

are debarred from all religious, scholastic, and literary freedom. Despite these and other innumerable barbarities the Macedonian people adhere steadfastly to their national origin. After it established the signal failure of the assimilative policy of Greece in Macedonia, the Dictatorship of General Metaxas, in its efforts to curb the alert national consciousness of the Macedono-Bulgarian, is resorting to additional, despicable methods of malignant oppressiveness. For the past year the Greek Rulers forbid our brother and sister Macedonians the use of their native tongue even in the sanctuary of their homes. Those who violate this inhuman decree and those who cannot fulfill this command (because of a lack of knowledge of the Greek language) are punished severely by the police officary with strict chastisements, heavy monetary penalties, exile to the islands, imprisonment, beatings, etc., etc. Shocking details of unspeakable miseries, to which the Macedono-Bulgarians under Greek rule are subjected, come to us from the various cities and villages in Macedonia under Greek domination.

In imparting the preceding atrocious facts, the Congress proposes the execution of an impartial plebiscite in the three sections of our divided Birthland, Macedonia, for a definite determination of the will of the Macedonian people.

The Macedonian immigrants in North America and Australia declare that they are ready to defray all expenses for the execution of an IMPARTIAL INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION, which is to determine justly and conscientiously the actual state of conditions in enslaved Macedonia. The Congress announces, that if necessary measures are not taken opportunely for the cessation of Jugoslavia's and Greece's policies of forced denationalization in our Fatherland, the Macedonian population in the Old Country will consider itself free to employ, in its struggle for national self-preservation, its one resort--armed strife. Such contention (least desired by the peace-loving Macedonian people, who yearn for a peaceful and just solution of the controversial international problems) may cause new and more terrible disturbances not only in the Balkans, but also in the whole of Europe.