

## **No to the closure of Opel in Bochum:**

### **For the common struggle for every job at the expense of GM!**

Today, december 10<sup>th</sup> 2012, a turbulent meeting of the workforce of Opel Bochum took place. Mr. Sedran, the officiating CEO of Opel, announced the plan to close the Bochum plant by the year 2016. While the leader of the works council, Einkenkel expressed his opposition to these plans, the members of the executive board hastily left the hall. When the leader of the shop stewards comitee tried to take Mr. Sedran to task, he was thrown down to earth and suffocated by securities.

There was a chorus of outrage against the behavior of these managers who treat workers of the plant like criminals. Not long ago, special forces of the police in Cologne marched off Ford workers from Genk in belgium and from Germany and treated them like criminals. Struggling workers are not criminals!

During the following debate there had been an extensive discussion on the perspective of the struggle for the Bochum plant. There were many contributions and interjections that considered a strike as the right way. One worker demanded the production of alternative drive technologies: *„When we wage the struggle for our jobs, we also have to fight for an environment to live in. Both things match very well!“*

Apprentices demanded their inlimited engagement because they need the job and because the workers at the assembly lines need new colleagues. Workers shouted: *„You won't get a single car from us!“* or: *„We have nothing left to loose!“*

With the now published plan to close the plant by 2016, all the illusions in a solution by negotiation without struggle have failed. Especially the tactics of waiving of wages has failed in open public. Should the workforce now watch the laying of the plant piece by piece? There can be only one answer: Fight for every job on the expense of the profits of GM! There has to be a struggle across the group against the plant closure in Bochum as well as against the plans for closure or dismissals in Sao José dos Campos in Brazil, at PSA Aulnay in France or at the Korean GM-plant of Gunsan. One for all and all for one!

It is not by hazard that the management of GM is now savagely attacking and that they are putting their cards on the table. In the since 2008 ongoing deepest economic and financial crisis a new slump is looming. It is assumed that this is only the beginning. It is not a problem of Opel alone but a problem of the capitalist crises!

The plant clusure in bochum is also a national political issue, even chancellor Merkel had to pipe up without however criticising the plans for giving up the plant.

This plain clusure also means that a core piece of the policy of damping the consequences of the crisis has failed and that a internationally well known militant workforce is being attacked. They may not get away with that!

It is the decision of the workers themselves wether to wage the struggle for every job with a self-reliant strike or not. In any case they can rely on the solidarity of the population of the Ruhr area and on the Marxist-Leninist Party of Germany (MLPD).

MLPD proposes the following slogans for the struggle:

- \* Immediate withdrawal of the closure plans by the management of GM!
- \* Public apology for the violation of the leader of the shop stewards comitee!
- \* For a full legal right to strike in all matters!
- \* Advancement of 100 percent renewable driving technologies and environmentally friendly traffic systems!
- \* No more waiving on anything at all!
- \* Fight for every job on the expense of the profits!
- \* Ahead to working-class offensive!