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Cypriot politics are among the most contentious in Europe, and frequently attract the attention of the international community. Here, Yiannos Katsourides traces the historical development of the Cypriot party system, and in particular the growth of the Communist Party, now known as AKEL – the first formally organised political party on the island. The party was a political movement with a specific programme for radical reform that conflicted both with the British Empire and the local establishment. It was treated with hostility and was declared illegal.

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