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UNTIL THE FINAL VICTORY

Trade unions actions in Greece

January



11/01 Teachers Demonstration demanding steady jobs and against the layoffs of the teachers and professor



17/01. Workshop of the Trade Union of Workers in Municipalities for health and safety in Work

February



07/02. Strike of the Regional Trade Union of Samos demanding to close the HotSpots and stop refugee enclosure



12/02. Demonstration of the Trade Unions in Public Sector

March



07/03. Demonstration of the National Federation of the Accountants for Collective Agreement



27/03. Demonstration of Pensioners against the cuts in pensions

APRIL



01/04. Demonstration of the Trade Union of Workers in Praktiker against the lay offs.



19/04. Strike of the Trade Union of Construction Workers at the construction site of Phaliro renovation against the unacceptable working conditions

MAY



07/05. Trade Union Conference For The Evaluation Of The Action of the Unions And The Organization Of The Next Initiatives



08/05, Strike of the workers in Gas company against the privatization and the hitting of their rights.



10/05. Demonstration of the Trade Union of the Workers in the Hellenic Survey of Geology and Mineral Exploration (IGME) for the delayed salaries

JUNE

Strikes of Workers' Unions and Federations for Collective Contracts.



03/06. Strike of the workers in Piraeus Bank



13/06. Demonstration of the workers in Frigoglass against the layoffs.



19/06. Strike of the Workers in Tourism Sector

JULY



17/07. Strike of the workers in printing company "Vlachos Bros" against the layoff of the president of the Regional Trade Union of Lavrio.



25/07. Demonstration of the workers in "SIDENOR" for collective agreement

AUGUST



06/08. Anti-Imperialist Event In Honor Of The Victims In Hiroshima-Nagasaki from class oriented Trade Unions



27/08. Demonstration of the Regional Trade Union of Samos and Workers in Hospital for Health.

September



03/09 Mobilization of class trade unions against the privatization of Power Public Company



11/09 rally of class trade unions and federations in Athens against the abolition of Sectoral Collective Agreements and the intervention of the state in the trade unions



07/09 Large PAME rally in Thessaloniki against announcements of ND government measures



26/09 Mobilization of the Casino employees asking to be paid

October



2/10, trade union intervention against house auctions



04/10 Mobilization of class trade unions for Collective Contracts

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October



5/10 Mutual Defense Cooperation Agreement



Government responds with repression and violence



Outside of the US Embassy

November



06/11, mobilization of trade unions to condemn the criminal, Nazi Golden Dawn



11/11 meeting of trade unions, Federations and worker's Centers Against Social Security Bill

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November



20/11 Mobilization of forest workers demanding permanent and stable work for everyone



17/11 PAME in the celebration of the Polytechnic uprising

December



04/12 Demonstration of bank employees against dismissals



11/12 Mobilization of Health Workers Against Privatization



05/12 meeting of trade unions and workers on Larko



The rally was hit by the forces of repression

STRUGGLE FOR OUR MODERN NEEDS. KEEP YOUR HANDS OF THE UNIONS.

The class trade unions in Greece have long staged major strikes and rallies against new government measures and the development bill, which ensures even greater capital profits by crushing all workers' rights.

Continuing the work left behind by its predecessor SYRIZA, the New Democracy government passed a series of measures to boost the profitability of the capitalists.

Due to the development bill voted, the sectoral collective agreements are practically removed, after the **overwhelming blow to collective negotiations in previous years. Employers and the state are given the right to intervene and damage the trade union movement.**

In this endeavor, the capital and their parties have worthy allies and supporters. **The trade union mafia, that is, the majority in the leadership of the GSEE,** has shown that it has agreed with the government in all respects, and is even pioneering the implementation of measures that benefit the capitalists in the workplace.

From the very first moment, PAME started a wide-ranging debate in the workplace, calling on workers to rise against the new attack.

Hundreds of unions, dozens of Federations and Worker Centers responded with a strike on September 24 and October 2 against the government's bill, despite the wretched efforts of the majority in the GSEE leadership to respond without any action.

From the strike in Athens on 24/09

Banner expressing solidarity of Greek workers to French workers in strike



Athens



PAME Giant banner Outside GSEE Offices for Strike on 02/10



From the strike on 02/10 in Athens



World Day of Action of the WFTU against xenophobia, racism and fascism. The banner at the PAME strike on 02/10



UNIVERSAL, PUBLIC, COMPULSORY SOCIAL INSURANCE FOR ALL

The New Delhi government continues and escalates the attack on Social Security by securing new areas of monopoly profitability.

