

## **Declaration of the Central Council at the turn of the year 2020/2021: Socialism is and keeps being the best prophylaxis**

A virus cannot be denied. But, the question is: Upon what breeding ground does such a virus fall?

In Socialism, the health care system is not designed to fight against a disease, but to maintain health. In capitalism, big pharma, those who own the hospitals and those who own the factories which produce medical equipment only profit off a sick patient. The right to protection of health and labour power is constitutionally guaranteed in Socialism<sup>1</sup>. While the word "health" is not mentioned once in the constitution of the Federal Republic of Germany. In Socialism, all the different medical fields are bound together in the Polyclinic and work in close cooperation with kindergartens, schools and factories to ensure protection of health and work safety. Prophylaxis, diagnosis and therapy stand in close connection. In capitalism, the medical profession is split up into thousands of private practitioners, who – like it or not – stand in petty-capitalistic competition with one another. Appointments with a medical specialist are fully booked for months, medical equipment is used exactly to capacity, because they wouldn't create profits otherwise. In Berlin, only 3.5% of all hospitals are in the hands of the public sector, in Hamburg 6.8%. On the other side, companies in the hospital business like Helios, where over 100,000 doctors and nurses work, turn over 9 billion Euros yearly. Medical research is only carried out where there is profit to be made. Under the rule of the working class the separation between research and application will be dissolved. In Socialism universal and free health care exists, which is open to everyone. And why not? All surplus value that is created in the factories, workshops, on the construction sites and fields belongs to the people. And the people decide themselves what part of it they want to use for the protection of health.

Capitalism is at its end. Its stinking foulness may not have gotten up into the nose of some in this country because they still live relatively well off the backs of the peoples of the world. One does not have to dig through all numbers on how many people die because of treatable diseases. One example of this are the 200,000 worldwide that died of measles this year. Wasn't a look towards the burning refugee camps in Moria this year enough to realise that this system takes human lives as floating material with it down the abyss? How steep must the mass graves become in the second wave in Italy, Spain and Greece to realise that it was German Imperialism that looted their health care systems in order to pay for their debts with the Deutsche Bank, the EU and the Federal Republic of Germany? Or does the German philistine only startle when the new Italian disaster happens in the annexed GDR and when the doctors have to choose whose life to save in Zittau (a city in Saxony)? Is it not about time to cut the head off the beast called German Imperialism? The spontaneous school occupations in Greece and Italy are a call of our classmates to join in their fight. When students and teachers protest against the government in France for more money to be put into education and public transport, when students in Italy occupy abandoned buildings to hold classes our demand cannot be home-schooling instead of classroom teaching. The strikes in the factories, on the building sites and in the hospitals of Spain and France are an appeal to the German workers to finally end their strikebreaking. It is up to us.

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1 Article 35, Constitution of the GDR, April 6, 1968.

"1. Every citizen of the German Democratic Republic has the right to protection of his health and his labor-power.

2. This right shall be guaranteed by the planned improvement of working and living conditions, the maintenance of public health, a comprehensive social policy, the promotion of physical culture, school and popular sports, and tourism.

3. on the basis of a social insurance system, material security, free medical assistance, medicines and other medical services shall be provided in case of illness and accidents."

## **Preventing Fascism means overthrowing Capitalism!**

It is not a new insight of the year 2020 that the bourgeois-parliamentary democracy is and more appearance than substance. Pandemics come and go, but capitalism carries war and fascism like a cloud carries the rain. In all spheres of life dying capitalism destroys what it has built in bourgeois revolutions like the Great French Revolution of 1789. The right to asylum was the first basic right the parliamentarians burned in the flames of Rostock-Lichtenhagen after the annexation of the German Democratic Republic. Even if the right of assembly was already shot into pieces 2006 by fragmenting it into 16 federal state laws, it has become a ruin today. The free sale of labour-power was already attacked by the introduction of Hartz IV (German unemployment law) and temporary agency work. More and more measures of forced labour are being installed some under the veil of "volunteering" like for the "Dein Jahr für Deutschland" ("Your Year for Germany") program and some by conscription in a so-called case of disaster. The protest against the Law on Police Duties 2018 ebbed away quickly after their enactment and when the federal police was equipped with intelligence authority this year, protests didn't happen at all.

The German Infection Protection Act, which was enacted November 2020, therefore does not stand by itself, but it does cancel bourgeois constitutionality as a whole by contradicting and thus cancelling the majority of basic rights. If Inviolability of the Home and the Freedom of Art or Freedom of Movement, not much is left of bourgeois rights. Yes, even the Freedom of Faith, which the bourgeoisie has protected against every proletarian revolution, is worth nothing anymore in this dying capitalism. Only the AfD (far right wing party) talks of an Enabling Act (Ermächtigungsgesetz) in Parliament and unfortunately, they are right. But, they only pretend to protect democracy in order to gain influence to topple the bourgeois republic themselves. The rest of the bourgeois parties may complain about them, while they are both carrying parliament to its grave. The upcoming election between AfD on the one side and the CDU/CSU (conservative parties), the SPD (social democratic party) and the Grünen (green party) on the other side is a choice between the devil and the deep blue sea. And where was the uproar of the Left Party? Are they also blending into the Volksgemeinschaft that far already? And those self-described mavericks (Querdenker - a petty bourgeois Corona-denying group) of which many were part of those who in 1989 protested for the destruction of the "unjust state" German Democratic Republic, and now hold up the Basic Law only to burn tomorrow. The state apparatus, in the form of the police or the military, infused with fascist networks, increasingly invades civilian life. Soldiers march in lockstep into health departments and hospitals, while the Federal Government, with World War-pathos propaganda-clips, calls the youth to keep still and stay home.

It is high time to stop standing still ourselves and to organize the struggle against this damned system of exploitation in the factories, where thousands of workers are still swarming every day. A system that only brings forth destruction, disease, fascism and war does not offer us any future. Let's not give this system any future! High time that we, the youth, reconquer the streets and places to build a future without capitalism side-by-side with the workers in the factories. We can care for our health, our education and useful labour a thousand times better ourselves!

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