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THINK-TANK**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS 1998-2008 AND WORK IN PROGRESS  
AREAS OF INTEREST-RESULTS AND PROSPECTS.**

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**A) The low Fertility Rate in the EU including the Republic of Greece and the International Migration Crisis.**

**1. Extensive work has been done on the Demographic Problem of Greece and the rest of the EU concerning the Low Fertility Rate and Aging of the population and the influx of a large number of Migrants both legal and illegal. The Demography of the Islamic Nations of the Middle East and North Africa has also been studied. A population imbalance exists between the southern-eastern vs. northern shores of the Mediterranean basin with both pull and push migration factors at play. (J. Political and Military Sociology 1997, Vol 25:353-362).**

**2. A comprehensive Research proposal for dealing with the problem of low Fertility (TFR 1,3) in Greece has been submitted to three consecutive Prime Ministers and other members of Government. An up to date version of this proposal is now in preparation for submission to the present Government. A number of Lectures and Seminars have been given to large groups in Greece, at the European Parliament in Brussels and in United States on the issue of low fertility and its consequences, especially the population imbalance, which creates a pull and push dynamic for migration.**

**3. There have been numerous Publications in the Press in United States, Greece, Canada and Australia on the Demographic problem. Successive Greek Governments have implemented no decisive**

**measures so far for boosting the low Fertility Rate (now at 1.3, with 2.1 the replacement level).**

**Strangely enough most of the discussion now in the EU, including Greece, revolves around the millions of immigrants both legal and illegal, as the only solution to the problem of low fertility and aging of the population. I strongly object to this tunnel vision attitude. In tandem with the work for accommodating the immigrants should run a robust Proneitalist Program for boosting Fertility rates of the native population. The recent rioting of immigrants in France speaks volumes about the need of boosting the fertility rates of all native populations in the EU, coupled with a concerted plan for accelerating assimilation of the immigrants and for assisting them to become good and productive citizens. Our efforts will continue for development of a strong proneitalist program in Greece, together with innovative programs for assisting the immigrants. Key ingredient of our proposal is the development of a SUPERFUND for supporting a second and third Child within needing Greek Families.**

**4. Extensive research has been done also on the International Migration Crisis. Research in this area, which is deemed crucial for Hellenism, continues. There are about 1,5 Million migrants in Greece today originating from 13 countries mainly Albania (56%). Our relevant Publications have appeared in the Press in the US, Canada, Greece and Australia. Some of them can be found in our Website. Singapore has recently appointed a Baby Tsar and gives significant financial support to families for a third and fourth child. Australia provides a special allowance for all newborns after July 1, 2004.**

**B) The Problem of Traffic Safety.**

**1. Extensive Research Work has also been done on the Issue of Traffic Safety in the US, and also in Greece, due to its relevance to its low fertility population.**

**The number of deaths and injuries per year are three times higher of that in the State of California. Aggressive driving (speeding, violating, the right of way, red lights, and stop signs), increased alcohol intake, disregard of seat belts, inadequate driver training and of law enforcement are some of the causes of excessive traffic accidents. Moreover, before the Olympics Games of 2004, our traffic safety research was extensive.**

**A Permanent Task-Force for Traffic Safety in Greece was established the year 2000, which includes members of our Think-Tank, the California Highway Patrol and the Texas Transportation Institute (A and M University).**

**2) A three member group of the said Task-Force visited Greece to the invitation of the Government in June 2001, for a 10 day visit with Conferences, Research activity and contacts with Officials of the National Committee for Traffic Safety, and fact finding visits to EKAB (First Aid facilities in Athens) and to KAT (the main Trauma Medical Center in Athens). [See Press Release under Traffic Safety].**

**3) Another Special Research Project was undertaken following the catastrophic accident at Tempi in Northern Greece involving a School Bus and a Commercial Vehicle. The results of this study on Commercial Traffic Safety were included into a comprehensive article published in the Press (Introducing California-Style Traffic Safety in Greece, The National Herald: October 18-19, 2003). This comprehensive publication was sent to the Greek High Way Patrol, to the Greek Ministry of Transportation and to the CHP Commissioner in Sacramento.**

