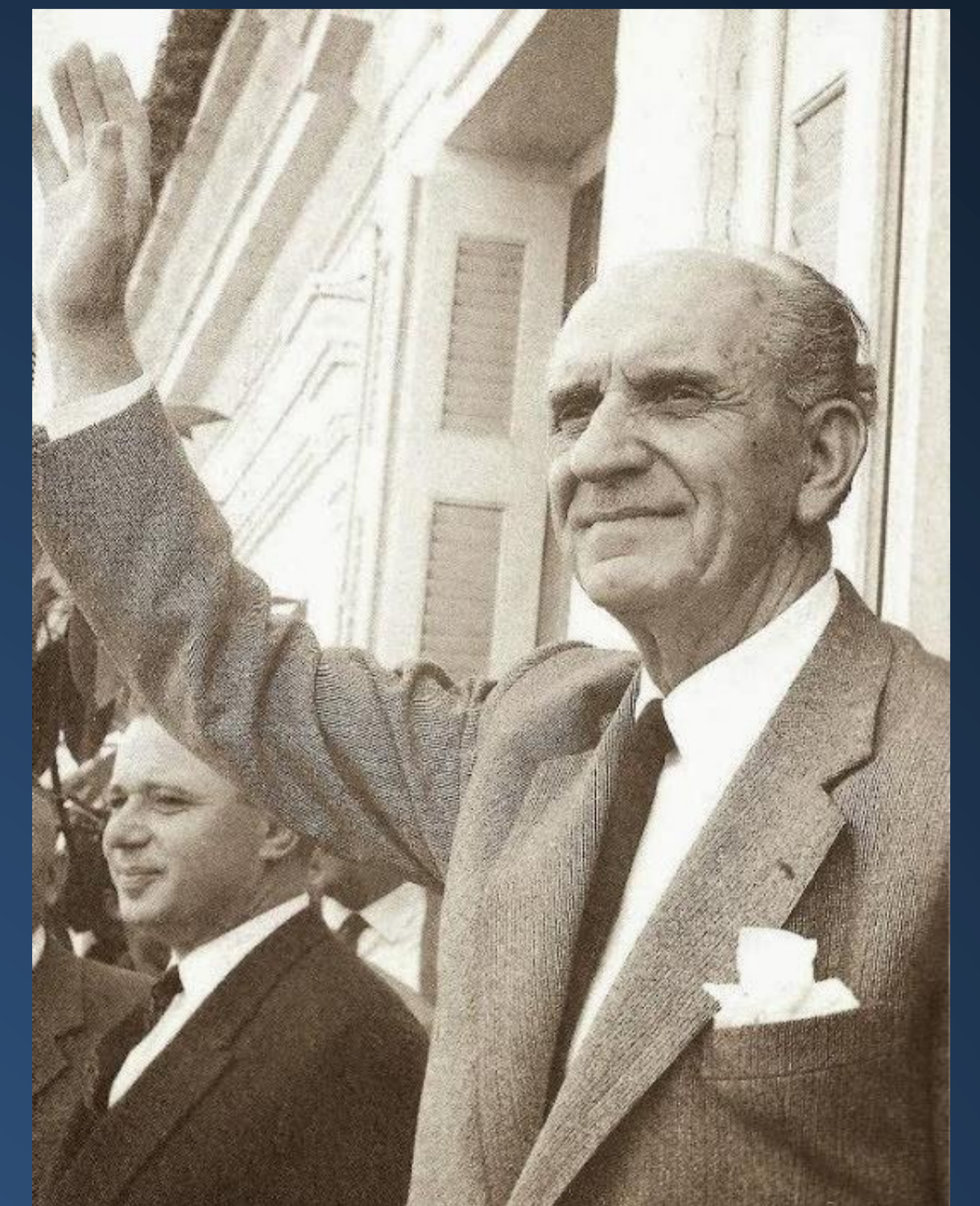


# MILITARY JUNTA IN GREECE

## 1967-1974



King Konstantinos II



George Papandreou  
Prime Minister (1964-65)

In July 1965, there was a conflict in the ranks of the ruling Union Center party, as the Prime Minister G.Papandreou was forced to resign. From that time until December 1966, King Konstantinos II attempted to form a series of governments with far-right Union Center members. In 1967, in a situation of **political instability**, elections for May are called. Right-wingers and the king are **afraid of a progressive government**. On 21<sup>st</sup> April 1967, a group of army officers led by Colonel George Papadopoulos, abused power on the grounds, that the country was in **danger from the Communists** and led the country in Dictatorship.



