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**Opening address at the 32nd Party Congress of the KPD
on 25 May 2024
Comrade Torsten Schöwitz, Chairman of the KPD**

Dear comrades!

On behalf of the Central Committee, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you, the delegates and guest delegates from our national and regional organisations, to our 32nd Party Congress of the Communist Party of Germany. I would particularly like to welcome the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. (ad interim) from the Embassy of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Comrade Kim Chol Jun. He will bring us the greeting address of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Dear comrades!

Our party conference is taking place at a time when war tensions continue to rise due to imperialist policies. Large-scale wars are being waged again. Spheres of influence, sources of raw materials and sales markets are at stake. Unimaginable destruction and the flight of millions of people are the result.

The gap between rich and poor countries and between groups of people within countries or societies is widening beyond recognition. Civil liberties are being further curtailed to maintain the power of capital.

The established parties fulfil their function as fig leaves, whether left or right. Fascism is once again an option for maintaining power. The only solution is the socialist alternative.

The greatest fear of the bourgeoisie is the unity of the communists on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and, subsequently, the formation of a broad anti-imperialist/anti-fascist democratic popular front against war and social robbery. If this popular front takes the question of property into its own hands, the creation of a socialist society will be possible under the leadership of the communists. Our task is to ensure clarity among the communists and to actively participate in the formation of a unified CP in solidarity and collegiality. This task must be embedded in the international co-operation of communists.

At this 32nd party conference, we will give an account of the work we have done, elect new governing bodies and look ahead to the next tasks.

We also mourn for the comrades who have passed away:

- from the Berlin regional organisation Comrade Michael Pardon and Eva Kolowrath
- from the Thuringia regional organisation Comrade Kurt Ehegötz
- from the Saxony-Anhalt regional organisation Wilhelm Deistel, Brigitte Baumgarten and Michael Ploeth
- from the Saxony regional organisation Günther Voigt and Günther Schmidt

We promise to always act in their spirit and to honour their memory forever.

Comrades!

For a smooth course want we now the presidium of the party conference. There are the following proposals:

Comrades Siegfried Kutschick

Comrades Jürgen Geppert

Comrades Torsten Schöwitz

Are there any other suggestions? That is obviously not the case. If you agree that the above-mentioned comrades should form the working presidium, please raise your red delegate card.

Votes against - abstentions? These comrades are thus elected.

Let us now get to work with creative energy, vigour and a revolutionary fighting spirit. I wish us every success and positive results.

The 32nd Party Congress of the Communist Party of Germany is hereby opened.

Red front!

I would now like to begin by asking Comrade Kim Chol Jun to read out the message of greeting.

I would now ask the Presidium to take up its work.

Greetings to the 32nd Party Congress of the KPD

Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea

Pyongyang, 25 May 2024

To the 32nd Party Congress of the Communist Party of Germany, Berlin

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea warmly congratulates the 32nd Congress of the KPD and sends warm comradely greetings to all members of your Party through this Congress.

We take this opportunity to express our firm conviction that the relations of friendship and co-operation between our two parties will be further deepened in the struggle for the victory of the socialist cause, and wish that your party will achieve new successes in the struggle for unity and cohesion in the party ranks through the Party Congress.

Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea

Communist Party of Czechoslovakia

Moscow on 20 May 2024

Dear comrades,

Allow me, on behalf of our party, the **Communist Party of Czechoslovakia**, not only to welcome and congratulate the congress of your **Communist Party of Germany**, but also to wish you every success in the negotiations and the best election. I am convinced that you will vote according to the current political situation, which is very difficult for our communist parties and our movement is in a strong weakening, both in Germany and the Czech Republic, but also in Europe and the whole world.

Unfortunately, the current crisis of the communist movement in Europe is particularly severe. Communists have to face new methods of oppression and anti-communism. Why? Simply because they are the first to defend the weakest and the only ones who are theoretically and practically equipped to fight against capitalist imperialism.

Comrades, we believe in you, we believe in our cooperation and our common policy, we believe in the future and that our moment is yet to come.

Peace for the world and honour for work

Roman Blaško
Secretary General
Communist Party of Czechoslovakia

Political report to the 32nd Party Congress of the KPD

Comrade Torsten Schöwitz, Chairman of the KPD

Dear comrades!

Today, at our 32nd Party Congress, I would like to begin by reminding you that we are in the 35th year after the terrible changes of 1989, the year in which the counter-revolution entered the hot phase by means of a party putsch in the autumn, the Socialist Unity Party of Germany was turned into a social democratic party, the German Democratic Republic was thrown to the masters of big money and the ownership of the means of production was snatched from the working class and its natural allies. This January marks the 35th anniversary of the re-founding of the KPD.

Dear comrades!

The KPD is alive! That is the motto of our party conference.

The KPD is alive! And this despite constant attempts to divert the party politically and ideologically from its consistent path. This fight is not easy and our membership is thin.

Our last party conference took place during the coronavirus pandemic. The restrictions on public life and the ban on meetings made party work much more difficult. This was not exactly conducive to the further development of the party. Contact could often only be maintained via video conference. Public relations work was massively restricted.

I don't want to discuss the measures that were taken worldwide at the time. However, I would like to point out that imperialism was able to gain interesting experience on two levels: On the one hand, it explored how far you can go with administrative restrictions on freedom of movement. We will know how to utilise these findings for future occasions such as possible revolutionary situations. On the other hand, it has been shown how the fight against corona has been used by leading forces in capitalist countries to fleece the public purse. Masks procurement, disinfectant procurement, vaccination centres, vaccine procurement - an Eldorado for profiteers. The tip of the iceberg was the provision of funding for vaccine research and then the purchase of vaccine doses in a way that turned Biontech boss Ugur Sahin and his wife Özlem Türeci, for example, into billionaires. And the whole thing in a huge field trial. This is how capitalism works.

Who pays for it? The working population.

Dear comrades!

With the elimination of the socialist world system, the communist movement has suffered a severe defeat. Our political and ideological priorities emerge from analysing the causes of this defeat.

To this end, we have drafted our 10 programmatic theses and, on this basis, developed the so-called tripartite strategy when considering imperialism today. This means that, when discussing imperialism and imperialist wars, we take as the basis of our approach

1. Lenin's analysis of imperialism as a current and contemporary work,
2. have the realisation that without a socialist perspective, anti-imperialism and national liberation struggles in the capitalist quagmire get stuck remain and nations after decades of capitalist development can themselves pursue imperialist goals and
3. we as Germans see the main enemy in German imperialism, as Karl Liebknecht once saw it.

Dear comrades!

