

Let's Stop Hazarding with People's Fates!

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- ✓ During last ten years the Czech Republic has been undergoing continual reforms of public finances the aim of which is to reduce debt. The result is last year's deficit of 200 billion Czech crowns! The Governmental debt grew by 650 billion crowns during last three years!
- ✓ In all its analyses the CMKOS has been revealing the fact that the reforms supposedly aimed at reducing debts and preventing tax evasion are in fact nothing else than a race in reducing taxes to the richest citizens and companies. The CMKOS has warned that the so called reforms based only on cuts of state revenues dangerously hide also irreversible steps - privatisation of public services, health care, pensions.
- ✓ The Governmental coalition wants to complete - as quickly as possible - all its restrictive intentions through its majority of votes in the Parliament.
- ✓ As first evidence may serve the Governmental cuts which have serious impacts on the most vulnerable groups of population: handicapped, families with children, low income workers and unemployed!

What do the unions forewarn of? Of another betrayal of citizens!

In the election programmes of coalition parties you will not find anything about the facts that:

- ✓ Pension system, which has been the last security in the old age, will be transformed to payments into funds belonging to private business, with the loss of a guarantee! Prominent economists call these intentions "racket of the millennium"
- ✓ Health care it to be transformed to provision of uncertain level of standard care. Everyone will have to pay additionally for a large part of health care presently covered by health insurance. There are even rumours that basic care will be partially provided by self-help. Our purse will not be full enough to pay for the health care we shall have to buy.
- ✓ Employees' benefits are to be abolished.
- ✓ Legal protection of employees and also of citizens will be worsened. The New Civil Code plans to increase significantly the dependence of citizens on the assistance of advocates and other legal counsellors. The legal position of trade unions is to be degraded.

We refuse to pay debts for poor governance!

The participants of the Protest Assembly of representatives of Trade Unions call upon the Czech Government, Deputies, Senators, the President:

- ✓ Do not waste money for exceedingly expensive procurement of goods and services, stop the state corruption at last!
- ✓ Do not adopt reforms which will put most of the citizens into insecurity at work, in illness and in the old age!
- ✓ Stop the breaking up of public services with the intention to privatise them!
- ✓ Do not direct the Czech Republic on the path on low wages and salaries!
- ✓ Maintain European Social Model!
- ✓ Do not rule only for the benefit of privileged groups!
- ✓ Do not lie that cuts are for benefit of all!

Call upon the public:

Every Government behaves as the citizens allow!

- ✓ Let us not allow that the crisis is misused for further cuts affecting the citizens!
- ✓ Let us defend the level of our wages and salaries!
- ✓ Let us stand against dismantling of affordable health care and pension system!
- ✓ Let us not yield to medial distortion of the situation in the Czech Republic and to attempts to start envy and hatred among groups of citizens!

Support the CMKOS efforts to stop hazarding with people's fates.