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Conservatives in this election (ND lost 8.3% compared to the previous election). Left-wing SYRIZA received 4.6% and ended up with 13 MPs, a result possibly beyond their expectation as although they were down 0.5% from the last election, many were predicting a collapse in the polls and even failing to achieve the minimum of 3% to qualify for parliamentary representation after the crisis in the leadership of SYRIZA a few weeks before the election.

The Green party had a very good showing more than doubling their vote to 2.5% and although they have no MPs they established themselves as the 6th party in Greek politics with an increasing following.

The Symi Survey

A general-purpose survey will take place on Symi in the next few weeks aiming to capture the views and opinions of the island’s residents on a wide range of issues including tourism, road traffic, ferry services and accessibility, public works and improvements, illegal immigration, policing, the environment, the Symi Festival, and the Municipal elections.

The aim of the survey is to enable all on Symi, including decision makers responsible for policy, business owners, and all those with an interest in the island’s prosperity, to better understand the problems that exist (or are perceived to exist) and to record solutions that participants may wish to suggest.

All residents on Symi will have a chance of taking part in this scientifically-designed questionnaire-based survey, with a random and representative sample of Symi residents being interviewed at greater depth.

There will also be a “special questionnaire” about the upcoming Municipal elections which will be intended for those who will be eligible or registered to vote in a year’s time.

The survey will be directed by Christos Byron, a statistician specialising in quantitative survey design and statistical analysis who lives on Symi, serves on numerous governmental panels as an advisor and consultant, as well as lecturing at several universities in the United Kingdom.

The main sponsor of the survey is the Symi-based website SymiGreece.com with the collaboration of the Municipality of Symi and The News of Symi newspaper.

Due to a serious health problem that delayed the initial intended timetable, a separate survey targeted at tourists to Symi that was announced last June could not take place during this year’s tourist season. It is now planned to begin in the Spring of 2010. It is expected to last 5-6 months with the analysis and reporting of the results to be completed shortly before next year’s Municipal elections.
When it comes to the Symi result, Symiot votes for PASOK almost in a 2:1 ratio. PASOK received 1,209 valid votes (62% of the 1,944 valid votes) for each candidate, are shown in the table at the bottom of this page.

Even though he was not elected, Mr Ipsilantis, a candidate for ND and a Symiot, received the most votes among ND supporters (250), almost twice as many as Mr Valinakis who was the Junior Foreign Minister up until the election (and who failed to get re-elected). In a phone conversation with The News of Symi, Mr Ipsilantis expressed his gratitude for receiving the Symiot vote not just on Symi but also on Rhodes.

The Municipality of Symi has great expectations from the new government. It would be unfair, however, to disregard the fact that in the five and a half years ND was in power a number of major projects that ND was in power a number of major projects were initiated, and the Municipality received funding from European Union programs and that the Municipality had a more or less good relationship with most government officials, even though more could have been achieved if it wasn’t for delays due to party political concerns (among the opposition) at a local level.

Now that a new improved ethos of government has been promised by the new administration, we hope it will also move forward and provide prompt solutions to problems that Symi has been waiting for for years, such as:

- The financing for the construction and the provision of the necessary qualified personnel for the new building where the surgery will be housed in Horio and its upgrade to a Health Centre.
- The go-ahead for the upgrade from the new Junior Health Minister, Ms Genimata (the daughter of the late Giorgos Genimatas, a Symiot and inspector of the Greek National Health Service, whose statue is outside the Police station by the Clock Tower).
- The licensing for the construction of the ring road which is well overdue and will solve many traffic congestion problems on Symi.

There are of course many more projects that need immediate attention (boat connections, the Symi Festival, road construction, etc.) and this newspaper will continue to publicise and promote them.

All we can do now is wait to see whether the pre-election promises of the new government, that inspired so many people, will be fulfilled and that the Municipality will not be dissappointed with its hopes and aspirations of the new administration.

