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# FOR SELF-DETERMINATION OF CYPRUS!

## *For the whole Island of Cyprus!*

This week more than 1,500 delegates of the Order of AHEPA — (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) attending the 42nd Supreme Convention in Toronto, Canada, unanimously adopted the following resolution —

1. The members of the Order of Ahepa again reaffirm their oft-stated opposition to communism and all other forms of tyranny and subversion.

2. Immediately after World War I, President Wilson gave hope and inspiration to the enslaved and downtrodden nations and peoples of the world by enunciating the principle and doctrine of self-determination. This doctrine was wholeheartedly supported and became a cornerstone of American foreign policy. As a result of this policy, great segments of the world were liberated and many peoples of the world have established their own democratic nations in Africa and Asia. It is a policy that continues to give hope and inspiration to those nations and peoples still enslaved behind the Iron Curtain. It is a policy that has given deserved credit to the United States. There is a struggle going on in the island of Cyprus. The people of Cyprus are entitled to self-determination for the purpose of establishing a democratic government where all the citizens will have equal suffrage, equal protection of the laws, religious freedom, and equal educational, economic, and social opportunities in accordance with American history and tradition.

The Order of Ahepa, in convention assembled in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, again endorses this basic principle of United States foreign policy, and urges the United States Government to wholeheartedly pursue and fully implement this policy of self-determination for the people of Cyprus.

3. The Christians of Constantinople and other parts of Turkey are being expelled and persecuted. Their properties are being confiscated without compensation. The Order of Ahepa condemns this arbitrary, unjust and uncivilized treatment of these Christians by Turkey, and calls upon all men of good will everywhere to urge their respective governments to come to the aid of these unfortunate victims.

4. The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and its hierarchy are being persecuted and exiled unjustly. The Order of Ahepa condemns such barbaric practices and appeals to all people of every faith to join in this condemnation so that religious freedom may be reaffirmed in Turkey.

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"I welcome this opportunity to make clear to you my views on the Cyprus issue. I firmly believe that in Cyprus, as in the United States and elsewhere in the world, majority rule must be the basis of all representative government. Self-determination is vital for a fair, peaceful settlement on Cyprus and this right must not be denied to the people of Cyprus. The people of Cyprus deserve an effective government, and with a minority veto, effective government is impossible. In my judgment, the proposal which is best for the foreign policy interests of the United States, as well as for Great Britain, Greece and Turkey, is full self-determination, which I believe would result in union of Cyprus with Greece. Throughout the centuries, political self-government has been one of the great heritages of the people of Greece, in Western Civilization. It is only right and reasonable that the people of Cyprus should also enjoy the precious principles of self-determination and majority rule which we in the United States have come to cherish so deeply in our own country. The civilized world is shocked by recent Turkish attacks on Cypriot civilians, including strafing and napalming bombs on men, women and children. It is intolerable that U. S. military assistance supplied by your Government and paid for by the taxpayers of the United States should be used in these barbaric attacks. I have strongly protested to the Secretary of State and urged an immediate cessation of military assistance to Turkey. You can be sure I shall continue to work for a fair and honorable treatment for the people of Cyprus."

KENNETH B. KEATING, U. S. Senate
New York

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"I am hopeful that during the truce which is now in effect that the principle of self-determination may be clearly established for Cyprus."

EUGENE J. McCARTHY, U. S. Senate
Minnesota

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"I believe the people of Cyprus should enjoy the right of self government, under a constitution safeguarding the rights of all people."

HARRY F. BYRD, U. S. Senate
Virginia

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"This month will mark the fourth anniversary of an independent Cyprus. Therefore, it is my sincerest hope that as the Cypriot people reconstruct their nation, a lasting, serenity and freedom from outside influence, which has passed by, will be resolved, through the efforts of the United Nations or other mediating officers, to enable this Republic to progress in its development without conflict and disharmony."

JOHN W. McCORMACK, Speaker, U. S. House of Representatives

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"As one who accepts Woodrow Wilson's belief that all peoples are entitled to the right of self-determination, I am satisfied that the people of Cyprus should enjoy the right of self-government under a Constitution to be adopted by them, which should contain adequate safeguards for the rights of the Turkish Minority, as well as the rights of all other Cypriots."

SAM J. ERVIN, JR., U. S. Senate
North Carolina

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"In my judgment, the principle of self-determination should be the cornerstone of American foreign policy with regard to Cyprus and all other nations. I believe with Woodrow Wilson, that all peoples should have free choice as to their form of government.

"Adoption of this principle of Cyprus is the direct consequence of the unfortunate British policy of playing one side against the other during the years, with the result today is that the feelings are so strong that a solution is extremely difficult. I share your hope, however, that an agreement can be reached without resort to war."

