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**From the IWA-Secretariat
To the Sections and Friends**

Dear comrades!

The cost of the capitalist crisis is reflected in increasing unemployment, more casualisation, suicide and more and more people living in a permanent state of fear and anxiety that they are about to lose their jobs and their houses and find themselves on the streets. The Secretariat wrote in the First of May Statement that:

“Various Anglo-American financiers meant that a diversionary attack on the euro, starting with some of the weaker Mediterranean or Southern European economies, would be an ideal means of relieving pressure on the battered US greenback which was at a record low in November 2009.

At the time as the EU was launching its Lisbon Treaty in December 2009 there were speculative assault or bear raid against Greek and Spanish government bonds as well as the euro itself, accompanied by press campaign targeting the so called PIGS (Portugal, Ireland, Greece and Spain). Both the Greek and Spanish Prime Ministers reacted against these speculative attacks.”

We have in the period of this Circular from September to December 2010 seen heavy attacks against workers conditions and union rights. The Secretariat has published a statement made by the CNT-AIT of Jaen against the massive deportations of the Roma people made by the Sarkozy government, as the ruling classes need scapegoats to justify their policy.

The attacks have not only come in Greece, but also in the other “PIGS” countries Portugal, Ireland and Spain. Additionally there have been especially hard mobilizations against cuts in France, where there were strikes after strikes, and in Great Britain where the demonstrations of the students have been in the focus lately.

You will in the documentation find material from the IWA Sections CNT-AIT (Spain), CNT-AIT (France), SF (Great Britain) and AIT-Portugal (Portugal), and also of the ZSP mobilizations against cuts in Poland and a leaflet that the Priama Akcia (PA) made against austerity measures in Slovakia.

The General Strike in Spain was on September 29th. The General Strike was 100 years after the foundation of the Spanish CNT, as on November 1 1910, the CNT was established at the premises of the Circle of Fine Arts in Barcelona. The CNT has organized a lot of events and meetings for this “Centenario 1910-2010”, and from December 4th to 8th the CNT-AIT held its X Congress in Cordoba.

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More than 500 delegates participated and the IWA Sections present as observers were USI-IWA and the FAU-IWA, besides the IWA -Secretariat. The two members of the Secretariat that were present as observers had to leave the Congress and travel back to Norway on Monday December 6th - that means before the results were ready, but were are sure that the CNT will inform the Secretariat and Sections and Friends about the results.

The Congress was held during special circumstances as the Spanish government established concept of the State of Emergency on the airports against the air traffic controllers. The CNTE Congress made a statement against this measures which are removing certain civil rights in favor of the military and putting civilian workers in their service using threats of bayonets and imprisonment.

The attacks are everywhere, and the FORA-AIT has sent information about the murder of on October 20th of the young Mariano Ferreyra. He was assassinated at the hands of gang from the corrupt Railway Union. Two other people were shot, one of whom was in a critical condition. The dispute arose following a claim for regularized employment by 150 workers who are hired by outsourcing agencies that conduct work in all branches and functions of the Roca Railway in Buenos Aires, but at a salary about half of the other workers.

We will draw attention to the Urgent Actions of solidarity. The CNT-AIT of Granada has informed the Sections and Friends about the victory of the fight against the first ASM, and has now made a new appeal to intensify the solidarity to the comrade of Hotel Vincci. There has also been sent support to the sacked workers of EULEN in Cordoba and the CNT-AIT of Cordoba says they will take new initiatives of support.

The Sections and Friends were especially active in supporting the textile workers of Topy Top in Peru in the beginning of October. There were solidarity actions in various countries. The appeals and protests were also directed to the consumers of the ZARA, a firm which has shops in many places of the world and also other firms that use Topy Top as a sub-contractor as INDIDEX.

The Periodico Humanidad has also informed about a fight in Rio Marazon which is the Peruvian Amazonas. The Secretariat has received a request from workers in Peru which we sent to Periodico Humanidad, but the Periodico Humanid has after various attempts not managed to obtain contact with the workers.

There has also been solidarity to the UL 05 of CNT-AIT (Gap in France), which has an action against the closure of the "Ferme de vie les Vignes Du Bersac". This is a farm residence and a place for handicapped people managed by the association ADSEA 05. Notice also that the USI-AIT has supported a conflict (Dujonka) of CNT-AIT of Camas, and that the CNT-AIT Alicante has cancelled the actions against Editorial Oceano.

The KRAS has sent an appeal of supporting the Russian libertarian Alexei Gaskarov in order to drop drop all charges and information about the Priama Diya student demonstrations in Ukraine. The Secretariat has put a statement on the IWA website to support the trapped and later freed miners in Chile. This was initially an initiative from FAU (Berlin).

We would also like to mention that the ZSP has been very active in the local campaigns and are part of the Tenants' Defense Committee in Warsaw (which they co-founded). The ZSP

report in Eliseo BI487 says: “We won a lot of small individual cases, blocked one privatization (first time in Warsaw) and got some small concessions thanks to direct actions, such as disseminating confidential and suppressed documents to tenants on a mass scale”.

It is not only the Spanish CNT-AIT that has had a Congress in the period, but also KRAS, PA and ZSP have, according to our information, had Congresses. The IWA-Secretariat has received a report about the KRAS Congress which is uploaded into Eliseo. (BI471) Besides this, it is agreed on that the IWA will have its next Plenary in Warsaw on October 28, 29 and 30th 2011. You will in this Circular also see that various Sections have communicated their views on the referendum about the Czech Question, and it shall be held with deadline March 6th 2011.

We ask you to pay maximal attention to the activities of the libertarian reformists (CGTE, “CNT-Vignoles”, “USI-Rome”, SAC, ESE, WI etc) BI484 in Eliseo shows that the Swedish SAC has made an initiative towards the NSF-IWA, but the NSF has communicated to the SAC that they should address themselves to the IWA-Secretariat if they have something new to say.

The document BI486, uploaded to Eliseo by the Secretariat, shows that the Red-black coordination of the libertarian reformists held their 4th meeting in Udine in Italy September 10-11th. It shows that they are making their coordination more permanent and formal by creating a rotating Secretariat with a treasury and a common web- page! The “USI- Rome” is going to coordinate the next period.

“USI- Rome” is the organization that has made, and is making, so many problems for the USI-AIT because they use the initials “USI-AIT”. The USI-AIT has taken an initiative towards the Sections and Friends and the Secretariat in order to send protests against the “USI-Rome” use of the USI-AIT initials. A similar action will be repeated, and the USI-AIT will provide more information about the further proceedings to the Sections and Friends.

Finally, we ask you to notice the e-mails we have received from the Netherlands and from the Workers Solidarity Alliance (WSA-US), to mention some documents. And again, we ask you to study all material and not only the mentioned ones!

Long live the IWA!

Oslo, December 17th 2010

**Anarchosyndicalist greetings
on behalf of the IWA-Secretariat**

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