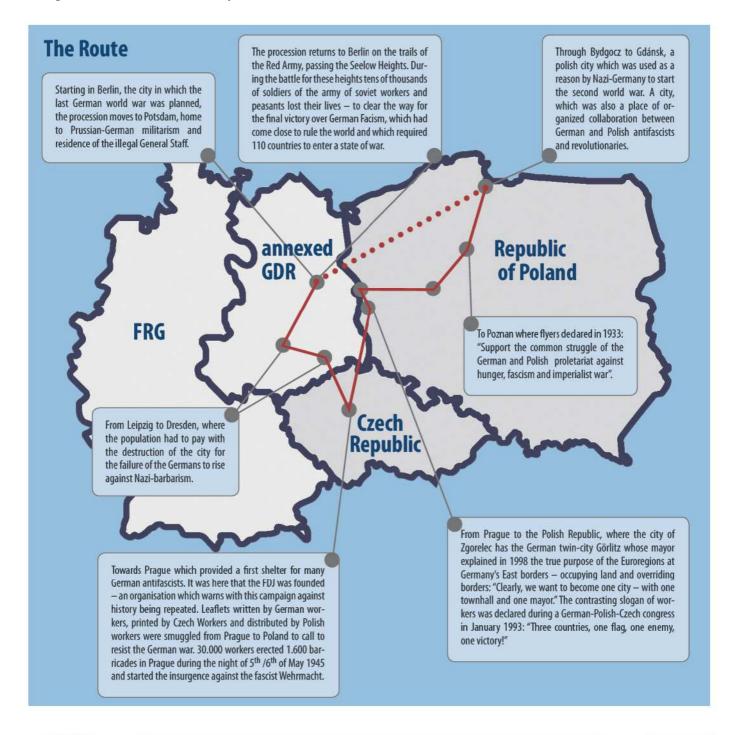
International Anti-War Campaign on the 66th Anniversary of the Liberation from Fascism Class Struggle Against World War

A Campaign in three Countries, May 2011

The FDJ supports the campaign "Class Struggle Against World War", which is organized by the Campaign Office "The Funeral or The Heavenly Four". Together with other supporters we prepare a tour with five lorries from 8th to 22nd May 2011 through three countries: the annexed GDR, the Czech Republic and Poland. We want to use this campaign as an alert to the rise of German Imperialism and as a reminder of the causes of the World War II. It is a campaign in the spirit of international solidarity.







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Rehearsal

On 8^{th} May 2010, the 65^{th} anniversary of the liberation from fascism the rehearsal for this procession took place in Berlin. The pictures were taken during this event.



The procession on it's way to the 'Reichstag', where the German Parliament is located. In front of the 'Reichstag': Chancellor Merkel, capitalists and army.







The Procession

At the beginning of the procession there will be a replica of a German V2 rocket. The German chancellor Angela Merkel is positioned as a tragicomic figure on the rocket trying to escape its tail which spits fire. The rockets activity changes over time - depending on the capital's mood and courage. This is followed by a lorry which represents the increasingly militant German interior forces. In a hatch stands late General Steinhoff - or what is left of him - to provide his bon mot: "It is more pleasant to inhale the smoke of a rocket than to be hit by one." On the third lorry a figure from Günter Grass' novel "The Tin Drum" can be seen twice: Oskar Matzerath - once in the clothes of a defender of the Polish Post Office, once wearing the Hitler Youth uniform. Oskars' two sides represent many who refused to take a side. One lorry with workers is followed by a youth lorry, both will argue in German, Czech and Polish language against defending a German fatherland ("We have no fatherland to defend!"), and for protection of the sovereignty of the Czech Republic and Poland ("Never again Munich!", "Poland has not perished yet!").

Extract from FDJ's declaration to support the campaign:

We need to fight the danger of war now

Now – as German imperialism declares the post-war era as finished with the annexation of the GDR, and the pre-war area as opened.

Now – as we face the danger of the next world war, since – as Bertolt Brecht wrote – "The capitalists do not want war, they must want it", to safe their rotten and ailing system.

Now – as German imperialism has already established economic and political occupation of other states and positions his forces against them.

Now – as the youth of the FRG and the annexed GDR grows up in schools and universities where they are trained for war; civil organisations are brought under control of the military; preparations are made to ensure a graveyard peace at the home front.

It is now that we are required to fight! United, not split by borders.

Class struggle – now! Before we are forced to gather in exile.

Class struggle against world war - now!

Before millions in our neighbouring countries and worldwide will have to pay with their lives for our reluctance and our disunity.



Sowjet Monument, Berlin-Tiergarten

The youth's lorry

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