

First Party. They were successfully confronted by members of the Greek community, unionists and other antifascist protesters. They have also twice held similar rallies outside of the Greek Consulate General in Sydney. In Melbourne they have not organised similar rallies but until recently they were active through a front charity called "Voithame Tin Ellada" ("We Help Greece").

The cancellation of the Golden Dawn visit is a victory, but we must not be complacent. In the event of Golden Dawn making another attempt to visit Australia, community groups, Left organisations and, most especially, the unions, must take the initiative to act in a united front against the Fascist scum. They must be stopped in their tracks by a massive mobilisation of the working class.

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### ***What is Anarchism?***

Anarchism is a social philosophy based upon the principles of liberty, equality and solidarity. It is the political dimension of a free society.

### ***What is Communism?***

Communism is the principle of "from each according to their ability, to each according to their need". It is the economic dimension of a free society.

### ***What is the Melbourne Anarchist Communist Group?***

The MACG is an organisation of class struggle revolutionary anarchists who share political positions, articulated in theory, strategy and tactics.

We aim to encourage struggle by the working class for its own interests and, within that struggle, we aim to advance Anarchist ideas as its necessary philosophical basis.



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## DEFEAT THE LIBERALS WITH A GENERAL STRIKE

The Liberal Government brought down a budget in May that outraged workers across Australia. It is a massive attack on the working class across the board, with cuts to pensions, Medicare, higher education, State funding for health and education, unemployment benefits and much more. There is hardly a sector of the working class that won't be dramatically affected.

### ***Touch One, Touch All***

We can't base our strategy on negotiations in the Senate. This would leave us at the mercy of capitalist politicians. Anybody who thinks we can rely on the Palmer United Party, the Motoring Enthusiasts Party, the Liberal Democratic Party, Family First and co needs their head read. These people, where they're not loose cannons, are hardened reactionaries.

Leaving the Budget to negotiations in the Senate would break the Budget up into single issues that could be wangled through piecemeal with dirty deals. We might be divided on this cut or that, on the basis of "Thank goodness it's not touching me". We must oppose the Budget root and branch, because an injury to one is an injury to all.

Anyway, much of the Budget (like the

cutting of funding to the States) doesn't need a specific Act of Parliament, having been included in a supply bill which has already passed. To win, we must defeat the Liberals.

### ***A General Strike***

The Liberals have nailed their colours to the mast and their credibility would be destroyed by backing down, so only the strongest possible working class mobilisation will defeat them – and a general strike is the strongest mobilisation we can perform.

Three other considerations show that a general strike is the best strategy. Thirty years ago, a single militant union could go out on its own and win disputes, but at the moment nobody wants to stick their head up. It is necessary to go out all at once to avoid martyring a single militant union. Secondly, a general strike would bust the anti-union laws up for good. They can't prosecute millions of workers, so they'll be forced to let us go. And thirdly, a general strike would give millions of currently non-organised workers a strong reason to join their union.

### ***Rank & File Movement***

Many might ask, "If a general strike is such a great idea, then, why aren't the

ACTU organising one?" We all know the answer to that – the ACTU Executive is so committed to the ALP that it couldn't possibly initiate action that would go against the ALP leadership's wishes. The official representatives of 1.7 million workers are reduced to begging for crumbs.

What is required is a rank and file movement that can take unions back from the craven collaborators who dominate them. We need to re-build the rank and file networks that were mostly wound up in the 1980s as the so-called "Communist" Party of Australia surrendered to neo-liberalism and became key supporters of the Accord between the ACTU and the Labor Government. The rank and file movement would operate on the basis first enunciated by the Clyde Workers Committee in 1915. Its motto would be "We will support the officials just so long as they rightly represent the workers, but we will act independently immediately they misrepresent them". In this movement, all political currents within the working class would advance their views and have them judged on their merits in the course of open debate and the benefit of experience.

