

Against the German War



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The world is divided: on one side exploitation and oppression in all countries with hunger, illness and poverty – on the other side a world of wealth which could have ended this misery long ago. We're separated from this wealth by the rule of a system that is no longer capable of meeting the necessities of mankind. The worldwide crisis and the decay of production prove it every day: the old order has become an obstruction to the progress of mankind. The system of capitalistic exploitation does no longer work, it is no longer possible to expand production. Never before has there been more capacity for work and never before has it been wasted as much. We witness a futile battle for survival of the old order.



At the annual Luxemburg-Liebknacht March in Berlin, 2012. Our statement on the banner: „Long live international solidarity - Pro German national bankruptcy“

German Imperialism fights on the foremost front to get access to raw materials such as rare earths in Kazakhstan, oil from Libya or natural gas from Russia. Production in other countries is dictated from Germany. This leads to agricultural areas, which are required for the production of food, being used instead for growing energy plants or for putting up solar panels. The farmer in Kenya is pushed into hunger in order to supply fuel for German cars when he could grow crops to feed himself and the world. At the same time the fortress of Europe is sealed off. The paramilitary European border police (FRONTEX), lead by the German federal police, sink ships with hundreds of refugees. People who are trying to escape the misery created by German capital end up as dead

bodies on the beaches of southern Europe, in areas that also suffer from worsening economic conditions. The humanitarian efforts of the colonial masters are unmasked every day. Worldwide, millions work for a pittance for German companies. The world market is flooded with cheap products by export champion Germany. The products are cheap, since the wages in Germany are low in relation to worker's productivity. This deepens the crisis in Germany and worldwide.

Imperialism is no longer able to restore the economy. The limitations of capitalism no longer allow an expansion of production. In places that have factories that allow cheap production, there is no one around able to afford the goods produced.

In places where there are still buyers, the markets are already taken by others. The contradictions between imperialistic powers increase daily. The world is divided in areas of domination; to increase one's area is only possible by means of robbery.

German imperialism is an excellent robber. It would not need robbery, if the American car industry would



Participation in the Anti-War-Campaign Class Struggle Instead of World War.

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vanish spontaneously or if China would disappear from the face of the earth. As this is rather unlikely, we have to expect war. The European Union is used by Germany to support its war efforts. It allows Germany to dominate other countries politically and economically and to keep other European powers in check. Strengthened by the annexation of the GDR and the following campaign through Eastern Europe, Germany now is looking to dominate all of Europe. The pretendedly friendly European cooperation to get a grip on the crisis put Germany in a position to dictate to other countries how to extract the maximum amount of money from the people.

Germany dictates the pensions, wage reductions and factory closures. It orders the closure of hospitals and the scrapping of medical assistance as it happened in Greece. It forces half of the Spanish and Greek Youth into unemployment. It kicks people out of their houses and flats, while thousands of new built homes are left to rot.

This is to ensure that German banks and companies are able to cash in their debt certificates before others. So that debts are paid which are not debts of the people.

People in Europe take the protest against the German politics of occupation and austerity on the streets. It won't be long before there will be stronger resistance than mass demonstrations and one day general strikes. German imperialism has been preparing its police forces, secret service and military for this. If considered necessary it intends to crush any resistance at home

and abroad. German forces have also infiltrated other countries public services and forces.

Like any other association of imperialistic powers, the European Union is only a temporary arrangement that exists as long as the powers involved consider it useful. It should not give you the idea, that the European powers are bound together in peace. Since at least 1900 the capitalists act increasingly international, which requires them to rely on a national state to act in their interest against competing capitalists.

West Germany was able to achieve in so-called times of peace what would have required a war in former times. The result of their peace, destroyed factories and mass unemployment, has not improved economic conditions, but worsened them. And this leads us closer to war.

The question is: World War III or revolution? This means for us, the revolutionary youth from West Germany and the annexed GDR: Do we allow them to start off a world war which they need to save their old order, because some other country challenges their export markets or hinders their access to urgently needed raw materials? Do we allow them to threaten, exploit and suppress other people? Do we allow them to make workers of the world pay for their crisis of overproduction? No!

We know from history: the German imperialism is a well-trained robber. The formation of a German



Manifestation against the NATO Security Conference in Munich, 2012. Common bloc with other youth organisations. The banner read: „German diktat over Europe means war - Never again“

Repeating this message at St. Peters Church in Munich.

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national state was based on wars for the domination of Europe. They learned from the suppression of the socialist November-revolution and from two world wars. It has risen again to the status of a world power through the annexation of the GDR, it has improved its military structures and expands these continuously – to fight its own people and other people. In 1999 it was ready to attack and break up another country: Yugoslavia. This is the tradition of today's Germany: the state of the German capital has learned lessons from all of this.

We also know: through the ruins of today's world we can see the world of tomorrow. There is nothing that will save the few monopolies which rule the wealth of the world today and command billions.



On a lot of manifestations, police attacked everyone wearing the FDJ symbol, which led to arrests and criminal lawsuits.

Militarization of the Youth

To prepare for a war, one needs people who can drive tanks and control drones and launch equipment. If one wants a war, one needs to ensure that coming generations consider warfare as a “normal” circumstance. For this reason the German military is looking to enter schools, universities and vocational training. The military trains and educates teachers. Occasionally, it just runs classes itself. The military promotes its training material and tries to lure with class trips. On average, the military performs 19 events every day at schools, universities and youth clubs. The expenses to attract new personnel have increased from 9.2 million euros in 1998 to 29 million euros in 2012. The main motivation is the salary: no other job in Germany is as well paid as that of a soldier in Germany. This militarization secures the military personnel for future wars and also gets people used to a state of war. The ruling class puts massive amounts of money into this and educational institutions enter on cooperation agreements with the military on a massive scale.