THE NEWS OF SYMI has received several letters recently and we have taken the opportunity to publish them in this edition on Page 11. If you would like to send your own letter, or respond to one that we have printed, please send it to the address on page 6, or email them to news@symigreece.com.

FINALLY, A SURVEY of the island’s residents is soon to begin (page 5), sponsored by Symi-Greece, and supported by the Municipality and this newspaper. We encourage every resident of Symi to participate in this important piece of research and look forward eagerly to the results!
OHI Day: How "heroes fight like Greeks"

BY WILL SAWYER will@symigreece.com

On Sunday, October 28th 1940, the Second World War had been tearing Europe apart for a little over a year. The Nazis, having already accepted the surrenders of the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark and Norway, had added France to its de facto possessions and were concentrating their efforts against the United Kingdom. The Blitz against London and many other parts of the country was little more than a month old. For the Nazis, the War seemed to be going very well indeed.

In Southern Europe, Benito Mussolini, feeling that a German victory was at hand, had taken Italy into the hostilities alongside his fellow fascists. Hoping to match German successes, Italian Forces had made gains in North Africa, but in Europe, only Albania had succumbed to them. A more significant prize was Greece. Given the speed with which the small nations of Europe had so far capitulated, neither Italy nor Germany expected any resistance to come from little Greece. How wrong they were.

The Greek Prime Minister at the time was one Ioannis Metaxas, a fascist Dictator and (hardly a surprise) an admirer of Hitler. Using industrial unrest as an excuse, and with the support of the Greek King George II, he had declared a state of National Emergency in 1936 to cement his regime, and had gone on to abolish all political opposition. Older people in Greece can remember being in his National Youth Organisation, a Greek version of the Hitler Youth. At 2.50 a.m. that Sunday morning (though some versions of the story have it as 4:00am), Metaxas was woken at his home in Athens (those same other versions say it was at a party at the German Embassy instead!) to be told that the Italian Ambassador, one Emanuele Grazzi, had made an unexpected visit and demanded to be seen. When Metaxas came down, Grazzi thrust out his hand containing an ultimatum to the Greek Government from Mussolini that had made an unexpected visit and demanded to be seen. When Metaxas came down, Grazzi thrust out his hand containing an ultimatum to the Greek Government from Mussolini that Italian Forces stationed in Albania be given free passage over the Albanian border and within a few hours, the crowds in Athens had filled the streets shouting “Ohi! Ohi!” Metaxas in an address to the Nation said to his people “Greeks, now we must prove ourselves worthy of our forefathers and the freedom they bestowed upon us… Now, over all things, fight!” The first important land victory of the Allied Forces in World War II is accredited to Greece. Within two months, not only had the Italians (who outnumbered the Greeks by almost 3 to 1) been driven back beyond the border, but Greece had even taken one quarter of Albania from them. Throughout that winter, over half a million Italian troops remained tied down, ill-provisioned, and without the winter clothing that they so desperately needed. As Spring came in 1941, a massive Italian counter-strike was crushed by the Greeks with over 12,000 Italian casualties.

After four months of Italian embarrassment, a furious Adolf Hitler ordered German troops to clean up the mess that the incompetent Mussolini had made and to attack from Bulgaria. The speed and strength of the German attack was too much for the Greek fighters to resist and within three weeks, Athens had fallen to the Nazis, with the rest of Greece (except for Crete) succumbing a week later. Metaxas, having died in January, did not live to see his country fall. A very controversial figure in Greek politics, his “Ohi” is viewed by all as a source of great pride for the Greek people. However, you needn’t just accept from them how important that little word was on that October morning. Here are some more quotes from a few people you may have heard of…

"In the name of the captured yet still living French people, France sends her greetings to the Greek people who are fighting for their freedom. The 25th of March, 1941 finds Greece in the peak of her heroic struggle and at the peak of her glory. Since the battle of Salamis, Greece had not achieved the greatness and the glory which she holds today". Charles de Gaulle, Greek Independence Day (25 March) 1941

"The glorious fight of Greece was the first big turning point of World War II" George VI of Great Britain, Speech to Parliament May 1945

"You fought unarmored and you won, the Small against the Big. We owe you eternal gratitude, because you gave us the time we needed to defend ourselves. As Russians and as people we thank you…. I feel Sorry that I am so old and will not live for long enough to be able to express adequate gratitude to the Greek people. Your resistance turned the path of World War II" Josef Stalin

"The resistance of the Russian People at the gates of Moscow, where they reversed the German tide, is in debt to the Greek People, who delayed the German divisions for all the time when they would have knelt upon us." Georgy Zhukov, Head of the Soviet Army.

