

International Anti-War-Campaign

"Class Struggle instead of World War"

History has shown:

The struggle against war is international. This is why KSM and FDJ take part in the international anti-war-campaign "Class Struggle instead of World War", undertaken by a unity of organisations from four countries (including the annexed GDR), who decided the following declaration in 2012:



Declaration

The participants of a meeting on 28/29 January 2012 in Munich see it as the first in a series of international meetings which follow the campaign "Class Struggle Instead of World War", and aim to continue this campaign over the following years. This year an event is planned to commemorate the anniversary of the Munich Pact of 1938 in the building where this agreement was signed, the former Führerbau, today the building of the Hochschule für Theater und Musik (Academy for Theatre and Music) in Munich. Representatives from the Czech Republic, the Republic of Poland and the Federal Republic of Germany will participate in this event. In the following year 2013, on the 75th anniversary of the disgraceful Munich Pact, the campaign "Class Struggle Instead of World War" plans a trail from Munich to Prague. If possible, this shall be organized by a platform uniting groups from the Czech Republic, the Republic of Poland and the Federal Republic of Germany.

On the 75th anniversary of the start of WWII, in 2014, the convoy "Class Struggle Instead of World War" will start in

Gdansk and move via Warsaw through the Republic of Poland. This will be carried out by supporters from aforementioned three countries.

The participants of the meeting on 28th/29th January in Munich will tackle this multi-year planning being aware

- that the Munich Pact of 1938 is directly linked to the German attack on Poland on 1st September 1939,

- that today the Czech Republic and the Republic of Poland are again infiltrated economically and politically by German Imperialism,

- that along with the continuing world-wide economic crisis, the danger of a new world war is increasing.

The international campaign "Class Struggle Instead of World War" wants to warn the people of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Poland and other people threatened by German imperialism against this threat. And it intends to warn the people of Germany not to have them sent again to a war against other people. This campaign and its preparation serve directly to improve the friendship among nations and follows the great tradition of proletarian internationalism.

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The convoy did commence on September 29th, 2013 in Munich. 75 years earlier the Munich Dictate had been decided, which led to the annexation of a part of the Czech Republic by German Fascism. On its ten day journey, the campaign-convoy trailed through several cities, stopping at large-scale factories, vocational schools, working-class districts and city centres in the FRG and the Czech Republic, and came to its temporary end in Prague at October the 8th.



First truck: The chancellor Merkel, riding on a V2-rocket, and a capitalist *The German government a faithful accomplice of the capital*

Its trailer: A German boy in the uniform of a Hitler-Youth anti-aircraft battalion
War comes back to the aggressor's country



Second truck: 600 year old figures of German aggression against the Czech Republic
German eastward Invasions have a long tradition



Third truck: German dwarfs bearing steel helmets, an impersonator of the Germania-statue in a coffin
The fifth column in the Czech Republic



Fourth truck: Oskar Matzerath from Günter Grass's novel "Blechtrommel" (tin drum) with two faces
The petite-bourgeoisie is undecided: Join the ruler's war or take sides with the working-class and the progressive youth



Fifth truck: Workers from several companies
The struggle of the working-class



Sixth truck: Youth of several youth-organisations
United struggle of the youth against the war

This campaign-convoy is a street-theatre to encourage contemplation, aiming to warn against the next world-war, which is being prepared by the ruling classes, which we – Workers and Youth – have to struggle against



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As we drove through the cities, we stopped at schools, factories and city squares and drove through neighbourhoods. We held speeches, spread our leaflets, warned against a new war deriving from German soil and told the people, how deeply German imperialism has already undermined foreign countries, as the Czech Republic.

Some examples:

Demonstration in front of a school - Spontaneously several students decide to join us for a while and enter the Youth-Truck. A vocational-school student, addressing a leaflet distributor: "I thought, war is always good!" "No", says a young comrade from Ingolstadt down from the Youth-Truck and points towards the Anti-Aircraft-Helper on the trailer of the first truck. "That one" he says, "may as well have thought, he would come through, while Germany wages war and then found himself in that very uniform." And a Czech comrade tells the youth: "When Czechoslovakia was surrendered to the German war by the Munich Dictate 75 years ago, it was a catastrophe for not only my people. It was a catastrophe for the German people as well. Because the war of the German capital with its 60 million deads came back to the country which had tolerated and prepared it. We are not here to blame each other. We are here to prevent this to ever happen again!"

