

**International Whitsun Youth Meeting 2015:  
Saturday 23 May demonstration 10 o'clock Willy-Brandt-Platz Essen**

# **Revolutionary youth FOR LIBERATION & FOR SOCIALISM! against**

**EXPLOITATION – IMPERIALIST WARS – ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION –  
FASCISM – PATRIARCHY – NATIONAL OPPRESSION – RACISM**

Through this demonstration militant youth and children will speak up for a livable socialist future!

Working class youth is brutally exposed to wars, crises, unemployment and poverty in entire world. Imperialist proxy wars have been going on within the territories of dependent countries.

Expectations of children and young people with regard to their future life are destroyed by these proxy wars. This is exactly what happens in Somalia, Iraq, Mexico, Palestine, Afghanistan and in Syria! A total lack of rights, brutal violence in everyday life, torture in prisons, "disappearances" of rebellious young people have become daily routines.

And what is the situation in the imperialist metropolises? High unemployment of working youth, deficiencies in education system, violation of democratic rights and intensification of exploitation in the labour training are on the rise everywhere.

Young people are instigated through racism, nationalism and fascism in Europe as well as in the US, in China or Japan. Young immigrants are extensively marginalized and humiliated in a racist way. Young refugees are packed onto camps with no rights and no future and are often mercilessly deported.

Environmental destruction and ruinous exploitation of natural resources by the imperialist system are sweeping away the livelihoods of today's youth and future generations. Climate change, storm surges, drought, desertification of entire countries, starvation, epidemics are the price of the imperialist greed for profit and power.

Great hope lies in the internationalist struggle of the working youth and children worldwide. They are the fire of rebellion and revolutionary struggle.

They are the most powerful force of revolution. They are ready for the new beginnings! They are curious about change! They are thirsty for knowledge about combat for objectives and alternatives!

If the working youth struggle against the barbarism of imperialism with full energy and confidence, they will determine the future!

It is the youth that has a yearning for a socialist society and community, for gender equality, for freedom and democracy, against all exploitation and oppression – in their hearts and in the streets!

This world must be ours ...

We are walking for the future of the working youth of the world.

With the slogans:

**Alerta, Alerta, antifascista!**

**Faşizme Karşı Omuz Omuz!**

**Fight fascism and racism everywhere!**

**Lift the borders –**

**the right to stay for all refugees!**

**Healthy environment only with Revolution –  
everything else is an illusion!**

**Solidarity with the liberation struggles  
around the world!**

**Fight imperialism and neo-colonialism!**

**Long live socialism!**

we are demonstrating today for the future of the working youth of the world!



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# fight together + discuss together!

## Against censorship on the 17th Whitsun Youth Meeting!

### Declaration of *Trotz alledem! In spite of all!* (Newspaper for the construction of the Bolshevik Party Germany)

We are forced by an incorrect decision of the Central Coordinating Committee of the 17th Whitsun Youth Meeting to make the following statement to the participants of the demonstration and of the PJT.

*In spite of all!* (Newspaper for the construction of the Bolshevik Party Germany) has so many times participated various Whitsun Youth Meeting with an information stall. In 2013, we participated as a supporting organization for the preparations for the 16 PJT. In our tent we carried out two successful and exciting workshops: "18 May 1973 – 18 May 2013 – 40 years ago, murdered by the Turkish state: Ibrahim Kaypakkaya" and "Nazi NSU series of murders & the State. Negligence or system?"

Also on 17 PJT in 2015, *In spite of all!* participated once again as a supporting organization and was active in the "Central Coordination Committee" (ZKA) and we cooperated according to our possibilities. As our own contributions, we have registered for an information stall and two events: "100 Years of Genocide: International solidarity with the Armenian people", a children-youth theater play: "The betrayed nation", Armenian songs, about Germany's responsibility to report about the "Commemoration in Armenia 2015" and "Pegida, Islamophobia, racism on the rise! Antifa 2015: Let's give collective answers – how to strengthen our struggle?"

Unfortunately, the majority of the ZKA has passed a resolution on 29 April, which practically meant the exclusion of *In spite of all!* from the 17 Whitsun Youth Meeting.

### What had happened?

Already in 1997/1998 we revealed in our newspaper *In spite of all!* (No. 5 and 11) our criticism of the book of MLPD "The Struggle over the mode of thinking in the working-class movement". In our brochure series called "Let's Learn Everything! Nothing Should Be Forgotten!" we published the German translation of "Critical marginal notes on the book, 'Twilight of the Gods over the new world order' "(2013); "Critical marginal notes on the book 'Dawn of the International Socialist Revolution'" and "Critical marginal notes on the book 'Catastrophe alert!'" (2015) written by Bolşevik Partizan, North Kurdistan/Turkey. In our newspaper *In spite of all!* (No. 68 December 2014) with a focus on "Rojava", we criticized MLPD's demand for arms supply by the German government to Rojava.

