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TO THE EDITORS, *NEW YORK REVIEW OF BOOKS*

It is customary in Greece, when a man dies, for his friends to honour his memory by making gifts to some cause close to the heart of the dead man. We, some of whom were friends of George Seferis, all of whom admired his work, wish to appeal to everyone who cherishes the memory of this great poet and great humanist.

The last years of his life were clouded by the treatment which the present Greek regime has visited upon so many Greek citizens. Seferis, whose poetry was imbued with ideals of freedom and justice, could say little openly: but what he did say showed the depth of his grief and shame at what was happening in his country.

We believe, therefore, that it would be appropriate to raise a fund in Seferis's name which could be distributed to families and dependents of political prisoners in Greece. These can be identified and reached. Will you please send your contributions to The American Committee to Aid Families of Greek Political Prisoners,

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777 UN Plaza (Room E), New York, NY 10017, making out your checks to 'Aid Inc.: Greek Families Relief'.

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