Symbol of dictatorship



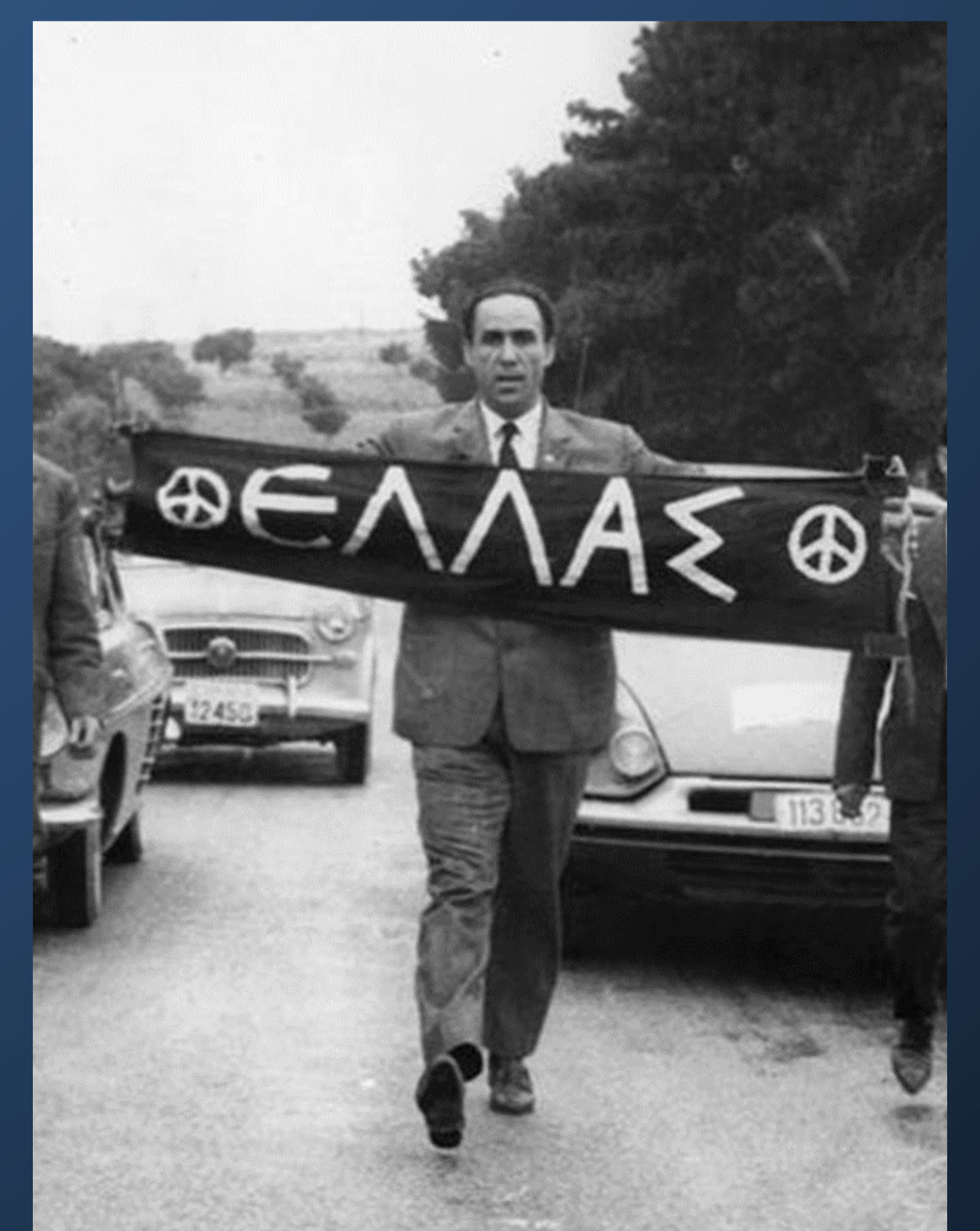
G.Gaitis "The General" (1967)

### THE CAUSES

- The political turmoil regarding Cyprus
- Economic and military interests of America's industrial-military complex
- The communist threat
- Political instability



Dictators G.Papadopoulos  
and St. Pattakos



Grigoris Lambrakis was a member of the Parliament and an anti - war activist. His assassination in 1961 by paracritic groups provoked mass protests