



**Declaration
of the Free German Youth (FDJ)
concerning the coming World Festival of Youth and Students
2017 in Sotschi/Russia**

As a member of the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) we are forced to note that the World Festival 2017 in Sotschi is not going to be the World Festival of the WFDY. Not of the WFDY which fought the, especially for the FDJ, necessary struggle of the progressive youth against fascism and war. Which also supported the struggle of the colonized peoples against their oppressors and kept up the fight for its existence even after the temporary defeat of socialism. A fight which we can only lose if we offer the counter revolution the opportunity for another victory with this World Festival. We cannot allow that: Instant cancellation of the participation and preparation of this „Festival“ by the WFDY and its member organizations!

100 years after the Great Socialist October Revolution we live in a today in which, after the defeat of the Socialist October Revolution, the workers of a third of the world have been thrown back into capitalist exploitation, the peoples` property has been robbed; in which the world is owned by imperialism, millions of people all around the world struggle to survive, millions of people who are forced to emigrate in search for a better life; in which the imperialists decide thoroughly over war and peace, life and death. A today in which we stand on the edge of the 3rd world war, in which we, the youth, are thought to be the first to die for the rulers.

100 years ago the Great Socialist October Revolution proved that only a soviet power can built a new world without exploitation of men by men, offers a way out of crisis, war and barbarism. The October Revolution was the basis for the peoples` victory against German fascism and our liberation and for the liberation of the oppressed peoples. The October Revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat in the USSR showed most obviously the class struggle between old and new, between the bourgeois consciousness and the defenders of the capitalist way on the one side and the life needs of the exploited and oppressed in the world on the other side.

The 100th anniversary of the October Revolution dictates us this main question: What led to the destruction of the great achievements of the October Revolution? That we don`t live in the new, but instead in the old society and have to regain the new?

The reason is that modern Revisionism was allowed to spread in our organizations, that the soviet power, the dictatorship of the proletariat was liquidated step by step in the 1960s and finally, born out of revisionism, a new bourgeoisie of robbery and open counter revolution came into power.

Especially in our country, we allowed that the German Democratic Republic (GDR) could take the revisionist path back to capitalism and the German imperialism, by annexation of the GDR, could re-establish itself as one of the most aggressive war-mongers. This is the cause why today the world can be in possession by imperialism again, why millions of people are faced with barbarism.

Keeping this cause secret, not naming these facts, this crime of the counter revolution, would mean that we don`t fight for a new Red October for a re-building of the socialist world, but take the side of the counter revolutionaries and leave the revolutionary path – the path of the revolutionary exit from war, the path of the liberation of mankind, the path to socialism and the dictatorship of the proletariat, the path taken by the October Revolutionaries.

Yes! The 100th anniversary of the October Revolution is worth being honored and celebrated.

The World Federation of Democratic Youth has decided to be faithful to its history and goals – born out of the experiences of two world wars and the class struggles against fascism and war, for the unity of the world youth against the imperialist robbers and warmongers – and therefore chose to take the 100th anniversary of the October Revolution as an occasion for the 19th World Festival.

We betray our history, our goals and ourselves, though if we think this World Festival could be prepared and carried out hand in hand with the counter revolution, if we walk hand in hand with the same counter revolution which calls the October Revolution civil war and Lenin a criminal, although it is itself which leads a war against the people, if we dance and eat in Sotschi's hotels, while the people don't have anything to eat, because they were robbed everything by those who pay us our dance and dinner.

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.

With this in mind we will do anything possible to fight for a new October. Let's join forces in practical unity against war and counter revolution! Let's do this by bringing this struggle onto the streets of Leningrad – with the international unity of action „Revolution instead of war“¹! Join us!

The October Revolution has proven: The days of imperialism are counted, a new world will be born! Let us speak soviet to the reaction!

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1 Aktionsbüro „Das Begräbnis oder DIE HIMMLISCHEN VIER“ in Aktionseinheit mit Arbeiterbund für den Wiederaufbau der KPD, Arbeits- und Koordinationsausschuss der Vierten Arbeiter- und Gewerkschafter-Konferenz gegen den Notstand der Republik, Freie Deutsche Jugend, 25 IG Metall Vertrauensleute und Betriebsräte von Mercedes Werk Bremen, IG Metall Vertrauensleute Jungheinrich Norderstedt, IG Metall Vertrauensleute manroland Offenbach, IG Metall Kollegen Mercedes Benz, Werk Wörth - GLC Germersheim, Jugendaktionsausschuss – Notstand der Republik, Sozialistische Jugend Deutschlands - Die Falken, Bezirk Niederbayern/Oberpfalz, Agitproptruppe Roter Pfeffer und Mitglieder des Bertolt Brecht Jugendprojekts Bremen, Revolutionärer Freundschaftsbund e.V. (annektierte DDR) und weitere
Republik Polen: Komunistyczna Partia Polski (Kommunistische Partei Polens) usw.
Russische Föderation: Всесоюзная партия «Союз коммунистов» (Allunionspartei „Union der Kommunisten“), Объединенная Коммунистическая партия (Vereinigte Kommunistische Partei), Российская Коммунистическая Рабочая Партия (PKPI-KPCC) (Russische Kommunistische Arbeiterpartei, RKRP-KPSS) usw.
Tschechische Republik: Klub českého pohraničí (Klub des tschechischen Grenzlandes), Komunistický svaz mládeže (Kommunistischer Jugendverband), Vojáci proti válce (Soldaten gegen den Krieg).
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