

## REPORT

ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ACADEMY DURING 1977 \*

BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

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The cycle of the 51<sup>st</sup> year of the Academy of Athens' life has closed. The proceedings of the past fifty years of the Academy's life are set out in two volumes, due to appear these days. Today, we are called upon to report what took place in the Academy in the course of the year ended. First, I shall enumerate the new full members elected during that year. In the 1<sup>st</sup> class, the *Class of Exact Sciences*, Mr. **George Merikas** was elected a full member. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> class, the *Class of Letters and Fine Arts*, the new full members were Messrs. **Athanassios Petsalis-Diomedes**, **Solon Kydoniatis** and **Pantelis Prevelakis**. To all of these, the Academy wishes that they may accomplish fruitful works during their term in its house.

Mr. **Angel Tonchev Balevski**, President of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, was elected foreign fellow in the *Class of Exact Sciences*. In the *Class of Letters and Fine Arts*, two fellows were elected: Mr. **Werner Peek**, professor at the University of Halle, and Mr. **Vladimir Georgiev**, Vice President of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Lastly, the following were elected corresponding members in the *Class of Letters and Fine Arts*: (a) Mr. **Agostino Pertusi**, full professor of Ancient Greek and Byzantine Literature, and (b) Mr. **Nicholas Kranidiotis**, Cyprus' ambassador in Greece; also in the *Class of Moral and Political Sciences*: (a) Mr. **Jean Carbonnier**, professor at the Law School of Paris University, (b) Mr. **Klaus Oehler**, professor of philosophy at the University of Hamburg, and (c) Mr. **George Balandier**, professor of sociology at the Sorbonne.

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\* Read at the ceremonial meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> December, 1977.

Two select members, both of the *Class of Letters and Fine Arts*, are absent from the Academy's family tonight: **Petros Petrides** and **Errikos Skassis**.

**Petros Petrides** was an excellent and original musician. His originality is internationally acknowledged. Deeply familiar with the music of the West, particularly Bach, he demonstrated with his works, especially his Oratorio of St. Paul, that the roots of his art reach deep into Greek history, where the springs of his creation lie. Austere and dense as a character, Petrides caressed at all moments of his life with his musical art and the tenderness of his soul the lost motherland: Asia Minor.

**Errikos Skassis** taught the Latin letters for long years at the Philosophical School of Athens, distinguished himself by his critical studies in Latin, soon became known to his Western confreres and sealed his scholarly life with the publication of the Latin Grammar, which I had the honor to present to the Academy's Plenary Session last June, in the presence of the late author.

From the circle of the Academy's corresponding members, left this world during the year ended: **Karolos Alexandrides**, emeritus professor at the Thessalonike University, **Christos Avgerinos**, an excellent Greek physician who lived in Cairo, **Thrasymbulos Georgiades**, professor of musicology at the Munich University, **Quintino Cataudella**, professor of Greek literature at the University of Catania, and **Erik Wolf**, professor at the Law School, Freiburg University.

Twelve scientific papers were presented by full members of the Academy during the year ended, 36 by non-members. Also, ten talks were given and seven book presentations were made.

A major event in the history of the Academy of Athens is the Annual Meeting of the International Union of Academies, which was held last June in this Academy. It was attended by 56 representatives of academies from all over the world. The proceedings took place in

the Academy of Athens building and lasted one week. The Academy of Athens was represented by Messrs. **Dionysios Zakythinis**, **George Mylonas** and **John Theodorakopoulos**, Secretary General.

The Academy of Athens was represented at the International Physics Symposium, held in Calcutta, India, by the Academician Mr. **Kessar Alexopoulos**. The Secretary General represented the Academy at the international conference organized by the Royal Society in Helsinki, Finland on the program of European scientific exchanges.

The Academician Mr. **Panayotis Kanellopoulos**, invited by the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, went to Sofia and gave a talk. Mr. Kanellopoulos also went to London at the invitation of the Earl of Lutton and talked in the House of Lords. The Academician Mr. **Constantine Trypanis** went to Poland, where he gave a talk on ancient tragedy.