LUCIEN N. NEDZI
Member of Congress
Michigan

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"I am afraid there will not be any permanent peace on Cyprus so long as a minority of 17% can exercise a veto over such critical government policies as taxation, foreign affairs, and defense. A government so organized has little or no chance of permanency. Certainly the rights of a minority in any country must be protected but in providing such protection it is equally important that the rights of the majority not be sacrificed.

"The principle of self-determination is one which I think most, if not all citizens of the United States endorse. I do not see how any country can have an effective government if it cannot rule itself.

"Lastly, so it believe that the only practicable and workable solution of the Cyprus problem will depend upon the adoption of a new constitution to be voted on by all of the people of Cyprus, but such constitution must include definite and permanent guarantees to protect the rights of the minority."

CHARLES RAPER JONAS
Member of Congress
North Carolina

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"I believe strongly in the right of self-determination of the people of Cyprus and this has been a basic American policy throughout our life as a nation. Even though the situation on this unfortunate island is an emotional one, the peace of the world requires that rational and reasonable parties to the dispute. It would be tragic, indeed, if two strong allies of the United States and bulwarks of the collective security organization against the Communist world enter into a conflict which would not only not solve the problem immediately, but whose inevitable result would be the triumph of the Communism to whose restraint both are dedicated."

JOHN S. MONAGAN
Member of Congress
Connecticut

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"Every Greek must sympathize with the determination of the Greek Cypriot to be master of his own destiny and to live in peace. The savage conflict which is gripping the island of Cyprus is the bitter legacy of years of oppression of the Greek people by the Turks. After a hard-earned period of independence, which finally ended in 1959 the Cyprus again finds his life destroyed by civil war and the threat of invasion. The Zurich Agreement was an honest, but futile effort to unite the Greek and the Turkish communities to live in peace together. The failure of that effort is clear. No form of government imposed from the outside can bring the island of Cyprus the peace and prosperity for which it has waited so long."

HARRISON A. WILLIAMS, JR., U. S. Senate
New Jersey

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"MANY AMERICANS HAVE BEEN APPALLED BY THE NEWS FROM CYPRUS OF THE ATTACKS UPON THE CIVILIAN POPULATION. THE SUFFERING UNNECESSARILY CAUSED AND THE NIGHTMARE WHICH FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS HAS BEEN THE FATE OF THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS GREEK OR TURKISH IS THE FAILURE OF THE SCHEME WHICH MUCH OF THIS HAVOC WAS CAUSED BY THE SO-CALLED TURKISH RULE WHICH DEPRIVED THE MAJORITY OF THE DEMOCRATIC RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN THE MINORITY'S INTERESTS, DISRUPTED THE ORDERLY PROGRESS OF GOVERNMENT, REGARDLESS OF ITS EFFECT ON THE ORDINARY PEOPLE, AND FINALLY, IN ITS EFFORT TO ENSURE THE TURKISH FORCE UPON THE UNPROTECTED COASTAL TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF CYPRUS, WITHOUT WARNING HAVE AFFRONTED OUR SENSE OF CIVILIZATION, RECALLING SOME OF THE WORST episodes OF THE LAST WAR. AS MAYOR AND AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN CONSCIOUS OF GOD GIVEN RIGHTS OF EVERY PERSON REGARDLESS OF RACE AND RELIGION I HOPE AND PRAY WITH MY FRIENDS OF GREEK AND TURKISH DESCENT AND ALL AMERICANS OF GOOD WILL THAT THE HIGHEST PRIORITY IN THE WORLD WILL FIND A JUST AND PERMANENT SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF CYPRUS WHICH WILL BRING PEACE NOT ONLY TO THAT UNFORTUNATE ISLAND TO GREECE AND TURKEY BUT TO THE REST OF THE WORLD AS WELL."

ROBERT F. WAGNER
Mayor
City of New York

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"I assure you that as a citizen of this nation I have always believed in the principle with constitutional guarantees for minority groups.

"It is my hope, just as I know it is the hope of you and all the members of the Order of Ahepa, that the Cyprus question can be brought to a peaceful and equitable solution at an early date."

TERRY SANFORD
Governor
North Carolina

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"I desire to assure you of my support of the principle of self-determination with regard to Cyprus, believing that adherence to this principle is in keeping with the traditional policy of the United States and that the Greek people of Cyprus should not be denied the use this right of self-determination by any minority group, but rather, should be permitted to protect the legitimate interests of every Cypriot."