The ZKA asserted in its decision that these criticisms

consisted of slanders, distortions and a humiliation of the positions of the MLPD and contrary to the "principles of the Whitsun Youth Meeting and the solidary cooperation and democratic culture of debate within the Alliance. (...) We ask 'In spite of all'; not to disseminate their anti-MLPD writings on the Whitsun Youth Meeting and not to give any relevant comments. Otherwise, according to our principles further cooperation within the Alliance and participating in the Whitsun Youth Meeting is not possible. "

We, *In spite of all!* wanted to fulfill our responsibility at the 17th Whitsun Youth Meeting as a supporting organization and co-organizer, fulfill our community tasks, organize events, circulate brochures and newspapers at our information stall and participate in the discussions. That's all. With the ZKA decision all was forbidden to us and we were banned, because what we did was not compatible with the principles of the PJT! Why were we banned? Why does the ZKA try to remove the freedom of expression?

The ZKA justifies its position by referring our criticism in *In spite of all!* on the book "Mode of Thinking" of Stefan Engel. In his book "Dawn of the International Socialist Revolution" (p. 40ff and p. 142ff) Engel himself gave answers to some criticism of *In spite of all!* on his book "Mode of Thinking". Even though he rejects our criticism in a wrong and partly disfiguring way, for us the open debate on different positions is the correct form of political dispute between leftist and socialist organizations.

### Censorship and bans are undemocratic and should be completely rejected

Why is the criticism of Bolşevik Partizan on the book "Catastrophe alert!" not viewed as a constructive contribution to the debate by the ZKA? We, *In spite of all!* Said in the foreword of the booklet: "We are publishing the 'Critical marginal notes' to enrich and push forward the necessary discussion in the revolutionary movement." In the Red Flag (central organ of the MLPD-RF issue 6/15, p.13), Stefan Engel himself criticized that The book "Catastrophe alert!" "deals with the numerous objections, questions and counter arguments" in an unsatisfying way. So, why on earth should the criticism published by *In spite of All!* be censored?

The reasons given in the ZKA decision rendered some fundamental positions of *In spite of all!* incorrectly,

took them out of context and reproduced only in fragments. Here is an example (ZKA letter of 29 April): *"Thus, in an article called 'Solidarity with Rojava', the demand for arms supply for the PKK and YPG, a widespread demand in the solidarity movement and advocated also by the MLPD is attacked and the absurd claim is put forward that the MLPD relies on the German imperialists".* However, the newspaper *In spite of all!* says: *"It is our task in Germany today, to call the working people for donating money, even for purchasing weapons for Rojava, but not relying on the German imperialists".* (No. 68, p 16)

### **Criticism and solidarity do not exclude each other!**

#### **Against censorship – for a proletarian culture of debate!**

In Berlin on every 1st May in the last five years, there has been a dispute over the status of the MLPD on the May festival of the DGB (= German Trade Union Congress). Every year the MLPD submitted an application for participating and the DGB rejected it. Nevertheless, the MLPD built up their info stall and sympathizers of *In spite of all!* defended and protected the MLPD against the DGB jointly with other critical trade union groups. Our arguments: It is a democratic right that all leftist, democratic and revolutionary groups can impose their agitation and propaganda here. So, although we by no means represent the same political line as the MLPD and have several criticisms, we still defend this party as a left organization against bourgeois attacks from the DGB apparatus. Wherever anybody is trying to ban the MLPD and their agitation and propaganda, we will defend their right to it.

Another example: In the manifestation against the PKK ban in Cologne (12.06.2014) the organizers prohibited the MLPD's vehicle that carried loudspeaker. Monika Gärtner-Engel (MLPD) was fully right when she argued against that: *"Ironically, at a demonstration against the ban on the revolutionary PKK the organizers are trying to suppress the revolutionary MLPD. ... The oppressors maintained their sectarian censorship policy towards the MLPD."* (RF 50/2014, p.17)

Now, the ZKA decision of 29 April censored the agitation and propaganda of *In spite of all!* on the 17.PJT and prohibited the distribution of critical articles or statements about the policy of the MLPD!

This is a fundamental contradiction and a double standard!