The Academician Mr. **Gregory Kassimatis** represented the Academy at the funeral of the Archbishop of Cyprus and Ethnarch Makarios. Lastly, by order of the Senate, the Secretary General went to Candia and deposited a laurel wreath on the grave of Nikos Kazantzakis. The functions on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kazantzakis' death were attended by the Academicians Mr. **Nicholas Louros** and Mr. **Pantelis Prevelakis**, who made a speech on Nikos Kazantzakis' whole work.

The following talks were given during the year ended at special Plenary Sessions of the Academy: (a) by the Academician Mr. **Mene-laos Pallantios** on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Beethoven's death, and (by) by Mr. **Hart**, Vice President of the British Academy on *Utilitarianism and Human Rights*. Mr. Hart's talk was part of the program of cultural exchanges, introduced in the past by the Academy of Athens and the British Academy.

Moreover, at the ordinary ceremonial meetings of the Academy, the President Mr. **Petros Haris** talked on the anniversary of the

25<sup>th</sup> March, while Mr. **Athanassios Petsalis - Diomidis** talked on the anniversary of the 28<sup>th</sup> October.

Lastly, Mr. **Efstathios Bourodimos**, corresponding member of the Academy, talked on *The Necessary Sanitary and Ecological Planning in Greek Space* and analyzed important aspects of environmental protection.

The following distinctions were given to full members of the Academy of Athens, during the year ended :

1. The Academician Mr. **Leonidas Zervas** was made foreign fellow of the *Moscow Academy of Sciences* on the occasion of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of that Academy. Mr. Zervas was one of 17 scholars and scientists of Europe and America who received such distinction.

2. The Academician Mr. **George Maridakis** was made honorary member of the *International Law Institute* at its meeting in Oslo, Norway.

3. The Academician Mr. **Nicholas Louros** received the Grand Cross of Merit of the *Federal Republic of Germany*.

Upon motion of the Academy's Secretary General, the Senate decided to adopt ten (10) secondary schools in borderland areas, i. e., two (2) in Epirus, two (2) in Western Macedonia, two (2) in Central Macedonia, two (2) in Eastern Macedonia, and two (2) in Thrace. The Academy will supply those schools with all its publications, will visit them through its representatives and will extend all possible aid.

Moved by the same spirit, the Academy purchased 500 complete sets of the 12-volume work of the late Academician **Dionysios Kokkinos**, «The Greek Revolution», and sent them to elementary and secondary schools in the country's borderland areas. The great number of replies received heretofore testifies to the enthusiasm with which the Academy's action met.

In the area of scientific research, two new centers were added in

the year under review by law: The Center for Research on Atmosphere Physics and Climatology and the Antiquity Research Center.

The Academy's publishing work during the year ended is detailed as follows:

Volume XXXIX of the treatises, comprising *The Mycenaean Religion*, a work by the Academician Mr. **G. Mylonas**, was published. Volume XL of the treatises, comprising two studies by the Academician Mr. **Pericles Theocharis**, was also published. The printing of volume XXXVIII, comprising *On the Spirit: A Pseudepigraphal Work of Aristotle*, by Prof. **Haris Tool**, delayed for technical reasons, is nearing completion. The volume of 1977 Acta is similarly about to be completed. From among the self-contained publications of the Academy, I shall mention here the volume of *Biographies of Deceased Academicians of the Fifty Years, i.e., 1926-1976*. The volume contains photographs, biographies and lists of works of 104 Academicians, which is to say that it contains the Greek intellectual life of one hundred years. I shall also mention the volume of *The Academy's Acta in the Past Fifty Years*.