"For the sake of historical truth I must admit that only Greece, of all opponents that we faced, fought with daring, courage and contempt, and to the Death" Adolf Hitler, 4 May 1941, Reichstag Speech, Berlin

"Whatever the writers of history will tell in the future, that what we can say now is that Greece taught Mussolini a lesson, and that lesson… held the Germans for six weeks… and reversed the timelines drawn up by the German Military Staff and brought a change in the course of the whole War... allowing us to win World War II." Anthony Eden, British Prime Minister 1955-57

"“On 28th October 1940, Greece was given three hours to choose war or peace, but even if three days or three weeks or even three years had been given, the answer would have been the same.” Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the U.S.A.

"Hence we will not say that Greeks fight like heroes, but that heroes fight like Greeks” Winston Churchill

Every October 28th, the Greek people still take to the streets in what they call “The Commemoration of the No”. The army marches and so do the children from every school in the land. Symi is no less proud of that “No” and what followed it than is the rest of Greece.

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The cartoon on page 5 is called “Among the Immortals” and it is one of a series published for the 60th Ohi Day this year. The artist Wal Coop\’s cartoon is called “Greek Soldier”, cover of LIFE magazine, 16/12/1940

"It’s all Greek to me!" Courtesy of ‘The Daily Herald’ and the artist George Whistler

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Yes to Yachts, but Beaches for Bathers!

BY IRINI GAZI irinag@otenet.gr

With this year’s tourist season drawing to a close, a review is always useful for the development and improvement of the island’s main industry. From a quick chat with the business-owners on Symi, a general conclusion is that there has been some reduction this year in the tourist market – though not in every month – but the reductions are certainly not as large as many were predicting back in the Spring with doom and gloom scenarios about the global economic crisis. However… Symi, as every other tourist destination, and whatever the impact of crises and catastrophes, must listen to its visitors, pay attention to their complaints, and make improvements so as to better their stay on Symi in the future.

The huge problem of traffic – always first in the list of complaints – has been mentioned extensively in a series of articles in all of Symi’s newspapers. Another problem which has been voiced more often and more vigorously over the past 2 to 3 years by many who visit the island’s beaches (after complaining about how expensive it is to get there and back, that is), is the large number of yachts which anchor so close to the beach, hiding the views to an annoying extent.

It is, of course, beyond question that the yachts are welcome on Symi and give it a cosmopolitan character that everyone enjoys, but while it is nice to admire the various yachts in Yialos while going for a walk or having a drink, it is a different matter when swimming to feel almost claustrophobic from all the boats that pack the bays at Agios Georgios, Agia Marina, Nanou and the others on a daily basis. In addition, many of us have witnessed with sadness some yachts polluting the water by emptying their waste into the sea.

These complaints are also voiced by the residents of Pedi who see many yachts anchor next to where they swim, polluting occasionally and even sometimes having their anchors tangling up with their boats. It is expected that once the Pedi marina and boat shelter are operational, this problem will be solved at least in Pedi and the anchoring of yachts will be controlled.

The News of Symi contacted the Symi Port Police about this and we were told that the problem exists because there are no organised beaches on Symi marked by buoys, and there is no law prohibiting yachts anchoring in the bays. While the Port Authority recognises the problem, it is unable to do anything other than respond – on a daily basis as was emphasised – to complaints about violations of the guidelines of safe sailing, which prohibit sailing boats within 200 metres in areas where bathers swim, and of course to cases of pollution.

