

Anagennisi

Ending and Beginning Together

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Christos Mais, in his study '*The Marxist-leninist publishing field during the 660s-70s in Greece*', reproduces from the first issue, this short article that provides a summary of what the paper stood for as well as the reasons that led to this publication.*** Mais' (edited) commentary follows the article.

Publishing *Anagennisi* is not a result of a sudden inspiration. It is the natural ending, of a hard ideological struggle of the Left that had been taking place for many years. For a long time it has become consciousness of the vast mass of militants and followers of the Left in our country, the need to attain a public stand to promote and popularize a series of great issues of authority that have to do with the orientation of the movement, the intensity and [political] direction of the struggles of the Greek people in order for the country to get rid of the suffocating embrace of foreign imperialism, for peace and national independence, democracy and social advancement against opportunism and the policy of submission.

Anagennisi makes its appearance in very difficult and complicated circumstances. And it will have to face every kind of additional obstacles and difficulties... But *Anagennisi* will be the true voice of truth. And the truth doesn't count these difficulties nor does it wear down by them. The enemies of truth, the disseminators of lies and defamation will lay themselves out to strike *Anagennisi*. But their best strike is too weak. There is no doubt that *Anagennisi* shall find warm popularity among the vast mass of the Left's militants and the Greek people. And it will meet their most energetic support. All of those who really love the people and the truth, all of those who fought with passion and faith and persist until today to fight the big, hard but beautiful struggle for people's liberation, will find in *Anagennisi* their voice, their own concerns, their own hopes and expectations. And will stand by its side for sure. Dissolving the darkness that imperialism wants to preserve, breaking all barriers and obstacles, *Anagennisi* will move forward opening the way for the real renaissance of the left movement and of Greece.

Anagennisi [Renaissance] was a monthly periodical that, together with *Istorikes Ekdoseis* [Historical Editions] the first Greek ml publishing house, had been the political expression of the first Greek Marxist-Leninist group. The first two paragraphs summarize in a coded way the struggle between Marxists-Leninists and revisionists. The group of people around *Istorikes Ekdoseis* and *Anagennisi*, got to know each other in this struggle and decided to do something. This was to establish Marxist-Leninist publications as a first step. The third

paragraph makes a political stand by sketching the main political principles of *Anagennisi* and preparing its members and followers for the slander and war they were going to face from EDA – Eniaia Dimokratiki Aristera - established in 1951 to operate in Greece, in reality the legal political expression of the outlawed KKE.

The first issue of *Anagennisi* [Renaissance] went out in October 1964 and 29 issues were published in total. *Anagennisi* initiated the struggle against revisionist EDA and other smaller political groups. *Anagennisi* and *Istorikes Ekdoseis* suspended their publications in 1967 due to the Junta since the people working on them were either arrested or exiled or went underground and some left the country. *Istorikes Ekdoseis* restarted activities in 1974 and until 1976 it was the publishing house of OMLE (*Organization of Marxists-Leninists of Greece*) and from 1976 until 1981 of the *Communist Party of Greece (marxist-leninist)*.