Greater relief for employers and the state from the burden of social security contributions and the conversion of Social Security into individual employee responsibility, faithfully serving the EU, opens the door to its privatization.

Under the insurance bill, **the government seeks to turn workers into “investors”** after their money is gambled on the Stock Exchange without any guarantees of employee hassle and deductions.

Class trade unions in Greece have organized gatherings, debates, meetings, General Meetings in every city, workplace, in order to give a decisive response to the attack on Social Security prepared by government and employers.

The first decisive response was given with the big rallies on 30/11 in all the cities of Greece.

From the meeting of Trade Unions, Federations and Social Security Centers



Rally for Social Security 30/11, Athens



Poster of the Trade Unions, Federations and Worker Centers for the rally on 30/11

Rally for Social Security 30/11, Athens



Solidarity with French workers



Olivier Mateu, Secretary General Secretary Of the Regional Trade Union Center, expressed his greeting at the rally at PAME's large gathering in Athens, expressing class internationalist solidarity with French workers.



On April 03, 2019, 20 years completed since the creation of PAME. On the same day, an event full of enthusiasm was held in honor of the 20th anniversary of the creation of PAME. The event bore the stamp and footprint of PAME's 20 years of militant life and action, its struggles, solidarity and internationalism, the trade unions' struggle in Greece for "workers' unions not of employers"

The event was attended by dozens of trade unionists from foreign trade unions, who attended the World Trade Union Presidential Council meeting that was held in Athens.

In his Speech, Giorgos Perros, on behalf of the executive committee of PAME noted:

"Exactly 20 years ago, on April 3, 1999, with the participation of hundreds of trade unionists from dozens of unions, ALL WORKERS MILITANT FRONT (PAME) was launched as a need of times, opening a new page on the class trade union movement, a continuation of the traditions and values of the working class of our country (...) .. The steps that have been recorded in PAME's activity since 1999, its roots in many sectors and workplaces, the pioneering action of the forces that constitute PAME in the workers' and people's struggles, strikes, small and big fights in recent years developed without compromise the slogan "law is the right of the worker" are the soil to grow to continue the counterattack of workers along with those affected by the dictatorship of the monopolies. (...) ..

True to the principles of proletarian solidarity, it had a solid front against xenophobia, racism and fascism. From the first moment it organized the solidarity and the fight for the rights of refugees, the uprooted from imperialist wars and interventions. It was firmly in the forefront of organizing migrants into the unions and of the common struggle of Greeks and migrant workers against the capital, so it is permanently targeted by the employers and its hounds, the Golden Dawn members. PAME, loyal to the principles of internationalism, became a member of the WFTU in 2000. (...)

Today there are all the requirements - productive, scientific and technological - for a pro-peoples development, for a decent life, jobs with rights. We are the ones who produce all the wealth!

WE CONTINUE!

**For the rights of our class, because without us a gear doesn't turn!
Long live the 20 years of PAME! "**





Salutation Speeches were given to the event was given by the Trade Unionists from foreign Trade Unions.



Michael Mzwandile, President of WFTU from South Africa



Ulises Guilarte de Nacimiento, Head of the Regional Office of Latin America of WFTU and General Secretary of CTC Cuba

Jamal Kadri, head of the Regional Office of Middle East of WFTU

Pampis Kyritsis, head of the European Regional office of WFTU



In March 2019, during the scheduled 37th GSEE (General Confederation of Greek Workers) Congress the confrontation between class unions and the forces expressing employers' interests was expressed more than ever.

Over the years, the majority in the GSEE leadership have stood by the governments signing the laws that have abolished Collective Labour Agreements, signing dramatic pay cuts. All these years they have cultivated the logic of class peace and collaboration with the employers. They have openly helped the SYRIZA government to attack the right to strike, describing it as an outdated form of struggle.

However, the inability of the majority in the GSEE leadership to play an even more decisive role in promoting monopolies' plans inside the unions, has forced the employers to play this role themselves.

At the GSEE Congress, as well as at the Congresses of the major Federations and Regional Trade Unions, there were widespread incidents of fraud, the presence of police and of employers within the unions. Henchmen, illegal representatives, managers and business executives presented themselves as workers' representatives demanding that the Conference be held to serve the interests of employers.

G. Perros at the Congress of Regional Trade Union of Thessaloniki, reveals and denounces the presence of secret police agent



workers mock the fake representatives at the Congress of The Federation of Private Employees of Greece

Henchmen and fake representatives at the Congress of the Federation of Private Employees of Greece.