From these aforementioned principles and the insights we draw from the daily capitalist madness, a clear line emerges for us. As the KPD, we are part of the world communist movement, which sees

imperialism as the highest stage of capitalism, the today calls for a new approach to socialism, which wants to solve the question of ownership of the means of production through the social form of people's property and co-operative ownership, for which Lenin's NEP is a short tactical step and not the goal, which rejects the thesis of a socialist market economy and regards the proletariat as the revolutionary class.

Dear comrades!

Because of these principles, we also see today's wars as imperialist wars.

We do not believe in balancing the power of the imperialist centres. A multipolar world is not a taming of capitalism, is not a solution to the objective contradictions. Rudolf Hilferding already knew in 1910: "It is not up to the proletariat to oppose the more advanced capitalist policy to the overcome (policy) of the free trade era The answer of the proletariat to the economic policy of finance capital, to imperialism, cannot be free trade, it can only be socialism. Not the reactionary ideal of restoring free competition, but the complete abolition of competition by overcoming capitalism can now only be the goal of proletarian politics."

Our aim must therefore be to campaign today among the working population for a new attempt at socialism.

This is not possible without the development of a strong communist party.

Wherever there are wars at the moment, workers' blood is being shed first and foremost. If a strong socialist community of states existed today, as it did over 30 years ago, this would be unthinkable. If the socialist Soviet Union still existed today at the head of the socialist community of states, closely linked to a consistently socialist China, there would be no war in Ukraine. Nor would there be a war in Gaza.

The "reformers" and "innovators" in the Communist movement in the second half of the 20th century are the main culprits for the fact that the working class has still not been able to free itself from this yoke.

For this reason, the KPD remains consistent with the classical demands of our movement, which were founded by Marx, Engels and Lenin.

Dear comrades!

Imperialism means war and exploitation. This also applies to German imperialism. Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, German imperialism has been disposing of old military technology there and at the same time launching a huge rearmament programme. And who is paying for it? The labour force through taxes and levies.

What can we generally recognise from current policy in the Federal Republic of Germany? With the help of skilful diplomacy, both openly and secretly, we are lying in wait for weaknesses in US imperialism in order to emerge from the shadowy position at the head of the European Union. This also requires a military force. On the "Maischberger" programme, the defence minister openly stated his goal: It is about restoring the Bundeswehr's ability to fight wars. The open reference to the fact that you can't leave all the work and financing to the Americans alone makes it clear where the journey is heading.

It is about a German-dominated Europe in larger areas than the EU currently is. Of course, that means expanding eastwards. Hence the involvement in the Ukraine war. The structures of NATO are being used for this, but alternative European solutions are also being sought.

As you can see, Lenin's theory of imperialism is still valid.

Dear comrades!

Of course, at this point I would also like to mention contradictions in the understanding of imperialism and, in particular, the war in Ukraine.

It was recognised as an international problem of our movement in the two statements on the Ukraine war published by solidnet have become clear.

Somewhat abstractly and summarised, one can say that one part of the communist movement is of the opinion that Russia's war is an anti-imperialist, anti-fascist action and that the result would be a multipolar world in which it would be easier for communists and workers to come closer to their goal of socialism. Conclusion: As a communist, one would therefore have to stand on the side of the Russian state. In this context, considerations are therefore also made that relate Lenin's theory of imperialism to individual countries and not as a generally valid whole.

On the other hand, there is the other part of the communist movement, which points out that imperialism and the immanent wars are the result of the capitalist mode of production and applies the base-superstructure model. This approach leads to the realisation that the capitalist state is the instrument of power of the ruling class and thus represents the interests of the bourgeoisie and that the Ukraine war is therefore an imperialist war. It is about who has spheres of influence and sales markets in Ukraine. In this part of the communist movement it is pointed out that communists are committed to the working class and its interests and that the approach to geostrategic considerations of capital only distracts communists from re-emphasising the question of socialism as the current question.

We communists in the KPD are aware that we will always have to deal with right-wing opportunism and left-wing sectarianism in our movement.

For this reason, I would like to refer once again to our 10 programmatic guidelines and the tripartite strategy in the discussion on imperialism, which lead us to the realisation that the Ukraine war is an imperialist war.

In order to avoid any misunderstandings, we as the KPD would like to explain the causes and effects of this war clearly and in the following order.

The cause is:

1. the counter-revolutionary elimination of the Soviet Union and the socialist states,
2. the restoration of capitalism in these countries and the promotion of nationalism,
3. the rapid development of capitalist contradictions within global imperialism,
4. the emergence of new imperialist centres and the resulting challenge to the global hegemony of US imperialism,
5. the attempt by US imperialism to encircle and weaken Russia and China as capitalist competitors with the help of the sickle strategy and at the same time to domesticate German imperialist interests,
6. Germany's attempt to create and develop a new imperialist centre at the head of Europe under the leadership of German imperialism with the thesis of a common European home,
7. the formation of a capitalist counter-pole with the BRICS alliance, which, if successful, will form a new imperialist centre,
8. Russia's endeavours to counteract the crescent strategy and the imperialist policies of the

USA and Europe and to protect its geostrategic influences and interests in Crimea and Ukraine.

We demand:

- Immediate armistice and end of the war.
- Stop arms deliveries to Ukraine.
- Stop the permanent transfer of a German brigade to Lithuania.
- Withdrawal of the Bundeswehr from crisis regions.

Dear comrades!

The KPD is aware that we are addressing a moving, controversial topic with the points mentioned. Here, too, I would like to say something about the discussions in our party and in the movement.

Since the Communist Manifesto, the main question for us has been the question of ownership of the means of production is the question we must always ask. It is therefore the task of communists to focus on the ownership of the means of production by society as a whole.

With the counter-revolutionary development in the former socialist states, a further question arose for the communists: Is the transformation of public ownership of the means of production into private ownership of the means of production a sign of the restoration of capitalism in a socialist country or is this step only limited and, as with Leni's NEP, only an openly communicated step backwards in order to then take two steps forwards again? Is capitalist production an acceptable thing under a Communist Party? Is there a social market economy, is there a socialist market economy? Is there a human capitalism?

The question that arises from this is the following: Are all the considerations from the past on the subject of the socialist economy- and let us mention Gorbachev, perestroika, glasnost, and the Gorbachevists, for example in the GDR, the trusteeship plans under Hans Modrow, Christa Luft, the same in all other former socialist countries - has this been a strengthening of socialism or rather the gateway to restoring capitalism? Are the aforementioned heroes and are we wrong with our classic socialist demands?

Doesn't the China of today also have to do with all the crisis phenomena of capitalism? What distinguishes the current property crisis in China from comparable crises in other capitalist states?

From our point of view, nothing.

Dear comrades!

