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The Class Unions of Greece Honor the 1973 “Polytechnic” School Uprising

PAME, the class trade union movement of Greece, which daily in every branch and workplace, with constant militant action, gives continuity and perspective to the militant traditions of the working people, welcomed and honored the 45th anniversary of the “Polytechnio” Uprising on November 1973, against the Military Dictatorship.

The struggles of the working people and the youth, and the unyielding struggle of the fighters of the anti-dictatorial struggle in prisons, under torture, in exile, against the fascist dictatorship regime (which was supported by the Americans and the NATO) are a guide and inspire today our steps.

The anti-imperialist slogans are an important weapon for the working class of our country and the youth, at a time when capitalism continues to crush our conquests and rights. This year’s anniversary and the demonstration in front of the US Embassy (whose Ambassador is welcomed from the government, its ministers, mayors etc,) now make their content from the more timely than ever before, against the engagement of Greece in the US and NATO imperialist plans in our region.

The SYRIZA-ANEL government, which is “NATO and US banner man”, is responsible for the participation of our country in the imperialist competitions. The government wants to erase from the memory of our people the blood-stained anti-imperialist slogans at the Polytechnic gate. It is the government that has transformed Greece into a vast NATO base, trying to cover the role of American governments and other imperialist organizations.

NATO is not a factor of stability and security as the government says! Wherever it goes it brings death and destruction. It is the killing machine of the imperialists; it does not recognize borders and sovereign rights.

With massive participation in the protests and events across the country, workers and youth sent a message opposing the transformation of our country into a war base, thus making it a “magnet” of attacks in the backdrop of every fierce competition.

Today there is no other choice for the working class, the employees, and the people, but the continuous and consistent struggle for resisting and counter-attacking, against the capitalist policies of the government SYRIZA-ANEL, the EU, the IMF, NATO. The organized struggle with the slogan **“Our Needs In The Frontline-Not The Profits Of The Few”**. With this content, militant initiatives are taking place every day in the sectors and in workplaces; we will keep following this path for the success of the general, national strike on November 28.

It is now necessary to step up the struggle for increases in salaries, pensions, social benefits, to sign collective contracts. To strengthen the struggle that puts our needs in the frontline, by isolating those forces that, at a political and trade union level, undermine our struggles, our demands. Those who are attacking against our right to strike and the right to trade union action. Against those who invite in the unions secret policemen, riot police and secret agents. The class trade union movement knows and has the way to respond to them.

The ideals for a society without exploitation of man by man are the safe and the only way to be able to organize and direct our struggles. So we honor our dead and justify their struggles. That’s the way we respond today in those who praise of junta, to the fascists-murderers of the Golden Dawn.

That’s the way we will contribute decisively to realize the slogans of the fighters of the anti-dictatorial struggle and the “Polytechnio” in 1973:

“DOWN WITH THE USA”- “DOWN WITH NATO”

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