

LADY FLEMING - LATEST VICTIM OF GREEK JUNTA OPPRESSION

The arrest of LADY AMALIA FLEMING, Greek widow of the reknowned discoverer of penicillin Sir Alexander Fleming, and three other democrats is a new entry in the list of crimes committed by the Greek junta.

After four and a half years of martial law, police terror, and systematic torture, the terror continues. The spirit of freedom has not been crushed in Greece. On August 31, the American-backed junta arrested four persons for allegedly plotting to free the political prisoner Alecos Panagoulis.

Along with Lady Fleming, the head of the Fleming Institute in Athens, the junta arrested a young Greek CONSTANTINE ANDROUSTOPOULOS, a 26 year old American theology student JOHN SKELTON, and a Greek-American from Minneapolis, Minn. ATHINA PSICHOYIOU.

These four people are to be tried by an Athens military court. The junta will not permit them to see their lawyers until the signing of "confessions." The request of Lady Fleming's lawyer that she be transferred to a hospital for treatment of her severe diabetes has been denied. Senator Humphery's office announced a few days ago that the American ambassador in Athens has had no contact with the prisoners.

We do not know if they have been tortured. We do know from the statements of hundreds of political prisoners, from the experience of thousands and from the extensive documentation of the Human Rights Commission of the Council of Europe that the junta employs torture as an "administrative practice." The case of Fleming and her compatriots is being handled by the known torturer Theofilloyannakos of the Military Security Police.

We fear for their well-being.

Why does the junta employ systematic torture against its opponents? Because it knows that it cannot suppress the opposition of the Greek people without the sustained practice of violence.

Lady Fleming has testified as a defense witness in several political trials. Her opposition against the brutal methods of the junta is a matter of public record. Today she and her compatriots join the thousands who have been persecuted and imprisoned for their commitment to democracy.

But the Greek junta, agents of the American Pentagon, have failed in their oppression of Greece. Day by day the Greek people intensify their resistance efforts. THEIR WILL IS UNBROKEN IN THE ADVANCE TO THE FINAL LIBERATION OF GREECE FROM THE BONDS FORGED BY AMERICAN IMPERIALISM THROUGH THE AGENCY OF N.A.T.O.

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