The Academy-sponsored Costas and Helen Ouranis Foundation published this year the first volume of **Helen Ourani's Theater Critiques**, which embraces the theatrical life of this country in the years 1927 - 1933. Two more volumes in the same line are at press. Ourani's theater reviews represent a valuable contribution to this country's theatrical education and cover half a century. Also under preparation are two *Ouranis Foundation* volumes, which will include panegyrics delivered at the Academy of Athens by literary people and other Academicians. Lastly, Volume V of *Alexander Mavrocordatos' Historical Archive*, edited by Prof. **Protopsaltis**, is at press.

I shall finally mention the commemorative volume *Dedication to Anastasios Orlandos*, now in the press. The printing of **G. Hadzidakis' Linguistic Research**, of 1,000 pages, has been completed.

The Center for Research on the History of Greek Law printed Volume XXII of the Center's Annuary, with studies concerning Byzantine and post-Byzantine law.

An important publication by the Greek Philosophy Center in the year reviewed was *The Revival of Greek Thinking: 1620-1830* by Mr. **G. P. Henderson**, a British professor. This work was translated at the suggestion of the Academy's Secretary General. The translation was made by Mr. **F. C. Voros**.

The Center for Greek Folklore Research printed Volume XXIV of the Center's Annuary.

The Center for Astronomy and Applied Mathematics Research published eleven original scientific works by Mr. **M. Xanthakis** Academician and superintendent of the Center, Mr. **C. Makris**, director, and other scientists. These works were published in the Acta of the Academy of Athens, the Acta of the French Academy and foreign scientific periodicals.

As I said on several previous occasions, the Academy occupies a prominent place in the Greek people's soul. This is evidenced each year by the bequests and donations made to it. Thus, in the year under review, **Panayotis Tselepis** willed to the Academy two real properties, from the proceeds of sale whereof a prize will be thrown open to competition among Greek sculptors up to 45 years old. The subject of the competition will be an imposing monument dedicated to the unknown poets and craftsmen who created our demotic songs and folk arts.

**Theodore Sypsomos** willed to the Academy a real property situated in Athens and other assets, income from which will be used by the Academy for an award to the best lyrical poet each year.

**Alexander Loverdos** willed to the Academy an apartment, a number of securities and cash. The testator's intent is the creation of a permanent fund for grant of scholarships to Greek post-graduate

students in Greece or abroad, preferably at Harvard University, U.S.A.

The late Academician **Errikos Skassis** donated a large number of volumes of his personal library for the enrichment of the libraries of the Academy of Athens and of the Center for Publication of Greek Writers' Works.

The Academician Mr. **Panayotis Zepos** donated to the Center for Research on the History of Greek Law 2,000 volumes of his personal library.

Lastly, the President of the Greek Republic M. **Constantine Tsatsos** donated to the Academy the manuscript chronicles of the Orthodox Communities of Ethiopia. The manuscript, dating back to 1858, was offered to the President of the Republic by Msgr. Methodios, Metropolitan of Aksum.

The following awards were established by the Academy in the year ended :

1. The Academician Mr. **Elias Mariolopoulos** set up a prize of Dr. 50,000 for a treatise on the Turkish cruelties, barbarisms and violations of human rights at the expense of Greeks, Armenians, Kurds, Hebrews and other nationalities, which found themselves under the Turkish yoke in the Balkan Peninsula, Constantinople, Asia Minor, Cyprus and elsewhere. Translated into English and printed through the sponsor's care, the treatise will be distributed free of charge to international organizations, scholarly and scientific associations and societies and the foreign press for the information of international public opinion.

2. The **Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Athens** set up a Dr. 200,000 prize for the writing of an economic history of Athens, from the Greek Revolution to this day.

3. Mrs. **Helle Vassiliou - Malamou**, Mr. **Spyros Malamos**, and Mrs. **Lina Tsaldari**, who have set up a fixed prize named *Basil Malamos Prize*, to be awarded for a study published in Greece, of a research

character in the field of nuclear medicine, paid the sum of Dr. 100,000 to fund the prize for 1977.

4. The **Journalists Union** increased from Dr. 50,000 to Dr. 100,000 the prize it has set up for the writing of a study on the *History of the Cretan Revolution of the Years 1866-1869*.