**4) The results of yet another seminal study entitled: “2004 Olympics-Traffic Management and Safety”, which were based on a critical review of the Los Angeles Olympic Games (1984) and the Atlanta Olympic Games (1996) were send to:**

**-The Athens 2004 Olympic Committee, to its Transportation Department and to key people in the Greek Government, such as the Minister of Public Order, and the Minister of Transportation. This study was published in: The National Herald, March 23-24,2004. This article can be found in this Website. [Under Traffic Safety].**

**5. Work for Training of Greek Highway Patrol Officers at the CHP Academy in Sacramento has been in progress for some time through contacts and discussions with the Greek Ministry of Public Order. This writer has been the Science Advisor to the CHP Commissioner in Sacramento for four years(2000-2004).**

**6) A letter-Proposal from the CHP Commissioner in Sacramento was send to the Greek Minister of Public Order, and was published in: The Hellenic News Of America, in July 2004 as well as in Athens. This Program will most probably materialize in 2006.**

### **C) The Return of the Parthenon Marbles-Cyprus Issue.**

**1. For the Return of the Parthenon Marbles to Greece we organized a three day visit to Athens with Congressman Tom Campbell [who running as a candidate for the United States Senate in California] and his wife Suzanne, in April 2000, which was followed by a three day visit to Cyprus as well.**

**There were several contacts in Athens with, the Government, the main Opposition Party, the US Embassy, and the President of the Republic Hon. Kostis Stephanopoulos, capped by a visit to the Parthenon with an emotional speech on its steps by Congressman Campbell (A member of the International Affairs Committee in US**

**Congress), who shouted in Greek:"TA MARMARA PREPI NA GYRISOUN STIN ELLADA. A resolution spearheaded by Mr. Campbell was passed in the US Congress and was faxed to Athens the same day, urging the British Government to return the Marbles to the Acropolis Museum. [See article in this Website).**

**2. Subsequently Congressman Campbell traveled to Cyprus, visited the Green Line and met with members of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus. Again, the same day a resolution sponsored by him was passed in US Congress urging the removal of Turkish troops from the Island. Thus, the Campbell visit was highly successful and included a dinner-reception at the American Embassy in Athens, a luncheon meeting at the Foreign Ministry and a visit with the President of the Republic of Greece, the Hon. Kostis Stephanopoulos.**

## **D) Rebuttal of Doomsday Predictions about Preparations for the Olympics 2004.**

**1. A key Rebuttal-Letter was published in the Washington Post on December 2, 2000 in strongly predicting the timely preparations of the Olympic Games 2004, with the title-GREECE WILL DELIVER- which was the response to a very pessimistic lengthy article in the Washington Post, which appeared on November 22, 2000, with the Title "PENDING GREEK TRAGEDY", authored by Mr. William Drozdiak who was at the time the Executive Director of the German Marshall Fund's Transatlantic Center in Brussels. The Rebuttal to Mr. Drozdiak's article proved to be prophetic, due the fantastic success of the Olympics 2004 in Athens and is reproduced here with great satisfaction because it was so true and such a Bull's eye.**

# **THE WASHINGTON POST**

Letter to the editor

## **GREECE WILL DELIVER**

Saturday, December 2, 2000, Page A23

I must respond to William Drozdiack's pessimistic account of the preparations for the 2004 Olympics ["A Pending Greek Tragedy", news story, Nov. 22].

First, the people of Greece are known for playing hard, but they are also famous for bursts of frenetic activity, coupled with ingenuity, industry and innovation.

Especially for the 2004 Olympics, the nation will be quickly galvanized, because the issue is related to national pride and to the international standing of Greece as a Cultural Superpower. After all, Greeks were the ones who invented tragedy and know pretty well how to avoid one.

