

Solidarity with the workers and people of Greece

Troika, out!

European Union, out!

The people of Greece are rising up.

Following two days of a general strike called by the trade union confederations (GSEE and ADEDY), the workers, youth and the general public took over the centre of Athens on Sunday to demand that the new austerity plan imposed on the country by the IMF and European Union was not passed by Parliament.

On behalf of the financial markets, this plan of unprecedented brutality imposes:

- A 22 percent reduction in the minimum wage as well as a new reduction in retirement pensions;
- 150,000 job-cuts in the civil service;
- The complete and immediate privatisation of the water, electricity and railway systems.

This disaster comes on top of all the measures that have already been taken against the Greek people over the course of two years by the "socialist" Papandreou government and the current government of "national unity".

During the night of Sunday, 12 February, Parliament voted the plan through. Forty MPs from both the right and left who refused to vote in favour of this murderous plan were immediately expelled from their party.

The people of Greece want to live, they are rising up, to shouts of: *"Troika, out! European Union, out!"*

The disaster they intend to impose on the people of Greece is being planned and organised by the European Union for all the peoples of Europe: after Greece, it will be the turn of Spain, Italy, Portugal and France.

Throughout Europe, the IMF and the European Central Bank are demanding that the governments implement plans of unprecedented social regression in order to service the debt of the banks and the speculators.

The new draft European treaty (decided upon at the European Summit on 30 January) intends to impose permanent austerity, the destruction of all the social gains and the abandoning of all national sovereignty on all the peoples of Europe.

The Independent Workers Party calls on the workers and youth to take part in the demonstration (1) on Monday, 13 February, starting at 6.30pm (Kleber metro station, Auguste Vaquerie Road) and heading for the Greek Embassy in Paris.

Hands off the people of Greece!
IMF, European Union, out!
Down with the new treaty!
Long live the free union of the workers and peoples of Europe!

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(1) This demonstration has also been called by the PG, PCF, NPA, Left Front, etc.