



## THE 1940'S BLOODSTAINED CIVIL WAR

**A**nalogous to what Athens and Sparta did by going against each other after they defeated the Persians in 480 BC, the joy of liberated Europe in 1945 from the barbaric Nazi occupation had not yet been fully enjoyed when the victorious allies in their pursuit of global hegemony became vicious foes in a Cold War, engulfing the whole world like the Peloponnesian War. Greece, trying to recover from its anemic condition, got sucked into the Cold War whirlpool, sending her into a .....

In Greece, the euphoria at the end of fighting when the Germans withdrew in October 1944 was ephemeral. Within 2 months chaotic internecine (αλληλοεξοντωτικός) strife began when in December, amid the pandemonium of a massive Leftist demonstration in front of the Parliament, police led by Right wing officers and urged by the British opened fire, killing many protesters and ....

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Armed veterans of the EAM resistance against the Germans, controlling most of Athens and Piraeus, engaged the expeditionary British forces that had sailed from the Middle East and landed with the George Papandreou- led coalition government of national unity. (By the way, the scheduled landing of the ministers was delayed by a day because it was Tuesday; not a propitious day to start anything in Greece since .....!)

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As soon as he was born in 1931, his father rushed back to the USA to try to recover the money he had accumulated since coming to America in 1912. It was too late. The financial crash of the Great Depression wiped out all the meager savings. He had returned in 1929 to his aphotic village of Tzouka, in the desolate forests west of Kastoria, got married, and stayed long enough to see a son being born. He named him Evangelos, which means bearer of good tidings! Left alone, the mother and her son tried to survive. With WWII pending, the village teacher was drafted into the army. School closed. Evangelos could only .....

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Philotimo (Φιλότιμο) or Filotimo is for Greeks what “freedom” is for Americans and perhaps what “social justice” is for Canadians. It is one of those not well defined core values that cultures and nations possess at the center of their collective self and shared mindset; it is theirs ethos. In Greek culture, this central value is called philotimo, a non-translatable and unique conscious virtue of honor, pride, and dignity promoting empathy for others, through acts of generosity and even sacrifice. Homeric Greece was a shame culture, where people were susceptible to arguments revolving around losing face and ....

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Fermor was not Greek by birth, but in his lifetime he became an Honorary Citizen of Herakleion, Kardamyli, and Gytheio, and was named a Commander of the Order of the Phoenix by the Greek Government. He divided his life time between his native England (where he was knighted in 2004) and a remote area of the Mani in the southern Peloponnesian. Although best known for his classic works of travel literature, his exploits in the Greek Resistance on Crete during World War II are ....

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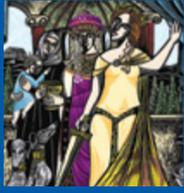
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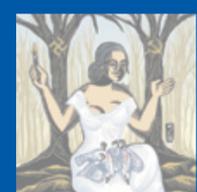
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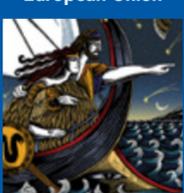
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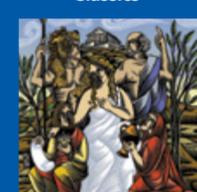
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