

# Bourgeois Democracy and the Threat of Fascism in the Federal Republic of Germany

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In the stage of imperialism, democracy is always a removable form of rule, because monopoly is the negation of democracy. The bourgeois form of rule can be democratic, as long as it serves the purposes of the bourgeoisie. As soon as this monopolist capitalism can only collect profits and extra-profits by land-grab, by bringing the exploitation to the boil. And once there is only a government of the most chauvinist, nationalist, and violent baiting, the finance capital restores fascism to power. Comrade Dimitroff wrote: "Fascism in power is the open, terroristic dictatorship of the most reactionary, the most chauvinist, and the most imperialist elements of finance capitalism."

Historically, fascism is the final stage of the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie. Between fascism and the subversion of the bourgeois rule, there can be no other forms of their rule.

"Capitalism in its imperialist stage leads directly to the most comprehensive socialization of production" (Lenin, Imperialism). But the basic contradiction of capitalism – private appropriation – does not cease to exist. Private appropriation commands that "the yoke of a few monopolists on the rest of the population becomes a hundred times heavier, more burdensome and intolerable" (Lenin, Imperialism). The monopolists constantly push towards extra-profits globally – monopolists

constantly push towards war. World economic crises, like the one between 1929 and 1932, intensify the monopolist drive. Like in the current world economic crisis, when the representative of the monopolist bourgeoisie, chancellor Merkel, said that the crisis will give the cards a shuffle and Germany will come out of this crisis as a victor.

German fascism was most barbarous. It was the open, terrorist dictatorship of the finance capital that acted chauvinistically, nationalistically, with the utmost baiting against their own and other peoples, in service of the monopolist capital, particularly against the people of the Soviet Union; the fascists robbed, murdered, and exterminated. Hitler-fascism, labeled national -"socialism" was described by



comrade Dimitroff: "What is the source of influence of fascism on the masses? Fascism accomplishes to win the masses by appealing to the deepest anxieties and needs of the masses in a demagogic manner. Fascism not only arouses deep-seated prejudices, but it also speculates with the best sentiments among the masses, their sense of justice, occasionally, even with their revolutionary traditions. Why do the German fascists – those lackeys of the big bourgeoisie and deadly enemies of socialism - act up like socialists in public; and misrepresent their empowerment as 'revolution'? Because they strive to exploit the belief in the revoluti-

on and the drive to socialism, that lives up in the hearts of the broad working masses in Germany.”

The current situation again inherits the peril of fascism and war driven by the monopolist bourgeoisie. The drive for spheres of influence, resources, sales markets has inevitably increased in this world economic crisis. This accelerates the German imperialism's course of war. Bertolt Brecht once said: “Capitalists do not want war, they must want war!” The German monopolists have taken precautions. Since the annexation of the German Democratic Republic (GDR), the German state has built up an illegal regime to suppress the working class and to prepare the people for war.

Due to the annexation of the GDR, the initial situation of German imperialism fundamentally changed: main parts of the post-war order have been destroyed by German imperialism. Along with the annexation, German imperialism was able to enlarge its territory for 1/3 of its own size and expanded its rule over 16 million more people. Hence, the former economic giant became a political giant, too.

German monopolies gained enormous profit from this annexation: approx. 1.02 billion DM. With the help of the so-called ‘Treuhandanstalt’ (the FRG's privatization agency), people-owned companies were smashed or given away to monopolists of the FRG; so-called “equalization claims” were decided in favor of the annexionists; a huge export of the FRG to

the sales market GDR, was pushed forward, so-called “inner-German trade”; GDR wealth was plundered; insurances were massively sold, and socialized property (land, houses,...) was “given back” to their “right” owners, meaning the old owners during fascism. All this happened without any legal control by the Parliament.

The annexation took place without any shed of blood. However, being so enormously violent



in its extent of destruction and plundering, it had to blow up the limitations of the FRG's bourgeois democracy. The apparatus of state of the first German antifascist-democratic, later on socialist, state had to be smashed entirely: its ‘Nationale Volksarmee’ (army of the GDR), its ‘Volkspolizei’ (popular police), its government, its achievements from 40 years of existence. Moreover, the regime of the FRG-monopolies could not simply replace the empty gaps, but had to be turned into a regime that is able to suppress both working classes and both peoples. This made it necessary for the monopolists to implement other structures,

which are in many respects similar to that of the German fascist state of 1933 - 1945. All these measure have shaken the very basis of bourgeois democracy and have fundamentally increased the threat of a turn into fascism once again. Therefore we call this a state of emergency: a state of emergency of the Berlin annexation republic and a double state of emergency in the annexed GDR.