Apart from the prizes to be awarded tonight by the Academy, the Academy-sponsored *Costas and Helen Ouranis Foundation* displayed a significant activity this year in other fields too, relating to the spread of modern Greek literature in Greece and abroad. This activity mainly consists in aids to Centers for modern Greek studies abroad and the financing of translations of modern Greek literature into foreign languages. Thus, the Ouranis Foundation made grants of a total Dr. 2,200,000 to the British Birmingham University, the Toronto and McGill universities in Canada, and Columbia University, U.S.A. with the aim of furthering modern Greek studies at these institutions.

The *Ouranis Foundation* also made the following grants:

1. Dr. 400,000 to Mr. **D. Georgakas**, professor at the University of North Dakota, U.S.A., for continuation of the preparation of an English-Greek dictionary.

2. Dr. 300,000 to Mrs. **Isadora Rosenthal-Kamarinea**, professor of modern Greek literature at the University of Rochun, Germany, for publication of a dictionary of modern Greek literature.

3. Dr. 400,000 to Prof. **E. Kriaras** for continuation of the preparation and publication of a dictionary of Medieval Greek Demotic Literature.

4. Dr. 200,000 to the **Society of Greek Playwrights** as an aid to the theatrical museum it has founded.

5. Dr. 100,000 to Mr. **Kimon Freier** for his translating work in the area of modern Greek literature.

The *Ouranis Foundation* also spent Dr. 500,000 on translations of an anthology of modern Greek short stories into English and Ger-



man and Dr. 160,000 as an aid for publication of a translation of Myrivilis' *Life in the Grave* in U. S. A.

Accessions to the Academy's Central Library during the year ended amounted to 2,316 books and periodicals, while accessions to the Centers' libraries numbered 3,508 books and periodicals.

The movement of Academy publications during the year was as follows : 616 volumes sold in Greece, 92 sold abroad, 883 distributed gratis and exchanged with institutions and libraries at home and abroad.

Upon motion of the *Class of Exact Sciences* and by resolution of the Plenary Session, the following honorary distinctions were made:

1. A citation to Mr. **George Kaltsas** for his book titled *Meat: Its Products and By-products*. The work, written with clarity, is a scientific epitome of basic knowledge of meat manufacturing, marketing and consumption technology. The author's conclusions are a contribution to Greek stock farming and national economy.

2. A prize to **Panayotis** and **Anthoula Moskhakis**, founders of the Moskhateion International Museum of Shells. In the course of their travels throughout the world, Mr. and Mrs. Moskhakis collected thousands of shells, now exhibited at the museum at Moskhaton, scientifically classified.

3. The *G. T. Photeinos* Prize, accompanied by a cash award of Dr. 50,000, is presented to Messrs. **Michael Loukas**, **Costas Crimbas**, **Eleftheria Diamantopoulou - Panopoulou** and **Ioanna Vergini - Fountatou**, who submitted an unpublished treatise, where they set forth an original experimental and theoretical study in the field of genetics.

4. The *John Kamvysseis* Prize, with a cash award of Dr. 50,000, is presented to Mr. **George Houtzaos** for his unpublished work on the *Petrified Forest in the Area of Antissa, Lesbos*.

5. The *Emmanuel Benakis* Prize, accompanied by a cash award of Dr. 50,000, for works in the field of fertilizers, is presented to (a) Messrs. **Basil Papanastassis** and **Sotirios Alexandris** for their jointly submitted study, and (b) Mr. **Sotirios Alexandris** for his study. Both works are of particular interest from the standpoints of fertilizers and national economy.

6. The *Basil Malamos* Prize, with a cash award of Dr. 100,000, is presented to Messrs. **John Papadimitriou**, **Alexios Photopoulos**, **Efstratios Hiotelis** and **Constantine Koutoulidis** for their work titled *The Morphologic and Functional Study of Extrahepatic Cholephores by a New Radiomedicine of Own Composition*. The new radiomedicine aspires to supplant radiomedicines applied thus far with adverse radio-physical effects and give a solution to difficult diagnostic problems of the hepatocholic system.

