

Dear colleagues and comrades,

I would like to thank you for giving me the chance to inform you about situation in Greece the last two years. Employees, pensioners and all the people are living an endless nightmare.

For the last two years, when IMF and Troika came to Greece, there has been an effort to take back all that workers have conquered the past 100 years. They dissolve every social structure, they reduce salaries in levels in which no worker can survive, hundred thousands are being fired from their works, thousands of small family stores and business are closing and generally they lead us back to the middle ages.

All the above in the name of the debt Greece owns to the banks. But as far as we all see, the same measures are being imposed for Portugal, Spain, and Italy and Ireland and nearly for every European country. Of course they use every time a different cause in order to take the same measures. And that's why it's necessary to find out the real cause behind this huge attack started by the Capital against the world of labour.

The main cause is the global economic crisis which is ongoing for these two years. Especially after Lehman Brothers collapsed, the global Capital fired a general attack to the rights and the salaries of the workers. If we like to look up to the problem, it starts from the weakness of the capitalistic system to continue provide high percentage of profit to industrialists and to production in general.

And that's because at older times in order for an industrialist to have a profit of 100 euros he had to invest 1.000 euros. The more recent years if he wants to have a profit of 100 euros he has to invest 10.000. And that because of the rapid development of technology which oblige them to invest larger and larger amounts of money every time to new technologies and in short term time.

And that's the reason the Capital turned itself to the stock market. There, a quick and high profit is very direct. But, by this way a huge "bubble" has been created because the Capital overvalued itself but without producing anything. Last year the total of the global product was nearly 73 trillion dollars, while the circulated global money was over 1.100 trillion dollars. This has resulted to the over accumulation of a Capital that can no longer be invested to the production. And by this way the process of the destruction of this Capital has been launched. That's why we have a mass closure of enterprises, privatization of everything and millions of unemployed all over Europe.

In order to face the problem of the deduction of their profit, they believe that the only solution is the reduction of salaries thus deduction of the labour cost.

And that's why they have launched this attack to workers as well as to the pensioners. And of course that's why independent from the excuse they use each time, the measures are the same everywhere. For Greece they aim to bring the salaries to levels of other Balkan countries, that is 250 to 300 euros per month firstly, and then secondly, possibly bring them down to the levels of China.

They are reforming the pensionary status for the retired civil servants as well as for the other workers of private sector even with direct cuts of the pensions. (These changes are in a separate given text).

This policy our Government follows in cooperation with E.U., IMF and the Banks, is spreading to the education sector. A big effort is being done by them in order to change the structure of education, because they want education to serve the new development model they have already pre schedule for all people.

The changes were made to lead to the creation of a worker with a level of education as lower as can be, trained as earlier as he can be, and to a specific labour object, with low economical demands and expendable in a very short time. These are part of the agreements of the EU agreed at Bologna and now they are trying to implement them within Greece.

This past two years in our country, a strong labour movement has been created, which almost in a daily basis is struggling with these policies.

Till now, we have 5 killed workers in these street fights while the same time hundreds others of them have committed suicide, in other words have been “murdered” by the system.

Hundreds thousand people are out in the streets all the time and fighting with the police, making occupations of public buildings (Ministries, Social Services buildings, etc.), participating in strikes and demonstrations. The result of all these fights was the resignation of Papandreou s Government and the creation of a co-operational government with the participation of socialists as well as of fascists so to face the over- growing massive public movement.

Under this pressure and the weight of the anti – popular measures they impose to the Greek people, they forced to proceed to elections on the 6th of May.

The political system has been de – legalized and the general political situation is particularly unstable.

We workers decided to give our fight till the end, a fight that has already has acquire social characteristics margining out of the narrow bounds of a simple change of government.

Every day larger and larger parts of people understand that the solution is for our country to leave the European Union and Euro and to start discuss for another path of development in production and of social justice.

And that’s why people are preparing for big fights against the international Capital, the monopolies and the international imperialistic mechanisms.

In this direction Greek employees want to unite our forces with the employees of all Europe in order to face the black front of the Capital and of Multinational companies, to fight for a more fair society, to deter the wars scheduled by the International Capital.