On the roof of the war concern MAN in Munich, January 2012. The banner read: „crisis, war and barbarism are not our future - class struggle instead of world war - long live international solidarity“

War Economy

The contradictions of capitalism force the capitalists into having to want a war. This is reflected in the economy. External violence requires internal violence, direct influence in the economy, and cancellation of basic capitalistic laws. The capitalists are forced to use means of war economy:

The German capitalists have learned their lessons from history. In WW I the war economy was established too late, only during the course of the war. For WW II, the fascists took measures a couple of years before the war. A four-year-plan prepared the industry for the war, and step-by-step a non-voluntary labour service for the youth was established. During the war millions were forced into work and concentration camp inmates were killed by the work they were forced to do for the German industry.

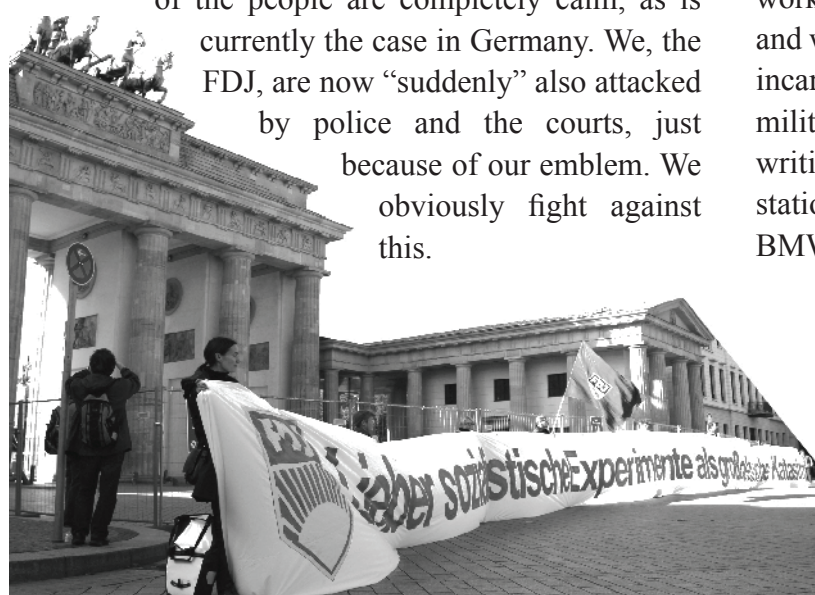
In today's Germany there is again a development towards a war economy. This includes the abolishment of the free worker in many sectors. For two thirds of those without work who are under 35 this means they don't have a normal employment. Nearly one million workers have no other choice than earning money by working as a hired-out worker. This means that they are employed by a company that does not produce anything, but only passes on workers to other companies. These workers have no influence on their working conditions. This allows the capitalist to quickly move ten-thousands of workers who may produce cars today to the production of tanks tomorrow. This does not only simplify the control over the workers to secure production of strategic goods but also divides the workers in those with permanent contracts and those which have no rights and are paid poorly. This weakens the worker's position in economic struggles, and even more in political struggles against the war.

Republic in a state of emergency

The continuing economic crisis and the urge of the capital to resolve economic contradictions with violence are incompatible with a bourgeois democracy. Parliamentarianism exists today only as a caricature of itself. The transformation of the state started with the annexation of the GDR and has until now created many institutions which are similar to ones during fascism like secret state police (Gestapo) and main office for security (Reichssicherheitshauptamt),

The changes are also visible in the actions of the police and the courts: more and more often the police clubs down the freedom of assembly and courts arbitrarily pronounce draconic sentences onto young revolutionaries. A young person from Dresden took part in a demonstration against Nazis. He shouted “come forward”, for

this he was sentenced to a jail term of nearly two years. This is not a particular oddity in a capitalist state, even in one that calls itself “democratic”. But it does show an abnormal harshness in a time where the majority of the people are completely calm, as is currently the case in Germany. We, the FDJ, are now “suddenly” also attacked by police and the courts, just because of our emblem. We obviously fight against this.



The Army against the people

Who engages in an external war wants to ensure that it's quiet at the home front. The annexation of the GDR forced West Germany to expand and restructure its police and military forces. Many changes are based on the concept of

“civil-military cooperation”. This includes that all larger civil aid organizations, which have 3.5 million members are commanded by the military. In every town and city, the mayor and the local administration

have an army officer assigned as an advisor. These new organizations become active when a natural disaster strikes, but they are also training how to deal with demonstrations and workers who are on strike.

It does not end there. At this moment, new

“safeguarding and supporting forces” are being established. These are similar to the “Freikorps”, militants who were fighting down the November-revolution of 1918 after WW I. They acted against workers, killed Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg and were early supporters of fascist terror. The current incarnation of the “Freikorps” are trained by the military. Members are reservists who have agreed in writing to be deployed in Germany. Many of them are stationed near big factories like Daimler, Audi and BMW.



Rally against the installation of the RSUKs in Dresden, 2013
reservist squads, called RSUKs (regional safeguarding and supporting forces) These resemble the “Freikorps” (volunteer corps) in the German 1920s

On Oct. 7th 2012 on occasion of the GDR's anniversary, in front of the Brandenburg Gate, Berlin. A banner: „Rather socialist experiments than Greater German catastrophes“



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