

Incompetence of capitalism and the necessity for Socialism

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INTRODUCTION

We have gotten used to this madness that is causing havoc, destruction, and murdering here in the world: capitalism. But its days are numbered, with every sunrise, Socialism shines through the cracks of the ailing capitalist system.

Capitalism is unable to nourish the world

Today, more people are living in hunger than ever before. Following recent UN numbers they count 842 million. That equals the whole population of the USA, Canada and Europe together. In 1936 only, they counted a third of the whole population of the earth lacking nourishment, and that was 300 million to 1 billion people as a whole. Today, the number of people who barely have got enough to eat and who are lacking the basic nutrients like protein, ferrum, iodium and vitamins is – at a rough estimate of the WHO - about 3 billion people. That equals about half of the world population. All in all 30 million people die of hunger and its consequences every year. Among them around 6.5 million children. 146 million children under 5 years of age are malnourished and every day it is again decided if they live or die from starvation. 18.000 of those kids die every day. And all of this because a handful of imperialist countries, among them German imperialism at the foremost, decide about the food production on the means of their profit interests alone and they control almost the whole agriculture.



Socialism is necessary to stop the hunger in the world

Because these children deserve to have a future. Following the UN World-Food-Report, the agriculture can easily nourish, in today's state, about 12 billion people which is twice the population of the world. That is, if and only if we rip the production of food from the hands of capitalist logic, whose aim is not to nourish the population but to make profit. The whole waffle about "millennium aims of UN" is nothing but fraud because capitalism can only follow that very aim. A victorious Socialism would not only divide the food more just but also would it ignore short-term wins in the process of their production; those wins destroy fertile land today for the cultivation of tomorrow. Today, 5 billion hectare of land is fertile to nourish the world but 10 million hectare are lost every year because of too intensive or not suitable use, or through salination because of the wrong watering.

Capitalism is incapable of making progress with science and education.

Science and education are not and will not be pushed in capitalism in its state of imperialism, its present state. Every sixth child today is unable to read or write. 121 million children worldwide cannot go to primary school to learn these skills in general. All in all 143 million children and young people cannot go to school and in many parts of the world these numbers are still growing.

Because the capitalists have no use for masses of literate youngsters. On the contrary, they kick the youth and the workers out of the firms by the dozen. They follow the motto: “Why invest in the youth when their future as beggars and road sweepers has been already set?”

Capitalism and first of all the imperialist states do not have any interest in the development of the poor states. Especially German imperialism does not want to support the youth in other countries, but it wants to rob them off their resources, That is why German imperialism does not care if the youth in Congo and other countries are croaking. The sole motivation for German imperialism is that there are still some workers left who can mine the raw materials for them.

German imperialism is doing everything it can to get the youth and workers of other countries in its clutches and then to hurl them in poverty and death.

That can only mean for us: Fight German Imperialism!

That is why for us there can only be one way: class struggle and Socialism!

Socialism is necessary for providing the youth of the world with science and education.

Capitalism is incapable of developing the means of production any further.

The economic basis of imperialism is the monopoly. That causes, as Lenin stated, “unavoidably the tendency for stagnation and decay” (Lenin, Imperialism as the highest state of capitalism). For monopoly prices can stop technical progress temporarily. Capital export is also one of the main economic bases of capitalism. Capital export is much more lucrative than to invest in new means

of production. The few imperialists live at the expenses of the whole world and squeeze the peoples dry by the means of state credits. German imperialism is the biggest money-lender of the world, instead of investing in the development of the productive capacity, it is accumulating giant profits through interest and compound interest, through exploitation and robbery in other countries.



Socialism is necessary to drive science for the benefit of humanity.

Science, education, and the development of the means of production must be withdrawn from the striving for short-term profit. Our liberation from capitalism will at the same time be the liberation of the constrained science and will therefore set powers of progress free that will be undreamed of.

Capitalism is unable to safeguard peace

Two times, German imperialism solved global

economic crises through World Wars. And for two times the World War has been the best reflationary program to destroy the accumulated values of the over-production crisis.

“Capitalists do not want war, they have to want war!” (Bertolt Brecht) Nothing has changed since Brecht wrote these words down.

Socialism is necessary to establish the peace of the peoples and to safeguard it.

We, the Youth, have no other choice than to fight against capitalism. Because only when we turn against the ruling class and their greed for profit, only then do we have a choice not to become murderers of people.