CHARLES S. JOELSON
Member of Congress
New Jersey

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"Certainly the people of any country have a right to determine the future form and type of government. Cyprus should have the right of self-determination and I am hopeful this principle can be recognized soon."

BRYON G. ROGERS
Member of Congress
Colorado

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"Considering the traditional emphasis in our foreign policy on the principle of self-determination ever since this principle was first popularized by President Wilson for independence, I would find it difficult to argue that this tradition be kept in mind upon pondering concerning the Cyprus question and formulating a policy.

"I have made a study of the Cyprus issue, and have concluded that self-determination is the solution which is most consistent with our principles, and as well as being consistent with our interests.

"I hope that it will be possible to continue our traditional policy of supporting self-determination in regard to this issue."

DOMINICK V. DANIELS, M.C.
United States Representative
New Jersey

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"Certainly, I believe that the people of any country should have the right of self-determination. Unfortunately, I believe that this principle is an interference in their internal affairs from other Nations."

JOHN BELL WILLIAMS
Member of Congress
Mississippi

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"It certainly seems to me that the proposal for a solution to be voted upon by all the people of Cyprus is the kind of proposal that we should support. As you know, I have been a firm believer in permitting all people to settle their problems through traditional democratic processes.

"As you well know, I have always been deeply interested in the problems of all Greek-American people. Every day I share my concern for the serious situation now which now exists in Cyprus."

B. EVERETT JORDAN
United States Senator
North Carolina

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"The right of self-determination for all peoples was first promulgated by our great President Woodrow Wilson. Ever since that World War I, it has since been one of the cornerstones of American foreign policy. We have supported this policy in the post-World War II period for all the nations in Africa and Asia. The late, martyred and beloved John F. Kennedy, both as President and Senator, was in the forefront of all American efforts to implement and effectuate this policy.

"I have consistently supported this policy in the past. I think that the people of Cyprus are entitled to self-determination. I am sure that Senator Kennedy, in recent history of the Greek people, that he has been a great friend of the people and the rights of the Turkish minority."

HAROLD D. DONOHUE
Member of Congress
Massachusetts

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"I have long been a strong supporter of the principle of self-determination for people everywhere in the world. Our forefathers believed in their right to determine the kind of government under which they were to live. As a result we enjoy today the greatest measure of freedom of any nation. American devotion to the principle of self-determination is reflected in our support of the United States.

"The people of Cyprus are engaged in a heroic struggle to determine the form of government under which they and their children are to live. Comprising the majority of the Cypriot population, the people of Cyprus deserve the support of those who respect the principle of self-determination.

"It is my hope that the Greek majority on Cyprus will be permitted to work its will. Only through such action can peace and economic progress be brought to a land which means so much to the cause of the free world."

BASIL L. WHITENER
Member of Congress
North Carolina

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"As one who accepts Woodrow Wilson's belief that all peoples are entitled to the right of self-determination, I am satisfied that the people of Cyprus should enjoy the right of self-government under a Constitution to be adopted for them, which should contain adequate safeguards for the rights of the Turkish minority as well as the rights of all other Cypriots."

SAM J. ERVIN, JR.
United States Senator
North Carolina

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"I am deeply grateful to you for giving me the benefit of your views and that the other members of your line organization. I certainly agree that the people of Cyprus are entitled to the rights mentioned in your letter, and I sincerely hope that steps can be taken to implement these rights to those people.

"I hope that our State Department will take this position, and you can count on my support in any way I can to help bring about this result.

With kind regards, I am

JOHN STENNIS
United States Senator
Mississippi

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"As a nation we have always basically believed in self-determination. I am personally for this position as a matter of principle. In this instance I recognize that before this can be accomplished without danger of war, there are certain political questions with the major powers involved, Greece and Turkey, which must be resolved, and it is these upon which the concentration is being placed. Certain facts stand out in my mind: The present Constitution is not workable. The Greek Cypriots do comprise approximately 80% of the population. Therefore, as in our own country, the majority is entitled to certain specific privileges and powers, but the 20% minority are entitled to certain rights to the protection of their individual liberties and civil rights.

"These are the matters which must be negotiated, and I believe can be negotiated, when the present hate and emotional and military atmosphere has been pacified and relaxed."

JAMES ROOSEVELT
Member of Congress
California

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"I wish you to know that I am in agreement with the principle of self-determination in resolving the problems that beset the island of Cyprus. Whatever form of government the people of Cyprus choose, the minority must be protected, but it is the will of the majority which must prevail."

MELVIN R. ASPINALL
Member of Congress
Colorado

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"I feel that every country should be free to establish and maintain its own government and handle its internal affairs without intervention from other countries."

