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1. KKE uses the term "Apparat" in the special sense of an advisory body of experts on various subjects to whom the Party can refer. The members are for the most part intellectuals, many of them having literary, journalistic, academic, scientific or professional qualifications, and in general have a higher standard than the Party leaders.
2. This body seems to have no exact parallel in any other Communist Party. The reason for its existence seems to be that intellectuals have exceptionally little share in the leadership of KKE (Miltiades Porphyrogenis, a lawyer with a bourgeois background is one of the few exceptions); this is evidently a deliberate policy, and the leaders seem determined to keep control in "proletarian" hands. However, realizing their weakness, they have established the Apparat to give advice without sharing in the leadership.
3. Apparats have been established on both National and Regional levels. In addition to the Apparat of the Central Committee, each Regional Committee and also the Communist organizations of Athens (KOA) and Piraeus (KOP) (which rank as Regional Committees) have their own Apparats.
4. The Apparat never meets or functions as a body. Only a member or members qualified to give advice on a particular subject are consulted on this subject.
5. There is no fixed number for the membership of an Apparat. Anyone with suitable qualifications can be made a member at any time. Also, not all members of the Apparat belong to the Party; in certain cases they are more useful if they do not do so.
6. In addition to its main function, the Apparat is also used to accommodate certain Party members temporarily not holding any position in the more formal hierarchy (e.g. members of the Central Committee who fail to secure re-election, provided they have not been guilty of misconduct). A number of KKE's representatives abroad are also members of the Apparat (e.g. Theodore Doganis in London, Melpo Axioti and Seraphim Maximos in Paris, Vasilios Georgiou in Warsaw and formerly in Paris).
7. When a member of the Apparat is given a new appointment, he usually ceases to belong to the Apparat. There are, however, some exceptions to the rule (e.g. Lemonitsa Reboutsika, member of the Athens Finance Committee; Ioannis Siganos, member of the Central Control Committee).

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8. The Central Finance Committee, the Political Contacts Section and the Regional Committees were chiefly responsible for the recruiting of new members. If one of these bodies discovered an individual potentially suitable for the Apparatus of a Regional Committee, his name would be forwarded to the Regional Committee in whose area he lived, and the question of whether or not he would be taken on would be discussed at the next meeting of the Regional Committee concerned. If, on the other hand, the candidate had qualifications which suited him for a position in the Apparatus of the Central Committee, his name would be sent direct to the Central Committee or the Politburo. Similarly, if a Regional Committee considered that one of the members of its own Apparatus was qualified for the Central Committee, his name was forwarded to the Central Committee or the Politburo.

9. In addition to the above, the senior Satellite organizations in each region (the Regional Committee of EAM, of National Solidarity (E.A.) and of the EAM Panhellenic Youth Organization (EPON), and the senior Trades Union Committees) might propose the name of suitable candidates. Thereafter the procedure would be the same as when candidates were proposed by the Central Finance Committee, the Political Contacts Section or the EKE Regional Committees.

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APPENDIX "A"

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Members of Apparat of Central Committee

Constantine Varnalis	Author.
Ioannis Kordatos	Historian.
Dr. Ioannis Siganos	Doctor of Medicine. Member of Central Control Committee.
Theodore Doganis	Journalist. EAM/KKE representative in London.
Seraphim Maximos	Journalist. EAM/KKE representative in Paris.
Constantine Gavrielides	Leader of the Agrarian Party of Greece.
Constantine Despotopoulos	Former lecturer, Athens University.
Vasilios Georgiou	Journalist. EAM/KKE representative in Warsaw, formerly in Paris.
Demetrios Soteriou	Expert on education.
Demetrios Fotiades	Author.
Vasilios Damisianos	Doctor.
G. (fnu) Valetas	EAM Panhellenic Youth Organization - Eamike Panellenike Organosis Neolaias (EPON).
Ioannis Stogiannis	Journalist.
Varkas (fnu)	Former diplomat.
Melpo Axioti	Authoress. Greek representative in Paris of World Federation of Women.
Emilios Veakis	Actor.
Rose Invrioti	Author (arrested 8 July 1947).
Nikolaos Kitsikis	President of the Greek-Soviet League. Former Principal of Athens Polytechnic School.
Christos Kavafakis	Journalist.
Elias Eliou	Lawyer.
Vasilios Rotas	Author. One of the founders of the Greek-Soviet League.
Asimakis Gialamfis	Author of musical comedies.
Galatia Kazantzaki	Author. Was reported in July 1947 to be Reserve President of Central Finance Committee in case of the arrest of senior members of this committee.
Lemonitsa Rebovtsika	Chemist. Member of the Athens Finance Committee.

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- George Zoutos Lawyer. Former member of the editorial staff of Rizospastis, and a party theorist. Was reported in early March 1948 to be used as a high-grade courier between the Party in Athens and the Rebel Junta.
- Marios Varvoglis Composer and music critic. Political Commissar for musicians.
- Sophia Delta Journalist. Former political reporter on Rizospastis. Was reported in January 1948 to have organized a school for diplomats in "Free" Greece.
- Spyros Karantonis Journalist. Former reporter for Rizospastis and Communist Review.
- Theodore Vochos Journalist (arrested 30 March 1948).

APPENDIX "B" (October 1947)

Members of Apparat of KOA

- Vasilios Rotas Well known author and translator of English literature. One of the founders of Greek-Soviet League.
- Elias Eliou Lawyer, usually employed to defend Party members and officials in Athens.
- Sophia Mavridi-Papadaki Well known author and writer of poetry. An official of the Pan-Hellenic Women's Federation - a KKE satellite organization.
- Nikolaos Roussopoulos Professor of the Athens Polytechnic School. Formerly of the Athens Committee for the Campaign for Survival.
- Demosthenes Mirasgetzis Lawyer. Also employed to defend KKE members.

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