

GREEK POST OFFICE PHILATELIC SERVICE ATHENS



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Communism upholds principles which run absolutely counter to those represented by the Hellenic-Christian Idea.

Whereas the Hellenic Idea strives to exalt the human personality to the highest possible degree, Communism, travelling in the opposite direction, attempts to reduce man, his will-power and his personality to the lowest possible human denomination.

That is the reason why Communism is so bitterly hostile to the Hellenic-Christian Idea and its

standard-bearer, the Greek State.

This stamp is issued on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the defeat of the Communist rebels on Mts. Grammos and Vitsi on 29th August, 1949.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

DESIGN: Symbolic representation of the National Armed Forces' Victorious conquest of Mt. Grammos which marked the end of the Communist rebellion.

Based on a photograph in the archives of Army Headquarters, the representation has been arranged by the painter P. Gravalos.

PRICE: 2.50 drachmae.—QUANTITY: 2,000,000 pieces.

SIZE: 31×43.5 mm. in sheets of 50 pieces each.

METHOD OF PRINTING: Multi-coloured Offset.

PRINTERS: "Aspioti - Elka" Graphic Arts, Ltd., Athens.

CIRCULATION: The stamps will be released on 31st August 1969 and will remain on sale until 31st August 1970, unless depleted earlier.

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RATE OF EXCHANGE: \$1 = 29.85 drachmas.

FIRST-DAY COVERS

The Philatelic Service will issue illustrated FDC's stamped with a special commemorative seal, on the first day of issue. Each FDC will have the face-value of the stamp, i.e. 2.50 drachmae.