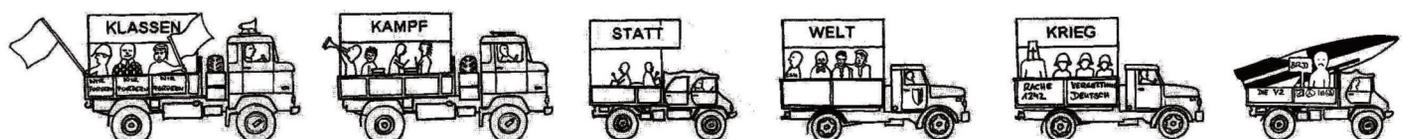


Workers from Daimler/Bremen on the „Workers-Truck“ tell their fellow workers how temporary work and subcontracting are part of the preparation for war, and how they strike against those in Bremen. They call for their solidarity: „We are not competitors. We are one class!“

The campaign is a thorn in the side of the German apparatus of state. Again and again they try to stop the campaign-convoy abolishing their own bourgeois law on the way, by declaring single elements of its appearance as being criminal. We cannot submit to that! It took staying firm and going to court to eventually restore freedom of art and opinion. Once again solely our determination in the struggle against the bourgeois apparatus of state shows us the way how to succeed.



The people here are being asked: „How will you decide? Next time you think that it would be good for you, for your job and your account to help the German rulers to rule the whole continent, contemplate! The German people does not have anything good to expect, when their rulers make the continent hate their country, their economizing-dictate, their tax-, donation-, interest-collectors. For how long can this go well in a world where millions, for the sake of their sheer survival, are forced to organise for to overthrow the existing system? This campaign-convoy asks: Become a murderer on the side with your rulers and perish, or get onto the side of those, who, today, fight against the upcoming war and say: A third time with us – No! You have to decide!“ The effect of this demonstration was some applause and some people joining us for a while.





75 years ago, October the 3rd, 1938, Hitler set his foot onto Czechoslovakian soil in Aš. In the FRG this date is being celebrated as the day of „German unity“, the annexation of the GDR, one of the first steps into the new German war. The sovereignty of the Czech Republic has been threatened again for long now. The convoy „Class Struggle instead of World War“ is being stopped on Czech soil by the authorities and the police. As we become aware, they are mainly under the command of German police! This is how far the undermining of the Czech Republic has already ripened. Not only that German capital owns most of this country – their state already rules it to a degree which the German fascism would not have dared to dream of before 1938.

At the memorial for those murdered by Hitlerfascism, our honour for the dead from 1938 to 1945 is: struggle against fascism and war!



The struggle for the Czech Republic's sovereignty is a common struggle on both sides of the border!



In Dolní Žandov we are being greeted by lots of children. The mayor welcomes the convoy. And we explain the appearance of the campaign-convoy to them and the reasons why we are here: To prevent our peoples to shoot at each other again and so all kids, both sides of the border, should be able grow up safely. We performed the Czech song of resistance „Proti Větru“, sung along by all those assembled, children and adults alike.



People waving down from behind their windows, attention is high, on our demonstrations we discuss with the people of Prague. It is the preliminary end of the campaign-convoy, but it is only the end of this convoy. The campaign goes on. The continuation and reinforcement of this international unity in action „Class Struggle instead of World War“ is imperative. Our Czech comrades – and this is no news to the Czech people since the wars of the Hussites – have to fight against two enemies: the inner enemy and the outer enemy, Germany. The German workers in the FRG and the annexed GDR must learn from history as well as from what we have experienced: How wrong it is to believe, that the German shirt is closer to them than the Czech coat: A people, which suppresses other peoples cannot be free. Something else we have learned: We are struggling and we can and will lose battles for sure, but we will never achieve anything by submitting to foul compromise and giving in the even tiniest millimetre.



The struggle continues!