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Content

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COMRADES and FELLOW SUPPORTERS,

On the 22nd of May, the people of Limassol will go to the polls to elect their new Municipal Council. But before the workers, and generally the laborers and oppressed cast their vote in them, we have to take into consideration that those to whom we will assign to manage the economic and financial concerns of the Municipality, will be none other than the executioners and practical enforcers of the proposals of the foreign Government dominating our land, for as long as the anti-democratic legal provisions which concentrate all executive powers in the hands of the Commander of each province, remain valid.

This should become known to all those that falsely believe that the Municipal elections are a democratic right, through which the people will be able to solve their municipal problems.

Our Party is entering these elections because it has the obligation to explain to the masses the political significance of the elections; and reveal the reasons that have pushed the Government to replace the appointing; with the electoral system in Cyprus. The reasons that have pushed the Government towards this action are not the ones that many believe, but rather to blind the masses and mainly to throw the working class into sterile and barren and harmless struggles. In struggles that

homeless, the access of water and electricity for lighting to the poor, for the free total education, both higher and elementary, of the poor, for the creation of a first-aid station and of a Municipal Hospital, wherever does not exist today, that would correspond to the contemporary needs of the population, with free treatment for all workers.

COMRADES and FELLOW SUPPORTERS,

Not all problems of the working class can be resolved with the enforcement of this program. For only when the workers overthrow with their firsts the current social system in order to build Socialism in our country, they will be rid of oppression and exploitation, poverty and unemployment.

But militant struggles are needed for the prevalence of Socialism, class struggles, struggles that are uncompromising, with the proletariat leading all of the oppressed.

This road is long and difficult.

The proletarians, however, have nothing to lose apart from their chains.

And they will win a whole world.

Our Municipal Councilor candidate,

PAVLOS MODINOS

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