIROU, STEFANOS YANNOU, DEMITRA AOKIAROFSKI, STOYAN MADZOFSKI, LAZOS METHODIS, PAIKOF TRAIKOS, THANASIS YANKOU, KOSTAS ANDONOPULOS, K VAVICA ZOI, VELJANIDU TRIANDAFILA, VORJAZIS LAZOROS, VASILIU JANIS, JEORGIU EVDOXIA, BURZANOPULU ELENI, DAUTI GEORGIOS, DIMAKI JANI, ZSUNTA JANI, IOANIDU ANASTASIA."

2. "ON 14 MARCH, FOR THE SECOND TIME, THE BELGRADE GOVERNMENT HANDED OVER 51 OF THE CHILDREN WHOM THEIR PARENTS HAD SENT TO YUGOSLAVIA IN ORDER TO SAVE THEM FROM THE HORRORS OF CIVIL WAR. AMONG THESE 51 CHILDREN ARE DIMOU CHRISTOS AND TRYFONIDIS SIMOS, WHOSE PARENTS, DIMOU BORIS, DIMOU VELIKA AND TRYFONIDOU STEFANA, ARE REFUGEES LIVING IN THE PEOPLES' DEMOCRACIES. IN SPITE OF OUR PREVIOUS PROTESTS, THE PROTESTS OF THE PARENTS AND THE PROTESTS OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, THE BELGRADE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES, THROUGH THE AGENCY OF THE SWEDISH RED CROSS, TO HAND OVER THE CHILDREN OF FIGHTERS FOR THE PEOPLE, VICTIMS OF THE MONARCHO-FASCIST REPRESSION, TO THE MONARCHO-FASCIST ATHENS GOVERNMENT. IN THE NAME OF ALL THE REFUGEES IN THE PEOPLES' DEMOCRACIES, WE PROTEST MOST STRONGLY AGAINST THE REPETITION OF THIS INHUMAN CRIME AND REQUEST YOUR INTERVENTION IN ORDER THAT THE CHILDREN HANDED OVER TO THE MONARCHO-FASCISTS MAY RETURN TO THEIR PARENTS AND THAT ANY FURTHER HANDING OVER OF CHILDREN MAY BE PREVENTED, AND THAT ALL THE CHILDREN MAY BE HANDED OVER TO THEIR PARENTS IN THE PEOPLES' DEMOCRACIES.

"FOR THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF REFUGEES FROM GREECE,

"THE CHAIRMAN, MITOS PARADIMITRIS."

I request you, Mr. President, to issue my letter as a General Assembly document and to circulate it to all delegations to the United Nations.

(Signed) Y. MALIK