TOM G. ABERNETHY
Member of Congress
Mississippi

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SAM J. ERVIN, JR.
United States Senator
North Carolina

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"I am sorry to see that the Greek people are not permitted to work out their own solution. As a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, on which I serve, has been fully acquainted with the problem of Cyprus. I hope that the leaders will permit a solution that will uphold the rightful claims of the Greek people on Cyprus."

F. BRADFORD MORSE
Member of Congress
Massachusetts

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"As you may know, I have always maintained that the people of any country should have the right to decide the government of their choice in free and open elections. I believe that there should be no interference by any outside alien power.

"You may be assured of my continued stand in this matter."

JOHN LENSKINSKI
Member of Congress
Michigan

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JAMES ROOSEVELT
Member of Congress
California

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"Well of course, I have had an opportunity for a long period of time to observe these international problems and I can see no reason why any self-determination should not be permitted to the people of any nation.

"For a major nation to step into a smaller nation and endeavor to predetermine its international policies or economic welfare is, in my opinion, an erroneous procedure. We, it is a position to create a policy of this character, you may rest assured that the above statement would be the basic philosophy of the policy I would issue."

LARRY R. SHEPARD
Member of Congress
California

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"The vexing problem in Cyprus regarding the Greek and Turkish populations demands a prompt and equitable solution.

"I know as there is an overwhelming Greek majority on the island of 4 to 1, I would think the most reasonable solution would be to have a popular referendum to adopt a more equitable and workable Constitution if the majority wishes to continue the independent status of Cyprus or to adopt union with Greece. Adequate guarantees for the protection of the minority interests should be incorporated in the new Constitution.

"Serious consideration should be given to the very real possibility of repatriating the Turkish minority to its homeland of Turkey as a matter of fairness, extending the same offer to the Greek minority in Turkey with adequate compensation for property, travel and resettlement expenses. Most important is the settlement of the problem as rapidly as possible so that continued violence and bloodshed can be avoided."

CLAIBORNE PELL
United States Senator, Rhode Island

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"CONGRATULATIONS ON THE WORK YOU ARE DOING TO ASSURE THE ENDING OF THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN CYPRUS. I SUPPORT SELF-DETERMINATION OF CYPRUS WITH MAJORITY RULE BY CYPRIOTS AS THE RIGHTS OF FOREIGN NATIONS ARE PROTECTED. THERE IS NO REASON WHY A 17 PERCENT MINORITY SHOULD PREVENT THE 83 PERCENT MAJORITY FROM HAVING EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT."

HUGH SCOTT
United States Senator, Pennsylvania

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HEARTILY ENDORSE PRINCIPLE OF NATIONAL SELF-DETERMINATION WITH ADEQUATE PROTECTION OF MINORITIES. FERVENTLY HOPE YOUR WORK MAY BE FRUITFUL AND THAT THIS MAY BE ACHIEVED IN CYPRUS."

JOSEPH M. McDADE
U. S. Congressman, Pennsylvania

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"PLEASE CONVEY MY CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO YOUR MEMBERS, AND ESPECIALLY THE INDIANA DELEGATION, AT YOUR 42ND SUPREME CONVENTION. I SHARE YOUR MEMBERS CONCERN FOR THE CRISIS IN CYPRUS AND PLEDGE TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO SECURE PEACE AND JUSTICE THERE."

VANCE HARTKE
United States Senator, Indiana

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"I feel that the people of Cyprus should have the right to determine the form and type of government they prefer. The people should be permitted to decide the important question for themselves."

J. EDGAR CHENOWETH
Member of Congress
Colorado

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"The ideal solution is one which accords self determination to the people of Cyprus with specific guarantees of the rights of the Turkish minority."

THOS. J. DODD, U. S. Senate
Connecticut

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"I believe that the people of Cyprus should have the opportunity to select the type of government they wish for themselves. If the Cypriot people are allowed to settle their own problems, they will be able to make up their themselves the type of government they ought to have, this matter would resolve itself."

PAUL A. FINO
Member of Congress
New York

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"I would wholeheartedly support any program that will provide for self determination for Cyprus and all other countries, in letting the people of such countries decide their own destiny, this is fundamental to Americans."

FRANK B. MORRISON
Member of Congress
Nebraska

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"Strongly favor immediate cessation of Turkish aggression in Cyprus with eventual UN conducted plebiscite for the people. Divided Cyprus is contrary to British grant of it, as well as basically unsound. Protested Turkish aggression to United States Department of State as well as to White House."

LOUIS C. WYMAN
Member of Congress
New Hampshire

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"I endorse a solution of the Cyprus problem in accordance with United Nations principles of self-determination and hope this can be achieved."

