

Appeal to action

## RED FLAGS ARE BETTER SEEN

Get organised in the Revolutionary Front!



The destruction of industry by monopolies demands our immediate response: political strike. The billionaires plunder the treasury, the billionaires rob the people's wealth. Our answer must be: let's expropriate the expropriators, let's overthrow the government of the billionaires. The Republic needs the strike of the working class. We will not leave the fruit of our labour, the factories created by us, the wealth of the land created by our own hands to the profiteers, the exploiters and oppressors, who draw their billions from misery, mass unemployment and the destruction of life: Down with the wage system! For a life without capitalists!

He who makes destruction his manifesto shall harvest storm. The fruits of labour should belong to the workers. The factories, created by workers' power, shall not bring poverty and misery upon the land, for we are not a mass of victims if action is taken according to the workers way. Our power lies in the fact that we are a class which understands what it means to act in unison. That is why we call upon you to get organised! Let us unify our resistance to turn it into power, in the Revolutionary Front – *Red Flags are better seen* – against the destruction by the destroyers.

★ Political strike is necessary. It must turn against a form of production which is destructive and hostile to humanity because of being geared purely towards short-term profits. Automation is a blessing for us if the working time saved benefits the labourers, the working population and thereby the entire population. However, left in the hands of capitalists, it becomes our curse which causes mass layoffs and misery. A six hour day, from Monday to Friday, at full pay – that is one of the demands for the strike against mass layoffs on the one hand and against limitless exploitation on the other; for a life worthy of humanity, for learning, for being capable of commanding and developing machines and facilities instead of being degraded to their appendages. For all this we unite in the Revolutionary Front – *Red Flags are better seen*.

★ The capitalist class is weak, knowing of no future other than war and destruction. It is a vanishingly small minority which needs an enormous apparatus of power for its protection to be capable of upholding its power. This machine of violence is paid for by those against whom it works. It functions against us, against the strike and against the workers' right. Its only job is to continue the expropriation of the workers and the plundering of the whole people. This state is not our state, this government is not our government. We fight for a workers' government that will end the plundering. We fight for our own organs of power that will finally create the conditions for the expropriation of the expropriators and for the whole power, socialism.

★ The working class is strong because it has a future. Its strength rests on the fact that it is the only class, which is capable, together with the technical intelligentsia, of producing in the interest and for the benefit of the people. But of course, only if it puts a stop to the destructive work of capitalism and its monopolies and gives power to the people by taking the factories into workers' hands. Production for the people means for example a transportation system such as rail traffic for all, which does not take tens of thousands of lives prematurely in our country alone and which does not destroy towns and environment. For the unification of workers in the automobile industry, the steel, chemical and electronic industries, to put public, societal transportation in the place of the deadly car and truck production. For this reason, on the 1st of May, we united to combative red blocks, to continue this fight as the Red Front.

★ It is up to us to start organizing political strikes in our class which makes it impossible for the capitalists to move capital out of the country, leaving us with industrial ruins, millions of the unemployed, with poverty and destitution. It is our task and our responsibility towards society to stand at the head of the fight against the coming mass redundancies and against the capitalists and their supporting army, the government, in order to put an end to it that they can have the factories and the wealth created by us at their disposal. Strike is the beginning for this and a starting point for an organised opposition which must lead to us workers regaining power over our organisations which can resist the power structures, the apparatus of force and the organisations of capital. We started uniting to red blocks on the 1st of May, in order to reorganise our combative unit. Let us create the organs of power for the working class which lead the fight for the appropriation of monopolies, for the shattering of their apparatus of force and of their government in the interest of the workers and the people. That is how we begin to rebuild the power of workers and to fulfil what we did not accomplish at the first attempt in 1918: erecting workers' power throughout the country, which will bring humanity wealth and peace.

★ It is the main enemy of the German workers movement which also plunders the people in Europe and the world and forces them into lives unworthy of humans. We workers therefore have a particular duty to lead the fight against the German monopolies and their course for war. This is what the workers and farmers struggling for bare survival throughout the world have been demanding of us for a long time. Their fight is our

fight and our fight, and our resistance contribute to their success. From the beginning the fight against destruction by monopolist industry and its inherent threat of war for the people of the world has been an international one. It brings the chemical worker at BAYER together with the farm hand in Brazil or India, the VW worker in Emden with the automobile worker fighting the overtime dictate of German monopolies (known as the "slavery law") in Hungary. The unification of all workers of all nations decides on victory or defeat. For victory we all unite – whether worker with a German passport or a foreign passport, regardless of which kind of contract you have, whether agency worker or permanent employee, young or old – get organised in the Revolutionary Front.

★ The world is deeply divided into a "small heap of creditor states and an immense majority of debtor states" (Lenin, Imperialism as the Highest Stage of Capitalism). German imperialism, above all, in the wake of its resurgence through the annexation of the GDR, has robbed half of Europe, from Poland to Greece. So much robbed that in Greece, for example, not a stone has been left on the other. Whole generations will groan under the yoke of debt bondage if the Greek people do not free themselves from this yoke - if the German working class does not fall into the arms of the murderous German loan shark. The German working class let the robbery of other peoples. Today this falls on their feet. Half of Europe has been robbed to the bone. There is nothing left to get. There are no crumbs left to fall from the robbers' table. German imperialism is now stripping its own people to the shirt. It destroys the factories and drives hundreds of thousands into unemployment. At the same time it robs billions from the state budget and from the social security funds handing unimaginable sums directly over to the monopolies. Hundreds of billions for a handful of billionaires - there can be nothing left for the people who lose their jobs; nothing for children's education, nothing for health care, for infrastructure, science and culture; nothing of what constitutes a decent life. Ours is a social order that plunders the people in order to survive, that plunges millions of workers into unemployment and misery in order to still maintain exploitation and oppression of its capitalist system. The expropriators must finally be expropriated by a working class that takes the fate of the country into its own hands. A workers' power must be established, which puts the property of the people into the hands of the people through the socialist social order. A life for the working class and toilers - that is what the Revolutionary Front is fighting for. It fights for the strike to overthrow the government of the creditor state, for the confiscation of the billions and for the expropriation of the billionaires.

★ A union in which millionaires dominate millions of organised workers and use the union fees of the 5,6 million union members against the interests of the workers' movement in order to secure the billionaires their billions and their private ownership of companies and their rulership in the state, for whose survival more than 100,000 have been made redundant from most companies, needs this: Class enemies have no place in the union. A union is not a nursery where people are gathered. The Revolutionary Front has pronounced as a goal and will fight for a union of workers which knows no other purpose than the liberation of workers from unemployment and exploitation.

★ Workers do not shoot at workers! The very first task of the Revolutionary Front is therefore to lead the fight against the main enemy in our own country. In doing so, we help creating part of the international front against war.

War at most is the last attempt of imperialism to survive. War forces the working class to decide now and today: Do we fight alongside the peoples for liberation from exploitation and wage slavery? Or do we prefer marching together with the capitalists straight towards barbarism? There is no "in between." The leaders of our unions have chosen the side of war, they act against the working class and against the peoples of the world. They have thereby revised the fundamental conviction of the trade unions. They have thereby revised, among other things, what the German Trade Union Confederation laid down in its statutes in 1949, namely "to combat all nationalist and militarist tendencies" and "to cultivate the spirit of peaceful international understanding." They have thereby revised what the single trade unions wrote into their statutes and repeatedly decided.

We must, and this is the first step, take back our unions and our union halls. For we must prevent that, after decades of strikebreaking, workers on pay of monopoly capital shoot at workers again.

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