



PAME - All Workers Militant Front - GREECE

PAME (All Workers Militant Front) is a Trade Union Front. It is open, democratic, unifying and it pursues to have among its members the most active, fighting forces of the trade union movement. Its activity covers all regions of Greece, all branches and sectors, in the public and the private, with no exceptions. Members of PAME are, industry and company based unions, branch unions and Federations, Regional Labour Centers and Pensioners Unions, Workers' Committees.

The most militant trade union organizations of Greece are members of PAME. These are the unions that rally with the line of class struggle and fight for the abolition of exploitation of man by man. PAME, since its foundation till this very day, has guarded its character, as a class Trade Union Front, which connects those who fight, no matter where they start from, no matter where they hold their political affiliations or what they vote.

All these forces rally under the guideline of struggle against the Capital, against the European Union, against the Greek Governments. All these forces also fight against Imperialism, imperialist interventions and wars. Against racism, fascism and xenophobia.

Action of PAME

The last years PAME has been in the vanguard of workers' struggles in Greece. PAME, since 2009 has organized more than 30 National General Strikes. On May 6-7-8, PAME called and held a 3 Day General Strike to defend workers' rights against the anti-people attack of the Greek Government-EU-IMF-Business Groups. In addition PAME has organized and supported thousands of actions, strikes, work stoppages, occupations, protests and demonstrations. The great power of PAME comes from its unions. Their daily activity in the workplaces, in the factories, the offices.

Within these conditions, PAME has successfully supported sectoral, or industrial strikes and workers' struggles. Great example the Historic 9month Strike of the workers in the Steel Factory of HELLINIKI HALIVOURGIA. Similar struggles have then developed in many other factories also. First Priority for the next period is to make steps forward in the reconstruction of the trade union movement. The working class to recover its losses of the last years. Key issue on this is the fight for Collective Contracts, the reinstatement of the Minimum Wage and measures for the protection of the unemployed.



Multiform Action

Duty of the class trade unions is their activity and demands to connect with the whole life of the working families. The needs of the working women, the young workers, the need for free, creative time, access to education, culture, sports, against drugs. In spite of the difficulties and weaknesses, PAME organizes sports tournaments, operates theater groups, choir etc.



What Unions We Need Today

Based on our experience, the everyday struggles of the class unions in Greece and the conditions within the Greek and International trade union movement we conclude on the following basic characteristics for the trade union movement today:

- Class oriented unions, organized and directed against the employers, their laws and state
- Massive unions, organized in depth and with base the work places and the sector
- Unions free from the employers' and governments' puppets
- Unions that develop the social alliance with the poor farmers, self-employed, the women and the youth.
- Unions that not only fight for individual enhancements but fight for all the needs of the popular and working family, so as to overthrow and abolish the exploitative relations
- Internationalist unions that fight for a united goal in each country

The struggle for the working class' interests is directly connected to the strengthening of the fight against Yellow Unions. Against Unions that support the line of "Class Collaboration", against Unions controlled by the Employers and the Government, as are the forces of ETUC and ITUC.

Forces like these support the exploitation system and they defend it. They actively support the Capital's strategies and anti-peoples policies. They act in support of the competitiveness and profitability criteria of the capitalists. They cannot represent the working class; they represent the opponents' interests. The ITUC-ETUC supported the imperialist interventions in Libya, Syria, Iraq, Ukraine, etc. They supported the imposition of a new memorandum against the workers of Greece. They are enemies of the workers.



Internationalism

PAME is based on the principles of proletarian internationalism and class solidarity. Since 2000 PAME is a member of the World Federation of Trade Union (WFTU). In 2011 PAME had the honor to host the 16th World Trade Union Congress of the WFTU.

PAME takes actively part in the attempts to rebuild the class-oriented trade union movement in Europe. We have successfully held, with the cooperation of other trade unions and the WFTU, international trade union meetings for workers in Commerce-Retail, Telecommunications, and Public Services. We support all initiatives for the creation of a Class oriented trade union pole in Europe. Also, PAME continues and strengthens the expression of Solidarity with the people who suffer from Imperialist Interventions and the refugees and migrants.



Trade Union Rights and Freedoms

The attack against workers' rights, against salaries and pensions, goes along with the attack against trade union rights and freedoms. Special target of the capitalists, the EU and the Greek Government is the Right to Strike. Because of its militant class action, PAME has been targeted by the mechanisms of the capitalist state and the business groups. Thousands of PAME's cadres have been laid off, hundreds arrested and persecuted. Many have been attacked by police or nazi forces. Against the oppression of capitalism, we respond with strengthening Solidarity, Organization and Class Struggle



Police Attempt to Stop
PAME's Demonstration



Police Attempt to
Break Picket Line

4th Congress of PAME

PAME was founded on April 3rd 1999. In its founding Congress, at the Peace and Friendship Stadium, in Athens, took part 230 trade unions, 18 branch and regional unions and 2.500 trade union leaders. The 4th Congress of PAME will take place on November 19-20, in Athens under the slogan:

Organization-Struggle

Either Us or the Monopolies



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