The FDJ participates in the honouring of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg every year in January, Berlin. Additional to the ceremony at the cemetery it is the biggest regularly, left-wing demonstration in Europe.

We are the future and no profit of the banks and big business is good for us. No armaments industry and no armies of imperialist states are good for us. We want to learn from each other and live together.

Therefore: Class Struggle against world war!

No more fascism! No more war!

Capitalism is unable to exploit the people.

The means of capitalism is by definition to squeeze added value out of the workers. But as Capitalism came into being, the army of unemployed people has grown steadily. An ever smaller part of humanity is sufficient to produce almost all of the products. A great part of the global population is doomed to eke out a miserable existence without work or bread. Over 200 million unemployed peo-

ple were registered in the year 2013. The unemployment of youth is particularly dramatic, e.g. in some parts of the world it is about a quarter of the population. In the industrialized countries it is even higher than in several other parts of the world, here it is about a fifth of the total. German imperialism is the world's second largest exporter of goods and by its cheap exports it forces other countries to lower their wages and to rationalize. By the raid in the former Socialist countries it was involved in the destruction of millions of jobs. Never before in history have there been as many unemployed as today.

Socialism is necessary to divide equally work and leisure.

For that is in the original meaning of the word a great condition and the best precondition for Socialism, when this condition, that can mean poverty, exclusion and even death for the people changes into something positive, when by the equal division of work for all, there can be more time for culture and science and the prosperity for all can be increased.

Capitalism is unable to provide us with a life worth living

We want a life worth living but for that we need the necessary requirements. But exactly these requirements, as electricity, clean water and health for all – we will not find under the rule of capitalism. 1.2 billion people in the world were living in extreme poverty. That means they have less than 1.25 Dollars a day available. The UN and their experts assume that this number will have grown since 2009 to 55 or 90 million additionally. It is no wonder to anyone that right now over one billion people do not have access to electricity. So what about prosperity under capitalism, what about “a life worth living” and so the capitalists want it going to be. In 2006, 2.5 billion people live without access to clean drinking-water and sa-

nitary facilities. But when people are deprived of the possibility for hygiene the dangers of illnesses are even higher. In the year 2010, 33.4 million people lived with the AIDS/HIV virus, as many as never before. Since 2009, 2.7 million people got infected, and in 2008, 2 million people died of it. Even curable diseases kill countless children. In 2007, 9 million children under five years of age died. Among these fatal diseases, the measles/rubella play a center role. In 2007, 197.000 peoples died of measles. It is a disease against which there is a vaccine, same as there is life-prolonging medication in the case of HIV.

Socialism is necessary to enable Youth to have a life worth living

All this poverty and diseases is nothing that fell out of the sky

All of this has got one origin: capitalism.

We will never have a good life in capitalism!

Therefore and because we want a life worth living, there can only be one alternative: Socialism!

Capitalism is unable to protect the earth and its resources

“The production industry driven by profit is spitting its garbage into our atmosphere. The temperatures are rising globally, which threatens vast parts of the earth, among them the greatest part of Africa; there is a threat of flood catastrophes never seen before, drought, hunger and epidemics. Robbery-like deforestation is destroying millions of hectare of rainforest and by that the green lungs, that clear our breathing air. Fishing grounds are reduced dangerously, as real estate dealers pave the spawning grounds in the river deltas with gulf courses and tourism areas and global big businesses slurp even the last bit of protein from the bottom of the sea. ...

“Modernization” for modernization’s sake, “grow-

th” that is isolated from development will have to be replaced by another kind of logic, where we put society’s needs over profit, where sustantation of the households and the communities and the development of local economies are important components of a extensive social and economic program.”

Socialism or lapse into barbarism

We need another system. A system in which everyone can learn without any fees.

Where schools and universities are open for all and no-one has to pay for their teaching aids. Where places to train and working places for all are abundant and science is driven forward. A system that does not teach barbarism or culturelessness, where nobody has to suffer from hunger or dies from curable diseases.

Where we do not learn to live in competition or where young people think it is normal to enlist in the army of the ruling, to shoot against the youth of other countries. Because we do not want to become murderers of people like us.

We need Socialism to live and to learn how to love life.

So that we can leave the house every morning with a smile on our lips and everybody regards the motto as their own: Friendship to the Youth of the world!



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