In order to avoid incidents such as these, which of course don’t just take place on Symi, the Institute of Marine and Environmental Research of the Aegean Sea, “Archipelagos”, has issued new guidelines called “Eco-Navigation” with the hope of creating a new ethos which will minimise the damage being inflicted onto the local marine ecosystems. Not only the passenger boats but also the tourist yachts will be able to receive the special Eco-Navigation badge which will verify their participation in this initiative, soon to start in various areas of the Mediterranean.

TRANSLATION BY THE NEWS OF SYMI
ADONIS PAHOS: “For as long as I can move, I will take photos”

BY IOUSTINI FRAGKOULI

Stooped with age, but with the liveliness of an eternal teenager, Adonis Pahos, elder of photographers of the Dodecanese, with his vast photo archive that covers the period of the Italian occupation, World War II and up to the present day, is a living ark of historical memory.

From his great grandfather to his grandfather and father, the whole of his family, of Symi descent, was occupied with commerce. In one of his trips to Smyrna, his father fell in love with the camera’s lens, bought one of the first cameras in the Dodecanese, and became a photographer of brides.

“I was a small child 10 years old, when we were taking photographs of the candidate brides, all dressed up, for the migrant grooms in America. I was dreaming of the day when I would be able to photograph too”, says Adonis Pahos looking back to the wonderful days of his youth. Despite playing the violin from very young, photography excited him as an art of the future.

In 1925, the year of his birth, his father opened the first official photo shop on Symi and in 1928 when electricity came to the island, he started producing portrait photos which were enlarged by his relatives so they could be given as presents to the new couples. With every newly married couple expected to have a portrait of their in-laws and family decorating their walls, this became the art that young Adonis followed.

He was present at all the major social events of the island and later on, when the “German boot” descended, his family came to the attention of the Italians and the Nazis. “With the declaration of war, I was contacted by the Resistance and asked to help”, remembers the photographer. “Taking advantage of the fact that I was free to enter their units and to visit them in their barracks where they posed for commemorative photos, I was discretely taking photos which showed the occupiers’ military installations, the heavy armour and their vehicles. Also, I was given valuable information by the Italians themselves without them knowing; I found these in their own films that they gave me to develop and it was often the case that you could see things that the Allies found useful in the background.”

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Adonis Pahos was, at the same time, one of the first Greek paparazzi, as Rhodes was a centre for many members of the international “jet set” in the 60s and 70s. “I photographed Onassis with his company of friends; Maria Callas, who had an aristocratic look. Later on he brought Jackie on his yacht, and I also photographed her. I asked Churchill if I could take one photo of him and he agreed and I used a whole film of 36 exposures. I met Alexandros and Christina (Onassis’s son and daughter), nice and humble children. Aristotelis Onassis was a nice man, a real tough-guy.

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OHI Day Celebrations

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The Mayor asks for finance
The desalination units have started to produce water

BY DIMITRIS CHRYSCHOOS chrysochoos@yahoo.gr

The Mayor is asking for €700,000 a year from the relevant Ministry so that the Municipality can cover the operational cost of the island’s desalination units which have started, after some delays, to produce drinking water. Given that the Ministry of the Aegean was spending about €3,000,000 a year for transporting water to Symi, the Municipality’s request for financing is considered fair and logical so that the consumers will not have to come up with the money to pay the operational costs.

Two of the three desalination units that have been installed in the Valanidia area (a fourth is to be installed) are operational and produce about 55 cubic metres of high quality drinking water an hour. It is estimated that once all four units are operational, Symi will be self-sufficient and that, at last, Symi will be relieved of its decades-long dependence for water from neighbouring Rhodes.

The third unit, the one which will operate with the wind turbine, has not started to produce water yet, earning the displeasure of the Municipal authorities, as the German company in charge have gone outside the agreed, and guaranteed, timetable; it can’t be argued that it’s just the Greeks who don’t meet deadlines when it comes to delivery and operation of public works, but also the Germans...

