

International anti-war-campaign

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On the 70th anniversary of the liberation
from German fascist barbarity

War on war!



1945, Reichstag, Berlin, 8th of May
Victory over German fascism and hence the
liberation of the German people

Seventy years ago – on May 8/9, 1945 – Hitler fascism was defeated. Along with fascism, German warmongers, German capital, German banks, and German militarism were defeated. “The peoples overruled it”, as the German dramatist Bertolt Brecht wrote. The peoples – not the rulers!

They paid a high price. They lost a whole generation. And what about us? We may not be late again.

A third time – not with us!

German fascism would not have been defeated without socialism and the dictatorship of the workers in the Soviet Union. The peoples were aware of this, when they decided in 1945 that instead of other rulers, they would rather have none: when the Polish workers built the Peoples Republic of Poland; when the Czech workers established a people’s democracy out of the forces of resistance against German fascism, rather than having a state rebuilt by the capital; when the workers in the eastern part of Germany decided to rather have a divided Germany than a re-installation of a Greater Germany of militarism, genocide, and war; as they did so they at the same time did their stint

to prevent a new world war between the great powers. What they did is the only thing that can be done to secure peace: Power to those who create all the wealth in the first place! Power to the workers and their allies in the people! Power in the interest of the majority, against the minority of exploiters and warmongers!

The struggle against war needs the struggle for the power of the working class!

The lesson is: if you want peace, you must defeat the warmonger. In order to defeat the warmonger, the workers have to take control over economy and society in the interest of the people.

Have our peoples not bitterly learned that once the power of the working class is beaten, betrayed, or abandoned, permanent war is inevitably back in the lives of the peoples, and they are faced with the rulers world war again. Now which of the wars in the last decades would have taken place, had the power of the peoples remained in the Soviet Union, China, Poland, CSSR or Hungary...?

The workers and the peoples in the former socialist countries had their power snatched back from them - by those whose program

is war and destruction: The German great capital and its state annexed the better part of the nation, the German Democratic Republic. The people's wealth of a third of the planet fell into the hands of looters and marauders, who flogged it for a sandwich to the big monopolies, especially to the German ones. They use the power they had stolen from the people to plunder the collective combines and the production cooperatives until only the subjection to one or the other imperialist power can secure their survival as exploiters and parasites in the war over the division of the world.

How much worse have our lives thus become? In the countries where the gentlemen sit at the dining table as well as in those, which are on the menu, as the former Polish Prime Minister Tusk divided the continent. How much more at risk is our future existence? How much worse the food? How much less the wage? The curse of the odd-job labor and the temporary agency work, set up by the German monopolists whilst reaching for Poland and the Czech Republic, has long been back as a means of war economy and war preparation against the workers in the factories of the FRG and the annexed GDR. Among them are hundreds of thousands of Polish workers. Overall, 2.2 million of them can barely feed their families, working in foreign countries under conditions of degrading exploitation.

The misery in our countries and the war have a common root: The end of a society based on exploitation by few, and its rulers can solely postpone their end through war.

World War is already casting its shadow. Who can ignore them – the voices of the Minister of War, President and Chancellor, the raw material and land grabbers, the monopolies, banks, sliders, looters and speculators? Like twice in the last century, the world of imperialism, of capital is a loose cannon again. Also and especially on our continent, which has paid the world wars of the 20th century with 80 million dead.

Opponents of the German war have to realize that its rulers are attacking again. Their prey is Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary; they send their police and

military into these countries. And they can suddenly not be that sure of it anymore. Fierce battle between America and Germany over Poland – and Polish exploiters, who face the people with a sinister choice once again: Final subjection to those who already own and command a large part of the Country? Or subjection to their competitor? Should Poland again be the child, dragged by all until it is torn into pieces? Last time when the Polish bourgeoisie went along with the German imperialists, the land became a desert, every fifth Pole died.

They don't dare the Great War yet. They remember as well: After each of its world wars, another sixth of the world took the red flag of the workers, farmers and all laborers.

The workers, laborers and the peoples do not secure peace yet. We have to urgently recall the lesson once learned by the workers and peoples. We can only then finish off war, if we resume the fight for control,

Thus we, fighting against exploitation in our countries, oppression and war, have decided not to leave it at papery resolutions and declarations of international solidarity. We have begun to band together across borders, so that this time we can forestall the mass murder.

Not for commemoration, but for the lessons of the 8th and 9th of May 1945 we, anti-war fighters from Poland, the Czech Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany and the annexed GDR, undertake an anti-war-convoy from Berlin to Warsaw under the slogan "class struggle instead of world war".

Join us. Demonstrate with us. Come with us on the 70th anniversary of liberation from Hitler's fascism – from Berlin to Warsaw!

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