



## OUT OF THE EU – DISSOLVE THE UNION!

At the EU summit in Copenhagen the monopoly bourgeoisie of Europe is preparing to incorporate ten new countries into their union. At the same time the EU is further undermining laws that protect the rights of the working class and the peoples of Europe. The «war against terror» is used to stigmatise immigrants and create an even more inhuman asylum policy. This «war» also intervenes in peoples' struggles outside of Europe, e.g by putting the founding chairman of the Philippine Communist Party, Jose Maria Sison, on the list of terrorists.

The Copenhagen summit furthermore intends to meet the growing aspirations of the dominant EU powers to compete globally, by taking new steps towards building up their military capacity.

Reforms won't work  
– out of the prison of nations!

Germany, France, Italy and the UK are strengthening their positions in the EU. It is increasingly obvious to us that reform struggle within the system is an impossible strategy. The only way to go forward is by raising a struggle to withdraw from EU and thus co-operating to have the union dissolved. For a non-member like Norway this means getting out of the suffocating grip of the Treaty on the European Economic Area.

In 1994 the Norwegian people for the second time voted NO to joining the EU (the first was in 1972). The pro-EU-parties all said: «Norway cannot survive outside the EU. We will be isolated and our economy will stagnate.» This was wrong. The Norwegian economy is not ailing more than the rest of Europe. On the contrary. Also in the candidate states people will be better off outside the EU. Only the big bourgeoisie in the EU and in their own countries will benefit from a future membership.

National freedom  
– a prerequisite for socialism

National sovereignty is a vital question for socialists. The EU is the political project of today's monopoly capitalism in Europe. The EU cannot be turned into a socialist state. It must therefore be dissolved. No socialist society can build on a state where the question of national independence is subordinate to that form of supra-nationalism represented by the EU. Our internationalism must be voluntary and based on equality. When the progressive forces back away from stating the parole of getting out of the EU, they leave this arena open for the extreme right, who seizes the national question and perverts it, in the same way Hitler did in the 1930s.

Each working class must deal  
with its own bourgeoisie

Saying that socialism cannot be built in one country, is defeatism. We are of course aware that the working class in Norway, having seized power, cannot hold on to it alone over a longer period, as the imperialist pressure will be overwhelming. But *our* goal is to establish socialism in Norway, and we expect the international working class in all nations to struggle to achieve the same in their respective nation-states. The struggle for national sovereignty and international solidarity go hand in hand. Socialism cannot be exported or imported.

EU – a modern prison  
of nations

The imperialist forces are undermining the nation-states and subjecting them to supra-national state forms. The multi-national companies are developing the EU into a prison of nations. This is what the Maastricht, Amsterdam and Nice agreements are all about. The tendency is further strengthened in the proposals for a new EU state constitution.

In Norway the bourgeois media over and over claims that national independence is no longer possible, and

that we must submit to supra-national constructions. The same goes for the bourgeois parties, the most important being Labour. This ideology has its twin in the Trotskyite groups that claim there cannot be socialism in one country.

Giving up the policy of fighting for national sovereignty and for socialism in one country fits very well with the interests of the multinationals that are in the lead of building the European Union. Of course nations and nation-states are products of history, and will in due time be replaced by other social structures. But that time is not now, and not within the foreseeable future.

AKP considers that a socialist strategy must involve the liberation of the nations of Europe from supra-national state forms like the EU. A future socialist Europe must build on voluntary multilateral agreements between all nations. In Norway we uphold these paroles: **No to EU membership, Norway out of the Western European Union, No to the Schengen Agreement, Norway out of the European Economic Area and Norway out of NATO.**

A positive future for the working class and nations of Europe presupposes the dissolution of the European Union.

National sovereignty – international solidarity