From what we were told, as soon as landscaping of the area is complete, they will start constructing the base where the fourth desalination unit will be placed.

We hope that the units will all work well and that DEYAS (the Municipal water company) will hire suitable security and maintenance personnel so that, at last, Symi will be relieved of its decades-long dependence for water from neighbouring Rhodes.

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Cameras and Surveillance of Citizens

Listening to the new Minister for the Protection of Citizens (in his address to the Parliament during the session for the new Government to receive the vote of confidence) and the directions he was giving, my mind went immediately to the operation of the two cameras which are positioned and operate in Symi’s harbour watching the movements of citizens.

Unfortunately, the Authorities even though you have complained about it, via the newspaper, did absolutely nothing. I was wondering whether a new protest should be made, or an official complaint to “The Counsel of the Citizen” or to the Data Protection Authority.

S.T., Athens

Yialos-Nimborio Road

Letter addressed to the Mayor and Council of Symi

As mentioned in the August edition of The News of Symi, the surfacing of the Yialos-Nimborio road is going to be put to tender in the next two months.

After our discussion today, the Mayor gave his verbal promise that in case there are more delays in the completion of the work before the start of next year’s tourist season, he will make sure the surfacing will at least take place at the dangerous spots (potholes).

Because the suffering of residents, businesses and tourists has gone on for many years and in order to avoid potential accidents (and it’s a miracle that one hasn’t happened yet), I would like to have this promise in writing.

It should be emphasised that in case of an accident, the Municipal Authorities will be fully responsible.

This letter was written with the agreement of all residents of Nimborio and will be published in the local press.

Yours truly,
EMMANOUIL ZONoudakis
Resident of Nimborio during the summer months

Municipal Radio Station

I was surprised to read in a previous edition of your newspaper that after a complaint which they failed to validate, the ESR (National Board for Radio & Television) ordered the termination of transmission of the Municipality of Symi Radio.

We Symiots who live in Piraeus and Athens had the opportunity via the ANES website to listen to the musical programmes and the fine broadcasts of Mrs Semertzaki and those of your other colleagues.

We hope this injustice will end so that we get the chance to listen to you again.

Regards,
Group of Symiots from Athens
(the names that follow are in the discretion of the editors)

Whoever made this complaint about the Municipal radio should be ashamed. In my opinion, one of the best services of this Municipal Authority has been the operation of the radio station and the publication of the newspaper.

If you need help collecting signatures for a petition to the Authorities, I am at your disposal.

K.M., Rhodes

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The fact that Symi has its wind turbine and its desalination projects is also just so fabulous - what a great achievement! If only the rich western rulers could take notice of such a development and learn something from Symi.

I wish you love, good health, prosperity and success. Viva Symi!

Yours sincerely,
ELIZABETH KITCHING
Leeds

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The fact that Symi has its wind turbine and its desalination projects is also just so fabulous - what a great achievement! If only the rich western rulers could take notice of such a development and learn something from Symi.

I wish you love, good health, prosperity and success. Viva Symi!

Yours sincerely,
ELIZABETH KITCHING
Leeds

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   | LONG JUMP | SHOT PUT | BALL THROWING |
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A. O. Symi: | Mihailou, Zouroudis, Kapsis G., Vyzaniaris (62’ Karagiannis), Kourdoumpas, Kalliados (46’ Papanikoloulu), Balaskas, Kapsis D., Karavalis, Loukis (65’ Tsiklis), Stefanou. | Georgiou Labros 10.44 (2nd) | Kipriotis Eleytherios 41.06 (7th) | Georgiou Lambros 39.81 (7th) |
Kalamnos (26/9) | BOYS | LONG JUMP: Volas Konstantinos 3.30 (9th) | BALL THROWS: Kriptiotis Eleftherios 43.80 (3rd) | Kipriotis Eleftherios 41.06 (7th) | Houdoumis from the home team saw the red card (second yellow) at the 85th minute for delaying.
Based on this result AOS has 0 points while Apollo has -3 (they received a penalty of -6 points during last year’s championship).


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