In October of 1940, for instance, when everybody else in Europe was running for cover from the terror of the Axis powers, the Greeks responded to an ultimatum for surrender with a thunderous OXI! (Which means no). They mobilized and provided the allies with their first victory and also delayed for five precious weeks the Nazi attack against Russia, contributing to the Nazi defeat in the battle of Moscow. At the time, many people believed the Greeks were foolhardy. They were

**proven wrong.**

**Greece is a member of the European Union with a strong economy. It recently converted to the URO and is the envy of the Balkan and Eastern European Nations. Prime Minister Costas Simitis, a University Professor and a technocrat par excellence, is supported by a cluster of energetic ministers and by a strong Olympic Games Committee, with Yianna Angelopoulos at the helm.**

**Soon the country will be on a war footing for the Olympics, calling in the cavalry, in the form of thousands of multilingual volunteers from the 7-million strong Greek diaspora.**

**Look for an armada of luxury cruise ships to be anchored at the gorgeous Saronikos seaside, as floating hotels and restaurants.**

**Not only will all construction of roads and the multiple venues be complete on time for 2004, but, thinking ahead, the Greeks are also committed to ensuring the safe and smooth traffic flow for the millions of spectators, athletes and others who will take part in the games.**

**Working closely with the Greek transportation minister, a task force of experts from California will visit Greece in February to begin an evaluation of traffic safety.**

**I can assure Drozdiak that the Greeks do have it together and that the 2004 Olympics will be a magnificent spectacle to behold at the most famous location ever: their place of birth.**

**-Michael C. Geokas**

**The writer is president of the task force for traffic safety in Greece.**

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**2). Moreover, an Editorial in the New York Times in August 31, 2004 was entitled: OLYMPIC DISASTERS ARE NO SHOWS and started as follows: Hats off to Greece for running a Summer Olympics that defied all the dire predictions. and Ann Killion a reporter of San Jose Mercury News wrote from Athens: “The Greeks**



**could sue for defamation of character. They could demand an apology from the world. Instead they just shrug and order another frappe. Their Olympics are going beautifully, just like they expected. After all they invented these business”.**

**E) Rebuttal of inaccurate reporting in the Press.**

**At another level, a large number of letters have been written from time to time, as a response to anti-Hellenic articles in the Press in the US, and to Books and Book Chapters published mainly in Europe and even to articles in the Greek Press, which showed a lack of understanding of key issues of concern to Hellenism or they were plain wrong.**

**A classic case was the baseless accusation against Archbishop Christodoulos of Greece who was supposedly imitating the methods of the Junta when sponsoring a successful proneitalist program in Thrace, a province in Northern Greece.**

**Our response which is available in the Website, presented incontrovertible evidence that the said program was based on the Proposal of this writer produced in 1996 and made available to the Archbishop twice: in 1996 when his Eminence was only a Metropolitan and for a second time upon his election as Archbishop. (See article).**

## **F) The Cyprus Issue and the Opposition to the Anan Plan**

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**In cooperation with the Pan-Cypriot Society of Northern California, the Pancretan, the Pan-Arcadian, and Pan-Macedonian Associations and the Federation of Northern California, we prepared strong letters of protest against the Anan Plan which were send to:  
The Secretary General of the UN, to Secretary Colin Powell and to President Bush.**

**About 8,000 such letters were mailed to people in the United States, in prepared separate envelopes, urging them to dispatch the to the three recipients by FAX.**

**G) Violations of Aegean Airspace by the Turkish Air force.**

**A comprehensive Letter was send to President Bush concerning the persistent Aegean Airspace violations by the Turkish Air force, even during the week preceding the Olympic Games 2004, and during the day that the agreement for the ten (10) new members**

**was signed in Athens due to the Greece's Presidency of the EU!**

**Our studies have shown that from 1998 to May 26, 2003 the Greek Air force activity necessary to chase away the offending Turkish Aircraft has costed the Greek Taxpayer about \$1,3 billion.**

**This amount of money could have been better spending for improvement of Schools and other elements of the infrastructure. Work is now in progress for collecting new data about the cost of these continuing violations from May 2003 to the present. We intend to renew our vigorous protest to these violations at the level of both the EU, and the US Congress and our Administration.**

**We consider the integrity of the Aegean boundaries as a vital issue for World Hellenism and we intend to pursue this issue with tenacity and vigor.**

**We consider this a gross Human Rights Violation for the inhabitants of the Aegean Islands and we intend to pursue this issue through the appropriate channels as well.**

