



100 years after the October Revolution: Forward for another Red October!



Declaration of the FDJ

It has been proven twice the last 100 years: the socialist revolution is the only future for the youth, the youth makes the revolution and the youth needs the revolution imperatively. The revolution brought the end of war and militarism for the youth and it brought polytechnical education, the end of bourgeois spread ignorance. To the youths of the liberation movements and the peoples democracies it brought the end of colonial oppression, an end of analphabetism.

The destruction of socialism by the revisionism in our own ranks, the abandoning of the proletarian dictatorship and the lack of struggle for it brought back into our world sheer misery, barbarism. Most of today's millions of migrants worldwide are children or young people. The only future capitalism offers to the youth is death in the next great war. The double proof is shown: We need another Red October!

For 100 years we have got to know how to make the revolution now. To use this knowledge today is more urgent than ever. The meetings between the communist parties and organisations are clearly relevant for this. Marxism-Leninism has to be defended, all the more in times shaped by the greatest defeat of the world-wide working-class movement. Now revisionism has rampaged in our communist parties and movements for decades, destroyed socialism and with it the proletarian dictatorship, and installed sheer barbarism instead. The campaigning days on 100 years October Revolution were not suitable for conferences. These days were to be used by communists and revolutionaries to reach the working-class in their respective countries, to take to the streets for the working-class in their own or other country in order to prove: The only way to liberate mankind is to do another workers' revolution - opposing the post socialist depression in so many countries, not least the GDR. Keeping the lessons of the October Revolution in a conference hall and behind closed doors would not mean to be doing anything for the revolution. Like the October Revolution was led by the Bolschewiki but had actually to be made the working-class itself.

For 100 years we have known as well that it takes an powerful communist party to lead a revolution. But in which country this party has been built? Especially in the FRG it is still being built, in the annexed GDR it is missing completely. We find Worker's Union for the Reconstruction of the KPD to be the only organisation in the FRG to notice the lack of this revolutionary, communist party and to organize the workers to rebuild it. In which country the revolutionary youth is united in one organisation? Who does not want to talk about rebuilding revolutionary, powerful organisations of the working-class should not speak about the October Revolution either.

Who refuses to accept that revisionism in our ranks was the cause for our defeat will repeat the same mistakes and tramples all over the October Revolution once more; and is even capable to cooperate with the counterrevolutionary gangs, who get rich by exploiting the property of the peoples of former socialist countries. All of us allowed the WFDY to lose control over the World Festival with our eyes open. Allowed it to ally with the counter revolution. Excerpt from the declaration of the FDJ from January 2017:

“If the World Federation of Democratic Youth, if the members of World Federation of Democratic Youth don't want to say goodbye to the struggle for the new and become the old, we have to react and openly take up the fight against war and counter revolution! Instead of 'celebrating' our own defeats directed by the rulers in Sotschi, let's prepare our next victories! We owe it to ourselves, the casualties of past struggles and to future.”¹

All the red lines, which were not be crossed if the WFDY was to keep participating in the World Festival were crossed by Putin, his police and his depoliticising campaign with a smile about the headquarter's complaints, before the first flyer was even printed, before anyone could even shout: „Long live WFDY!“ To tolerate this play any longer means to support capitalism. Because, in the name of the Democratic Youth, the gates were thrown wide open for the counter revolution here. And the goals of the World Festival movement, to fight imperialism and war, were distorted and misused. In consequence, the progressive youth could not come together at their own World Festival in their own name, with all WFDY organisations which wanted to attend, without state interference and police control.

We made suggestions on how 100 years October Revolution could be appreciated not as a thing of yesterday, but as a thing of today and a tomorrow. At the General Council in February 2016 in Moscow we insisted on a World Festival, directed by the WFDY and under its name. Faced with the tremendous interference by the Russian counter revolution, we urged the WFDY and its member organisations in January 2017 to cancel the preparations for this feast. All suggestions have been answered by silence. But this silence is the death of any progress, because we should be in constant debate on how imperialism can be fought.

That is why we urge all WFDY organisations to break their silence. After Sochi is before Sochi if we do not change our course immediatedly and vehemently! The World Festival of the WFDY, which ceased to be under its control very early this time, is a question of global importance: if the WFDY does not unite and lead the democratic youth, who else would?

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1 http://www.fdj.de/files/fdj-website-2015/website-inhalte/Nachrichten/2017-04_Erklaerung-zu-Sotschi/Declaration_eng.pdf