

A message of support to our Greek friends

*A demonstration is to be organised in Athens on 13th May to protest against EU-imposed austerity. Among the organisers is **Ambassador ad honorem Leonidas Chrysanthopoulos**, who spoke at last year's CIB rally. CIB has sent the following message of encouragement.*

The Campaign for an Independent Britain salutes the struggle of the Greek people to be free of the oppression which they suffer at the hands of the European Union.

As democrats and patriots from all parties and none, we join in supporting the demonstration organised by "DIEXODUS" on 13th May to proclaim and reclaim the sovereignty, constitutionality and democracy which is the birthright of the Greek people.

Back in 1962, Hugh Gaitskell the leader of the British Labour party, warned that joining what was then the European Economic Community would be for Britain "the end of a thousand years of history" – the time over which our constitution and self-government had evolved. Democracy in Greece has a far longer history than that but the modern independence achieved in 1821 is now extinguished for a time. The fire of freedom will blaze again!

As early as 1965 General De Gaulle saw the reality of the European project. He said "As for the Commission, it deserves to disappear. I want no more of Hallstein (the President)I want no more to do with them ...I want no more that the French government should have to do business with these types. The problem is this mafia of supranationalists, whether commissioners, deputies or bureaucrats. They are all enemies. They have been put there by our enemies".

Neither General De Gaulle nor Mrs Thatcher, two of the strongest political personalities of Europe, could get rid of the EU. They were defeated by the treachery of their own political colleagues. But the people can defeat it! They did in Britain although we are still having trouble with politicians who seek to defy the people. The politicians have to be firmly reminded that they are privileged to be the servants of the people and are not the masters. We are sure that the Greek people will be able to teach them the same lesson.

We also support the Greek people in their battle to secure the territorial integrity of their state in its rich regional diversity and cultural Hellenic unity.

Before she was betrayed by her own colleagues, Mrs Thatcher replied to the demands of the EU No! No! No! The people of Greece did the same to the demands of Mussolini.

So we support the Greek people now, bidding stern defiance to the tyrants of today.

With the profound respect and goodwill of your British friends.

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Chairman

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