

FREE GREEK ANARCHISTS



On March 21, a meeting of 12,000 took place in Athens in solidarity with the imprisoned anarchists Philippos and Sophia Kyrites who were condemned to nine and six years respectively for alleged possession of molotov 'cocktails'. They have been in jail since March 1978. The week before the Greek Parliament passed and voted a particularly harsh anti-"terrorist" Bill which was used against the Kyrites' to be "an example to avoid." They have both been on hunger strikes twice in protest against the unreasonable sentence.

During the same period, practically a pogrom was launched against the Greek anarchists including continual harassment, house searching and twenty arrests. This was the second wave of repression since October 18, 1977, when many anarchists were arrested and imprisoned with no reason given.

The Kyrites' solidarity meeting was organised by a committee re-grouped for this purpose. Despite the harshly unfriendly conditions, they succeeded in posting several different well printed posters throughout the city.

It was the mass circulation socialist "Eleftherotypia" Daily (second largest in

Greece) that estimated there were 12,000 participants at the meeting, 6,000 inside the stadium and just as many outside. A number of banners were displayed in the hall. The Social Revolution can neither be Murdered nor Imprisoned; Communism and Freedom; That is Anarchy; As long as the State needs Blood that means there still are Human Beings alive and struggling.

At the end of the demonstration some people clashed with the police, breaking store windows. During this clash a jewellery shop was raided by some with the intention of using the procured merchandise to help finance the needs of the imprisoned fighters. One hundred arrests were made. The following day another demo took place and more arrests were made. Four supporters were sentenced to between 2½ and 3½ years. They have appealed but in the meantime they sit in jail.

If you are interested in aiding the Greek Libertarian movement in its difficulties, monies can be sent to the Libertarian Socialist Organisation, P.O. Box 223, Broadway, Brisbane or direct to Diethnisi Bibliothiki, Delphon 2, Athina T.T. 144, Greece. If you want further information or copies of this leaflet contact the L.S.O.