Protest of the unions at the Congress of the Federation of Private Employees. The workers demanded that a genuine Congress of Employees take place far from employers, police and illegal representatives.



UNIONS OF WORKERS - NOT OF EMPLOYERS

14/03, Protest of Trade Unions-Federations and Regional Trade Unions, at the Congress-parody of GSEE in the city of Kalamata



Intervention of Trade Unions at the fiesta of GSEE



16/03, militant massive protest outside the hotel where the opening of the Congress was scheduled to take place



Press Conference of Federations and Trade Unions in Kalamata



03/04, rally of trade unions in the island of Rhodes, Second attempt of the congress-parody of the trade union mafia.



The state, the employers and the majority of the GSEE, did not only try to hold a Congress of illegal representatives and employers who pretended to be workers. They attacked the trade unions and the workers who gave and are still giving the fight for workers' trade unions. The ETUC, whose member is GSEE, has once again proved its role in this dirty attack.

In a common announcement, the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), instruments of the multinationals, of NATO-EU in the trade union movement, call "criminals" the dozens of representatives at the GSEE Congress, the Presidents of the Federations, of Regional Trade Unions in Greece.

They reproduce the fascist calls for repression and persecution against Greek militant Trade Unionists.

The President of the Commission with the President of ETUC at the ETUC Congress.



Speech of the President of the GSEE, Giannis Panagopoulos, at the Congress of ETUC, spreading poison against the class unions and the workers



PAME HOSTED THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL OF WFTU IN ATHENS

On 3 and 4 April it took place in Athens the two-days Summit of the Presidential Council of WFTU.

The opening was made by the President of the World Federation of Trade Unions **Mzwandile Michael Makwayiba**, giving the key slogan of the Presidential Council “**With internationalism, unity and class struggles we are moving towards the future**”. Then the General Secretary of the WFTU, **George Mavrikos** presented the opening statement and the report of the previous year’s action.

From the first day of the opening of the Presidential Council of WFTU



From the intervention of PAME at the meeting of the Presidential Council of WFTU in Athens



Meeting of the 63 trade unionists with the Mayor of Kesariani



“May 1st, 2019 against capitalist exploitation antiimperialist wars with trade unions of workers and not of the governments and employers.”

With lively massive strikes, the Greek working class honoured again this year the 1st May. This is the day when workers all over the world honour the dead people of their class, their heroic workers-popular struggles, their bloody conquests in the untranquil struggle to abolish exploitation of man by man.

The massive and militant participation in PAME's rallies for the 1st May, with many workers and trade unionists who came for the first time, was the best response to the anti-popular policy of the SYRIZA government and to the business groups that are strengthening the exploitation for the big majority of our people, against US - NATO - EU aggressive policy.

Their plans to transform the unions into mechanisms to promote monopolies' strategy will not pass.

The guarantee that they will not succeed is PAME's 20-year course and action. The stable class struggle line, the struggle for unity of workers, regardless of employment relations, against employers and state, are our legacy to take steps forward, for strong organization in every workplace to impose our rights.

There is a way out! With the working class at the forefront, in alliance with small farmers and professionals, we are moving forward for our future, for the great struggle for the liberation of workers and the oppressed by the bonds of exploitation! To take our own path of development, which will have as its sole motive the satisfaction of modern popular needs. This is the historic message of 1st May, that no matter how much the bosses, governments and trade union mafia try, we will not allow to forge it.

Proletariat of the world, unite!

Athens



PAME's rally of 1st May in Athens.



Athens



Piraeus



Thessaloniki



Patras



Ioannina



Heraklion



Kalamata



Σάμος



A loud response was sent to the unionism controlled by employers-government, the trade union mafia within GSEE.

