

Which side we are on

1 ● The working youth in this country has only one choice: only the peoples themselves can end wars. And the peoples of Russia and Ukraine proved this to the world most strikingly in 1917: with the October Revolution and their liberation. Not only the slaughter was ended. Above all, the wealth of the few at the expense of the vast majority was ended. It ended the miserable life in the countryside, the ignorance, the exploitation of man by man.

When these days and weeks the center of attention is the war in Ukraine, one must know that exactly 100 years ago the liberated peoples united in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. No more borders separated the workers. No more autocrat, no more czar, no more capitalists, and no more talk of Western-style democracy. No more bickering over the important coal deposits in the Donbass, over the oil and gas fields in Kazakhstan, over the newly built shipyards and combines, the land and the knowledge.

Who ruled was the people. 15 sisters like Ukraine and Russia and dozens more nations and cultures. Production was for the people. And when the German Nazis with their barbaric war thought to rob everything, these 15 sisters were victorious and brought the fascists the most crushing defeat.

And yet there is a war going on there now. A war of the robbers of the wealth of the peoples on all sides of the borders. Borders that played a new role again since there is no more Soviet Union. The war is not days or weeks old. It is 30 years. 30 years of death, robbery, destruction and flight. 30 years of oligarchs, former party cadres, snatching the people's property, selling off the factories, closing the universities, making health a privilege again and recruiting their private armies to protect their own robbery from the people who are now starving again. The robbery knows no borders. It does not care whether the Ukrainian people suffer more hunger than the Belarusian people or vice versa. But it needs them, as it needs the long abandoned nationalism, to present a meaning for the war against the people that does not exist.

The new billionaires, whether they come from Kiev, Moscow, Turkmenistan or Georgia, live on the ruins of a time that can be the only answer for the peoples of the former Soviet Union to get rid of the war that is raging: With the time of socialism. It guaranteed peace. To abandon socialism brings war.

And part of the whole truth is that the rule of the workers and the people was abandoned long before the fall of the Soviet Union or the Berlin Wall.

As FDJ, we know what we are talking about. And we state that even before the invasion of the West and its present role as the number one warmonger is mentioned: No wall falls by itself. No state and no party of the workers crumbles overnight. For a long time, the enemy had to dig and dig in their own ranks, in the parties of the working class, until at some point it could be officially said that there would be no more classes in socialism. But every single death of the former socialist republics, which is the product of the war that has been going on for 30 years, is simply the result of a temporarily lost battle of the proletariat against the old and new exploiters and plunderers. Those who again officially put themselves at the head of the new and dismembered states of the former Soviet Union, but never had disappeared. And now the walls were torn down, the old imperialists with the German one in the front line invaded, stole, destroyed and today, as a NATO alliance, bring a third world war closer. But what does a threatening third world war teach us?

The class struggle in socialism rages always and everywhere. And only the dictatorship of the proletariat and its democracy of soviets can guarantee peace and progress.

We are not on any side of this war of the robbers. And all the more, because in this Greater Germany almost nobody does, we remind that history is still written by the peoples themselves. And socialism was already in power precisely there, where one of dozens of wars on this earth is currently raging, and without it and its temporary defeat purely nothing can be explained and purely no lessons can be learned.

We are on the side of the workers and peoples of all 15 sisters who have no choice but to liberate themselves once again.

2. Always and now more than ever we must and will say: Without the annexation of the GDR the peoples would live more safely. Without a Germany that had become bigger, no German big companies invading the whole of Eastern Europe, no fragmentation of whole states, no German bombs on Yugoslavia, no Troika over Greece, no German tanks in Poland and Lithuania, no patrolling German police in the Czech Republic and Hungary. Whoever talks about war in the heart of Europe must start in this country in 1990. And again we must note that the working class of the GDR and the working class of West Germany could have chosen for themselves to lead the struggle against their main enemy and to stop its grip on the GDR. The provisional victory was won by the warmongers, Siemens and Deutsche Bank, the automobile monopolies and chemical giants, who left nothing but ruins and wasteland in the new East Germany. But they were supported by a Volksgemeinschaft, unprecedented in the recent history of this country, which knew only Germans and spoke of peace in Europe. Just as we are hearing and feeling again now, in the first half of 2022, on the streets and in parliaments, in the news, daily newspapers and government declarations: Chancellor Scholz declares the "turn of the times" in the Bundestag and presents a program that declares war. 100 billion as an extra fund for the war budget and up to 75 billion annual official budget for German militarism.

When the rulers in this country talk about peace and mean war...

When the majority in the country and across every class does not know to distinguish top from bottom, but is convinced that peace in Ukraine can be got with the same old German masters, who did not leave out a crime that could be committed themselves...

If in the face of war in one country, no other war in this world, off which to live was quite possible, can be relevant...

If the belt is to be tightened again, because the hundreds of war billions are to be paid by the entire working class with their health, their unemployment funds, their pensions and the entire people with the hunger...

When in the classrooms and teaching workshops the talk is of evil Moscow and free Berlin, and when the military goes in and out, and in physics the calculations are that of drone flight paths....

Then the working-class youth knows: We are to be made fit for war and go into battle for this rotten system.

Then Karl Liebknecht's hour strikes.

Then horse and rider are to be named, and then the program of the working-class youth in the schools and training workshops is practically formulated:

Either the lessons will be self-dictated; Either it will control the knowledge it needs to wrest from this obsolete, poisoned, death-bringing production of this German capitalist class which has already unleashed two world wars;

Or it will not get rid of the steel helmet and end up with its head down in the trenches again!

There is only one choice: revolution instead of war!

And then, but only then, a bit more peace is brought to the peoples of the former Soviet Union:

**The main enemy is in the own country
and is called German imperialism!**

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