That's why our struggle against the German imperialism now comprises a struggle against the threat of a new rising fascism and very clearly a struggle against this state of emergency.



Winter-school of the FDJ in Oświęcim (former concentration camp Auschwitz) in December, 2005. This location clarifies the role German fascism inherited most of all. We spent a week there with 50 of our youngsters. Especially, the meetings with the survivors of this camp branded itself in our hearts and minds. Never again fascism!

The four "d's" of the post-war order, summarized by the peoples in the 'Potsdam Agreement' after having suffered the most gruesome experiences, were: de-nazification, de-militarization, democratization, de-monopolization.

**BBUT HOW IS THE CONCRETE SITUATION IN GREATER GERMANY TODAY, CONCERNING THIS AGREEMENT?**

**Never again Germany should be waging wars!**

German soldiers are currently at war all around the world: in Afghanistan, in Kosovo, in Sudan, in the democratic republic of Kongo,

in Lebanon. Through the transformation of the Bundeswehr (FRG-army) an army is being formed off professional killers and lackeys of the monopolist capital ready to go into war for "German interests", i.e. resources, ways of transportation, etc. According to German imperialism, there are no more sovereign national borders: waves of migrants and insurrections must be controlled. The tolerated army of defense has officially been turned into an army in action.

**Never again, the German army should be deployed against their own people!**

Due to the implementation of the so-called Homeland Security 3.5 million civilians organized in civil organizations, came under the rule of the German army. 5'500 reservists of the army have been deployed in 427 communal offices since 2007. They are the links in the civil-military cooperation. These civilians are trained to be their main social support, for the case that the most aggressive parts of the finance capital do not trust the social democracy anymore. The interior deployment of reservists has come to the permanent interior occupation and war deployment against the own people.

**Never again, there should be a secret police like the GeStaPo!**

(GeStaPo: Geheime Staatspolizei: fascist secret state police) – This was ratified in the separation commandment of the allies in 1949. Since 2006, secret service, police and army again work together in the so-called common terrorism-defense-centre on the territory of the former GDR, in Potsdam (which, by the way, also violates the 2+4 Treaty of 1990).

### Never again, there should be a centralized police!

The Bundesgrenzschutz (German border police) was established in the FRG shortly after the 2nd imperialist World War. It represented a state apparatus that supplied the German army with old fascist generals during re-militarization in 1953. According to the annexation of the GDR, the Bundesgrenzschutz has got new tasks since 1990: the Bundesgrenzschutz was then implemented in the interior (airports, central stations). Since 2005, the Bundesgrenzschutz has officially become a centralized, paramilitary Bundespolizei (centralized police) with new jurisdiction, e.g. deployment in 47 countries of the world, partly militarily armed.

### Never again, there should be a fascist “Reichssicherheitshauptamt”!

With the 'common terrorism-defense-centre' in Potsdam steps were taken towards this direction. Here, illegally and centralized, German army, 'Bundespolizei', 'Bundeskriminalamt' (Federal Criminal Police Office), secret service, 'Zollkriminalamt' (customs criminal police), secret service of the army, the supreme justice, and the central office for migration and refugees join to plan and command interior deployments.

This list of attacks can be continued. The described measures are the most decisive ones, which serve the preparation for wars of German imperialism. It is not only a violation of certain bourgeois laws, but a far-reaching turn of the state, very much forced by the monop-

list capitalists to secure their order of exploitation and very much their own existence. This turn of the state is a state of emergency in two countries: In the FRG and a double state of emergency in the annexed GDR. This turn of the state has been the most aggressive attack of German imperialism since World War II. It was allowed by the majority of the respective Parliaments, sanctioned by the justice, widely neglected by the press.

Comrade Dimitroff once said that the transition to fascism is not simple, but fascism comes to power “ordinarily”. The struggle against the state of emergency is a struggle against imperialism. The saying “those who sleep in democracy will wake up in fascism” is more current than ever. German imperialism is one of the most shrewd and unscrupulous imperialists. The demagoguery of German imperialism has to be unrevealed with all firmness. Every peace with this imperialism will be another defeat of the working class and the working youth of the world, and it will be one step further towards the direction of fascism and war against other peoples on behalf of the monopolists – if we are not able to stop them. The anti-imperialist struggle has to be fought today. The most urgent question today is: socialism or lapse into barbarism, lapse into fascism and lapse into a 3rd World War.



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