We realise that the Chinese Communist Party must clarify these issues for itself.

For us is the realisation but clear. The question of anew socialist start must be put on the table. The economic basis will have to be the ownership of the means of production by society as a whole in the form of public ownership and co-operative ownership. The achievements and insights gained from the development of socialism in the GDR will serve as a model for us German communists.

Dear comrades!

Let us look at the genocide in Palestine. All our solidarity belongs to the oppressed Palestinian people, especially the inhabitants of the Gaza Strip. Tens of thousands are being slaughtered there

by the Israeli state in violation of international law. Again, it is all about imperialist goals. The state of Israel wants to expand its territories. Take a look at the areas where Palestinians and Israelis have settled since 1945. This clearly shows today who is threatening whom.

And it's about oil, which was recently discovered off the coast of Gaza. It is about water and fertile soil, which the Israeli bourgeoisie does not want to share with all the neighbours, and it is about cheap labour. Because what do the oppressed Palestinians want to do after the war, apart from being exploited on precarious terms by the masters of big money?

We demand an immediate halt to Israel's attacks on Gaza and the enforcement of the right for all those who have fled to return to their homes. We demand an immediate stop to the supply of weapons. It is always the working people who suffer, both here in Israel and in Palestine. Stop the deaths of proletarians from Israel and Palestine. We demand that the Palestinians be granted the right to form their own state. We refer to the Palestinian people's right to self-determination.

Dear comrades

Since the counter-revolution in the GDR and the establishment of German "unity", much has changed in the possibilities of German imperialism. The country has become larger in terms of area and population. As a result, its influence in Europe and the world has also increased. The objective, however, has remained the same for over 100 years. It is to continue looking for new spheres of influence in the East. With its position in the EU, German imperialism has the opportunity to implement this interest in the long term and beyond the limitations of the Federal Republic.

However, this requires an efficient, modern defence industry and an army.

The Bundeswehr forms the core of this. Since 1990, the Bundeswehr has taken part in wars of aggression, acts of war and overt or covert assistance in wars. Yugoslavia, Somalia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Mali, Ukraine and now the naval mission in the Red Sea are just a small part of the list. Thanks to the internet, the actual extent of the deployments can be easily researched.

But what does that lead to? To more freedom, security, social development in the regions? No, it leads to what it always leads to under imperialist influence, it leads, as we have pointed out so often, to:

- Millions of dead and wounded,
- ethnic cleansing and expulsions,
- gigantic destruction of infrastructure and destruction of social and private property,
- Destabilisation of countries and regions and removal of legitimately elected governments,
- increased nationalism through to fascism,
- Contamination of the environment and thus of people's livelihoods through the release of toxic substances and even nuclear contamination through the use of DU ammunition (uranium ammunition).

Human dignity is inviolable? What a mockery. Green policies for the environment and climate, ridiculous. In favour of liberal and democratic values, how? Through the emerging racism and hatred?

The result is, of course, a huge business. In addition to selling weapons at a huge profit, obsolete military technology is disposed of free of charge and state-of-the-art weapon systems are tested.

And at the end of the debate, in the interests of the German capital has given "generous"

loans for reconstruction and privatised local social property. Furthermore, economic competitors can be eliminated by moral finger pointing and embargoes. It is the old imperialist goal of divide and rule.

Dear comrades!

Unfortunately, in this situation full of capitalist contradictions in Germany, more and more citizens are falling for right-wing pied pipers. The AFD has made a fascist party socially acceptable. Whether intentionally or unintentionally, the CDU in Thuringia is also helping the worst demagogue of this party to expand its sphere of influence on television. The elections in Saxony, Thuringia and for Europe will show to what extent the fascist ideology has already reached the centre of society in a democratically concealed manner. Unfortunately, nothing good can be expected. This shows that imperialism in Europe is once again prepared to play the fascist card in order to retain power.

Dear comrades!

Lenin's sentence: "The United States of Europe under capitalist conditions is either impossible or reactionary" remains highly topical to this day.

That is why we as the KPD clearly say NO to Germany's EU membership! This Europe is a Europe of corporations and banks. We reject that.

Dear comrades,

to put it in a nutshell:

- The EU means social cuts!
- The EU means education cuts!
- The EU means dismantling democracy!
- The EU means militarisation and warfare!
- The EU means keeping member states that do not belong to the belong to the core!
- The EU means oppression of other countries and peoples!

This existing Europe is intended to help German imperialism achieve new greatness. We stand for a socialist Europe.

Dear comrades!

Let us look at the situation of the working class in the Federal Republic of Germany. As in the rest of the world, it is characterised by the phenomena of the general crisis of imperialism.

The situation of many of those affected is more precarious. The unemployment rate in April was 2.75 million, with 4 million people receiving unemployment benefit II or citizen's allowance.

The minimum wage is 12.41 euros.

That's enough to survive, but not enough to live on. Over 2 million people are dependent on the food bank. Because the effects of the rise in energy prices are only now being felt and the bills for operating costs are only now being received, many people are realising that they are not in a position to pay the additional claims. The existing pension system is causing poverty in old age.

According to the Joint Poverty Report 2024, 16.8 per cent of people in Germany live in

poverty. This means that 14.2 million people in Germany, one of the richest countries in the world, are officially considered poor. In 2022, the number of people considered poor has risen by 2.7 million since 2006 and by one million since 2019. This clearly shows the result of this government's underground pandemic, energy and pricing policy and, of course, the result of capitalism.

The child poverty figures are particularly bad. One record follows the next. One in five children is now affected by poverty (21.8 per cent). Single parents had a particularly hard time, with a poverty rate of 43.2 per cent.

Dear comrades,

Let's take a look at the representatives of the bourgeoisie.

1. Klaus-Michael Kühne, Kühne + Nagel Logistik.
Assets today: € 39.2 billion, in 2019 it was € 12.9 billion.
2. Dieter Schwarz, Schwarz Group, retail,
assets today: €38.0 billion, 2019: €22.6 billion.
3. Reinhold Würth & Family, Würth Group, wholesale,
assets today: €33.6 billion, in 2021 it was €16.8 billion.
4. Stefan Quandt, BMW Motor Vehicle Manufacturing,
assets today: €27.3 billion, 2019: €17.5 billion.
5. Susanne Klatten, BMW, Altana, Nordex, SGL Carbon Automotive, Pharmaceuticals,
Assets today: € 26.5 billion, in 2019 it was € 21.0 billion.

We're talking about the first five here!

If we look at the richest one per cent of the German population, we will see that this group owns just under 50 per cent of the total wealth.

But of course they are very hard-working people and these differences are quite natural... After all, it is because of justice that we have a free and democratic basic order.

Dear comrades!

