



# “ROADS of PEACE”

**60 years of contribution to the struggle against exploitation, poverty, war, human displacement**

The Greek Committee for International Détente and Peace (EEDYE) honors this year the completion of 60 years since the first release of its magazine “ROADS OF PEACE” on May 9, 1958. From then until today, “ROADS OF PEACE” are an important “tool” in the development of the anti-war and anti-imperialist struggle.

The 60th anniversary of our Peace Magazine coincides with the Great Anti-fascist Victory of the Peoples, the crushing of the fascist powers, with countless sacrifices of the peoples, with the Soviet Union and its people at the forefront, giving 20 million victims.

The strengthening of the anti-war anti-imperialist movement, which as an integral part of the workers-popular movement having since then its own presence in the struggles of our people, brought to maturity the creation of the EEDYE’s magazine. “ROADS OF PEACE” were released on May 9, 1958, in difficult times, in the aftermath of the guns that executed Nikiforidis and his comrades in the years of prison and exile for thousands of fighters during the cold-war hysteria of imperialism, with Greece joining NATO and the military bases being spread across the country.

Thousands of working class intellectuals and workers, such as Ritsos, Varnalis and many others, thousands of young people, have rallied through the lines of EEDYE in the manifestations and the Peace Marches, from the 1st forbidden Marathon march of Grigoris Lambrakis and his companions, in 1963, as the newer era. “ROADS OF PEACE” accompanied fighters in a period when even the public reading of this magazine was not an easy task.

The release of the “ROADS OF PEACE” was interrupted in 1967, due to the military dictatorship that disbanded EEDYE, as well as other mass organizations that were at the side of our people in the previous period.

In the post-dictatorship period, EEDYE, with its reestablishment - on May 16, 1975 - is undergoing a new phase of rebuilding its forces and works again with its Peace Committees. It approaches workers, broad popular strata embracing the goals of the fight of the anti-war-anti-imperialist movement. A new development cycle opens. In April 1977, the magazine “ROADS OF PEACE” is being released again and its release gradually increases.

In the covers of the magazine constantly figure actions, slogans against imperialist interventions and wars, against the presence of foreign military bases in Greece and nuclear weapons, against Greece's participation in NATO and the EU, against the strategic choices of the capital and its political forces that serve its interests. A stable element of the “ROADS OF PEACE” is the internationalist solidarity with the struggling peoples, refugees and immigrants, the overthrow of all those who have been applauding imperialism and imperialist associations.

Despite the painful, for the peoples, upheavals of 1989 -'91, EEDYE stood upright at the forefront of the anti-imperialist - anti-war struggle. She steadily marked her opposition and highlighted that the ENEMY IS ONE, IMPERIALISM. EEDYE was not fooled by the new strategy, the update, the new dogma of NATO. In the important tasks undertaken by EEDYE at the World Peace Council (WPC), the “Roads of Peace” constituted the voice, the pillar of the anti-imperialist anti-war movement. In contrast to other “peace movements” and their prints, which attempted to turn the people's struggle into painless channels, EEDYE and its magazine, “ROADS OF PEACE” made strong resistance, held upright forces against the attempt to subdue people to imperialism.

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