**We cannot document in this short leaflet the entire dispute between the ZKA and In spite of all! We'll do that after the 17 PJT. We can now reveal some fragments so that all interested young people and revolutionaries themselves can make a complete picture out of this discussion. Here are just some excerpts.**

### **Documented:**

#### **Letter of the ZKA to *Inspite of all!* April 30, 2015**

*Yesterday we in the ZKA had an important debate, with regard to the principles of the Whitsun Youth Meeting and the solidarity cooperation and democratic culture of debate within the alliance. We have passed the following resolution, we hereby inform you and explain:*

*We demand that 'In spite of all', not to spread their anti-MLPD writings on the Whitsun Youth Meeting and not to give any relevant comments. Otherwise, according to our principles further cooperation within the Alliance, participating in the Whitsun Youth Meeting is not possible. We call on you to explain by 9. May whether you are obeying the decision, or you no longer want to participate (...)*

*Reasons: The principles of the 17th International Whitsun Youth meeting state: "We finance and organize the Whitsun Youth Meeting ourselves, work together equally, democratically and on a non-partisan base, women and men together. We discuss in solidarity and enjoy without drugs and alcohol."*

*This means that we respect each other and severe attacks on participants are not allowed, as is customary in progressive action units. (...)*

*The style in the newspaper "Inspite of All" is a totally not objective contempt of MLPD. Thus, in an article called 'Solidarity with Rojava', the demand for arms supply for the PKK and YPG which is widespread in the solidarity movement and advocated by the MLPD is attacked and the absurd claim is put forward that the MLPD relies on the German imperialists and discovers an "anti-fascist united front of the German and US imperialism". Each Internationalist knows that these allegations are baseless. They have no other purpose than to slander the MLPD through a kind of "mud-slinging". That cannot be the style of the Whitsun Youth Meeting.*

*This article is following the line pursued by "In spite of all" for many years of publicly humiliating the MLPD. So the internationally recognized book "The Struggle over the mode of thinking in the working-class movement" was vilified on the most primitive level as "one hazy, gray soup served to us by the MLPD."*

*Nowadays also a brochure entitled "Critical marginal notes to the book by Stefan Engel, "Catastrophe Alert! What is to be done against the Willful Destruction of the Unity of Humanity and Nature?" is being circulated. This book is used in many countries, helping environmentally conscious people to find a solution against the threat of global environmental catastrophe and has already triggered or decidedly promoted the international political debate on this existential question. But "In spite of all" has nothing better to do than to distort this book and the positions expressed in this document and then to defame them.*

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### ***In spite of all!* Letter to the ZKA, 03 May 2015**

*(...) In spite of all! is accused and is alleged to "slander", an organization of the Alliance, the MLPD. The reason behind it is believed to be an "not objective contempt" of the MLPD! It is claimed that the aim of In spite of all! is "to slander the MLPD" and to "distort positions and then to defame" them! This is not true. We carry out an ideological and political debate, the dispute over the right way for the political line in the international communist movement and in Germany. And we do this, as we believe in the tradition of Marxism-Leninism, of course, in partly polemical sharp way. Criticism and self-criticism is one of the key weapons of the Communists in political debates.*

*Ignoring and suppressing criticism is the main method of the bourgeoisie and the modern revisionists. (...)*

*This is a clear decision of the ZKA to prohibit and to censor political positions and criticisms which are not agreeable to the MLPD on the PJT. The censorship affects not only the magazines and brochures of *In spite of all!* No, the ZKA constrains the comrades of *In spite of all!*: from "giving any relevant comments". This means in practice that any criticism (written and oral) on positions of the MLPD is prohibited if the MLPD evaluate them as slander and offensives.*

*What kind of threat is uttered to impose this censorship? If we, comrades of *In spite of all!* wish to put forward our arguments and our reviews on the PJT concerning the political positions of the MLPD, and spreading our publications, we are not allowed to take part in the Alliance or in the PJT at all.*

*This means: *In spite of all!* will be de facto excluded from the PJT Alliance and participation.*

*What revolutionary organization in a mutually supportive and equitable, and "non-partisan" alliance can concede to such a prohibition by the majority to express their own political opinion, including criticism of participating organizations, as well as distributing their own publications?*

*This procedure contradicts any democratic, proletarian, revolutionary culture of debate.*

*We will in no way participate in an event as a supporting organization, co-organizer etc., where there is censorship and banning of revolutionary agitation and propaganda.*

*Friends, male or female, we call on you to reconsider your position!*

*On a well broad and diversified PJT where political currents as social democrats, pacifists and bourgeois liberals are represented, you want a revolutionary organization to shut up and forbid them distributing their publications?*

*We expressively urge you, the ZKA, to rethink this decision critically, and necessarily withdraw it. This harms the revolutionary and progressive movement. Criticism and debate are the lifeblood of the revolutionary work-*

*ers' movement. If the criticisms of *In spite of all!* are considered wrong and unjustified, this should be discussed and rejected with arguments, as with all other political expressions too. (...)*

***Children and young people from our political circle have prepared a theatre play about the Armenian genocide with a lot of dedication and joy for the PJT 2015. They already participated in the 2013 PJT. If we are excluded from the PJT and from the alliance just because we insist on our right to freely express our political revolutionary opinion, what will be the effect on them of your threat? Reconsider the political implications of such an approach!"***

May 22, 2015

# ***INSPIRE OF ALL!***