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CREATION OF A PROVISIONAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN FREE GREECE

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The »Elefteri Ellad« (»Free Greece«) Agency, reports that on December 23, 1947 a Provisional Democratic Government of Free Greece, was formed on the liberated territory. The government is composed of: General Markos (Chairman and War Minister); Janis Ioanid's (Deputy Chairman and Minister of the Interior); Petros Roussos (Minister of Foreign Affairs); Miltiadis Porphirogenis (Minister of Justice); Petros Kokalis (Minister of Public Health and Welfare, and acting Minister of Public Education); Vasilis Bardzotas (Minister of Finance); Dimitris Vlantas (Minister of Agriculture); Leonidas Stringos (Minister of National Economy and acting Minister of Supplies).

A General Board for the Affairs of the. National Minorities has been set up under the Chairman of the Council of Ministers.

The constituent act outlines the aims of the Provisional Democratic government as follows:

1. continuation of the people's struggle for the liberation of Greece from the yoke of the foreign imperialists, for the' restoration of national independence, for the consolidation of the democratic liberties and freedom of the Greek people;

2. administration of the country on democratic principles and satisfaction of the immediate needs of the people in the free areas and those in process of liberation;

3. reconciliation and consolidation of the unity of the Greek people;

4. establishment of friendly relations with all democratic peoples.

The government undertakes to convene a People's National Assembly as soon as conditions permit.

At its first session the Provisional Democratic Government of Free Greece resolved to address an appeal to the Greek people, and to send its representatives abroad to establish contact with the democratic peoples and their governments.