LISTER HILL
United States Senator
Alabama

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"I join with you in supporting majority rule in Cyprus to self-Government and self-determination of it. I trust that the situation in Cyprus can be resolved peacefully in the best interest of all Cyprios."

GEORGE M. RHODES
Member of Congress
Pennsylvania

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"I wholeheartedly support the right of the people of Cyprus to self-Government and self-determination of their Government. I would like to see all foreign armies removed from Cyprus if peace can be maintained by the United Nations Forces until an election and the independence of Cyprus can be secured and peace guaranteed."

OLIN D. JOHNSTON
United States Senator
South Carolina

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"I concur fully that the people of Cyprus have a right to self-determination without interference from other nations."

ALBERT WATSON
Member of Congress
South Carolina

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"To all or us interested in the issue of Cyprus these days there is great concern. We see hope however that peace can be restored so that all of the peoples of Cyprus may live in harmony. There must be respect for minority rights. There must be respect for minority rights. I am hopeful that the voice of the order of Ahepa will continue to be heard clearly in the days ahead."

JOSEPH S. CLARK
United States Senator
Pennsylvania

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Please express to the delegates that I am in sympathy for a just and peaceful settlement of the Cyprus crisis, with the Cyprus citizens given their choice of self-determination."

HAYDON BURNS
Mayor of Jacksonville, Florida,
Democratic Nominee for
Governor

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At this hour in the history of the great Ahepa organization please be assured members of Congress are aware of the critical situation existing and you may rest assured we will do every way to assure the right of self-determination for all freedom loving people."

ROBERT T. McLOSKEY
Member of Congress,
Illinois

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"Certainly I endorse wholeheartedly the traditional principles of self-determination, and share your conviction that free people should have the right to manage their own affairs without outside interference."

ED EDMONDSON
Member of Congress
Oklahoma

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"I support just solution of Cyprus problem in accordance with U.N. principles of self-determination. Hope such solution will be reached."

JOHN SPARKMAN
United States Senator
Alabama

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"I endorse the ancient principle of national self-determination which has been the very heart tradition of the United States of America and Greece so long as it does not deny the right of adequate safeguards for minority groups."

DANIEL J. FLOOD
Member of Congress,
Pennsylvania

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"I am concerned as we all are about the situation in Cyprus and most certainly endorse principle of self-determination for the island with protection of minority rights. I fervently hope there will be a peaceful solution to the current problems and disputes. I can assure you that I will continue to keep this matter the consideration and attention it warrants."

BENJAMIN ROSENTHAL
Member of Congress
New York

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"I know your convention will raise its significant voice for continuing the fight for self-determination for the heroic people of Cyprus."

CLAUDE PEPPER
Member of Congress
Florida

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"It is essential, not only to protect Cyprus, but to the peace of the world that a just and reasonable solution to this dispute be speedily arrived at. The solution must be equally necessary, but in my opinion there can be no compromise of the basic fact of majority self-determination free from outside dictation or coercion. I have stressed this point to our diplomatic staff in Cyprus and to Cyprus the principle of representative Government by the consent of the majority is the present crisis. This has been a fundamental policy of our diplomatic efforts on behalf of peace for almost half a century, since the Woodrow Wilson administration. Without it, there is no search for peace must be fruitful.

"Let us hope and pray that the joyful right prize, permanent peace and permanent accord may be reached in Cyprus and that the most close and cordial relations may exist between our two nations."

JOSEPH G. MINISH, M.C.
Member of Congress
New Jersey

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"You may be sure that I am continuing my efforts to bring about a just and reasonable solution to this situation in the Cyprus island and its inhabitants which include such a large number of Greek-American citizens. May the basic rights as free men and women recognized, and to be protected against aggression from any and every source.

"As I said in my previous outbreak I again immediately communicated with the Department of State urging that the Department and our government render every possible help, through the United Nations and other agencies, to bring about a just and reasonable solution to this dispute, peaceful, equitable, and orderly free and fair and impartial responsible representative government in Cyprus, and I am both sympathetic and sympathetic to your objectives can speedily be realized.

"I want you and all our Greek friends to know that I will leave nothing undone to support and sustain our own government in every reasonable effort to bring about this result. I urge upon our government with all my heart.

"Let us again pray for a peaceful or self-determination, peace and fair and impartial responsible, representative government in Cyprus and I am both sympathetic and sympathetic to your objectives can speedily be realized. May peace, peace and fair and impartial responsible, representative government in Cyprus. May peace, peace and fair and impartial responsible, representative government in Cyprus. May peace, peace and fair and impartial responsible, representative government in Cyprus