In this Federal Republic, it is not the working people who are at the centre of politics, but the welfare of the richest one per cent of the population. The situation of the working class is getting worse. The public coffers are being plundered.

We see, applying the basic superstructure model here too, that the real problem is capitalism.

But what is happening on the political stage? What solutions are on offer? Politically speaking, a traffic light system is in power: Social Democrats, Liberals and Greens. Do these parties question the basis of this injustice? No. Who is offering themselves? The Christian Democrats. What concept? They want to govern. Do they want to question private ownership of the means of production? No. Is that what the blues want? No. They just want this property to be in German hands.

Let's take a look at the so-called left-wing spectrum. Does the left or the alliance Sarah Wagenknecht is currently forming want to raise the question of property? No. They want capitalism, only more humane.

Dear comrades!

The working class does not want to be lied to. The working class needs clear answers. The Communist Manifesto already knew that. There is only one alternative, a new attempt at socialism.

Because we want to reaffirm our 10 points at our party conference today at the suggestion of the Central Committee and adopt them once again as our 10 programmatic guidelines, I would like to reiterate our principles, which only apply in context.

Dear comrades!

Our 10 programmatic guidelines are based on the scientific world view of Marxism-Leninism:

1. The communist party is the party of the working class. The working class is the only revolutionary class. Its historical mission is to overcome capitalism and establish a socialist society.
2. The overcoming of capitalism is only possible through the socialist revolution, which means the establishment of the rule of the organised working class. It uses this rule to abolish private ownership of the means of production and transform them into social property. With the construction of socialism, the abolition of classes and the planned further development of the socialist economy and society, the preconditions for the transition to a classless society, to communism, are created.
3. The communist party is a revolutionary party of class struggle. It masters all forms of struggle, which it purposefully in political, economic and ideological terms. It rejects the ideas of reformism and the gradual transformation of capitalism into socialism. Nevertheless, it fights for positive reforms in the interests of the working class.
4. The communist party is a consistently anti-imperialist party. It stands against the imperialist world system, which divides the earth into imperialist main powers and dependent countries. Dependent countries, in other words, which are oppressed and exploited by imperialism. The communist party defends the right to self-determination of the peoples against imperialist and neo-colonial enslavement, stands up for national sovereignty and independence and supports anti-imperialist liberation movements. It fights the various national imperialisms, be it US imperialism or the powers united in the imperialist alliance of the European Union.
5. The communist party is an internationalist party. It is part of a worldwide revolutionary movement and makes its contribution in its own country to overcoming capitalism on a global scale. It cultivates fraternal contact and exchange with the communist and workers' parties of other countries. It declares its solidarity with the existing socialist states.
6. The communist party is an anti-fascist party. It vehemently fights fascism, whether it threatens in the form of fascist groups or through the fascisation of the state. It emphasises the character of fascism as a special form of rule of the monopolist bourgeoisie, as an open and terrorist dictatorship of the most reactionary, chauvinist and aggressive sections of monopoly and finance capital.
7. The communist party is organised on the basis of democratic centralism. It is therefore organised according to the principles of democracy, central leadership, control, unity and commitment, discipline, collectivity and responsibility as well as criticism and self-criticism.
8. The Communist Party is a Marxist-Leninist party. The entire activity of the Communist Party is based on the theoretical insights of Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels and V. I. Lenin, as well as other theorists with their works of the world view of Marxism-Leninism, and the experiences of the historical struggle of the revolutionary working class for the conquest of power and the construction of socialism. The analysis, programme and strategy of the communist party are based on this.
9. The Communist Party has a revolutionary past. It stands in the best traditions of the revolutionary and Marxist labour movement, the League of Communists, the International Workingmen's

Association, the early Second International and the Communist International. International and the Communist International. It is committed to the revolutionary and positive role and historical significance of 20th century socialism in the USSR and the socialist part of Europe, i.e. the world socialist system as a whole. As German communists, we recognise that the German Democratic Republic was the best thing that the revolutionary working class in Germany has produced in its history. The Communist Party sees opportunism and revisionism and its main form of struggle, anti-Stalinism, as the main cause of the defeat of socialism on a world scale. However, it does not renounce a critical examination of undesirable developments. It gains insights for the present by preserving the good and learning from mistakes. The task of the communist party is to apply Marxism-Leninism, to develop it creatively and to defend it against revisionism and "left-wing radicalism".

10. The communist party is the party of the future. Its existence is of central importance for the revolutionary labour movement. Without it, it will not be possible to fight and defeat destructive capitalism effectively. It is a necessity if humanity is to have a future. The communist party provides the guiding answer to the question: socialism or barbarism.

Dear comrades!

Over the years, our main demands under capitalism have not changed. In today's reactionary system, the KPD is fighting for the following concrete demands:

- the introduction of a statutory minimum wage of 2,500 euros (15.00 euros/hour);
- the 35-hour week with a gradual transition to a 30-hour week with full pay compensation;
- equal pay for equal work, raising wages in the new federal states to match those in the old federal states;
- a ban on temporary work, an end to ALG 2 and citizen's income;
- comprehensive free medical care;
- lowering the retirement age back to 65 for men and 60 for women and establishing pension equality between East and West as well as the cancellation of penalty pensions;
- the halting of privatisation and the remunicipalisation of former public property, municipalisation of housing;
- Returning Deutsche Bahn to state ownership and introducing free use of public transport for all socially disadvantaged people;
- Abolition of the private healthcare system and re-establishment of the state healthcare system;
- Restoration of the state energy sector;
- Expansion of a public service geared towards the needs of citizens.

The KPD demands:

- an immediate stop to all foreign deployments of the Bundeswehr and the withdrawal of all Bundeswehr soldiers from abroad;
- the ban on the use and storage of nuclear bombs on German soil;
- the ban on the use and production of armed drones and cluster bombs;
- the halt of armaments production and conversion into meaningful civilian production;
- the redistribution of the defence budget in favour of the areas of education and social affairs;

- the abolition of the EU intervention force;
- Germany's withdrawal from the EU and NATO;
- compliance with international disarmament treaties on the prohibition of certain weapons!

We also demand:

- the right to political strikes, including general strikes;
- increasing the rights of trade unions and works councils;
- the ban on snooping and online searches;
- a stop to attacks on the right of assembly; the abolition of sections 129a and b of the German Criminal Code (accusation of forming a terrorist organisation),
- the end of discrimination against former GDR state officials and the protection of the constitutional rights of former GDR citizens, even if this is only possible for political ideological reasons;
- the lifting of the KPD ban of 1956 and the rehabilitation and compensation of all politically persecuted persons in the former FRG, for the legality of all communist parties and organisations;
- the ban on the deployment of the Bundeswehr in Germany;
- the banning and dissolution of all neo-fascist parties and organisations;
- the ban on discrimination against migrants and asylum seekers!