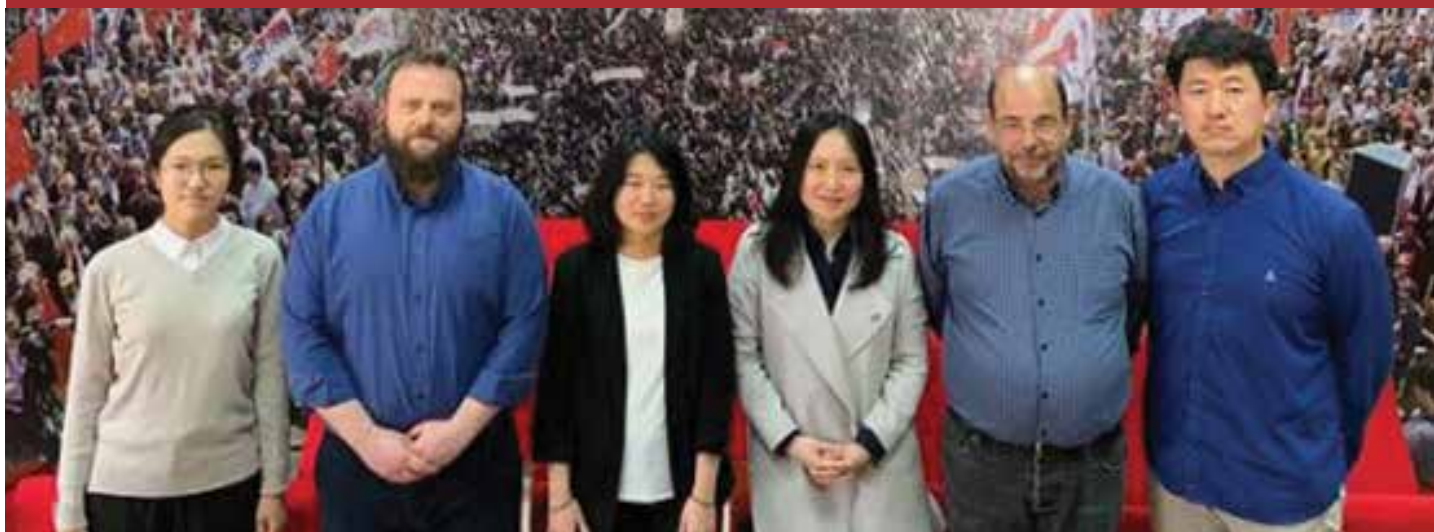
The small gathering of leadership team in Athens held by GSEE - AD-EDY - Regional Trade Union of Athens confirmed that this is a working-class aristocracy cut off from workers and their problems, they are not supported by real workers.

The GSEE rally of 1st May





Meeting of PAME with the General Union of Palestinian Workers



Meeting of the Executive Secretariat of PAME with trade unionists from Korea



Delegation of PAME at the 9th Congress of SIDIKEK PEO of Cyprus



2nd Balkan Trade Union Forum in Thessaloniki



Delegation of PAME at the Meeting of TUI Agroalimentary of WFTU



Delegation of PAME at the Congress of Regional Union of Marseille



Intervention of PAME at the Embassy of France for the prosecution of the General Secretary of the Federation of Trade of France.



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PAME solidarity with the Syrian people at an event in Damascus at the invitation of the General Union of Syrian Workers



Meeting of the Textile, Clothing, Leather Federation with a delegation from the Bangladesh Textile Federation



Basketball match between PAME and Serbia's SLOGA organization in the context of Balkan workers' friendship and solidarity initiatives



Joint Event of the OTA- Municipality Workers Trade Union with the WFTU Against the Imperialist Wars



PAME delegation at the Conference of the Federation of Industrial Workers of Albania



PAME meeting with the Val de Marne Labor Center in Athens



PAME delegation at the International Trade Union Of Commerce Workers Meeting in France



Meeting of the Food and Beverage Milk Federation of Greece with the Food Federation of Jordan



Marseille Workers' Delegation Tour at Papastratos Construction Site with Athens Builders Trade Union



PAME mission in Palestine



Meeting of Marseille Workers' Delegation with the Evangelismos Hospital Workers' Union



PAME at strike rallies in France expressing solidarity with Greek workers



Hundreds trade unions are responding to the call of WFTU for solidarity to the people of Venezuela



14th Congress of TUI Transport, Communication and Fisheries of WFTU in Turkey



2nd World Congress of TUI Pensioners in Colombia



Visit of the General Secretary of WFTU at the Federation of Trade in France



Delegation of WFTU with Workers in Communications of America, local 1180

International meeting of Unions of Trade in Athens

Delegation of WFTU at the Congress of CTC in Cuba

Joint seminar of WFTU and the General Federation of Trade Unions in Iraq for the participation of women in the Trade Unions

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The General Secretary of WFTU spoke at the General Assembly of the ILO in Geneva





Wftu Secretary General meets with Joaquin Romero, WSO Presidential Council, in Colombia

Panama's FUCLAT Food Federation delegation visits Wftu headquarters in Athens



Meeting with a delegation of the Palestinian Trade Union Federation in Athens

13th Sectoral Conference on Public Services of the WFTU In Cyprus



Wftu delegation on strike in Monaco

International WFTU Congress in Cyprus



Fish WFTU conference in India

3/10, World Action Day

Intervention of WFTU and PAME at the French Embassy in Greece against repression. Support for strike action by French workers





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