### ***Campaign for a General Strike to Stop Tony Abbott***

In order to create this rank and file movement, the Melbourne Anarchist Communist Group has taken the initiative to start up the Campaign for a General Strike to Stop Tony Abbott. Because only the ACTU can call a general strike at the moment (if anyone else did, the strike wouldn't happen), it takes the form of a petition to the ACTU Executive.

In the course of building support for the petition, a rank and file movement will come into existence and it is that movement which can compel the ACTU to organise the strike – or can organise the strike itself if the ACTU refuses. And the rank and file movement will itself change the politics of the unions by challenging the union bureaucracy, who are wedded to capitalism, Parliament and neo-liberalism. The MACG would argue for the perspective of taking the unions out from under the officials and restructuring them along libertarian lines, with federal structures and autonomy for local initiative.

The Campaign is structured as a united front, where all currents within the working class can speak freely, advancing their views and having them tested on their merits. In addition, the demands have deliberately been couched in relatively vague terms, describing what we are against, because positive objectives and essential questions like the length of the strike will have to be determined in the course of the campaign. To set them out in advance would be either to limit the appeal of the campaign, to foreclose radical opportunities, or both.

The Campaign for a General Strike to Stop Tony Abbott meets fortnightly in Melbourne and can be contacted by E-mail at [generalstriketostopabbott@gmail.com](mailto:generalstriketostopabbott@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook: Campaign for a General Strike to Stop Tony Abbott

You don't have to be an Anarchist to join. In fact, the campaign wouldn't work if it was restricted to Anarchists. All you need is to agree that Tony Abbott needs to be stopped and we should have a general strike to stop him. So let's get cracking.

## **NO TO GOLDEN DAWN IN AUSTRALIA! The working class must take the issue in its own hands!**

During the last 3 years in Greece, savage austerity imposed by the Troika (International Monetary Fund, European Central Bank and European Commission) has crippled the country's economy. The austerity has led to a depression that is as bad, if not worse, as the Great Depression was in the United States. Enjoying the atmosphere of anguish and despair associated with economic depression, Golden Dawn has flourished, espousing an ideology of hate. It is in effect a Fascist party that promotes anti-Semitic, anti-immigrant and misogynist chauvinism and has grown to become the third most popular political party in the country.

It is this threat which led the Greek government to arrest the party's leadership and dozens of its followers after a Golden Dawn member fatally stabbed anti-fascist rapper Pavlos Fyssas in September last year. Some Golden Dawn members (including senior leaders) have also been charged by police with bashing defenceless individuals, whom Golden Dawn deemed to be enemies, for causing explosions and for blackmail. A police investigation that has been launched into the party, but has failed to produce clear results.

Beyond their racist, bigoted ideology, Golden Dawn draws inspiration from the violent methods of the Nazi German regime of the last century. Its members and supporters routinely whip themselves into a frenzy of hate with torchlight rallies, demagogic rhetoric and stiff arm salutes.

Golden Dawn is promoting division between ethnic and religious communities

in Greece. It also promotes hateful attitudes towards women and espouses the marginalisation and suppression of people who it deems to have an 'unnatural' sexuality. Tellingly, it denies the Jewish Holocaust during World War II.

It is no accident that Golden Dawn has arisen in Greece at the present time. Fascism is capitalism's last line of defence, the refuge it seeks when all else fails and it needs to crush the working class. As workers in Greece mobilised against the Troika's brutal austerity assault and the political establishment imploded, sections of Greek capitalists turned to Fascism in order to protect their wealth and privilege. If capitalist democracy cannot save Greek capitalism, Golden Dawn is in the background to impose capitalist dictatorship.

Golden Dawn was planning a visit to Australia in late November by Eleftherios Synadinos and Georgios Epitideios. They are former army generals and are Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) representing Golden Dawn.

This planned visit was cancelled after organising against it started to get up a head of steam and the Fascist MEPs visas were delayed. An antifascist group in Melbourne, centred on workers of Greek background, reached out to unions and to community groups and received a significant response.

In May this year, black-shirted Golden Dawn followers in Australia tried to hold a rally outside the Greek Club in Brisbane, supported by Fascists of the Australia