Dear comrades!

As we all know, we are a small party. Many members are alone in their local area. The discussion about the strategy and tactics of our party, about the nature of the war in Ukraine, has also led to numerical losses in our party. Resignations hurt, and disciplinary measures are necessary when faced with a lack of discipline.

Some show a contradictory picture after leaving the KPD. Childish pictures with anti-communist content are distributed in chat groups. Social media is misused for this purpose. Lies are spread via international contacts. Such public statements do not stand up to comparison with their actions.

What is supposed to be revolutionary about discrediting the KPD and individual functionaries? What is supposed to be revolutionary about belittling other organisations? Lies have short legs.

Political and ideological differences are resolved within the KPD. Not outside.

Despite all the obstacles, despite all the accusations, we will continue to develop the KPD.

Dear comrades

Despite the restrictions imposed by the coronavirus, we organised a respectable party life in the reporting period, despite political and ideological discussions.

The national organisations, regional organisations and cells work on the basis of work plans. The annual focal points were participation with an information table at the Rosa Luxemburg Conference, honouring the anniversary of the deaths of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg with participation in the LLL demo, honouring murdered communists and anti-fascists, such as Dr

Theodor Neubauer and Magnus Poser, commemorating the illegal conference of the Communist Party of Germany (KPD) on 7 February 1933 after the transfer of power to Hitler, the tribute to Ernst Thälmann on his birthday and the anniversary of his death, the tribute to John Scheer and comrades, e.g. Erich Steinfurt, the commemoration of the death of the German Communist Party of Germany (KPD). Erich Steinfurt, the tributes on the anniversaries of the self-liberation of Buchenwald concentration camp, participation in the so-called "Elbe Day" in Torgau to commemorate the historic handshake between the Red Army and the US Army soldiers on the bridge in Torgau, the events on 1 May, the events on the Day of Liberation from Hitler Fascism and the events on Victory Day, various tributes to victims of fascism, the participation of comrades in the Main Enemy Conference, the information stands on World Peace Day on 1 September, participation in the "La Commune" series of events on communist unity, events on the anniversary of the founding of the GDR and participation with an information table at the left-wing literature fair. In the regions, the organisation also took part in peace movement activities. The activities also included cooperation with other organisations in the federal states. These included the KAD Dresden, the alliances in Saxony-Anhalt, Berlin, Thuringia and Bavaria, the involvement of the Waterkant group around the Ernst Thälmann memorial and the alliance work in Frankfurt/Oder. Special mention should be made of the commitment of our Leipzig comrades, who work together with various alliances and help to develop our party. The activities of the Saxon comrades with the RFB and the meeting in Mala Upa should also be mentioned. Comrades have also recently taken part in demonstrations against the AFD and in farmers' protests.

Education is also an important activity of our party. For example, our leading functionaries Frank Flegel and Jürgen Geppert organise the Marxist-Leninist correspondence course run by the KPD and offen-siv. Marxist/Leninist knowledge is imparted there beyond party boundaries. This initiative also has a significant influence on educational work. This is because the Ideological Commission works out the focal points for educational work. Self-critically, we have to admit that implementation on the ground sometimes leaves a lot to be desired.

Last year, we organised a small youth meeting. It was the result of our decision to focus more attention on youth work. Unfortunately, after initial successes, we have to summarise that today we are back to square one. After our party conference, we need to make a fresh start and bring the young comrades of our party together to revitalise youth work. A major focus is the collection of supporting signatures for participation in the state elections in Saxony. OneMany thanks to our Saxon comrades for their tireless collecting and motivating allies to support us. The comrades will probably report briefly later on the status of signature collection. I hope that with a sufficient number of supporting signatures we can secure our participation in the election and secure our party status for another 6 years.

We also have to be self-critical and talk about the weaknesses in our work. Basically, the problem remains that active comrades often have a very heavy workload and have to fulfil dual functions. Sometimes we are unable to keep to our work schedules. Unfortunately, in recent times it has happened again and again that problems are brought into the party and the solution is talked away. Arguments are constantly repeated. Long texts are circulated to prove that they are correct, but 99% of them contain no new insights or arguments.

As Chairman, I very often have the feeling that discussions take place behind the scenes. That harms our party. Discussions should take place in our committees.

Unfortunately, individual opinions are too often exaggerated. A certain narcissism can be felt. Younger comrades in particular sometimes act as if they have eaten wisdom with spoons.

Dear comrades!

Unfortunately, I can't put it any other way: we have a problem with discipline. Collectivity seems to be a foreign concept for some. Political and ideological discussions are mixed with personal insults. It must be said that the trust between comrades in the leadership of the KPD suffers greatly as a result.

As the KPD, we realise that one characteristic of capitalism is individualism. But this has no place in a communist party. We are a union of like-minded people. Collective decision-making and collective wisdom are our greatest assets. I call on all members and functionaries to bear this in mind for future work take into account.

We can't improve our public relations work if we act like a bunch of people who can do whatever they want. And public relations work is the work that brings us members and allows our party to develop.

We need to improve our work on social media and we need to get back out on the streets more.

Dear comrades!

The most important organ we have is our monthly newspaper "Die Rote Fahne". This is where we inform our members and sympathisers. You can buy it at some newspaper stands and it is available at every information stand.

With great effort, we have been able to maintain the quality of the content. We are pleased about the support of younger comrades in the editorial team and the endeavour to design the newspaper in such a way that it remains worth reading for an interested audience. Work has also been done on the technical side. After the loss of a printing company, a new one was found immediately. By purchasing paper in good time, we were able to find an economical approach to the ever-increasing prices. Nevertheless, we were unable to avoid a price adjustment. In future, the editorial team will also have to discuss how the supply of newspaper stands can be maintained if the financial return remains as low as before.

The work of the editorial team is based on regular meetings, which have been significantly simplified in organisational terms thanks to video conferencing technology.

The publication of the DRF could be improved. We must make certain efforts to ensure that the DRF is published around the first of the month.

The fact that our younger comrades are endeavouring to increase the pool of authors deserves special recognition. A certain number of articles is simply necessary to keep the DRF interesting and informative and to maintain the ideological line. Anyone who is able to write articles about party life or current topics is called upon to make their contributions available to the DRF.

And there is something else outstanding to point out here. DRF is the only newspaper that reports on the development of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea without anti-communist accusations and provides information on decisions and publications of the country and the Workers' Party of Korea as well as Comrade Kim Jong Un. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Embassy of the DPRK for its excellent co-operation and for providing us with information material.

