

To the striking rail workers of the U.K.!

We are watching the unfolding developments of Britain's working class and your rail strike with great interest: a "summer of discontent" for the ruling class of Britain!!! And their unease is increasing. There is no law or protection for them against your strike!

Thanks to your actions, not only your power will grow, but so will ours. You are demonstrating what needs to be done in these times. These times which are characterised by a permanent crisis of the rulers, which they are trying to end with further destruction. They save on wages, on training, on job security. And yet their actions will be of no use to them: all the glamor is gone (and more). They have thoroughly ruined your formerly great railway. In your case, they have ruined the oldest railway in the world, broken it up into umpteen companies, to be ruined even further according to the plans of the Johnson government. In our case it is a venture – for goods and people – to even go by train.

You are fighting for a better life and for a functioning railway, which is of great interest for the whole society. And we, the German railway workers, want to follow your example. For we, too, are facing the ruins of the fractured railway, which not only means that soon no train will arrive on time (and the countries around us are already complaining bitterly about the delay of rail cargo), but above all that there is no unity among us rail workers. The rulers can do whatever they want with us: They force 11-hour shifts, short-notice shift changes, on-call work, fast-tracking of training instead of a solid, foundational qualification programme, and finally, constantly decreasing wages (which are partly even with the consent of the leadership of our trade unions).

We face this situation because our strength – we are thousands of railway workers – has been smashed: two unions, umpteen railway infrastructure companies and network companies.

The great railways of our countries were not built by them up there. They were built by us. And it will be us who will rebuild them under our own direction. We workers in the Deutsche Bahn, who we have united, that the Deutsche Bahn also has to serve again to the people and to us workers exclusively, we wish that you prepare a "summer of discontent" for the destroyers of railway, which they are forced to keep in mind.

In the name of the coalition of railway workers in the Revolutionary Front,

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