**H) The retraining members of the GCG within Facilities of the USCG.**

**We have contributed to advanced training of Officers of the Greek Coast Guard (GCG) at training facilities of the US Coast Guard, by carefully editing a special Memorandum provided to the American Embassy in Greece by the Ministry of Greek Merchant Marine (February 23,2005). Such training of GCG Officers is now in progress. This advanced training of GCG Officers in the US, is of great significance for the Republic of Greece due to the need for effectively combating illegal immigration, terrorist infiltration and Drug and Human Trafficking across the Aegean and Ionian seas, especially in view of the fact that Greece has 166 Inhabited Islands. This is the entry point to the EU from the troublesome Middle East and also North Africa.**

## **I) The Problem with FYROM.**

**1. A detailed research essay was published through the Internet and elsewhere in response to the recent unjustified recognition by the US of F.Y.R.O.M as “Republic of Macedonia”. This issue has created pandemonium in Greek-America, in the Republic of Greece and the rest of Hellenism around the world.**

**Our rebuttal and suggested course of action entitled,” Causes of the Fiasco of Greek Diplomacy on F.Y.R.O.M” has been published by Hellenic News of America in Philadelphia, The Greek-Canadian Tribune-BHMA, The National Herald (NY) and in Greece by the Newspaper PARON and has been selectively send to members of the Greek Parliament and Euro Parliament and others, by the Pan-**

**Macedonian Association of America. (See it in this Website).**

**2. Furthermore, in cooperation with the Pan-Macedonian Association work continues for closely monitoring and counteracting as necessary the F.Y.R.O.M. propaganda in the United States against Greece. For instance a recent Joint Resolution 52, in the Assembly and the Senate of California was made to be “dead in the water”, [after passing the Assembly unanimously) due to strong intervention of influential people in California.**

**j) A Strategy on behalf of the Church and the Republic of Greece for Effectively Dealing with Aggressive NGO’s both Local and Foreign.**

**1. Research work is in progress for developing a Strategic Plan, which will provide for effective handling of some unjustified accusations of Xenophobia, Racism and Anti-Semitism. These accusations have produced considerable imperceptible damage to the image of the Country and its Church.**

**They take the form of negative information disseminated at will through the Internet by various NGO’s, local as well as foreign. Such negative information did have a negative effect on the number of visitors to the 2004 Olympics and might have contributed to the low proceeds from the Games, which accounts at least partially for the over \$10 billion deficit for the Greek people.**

**2. This frequently arbitrary role of the NGO’S constitutes of course part of the ideological war now raging within the West. (See: Liberal Democracy vs. Transnational Progressivism: The Future of the**

**Ideological War Within the West. John Fonte, Orbis/ Summer 2002). This fascinating research project is now in progress.**

### **K) The Mentoring of Students.**

**1. This is considered to be a vital issue of great significance within our society. Work is in progress, for Mentoring of young Greek-American and other High School Seniors and College Students towards their optimal and dynamic Career Development and Upward Mobility, especially those who are ambitious and hard working. This is done on a one-to one basis with useful discussions and advises on the phone or via the Internet, for successful College and University Studies and for their optimal professional orientation and success.**

**2) The experience of this writer on career development has been extensive due to his special Educational, Motivational and Leadership Program that was active for 20 years (1970-1990) at two Veterans Administration Medical Centers, affiliated with UCLA and UC, Davis Schools of Medicine respectively.**

**That career development program was designed to assist members of Minority Groups and Women and was described twice in the Congressional Record first in 1976 and second time in 1983. The program was highly successful for students seeking admission to**

**Medical, Veterinary, Pharmacy, and allied Health Professional Schools and other professional disciplines.**

**This program has been described in the Annals of Internal Medicine Vol. 111, No 5, September 1, 1989, pp.433-436, and can be found in this Website.**

## **L) Additional Contributions.**

**1. There have been considerable research studies on various other topics of concern and the results are found in some of the 72 published essays (shown as an attachment to the Curriculum Vitae of this writer). These essays have appeared in the Press in the US, Canada, Athens and Australia. Moreover, some but not all of these research essays are recorded in our WEB page:**

**[WWW.DEMOKRITOS.ORG](http://WWW.DEMOKRITOS.ORG)**

**2. Additional accomplishments since August 2005 when the present Board of Directors was appointed for six years tenure:**

**a) Recruiting of several prominent and accomplished individuals such as:Demetrios Demetriades,M.D.,Ph.D. Director Trauma Center at USC; Kyriakos Nicolaou,Ph.D. at Scripps Research Institute and UC,San Diego has two Endowed Chairs and is on the list for the Nobel Prize for discovering TAXOL-TM the most potent anti-cancer drug**