In order to continue this work successfully, we will endeavour to set up a solid editorial team at the first meeting of the Central Committee after our party conference.

Dear comrades!

In connection with the work of the DRF, we must also report on the work on advertising material.

Here, too, special praise goes to Leipzig. The bookmarks, stickers and flyers are an excellent tool.

Following on from this, we need to report on our work in the social media. Here, too, we have succeeded in harmonising the work on the various platforms and ensuring that reports are not published randomly and confusingly, thereby overshadowing interesting articles and information.

Our internet manager also deserves praise. The website has been developed continuously and silently since 2013. The foundations have been laid for the next stage of adapting the format of the site to current requirements. We assume that this will be implemented over the next two years.

To summarise, general planning is required for this area in order to connect the individual platforms with each other.

Dear comrades!

Our analyses of the emergence of new imperialist blocs, the collation of reliable figures shows that the dangers of war are increasing. The nuclear threat is back on the agenda.

This will lead to social tensions. If we want to fulfil our demand for a new attempt at socialism, we need a strong communist party rooted in the masses and based on the teachings of Marx, Engels and Lenin. The KPD is actively participating in this process of formation.

Besides this formation of the Communist Party it is necessary to constantly examine how a policy of the united front, the unity of action of all anti-capitalist forces in socialist and communist parties, in left-wing organisations of the working class and trade unions, as well as with these organisations, but also the alliance policy with all anti-fascist-anti-imperialist-democratic and peace forces, can be an integral part of the Communist Party's policy in order to come closer to the goal of socialism.

Of course, it must be critically noted here that the rapprochement between the communist parties and organisations is rather stagnant. The will for joint action and unification can only be felt at local level. There are no talks at management level. The only organisation with which there was a serious connection was the KO. Unfortunately, after a split in this organisation, only part of the KO remained, which regularly took part in our CC meetings. The other part of the KO did not accept our offer to send a representative to our leadership meetings.

As the Communist Party of Germany (KPD), one problem must be pointed out again here: Churchill once said, when asked about his opinion of communist parties, that he believed there could not be enough of them. This statement reminds us, in our real struggle against opportunism and revisionism, not to let this struggle degenerate into an end in itself. This struggle must be waged wisely. Three parties and umpteen organisations that formulate a communist claim are not exactly a credit to our political work.

Dear comrades!

Now to our international work.

We maintain the decades-long tradition of our ties with the DPRK and the PdAK. Several letters of greeting a year to Comrade Kim Jong Un on highlights of the country and the Party are an expression of solidarity with the DPRK and the preservation of socialism in this country. To this end, we also regularly write and publish articles honouring the great sons of the Korean people, Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Kim Jong Il. We also regularly receive letters of greeting from the PdAK. Comrades from our party visit the DPRK and see for themselves the socialist construction work of the Korean people.

A few weeks ago, we visited our friends from the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia in

Prague. Of course, we realised that the state of the communist movement and the communist party in the Czech Republic is just as complicated as it is here in Germany. Because the chairman was in the Donbass as an independent election observer, Ukraine issued a penalty order. For this reason, he is currently taking refuge in Moscow and leading the party from there. He offered to intensify cooperation and further expand the exchange of experiences, especially with the KPD. We will examine and discuss this offer in the Central Committee after the party congress.

In the past, links with other communist parties via the International Commission have unfortunately come to a standstill. This was probably due to a large extent to the former chairwoman's lack of leadership. She was expelled from the KPD last year. Profound political and ideological differences and a lack of will to respect the decisions of the Central Committee led to this step.

Our application to become a member of Solidnet is currently still being processed. We assume that after our party conference, the new international commission will send a further enquiry about the status of our membership. While the application was being processed there, the KPD co-signed a whole series of declarations initiated by Solidnet.

Dear comrades!

The delegates are presented with the financial reports for the entire party and "Die Rote Fahne" for the last legislative period. Income from membership fees has fallen sharply due to the recent loss of members. We need to reverse this trend as quickly as possible so that we can generate sufficient contributions again. At the same time, we need to keep an eye on the current financial situation. Under certain circumstances, we must also discuss whether the party office can still be maintained in this constellation.

Dear comrades!

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our long-standing secretariat member and head treasurer, comrade Inge Müller. Quietly, always loyal to the party and with great expertise, Inge has organised our finances. For health reasons and due to her age, she had been asking for some time to be relieved of her duties. I am delighted that the transition to our new head treasurer has gone so smoothly. From our party conference, we send comrade Inge Müller our warmest fighting greetings.

Of course, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my deputy, who represented me excellently at the beginning of our term of office and, as Chairman of the Ideological Commission, played a key role in strengthening ideological clarity in our party. Thanks to the secretariat. Thanks to our chief treasurer for quietly taking over this important function. Many thanks also to the existing Central Committee. I think that with all our decisions we have been able to compensate for our personnel losses and improve our work by appointing members to various commissions.

I would also like to thank our regional chairman in Berlin who, at such a young age and relatively on his own, has reorganised the party organisation together with his deputy. That deserves our respect.

Dear comrades!

As in previous years, we would like to conclude our report by reaffirming our principles:

The highest level of capitalism is imperialism. Imperialism means war. It is its character trait. We are experiencing its highest stage and at the same time its decline. Its contradictions are coming to a

head with devastating consequences for the majority of people, with the destruction of the environment, increasing armed conflicts for the undisturbed appropriation and domination of the most important resources of other countries by the main imperialist powers with the tendency towards world war.

We are still living in an era of global transition from capitalism to socialism. So we are living at a crossroads. Socialism or barbarism. Our task is to organise the working class into a class with the formation of a united Communist Party and the tools of our scientific worldview. United with all anti-imperialist/anti-fascist democratic forces, it is our task to participate in today's social struggles and to dare a new attempt at socialism.

I wish us a fruitful discussion.

Red Front!

Contribution to the discussion: Comrade Jürgen Geppert

Comrades,

I would like to address a few substantive issues that are related to the statement of accounts and are essential for future work.

I would like to start from our last CC meeting, at which three motions to the party congress were voted on.

To the 1st:

It was decided to propose to the party congress that the "10 Points of the KPD" be renamed "Programme Guidelines of the KPD". The renaming alone is superficial formalism if these guidelines are not filled with life. The renaming does not change the content of the problems that arise from them. I do not want to go into individual points, as these can only be seen as a whole. But I would like to point out a few problems:

This document does not replace the revision of our party programme in those points that must take account of current political developments.

This document, without improving the fundamental attitude of some comrades to the questions of training and further education, the discussion of the questions of solidarity with other parties and organisations, adherence to the party statute and acceptance of democratic centralism, where one's own opinion is not in the foreground, remains without effect.

