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About *Kyklos*

Kyklos (meaning “circle”) was the name of the first staff magazine of the Bank of Greece. Its publication began in 1961 and ended in 1969, soon after the arrival of the Greek junta. *Kyklos* featured economic articles and articles of general interest, but also short stories, poems etc. by important people of the Greek letters, such as Kiki Dimoula, Nassos Detzortzis, Thanassis Petsalis-Diomidis etc., who also served as employees of the Bank of Greece.

The Centre for Culture, Research and Documentation inaugurated a series of events in the memory of those people and published accompanying commemorative issues of *Kyklos* with reprints of their original collaborations. In this way, the totality of their work in *Kyklos* was compiled in a single issue.

About this issue

Elias Venezis (1904-1973) was a renowned novelist of the so-called Generation of the Thirties and a member of the Academy of Athens. The issue, in its first part, features the

reprints of his contributions to *Kyklos*, i.e. travelogues, chronicles, historical articles or simply accounts of incidents that took place at the Bank. In its second part, it contains his personal correspondence with Governors of the Bank E. Tsouderos and K. Varvaressos on the *Chronicle of the Bank of Greece*, which he had written. Finally, a third part refers to his imprisonment during the Occupation, when he dared to talk about freedom in a gathering of the Bank's personnel; this imprisonment met a large-scale reaction from the people of the Greek letters and some important documents in this respect are published here. The commemorative issue was published on the occasion of the 110-year anniversary from Elias Venezis's birth.