Industrial Workers of the World (Leaflet)

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INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD

Through the 1910s and 1920s, Istanbul was rocked by the thousands of workers, men and women of all ethnicities, that supported the activities of the International All-Workers Union. The Union was a syndicalist organisation mimicking and communicating directly with the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), a radical trade union which was formed in the US in 1905. The purpose of the IWW: to unite all workers in One Big Union, without distinction between professions, skill, gender, sex, ethnic background, citizenship status, age, paid or unpaid labour, etc., and depend on direct action and solidarity, instead of collective bargaining, contracts and laws, to promote the interests of the working class. After more than a century of ups and downs, the IWW has spread around the world, and it now has branches and members in countries in all over Europe, Asia, Oceania and the Americas.

Inspired by the example of the International All-Workers Union, as well as from the organisation of the Cypriot trade unions in the 30s and 40s, the members of the IWW in Cyprus are convinced that the way towards a unified island goes through the unification of the working class, both native and migrant. Always remember, unlike T/Cs and G/Cs, the working class and the employing class have nothing in common, and an Injury to One is an Injury to All!

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