Upon motion of the *Class of Letters and Fine Arts* and by resolution of the Plenary Session, the following awards were made:

1. A citation to Mr. **Zissis Economou** for his collection titled *Serene Silence*.

2. A citation to Mr. **Elias Fertis** for his book titled *Talks With Irinela*.

3. A citation with a financial aid of Dr. 50,000 to Mr. **George Dorizas**, teacher. Mr. Dorizas, who served conscientiously and disinterestedly for long years, was not content with his teacher's vocation but engaged in the collection and study of historical, folklore, archaeological and linguistic material of Tinos Island.

4. A prize to Mr. **Takis Varvitsiotis** for his book *The Humble Praise to the Virgin Mary*.

5. A prize to Mr. **Anthony Decavalle** for his verse collection *Joints, Ships, Ransom*. The collection contains poems of sage poetical art.

6. A prize to Mr. **Stathis Anastasiadis** for his work *The Teaching of the Homeric Epics With the Aid of Demotic Songs and Modern Greek Tradition*. The author discusses his subject in a detailed and convincing manner. Homeric characters are paralleled with characters of demotic poetry.

7. A prize to Mr. **Nicholas Athanassiadis** for his two-volume work *Tempest and Calm*. This novel describes the psychology of people who lived the great war.

8. A prize to Mr. **Dionyssios Messinezis - Metaxas** on completion of 30 years of research, historical and social work. He was instrumental in the founding of a Local Historical Archive of Aegion through donation to the State of the archive of his great-grandfather Leo Messinezis.

9. A prize to Mr. **Gerassimos Grigoris** for his editing of the album titled *Valaoritis: Armatole of the Lyre*, published by the Lefkadic Studies Society. The album presents the poet's physiognomy in all its aspects.

10. A prize to Mr. **George Hourmouziadis** for his work *Poetic Anthology of Latin America*, which includes works by poets from the 20 South American republics.

11. A prize to the Thessalonike-based Macedonian **Artistic Society «Art»** on completion of 25 years of a remarkable cultural activity.

12. A prize with a cash award of Dr. 150,000 to the composer Mr. **Solon Michaelidis** for his book *The Music of Ancient Greece: An Encyclopaedia*, published in English. The author gives a picture of the music of ancient Greeks and projects it to the international public.

13. The *Spyros Motsenigos* Prize, with a cash award of Dr. 30,000, set up by Mrs. **Litsa Pappa - Motsenigou** for an excelling Greek musical performer of the younger generation is presented to Mrs. **Dora Bakopoulou**, a talented and sensitive artist.

14. The *Dionyssios Kokkinos* Prize, with a cash award of Dr. 60,000, is presented to Mr. **Evangelos Kofos** for his book *Greece and the Eastern Crisis: 1875-1878*. The author mainly deals with the years 1875-1878, a most critical period in the history of Eastern Europe.

Upon motion of the *Costas and Helen Ouranis Special Committee*, the following prizes are awarded:

1. The prize proclaimed by the Foundation for a work of narrative prose, with a cash award of Dr. 150,000, to Mr. **Basil Moskovis** for his novel *Peraias*. The author depicts life in the city of Piraeus in prewar years. His work is a true picture of life.

2. The prize proclaimed for an essay or critical study, accompanied by an award of Dr. 150,000, to Mr. **T. Frangopoulos** for his book *Daily Sections*. The author treats of various quite bold topics and endeavors to inform his readers of foreign cultural trends, which he also interprets with a mixed critical thought and a personal tone.

Upon motion of the *Class of Moral and Political Sciences* and by resolution of the Plenary Session, the following honorary distinctions are made:

1. A citation to the collective work *Kanalia of Karditsa*, published at the expense of the **Association of Kanaliotes at Volos**. The volume comprises the history of the foundation of the Kanaliotes' Commune, based on sources and tradition. It also includes toponyms, the main milestones in national life, the economic, cultural and social life of Kanaliotes.