The speaking time does not allow us to go into this issue, but it will be a focus of the ideological work of the IdK.

To the 2nd:

It was decided to propose to the party congress to adopt the "three-pronged strategy" as a guide for action to solve the imperialist question.

The same applies here. For two years the discussion has been based on Lenin's theory of imperialism. The resistance of some Comrades' opposition to this draft is incomprehensible to me. It really can no longer be overlooked that imperialism has risen to its highest form in unprecedented exploitation and oppression, including wars. This development, which, after a bitter defeat by the counter-revolutions in the socialist countries, has affected the social development of people in all countries of the world, is not yet complete. And we are arguing about who are small and large imperialist states, and whether there are currently wars that are anti-imperialist.

Publications by the IdK in our newspaper are ignored or simply not read. However, they should be included in the political work of the party groups. Otherwise an assessment could not appear in which it is said: *"Do we have a position on the racism, genocide, violations of international law and massive human rights violations of the imperialist state of Israel in and beyond the borders of this state?"*

Yes, we have a position; and each and every one of us can and must defend it. We have commented on this in detail in our newspaper.

To the 3rd:

It is proposed that our statutes be amended so that candidates have the same rights and obligations as members.

[... party-internal on the decisive moment of the considerations]

Rather, I see the problem, which incidentally is not new, in the Dealing with candidates.

The comrades who drew up the statute must have had something in mind when they

established a distinction between members and candidates. After all, there are two sides to every coin.

Candidates do not have the same rights as members (right to vote, voting rights, etc.) but should then be able to be held accountable with the same disciplinary measures.

Comrades in the party organisations are faced with the following tasks.

Candidates are not yet finished communists. They need help and guidance in studying the basic documents, such as the manifesto, our programme and our statutes. They need tasks that they can fulfil and should give an account of these in the party groups. At the end of this candidate period, the members decide on admission. Once they have been accepted as members, the organisational measures also apply.

Every candidate should, and this is nothing new, have an experienced and politically stable comrade at their side to support and guide them from the moment they are accepted. Both must give an account of this work in their party group. We don't get ready-made communists. And changing the basic documents will not solve the problem. Unless the disciplinary measures are taken against those who leave the candidates to their own devices during the candidate period.

The IdK will submit a substantive working guideline on the guidance and management of candidates to the new CC for resolution. I think that is the better way.

Thank you for your attention.

Contribution to the discussion: Comrade Peter Joachim Riege

Dear comrades,

Let me say a few sentences for you to think about.

A lot has happened in the course of the last legislative period, both politically and within the party.

How much has this helped us in our work to strengthen the party!

Let's take a look at the number of members: In the last two years, there has been an increase in resignations, deaths and the removal of members from our party.

Why is that so!

Anyone who has followed what has been happening here in recent years must have realised that the ZK etc... had to deal with repetitive and paralysing discussions. The tasks of the meetings, the topics, sometimes had to be postponed. For a long time, the ZK dealt with things and constant repetition that were no longer worthy of celebration. I don't want to say they were secondary, but they slowed down our main tasks, such as strengthening the party, political enlightenment of the proletariat and also fighting our enemy at home, capital.

Comrades!

What are we doing!

We (the communists) had eliminated the exploitation of man by man in our homeland, the German Democratic Republic. The Contras took it all away from us again. Over 30 years have passed! When will we stop arguing and start fighting the enemy at home (country)!

We are guided in our activities by Marxism-Leninism and the programme drawn up on its basis, which concerns the main tasks of the Party in the period of the comprehensive reconstruction of socialist society.

For us, this means reorganising the working class, the working people and social organisations, as well as farmers.

We should hold careful, profitable discussions with the so-called intelligentsia at eye level in order to show them the advantages of socialist production.

A little more memories!

The strength of the party lies in the political, ideological and organisational unity and cohesion of its ranks. Any factionalism and group formation contradicts the nature of a Marxist-Leninist party and is incompatible with membership of our party.

Of course, grievances and actions that harm the party should not be dismissed with silence, because sincerity and honesty is the highest commandment of every comrade.

Comrades!

We all need to pay attention to young people, because they are the ones who will lead our party forward and realise our goals. In doing so, they are often impetuous and need the help of older comrades. A start was made last year with a youth meeting in Berlin. I can only recommend continuing this, perhaps with more participants.

Comrades,

One last point, the war and Germany!

The FRG is at war with Russia, in conjunction with NATO. We know that American, British, French and, of course, German weapons are being sent from German soil to Mecklenburg / Western Pomerania and Poland to the Ukraine. The former military training areas of the NVA (e.g. Gliez) are used as transshipment and training centres.

In Bavaria, electronic warfare operations for Ukraine are being carried out on American bases with the help of German soldiers.

The main enemy at home.

American, French and British occupying powers are playing with the deaths of many people in our country. Let us familiarise the German people with the truth, let us enlighten them about the machinations of our government, in alliance with the USA in the interests of capital and its crimes.

Comrades,

I thank you thanks for your listening and wish usall a successful party conference.

RED FRONT

Contribution to the discussion: Comrade Cornelia Noack

I'm missing something here, comrades. Could it be a square bounded by a rope with a red and a blue corner, one with a black bow tie and the same colour as the other, at least two people beating each other up like a "hat on Luke" and the audience betting on them? Am I **mistaken**, or is **this** thought coming to me because members of **our party** have recently been exchanging verbal and, more recently, figurative blows in **public** emails?

„Wer etwas diskutieren kann,
wer einmal Marx gelesen,
der hält sich schon für einen Mann
und für ein höheres Wesen.
Der ragt um **einen** Daumen klein
aus seinen eignen Reihn.“

literal translation:

‘Anyone who can discuss something,
who has read Marx,
already considers himself a man
and a higher being.
He towers above **a** thumb's breadth
from his own ranks.’

2nd verse from "The worst
enemy" Kurt Tucholsky (read!)

„Wer klein beizugeben nicht willig ist,
wird schnell gestempelt als Opportu - oder Revisionist.
Meinung erarbeiten und produktiver Streit
urteile selbst Kommunist, bist du dazu bereit.“

literal translation:

"Those who are not willing to give in,
is quickly labelled an opportu - or revisionist.
Develop an opinion and judge a productive
dispute yourself communist, are you ready for it."

from me

The ABC of the KPD

A: The historical and scientific basis of our world view

Through Lenin, Stalin, Karl and Rosa, Georgi, Ernst, Wilhelm and comrades and many of us made alive, oppressed people, socialists and communists all over the world, tried to put a stop to the exploiters in their countries, many of them paid for it with they failed or allowed themselves to be bought, went and still go ways that make us doubt, and **yet** our international solidarity applies to **every** attempt. We do **not** have the right to judge other cultures, but we can learn from and with each other how we can do better. It's in **here**!