**against breast Cancer in Women; Ruth Love,Ph.D. in Education a Company President and representative to the African Union(53 countries); and Bill Haloulakos,M.Sc., a NASA Scientist for many years.**

**b) The successful listing of the Demokritos Society of America as Think Tank for Public Policy and Population development in the World Directory of Think Tanks maintained by NIRA(National Institute for Research Advancement) of Tokyo Japan.**

**c) The Monitoring of significant events in the Republic of Greece that include:**

**d)Home land security in the Aegean which is deemed relevant to EU and to US security.**

**e)The activities of several NGO's in Greece due to their effect on Greek foreign policy especially towards the United States.**

**f) Research and publication in the Press and Online in Kathimerini the noted daily in Athens and of course in our Website of an extraordinary Research Essay entitled:**

**‘Needed An Ultramodern Peter the Great for Greece’, published also in Philadelphia, Montreal, and in London. (Available in our Website).**



**g) Monitoring the relevant activities of various Think Tanks in Washington DC and legislative events in US Congress by a member of the Board Mr. Alex Aliferis who is employed at the American Hellenic Institute.**

**h) There is a great deal of constant E-Mail correspondence, research commentary and exchange of views among the members of the Think Tank and other knowledgeable individuals from the US, Canada and overseas.**

**i) The Mentoring of High School and College Students for admission to Medical and other Health Science Schools continues. Mentoring also includes even Medical Students assisting them at the various stages of their studies.**

**j) The Revision, redesign and enrichment of our Website have been a spectacular success all around.**

**k) Recently a monthly Press Release has been initiated concerning important events of interest to the members of the Think Tank. The first Press Release follows:**

**3-25-2008, P R E S S R E L E A S E**

**DEMOKRITOS SOCIETY OF AMERICA THINK TANK**

**The seventeen million Greek origin people in the US and around the World, celebrate again this year the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1821, that fateful day of the revolution that gave birth to the modern Greek Nation and much later to the development of the Greek American Community. Thus, our Community in effect is the historical consequence of that revolution. And this is why celebrations and parades take place in Greece, the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia. The 25h of March symbolizes the resurrection of the Greek Nation from the dead, after almost 400 years of slavery and servitude. This is the day that the entire countryside in Greece revolted with the cry “Freedom or Death” and everything burst into flames.**

**For seven years men and women fought against their tormentors with determination on land and at sea, to write the History of their new Nation, with fire, blood and acts of profound heroism. Heroes in 1821 were the men, women, clergy, armatoli and kleftes, sailors, intelligentsia and a multitude of Phil Hellenes. It was not by chance, that the revolution was planned, financed and promoted by the famous Secret Society of Friends (Filiki Eteria) created by the Diaspora Greeks.**

**Finally, the 25<sup>th</sup> of March celebrations this year should be a source of renewed dedication for people of Hellenic origin around the World and especially the Greek-Americans and Greek-Canadians. Our strong message to friend and antagonist of Hellenism alike, is this: not even a stone, not a rock or rocky uninhabited little Island in Greece’s perimeter, are negotiable now, or in the future. And this**

**is the way it is, and this is the special meaning, of the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, of 2008**

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**l) The development of a Blog will be pursued as suggested by the Webmaster in order to reach more people in a dynamic manner.**

**m) Finally, a one day Conference was proposed On Traffic Safety at the War Museum in Athens for the fall of 2008 or Spring of 2009. (Ret) Captain Charles Kidder of the CHP emphasized that at the scene of the accident in Greece there is no gathering of Forensic Evidence and urged that this should be discussed in the said Conference.**

**IN SUMMARY: We believe that a great deal has been accomplished by our group. We have professionally revised our Website (By Silicon Connections LLC of Moraga CA) and we intend to proceed with both the recruiting of**

**additional distinguished members and with fund raising.**

**We believe that our Think-Tank is unique, as an independent non-profit Organization of University Professors, Researchers, Professionals, Executives and Graduate Students. It is now listed in the International Directory by NIRA (National Institute for Research Advancement) of Tokyo Japan, as a Think Tank for Public Policy and Population Development.**

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