2. A prize to the collective work *Athenagoras I: The Epirote Oecumenical Patriarch*, published by the **Epirote Studies Society**, edited by Prof. **J. Anastassiou**. The work comprises 21 studies relating to Athenagoras' work and personality.

3. A citation to Mr. **Anthony Argyropoulos**, publisher and editor of the agricultural newspaper *Village*. Mr. Argyropoulos has

been publishing studies of agricultural interest for 25 years and contributed to the farmers' cooperative organization and an elevation of the institution of local government.

4. A citation to the physician **Mr. Athanassios Aslanis** for his humanitarian activities. Dr. Aslanis practised medicine for 40 years in the area of Kavala with unselfishness, self-sacrifice and abnegation. During the Occupation, he offered invaluable services to the inhabitants of Pangaeon, constantly risking his life, and earned the affection and respect of all inhabitants of the area.

5. A citation to Mr. **Stefanos Ioannidis** for his multifaceted cultural activities. Mr. Ioannides wrote and published novels, collections of short stories and poems, historical monographs as well as translations. He is one of the founders of the Home of Letters and Fine Arts at Xanthe.

6. A citation to Messrs. **Haralambos Topalidis, Panayotis Tsenekidis, Andreas Pantelidis** and **Haralambos Raphaelidis** for construction of a High School at the Alonia Commune, Katerine.

7. A citation with a financial aid of Dr. 15,000 to three orphans residing at the St. Demetrius Children's Town, Thessalonike. Their names are: **Nicholas Sakellaridis**, aged 14, **Athanassios Kanakis**, 14, and **George Tsaliakoudas**, 12. The boys found a briefcase containing Dr. 1,500,000 and delivered it to the police authorities.

8. A prize to Mr. **Michael Houliarakis** for his three-volume work *Geographical, Administrative and Population Development of Greece*. Mr. Houliarakis' work is a contribution to toponyms and assists in the compilation of an Historical Dictionary.

9. A prize to Mrs. **Mary Joyce Loch**, nicknamed Mother of Ouranopolis. Mrs. Loch and her late husband offered great services to the inhabitants of the Ouranopolis Commune. She taught folk arts, especially carpetmaking, which contributed to the commune's economic, social and cultural advancement.

10. A prize to Mr. **Zacharias Vassilopoulos** and his wife **Panayota**, who offered the sum of Dr. 5,133,000 for construction of a modern school building at their native Smerna, Olympia.

11. A prize to the periodical *Nautical Review* on completion of 60 years of life. The periodical's material is of high quality. It was always edited by excellent Navy officers, by **Captain Simpsas** for the last 15 years.

12. A prize to the periodical *Peloponnessiaka*, published by the **Peloponnesian Studies Society**. The periodical is a contribution to the history of Peloponnesus.

13. A prize to the Athens-based **Epirote Society**. The society's activities span about half a century in the literate, cultural and national fields.

14. A prize to the **Hydriote Association**, based in Piraeus, for its multi faceted activities over nearly one hundred years. Particularly worthy of note is the association's contribution to the foundation and reconstruction of the building of the Historical Archive of Hydra. Its publications include the 16 volumes of the Archive of Hydra.

15. A prize to the association «**The Development**» **Reading Room** at Ayassos, Lesbos. Since its foundation in 1894 till 1912, when the island was under the Sultan's rule, the association was a font of national rebaptization and a hearth of artistic and cultural elevation. After the island's liberation, it continued its activities to the present day.

16. A posthumous prize to the Evros Nomarch **Constantine Pnevmatikos**, who died while performing his duties. He devoted his life to the service of the people and died from a heart attack due to overfatigue on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1977.

17. A posthumous prize to **Panayotis Kerdis**, who was drowned on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1977 while trying to rescue Constantine Kelessidis.

18. The *C. Kriezis* Prize for the best teachers who zealously, conscientiously and, above all, patriotically guide Greek youth, with a cash award of Dr. 150,000, to the teachers:

1. **George Megremis**, of the Aegina Primary School, presently of the 95<sup>th</sup> Primary School, Athens.
2. **Stavros Skandalis**, of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Primary School, Holargos.
3. **Chrysostomos Krimbas**, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Primary School, Athens, 2<sup>nd</sup> District.
4. **Spyros Kranas**, of the 74<sup>th</sup> Primary School, Athens, 3<sup>rd</sup> District.
5. **George Dimitrianakis**, of the Myrtos, Ierapetra Primary School.
6. **Aristides Bakaimis**, of the 4<sup>th</sup> Primary School, Kozane.
7. **Anargyros Svolopoulos**, of the 11<sup>th</sup> Primary School, Kalamata.
8. **George Forlidas**, of the Greek Primary School at Obentürkheim, W. Germany.
9. **Constantine Siabanopoulos**, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Primary School, Kozane.
10. **Demetrios Kolokythas**, of the 9<sup>th</sup> Primary School, Lamia.
11. **John Kloukinas**, of the Anemohorion, Olympia Primary School.
12. **John Papanayotou**, of the Palaehorion, Tymphristos Primary, School.
13. **Athanassios Tanis**, of the 10<sup>th</sup> Primary School, Serrai.
14. **Zissis Zissopoulos** (posthumously), of the Karavangelli, Kozane Primary School.
15. **Haridimos Dretakis**, of the Hora, Andros Primary School.

The cash award of Dr. 150,000 is equally allotted to the aforementioned teachers.

19. A Silver Medal to Mr. **Philippos Dragoumis** for his multifaceted cultural, national and social activities. For 58 years, he performed the duties of President of the Linguistic Society, the collections of which have been deposited with the Academy of Athens. As President of the Pangeios Estate, he supported historical and philological studies on Macedonia and Epirus. As President of the Association for a Dissemination of Greek Letters, as President of the Greek Geographical Society and as a member of the Board of Governors of the Archaeological Society, the Byzantine Studies Society, the Folklore Archive and the Center for Asia Minor Studies, Mr. Dragoumis rendered valuable services. Mr. Dragoumis also benefited the nation, for he played a leading part in all national struggles for Northern Epirus, the Dodecanese and Cyprus.

20. A Silver Medal to the **Panhellenic Holy Foundation of the Evangelistria of Tinos** for its national and cultural activities for over one hundred years. Since 1840, it initiated the scholarships institution, whereby it immensely contributed to the advancement of letters and the arts. Since the War of Independence to this day, the Foundation engages in the relief of paupers and refugees. Lastly, for many years now, it sponsors a prize awarded by the Academy of Athens.

21. A posthumous prize to **Hero Constantopoulou**, who, at the age of 17, was shot by the German occupation forces on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 1944. Hero faced her torturers with courage and national pride, both during her imprisonment and on the day of her execution. The Academy posthumously awards a prize to the heroine on the occasion of a book which her mother wrote about her. In the person of Hero Constantopoulou, the Academy of Athens posthumously honors all women who sacrificed themselves during that terrible period for Greek freedom.

The Academy regrets that, for formal reasons, it is unable to award a new honorary distinctions to persons and institutions already



honored by it in the past, which continue their activities for the benefit of the nation. I shall content myself with mentioning the excellent album *Zante*, published by Mr. **John Varvianis**. Mr. Varvianis, founder of the *Solomos and Eminent Zantiotes Museum*, has already been honored by the Academy with a Bronze Medal for his valuable services in rescuing works of art and other treasures from the devastation wrought by the 1953 earthquake.

I shall also mention the **Greek Red Cross**, which was honored in the past with a Gold Medal of the Academy and has now completed one hundred years since its foundation (10<sup>th</sup> June, 1877). This venerable institution, which rendered so many services to the motherland and the community, honors Greece on a world scale and enjoys high regard among Red Cross associations all over the world.

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