B: Programme of the Communist Party of Germany - Our response

Here we declare our commitment to socialism and against barbarism, the reason why **we** are the vanguard of the working class and its allies for the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat, the **only** peace party, **the** only party that can once again make Germany the fatherland of all labouring, peace-loving men and women, no matter where they come from, that is committed to international solidarity and wants to be an equal among equals. We hereby declare war on the enemies in our **own** country and on the enemies of the oppressed peoples of the world. **Our** history is our class mission and **so** living it becomes our programme.

C: Statute of the Communist Party of Germany,

what our world view is based on, whose heritage we are committed to, who is our enemy and who is our ally, and how we organise ourselves as a "unified fighting organisation held together by conscious proletarian discipline." ...

Democratic centralism, ... internal party democracy... centralised leadership... constantly checking the correctness of its slogans... not concealing mistakes... **Observance of the principles of criticism and self-criticism** enables it to lead the struggle of the working people ever more effectively... **strong** through their **unity**... Unity of will and action... **deviations from the programme, violation of party discipline and the formation of factional groups... incompatible** " **... does not fight individuals, but classes**... Programme and statutes place high demands on the sense of **responsibility** and **morality** of members voluntarily organised in the KPD". Then candidature, membership, rights, duties, organisational measures, party structure and organs as well as their tasks and functions.

So much in brief for the ABC, our party's tool.

Not **everyone** who wants to join us **can** be an expert on our classics, the labour movement, the history of the USSR, the GDR and the young nation states. We and our educational programme are here to help them. We have to report on our experiences and adventures, including trials and tribulations, we can answer questions in context, make it easier to understand our "forerunners", what it means to be equal as a woman in socialism, to be master in one's own house and what is meant by the fact that being determines consciousness and vice versa. In order not to sell anyone an X for a U, we have our ABC for that.

Once again to my initial question and, let's say, my whistles for it. Even if our statute still needs some clarification, there is one thing it does not need, the "embellishment" of the rights and duties of a comrade / candidate as far as our respect for each other and the duty of peace among ourselves is concerned. Diversity of opinion is not a dogma, and certainly not a figurehead for communists. Do you know what a slap in the face you are giving the local comrades? Who bring the how is how of the KPD to the masses, explain a sophisticated programme in their hands and have the dissension and physical attacks of the "know-it-alls" in the back of their minds? What

about being and consciousness and how long will you keep us in line with this? Or is this exactly your strategy and tactic for destroying our party and comrades? Then admit it, pack up your stuff and get the hell out of here. But anyone who is able and willing to talk about everything, to listen, to allow himself to be convinced, to understand his task and office as such and is prepared to fulfil it, is not an enemy of his party, but a responsible comrade of the KPD and this is where he belongs.

A quick word to and from those who are getting on in years and / or are already a little bit tired. Beware of belittling us, sometimes it happens faster than you think. Where would you be without us doers behind the barricades, without our knowledge and skills? Being a disciple does not protect you from folly, as we are currently experiencing. As long as there is life in us, and you show some consideration, we promise, we will look after things, even if it's inconvenient at times, and then the party can also continue to rely on us.

And this is exactly where it fits to simply say thank you Inge to our comrade Inge Müller, who has always been my rock, not only in terms of bookkeeping, but also politically and from woman to woman, I would like to say a friend.

And with a tear in my buttonhole, I would like to hand over the pennant of the RO Oder/Spree to the archives of our party, take good care of it, perhaps it will be brought back to life one day.

Let's always remember - you can break a finger, but you can't break a fist. With this in mind, let's raise our comrades "Red Front" and make this party conference a worthy one.

And finally, I have bound together some of my poems, letters on social occasions and some pictures and would perhaps like to give them to the Red Flag for use.

Contribution to the discussion: Comrade Torsten Reichelt

Dear comrades,

I would like to thank comrade Schöwitz for his detailed political and accountability report.

I would like to address two issues that I believe should be reconsidered. Firstly, the phrase "imperialist war". In a world dominated by imperialist powers, these powers are of course involved in every single war in different ways. Therefore, every war can be described as imperialist, but this does not provide any information to characterise the war and the participants. The terms required for this are war of aggression or defence, just or unjust war and others, and this includes an analysis of its causes, originators and the interests of the warmongers as well as the history of its origins. We have it easy here, because our main enemy is German imperialism, which is particularly reactionary and is involved in pretty much all current wars in some way and against which we must take action. NATO has encircled Russia and provoked the war in Ukraine for decades, which didn't just start in 2022. Conversely, Russia has no interest in conquering NATO states. Our party has also taken a clear stance on Palestine.

Secondly, on one point of our tripartite strategy, in short "no anti-imperialism without a socialist perspective". We communists are the ones who carry the socialist perspective into every movement, as the manifesto of the communist party says. We cannot only participate in movements that are already striving for socialism themselves. Imperialist wars of aggression are directed against states that are exploited and disadvantaged and are subject to the old imperialist powers, either directly or through a comprador bourgeoisie, and want to free themselves from them. National liberation wars and wars of independence only create the preconditions for a socialist start, which is not possible against established imperialist powers. I recall the October Socialist Revolution, which was preceded by the weakening of the Tsarist regime in the First World War, which was then brought about by the overthrow of the Tsarist regime in the February Revolution could win against the not yet consolidated bourgeois state of the Kerensky government. Wars between imperialist states and against others weaken these states and improve the conditions for a revolutionary upheaval. Revolutions against consolidated imperialist powers are much more difficult.

Resolutions

1. Political report/accountability report - unanimously adopted.
2. Report ZKSK and ZFRK - unanimously adopted.
3. Report of the Credentials Committee - unanimously adopted.
4. Resolutions on the amalgamation of different organisational units:
 - 4a) Assignment of the LO Rhineland-Palatinate, NRW, Saarland, Bavaria, Hesse and Baden-Württemberg to Thuringia - unanimously adopted
 - 4b) Assignment of LO Lower Saxony to Saxony-Anhalt - adopted unanimously.
 - 4c) Merging of the LO Brandenburg and Berlin to Berlin/Brandenburg unanimously adopted.
5. Application for amendment of the statute to the effect that also that the paragraphs on administrative penalties are also applied to candidates - rejected.
6. Motion to hold a theoretical conference to examine the fall of the Soviet Union and the reasons for its demise - task assigned to the Central Committee to deal with the question of organising such a conference - adopted unanimously.
7. Vote on the draft resolution of the theses for the party conference - adopted with minor amendments.

Theses of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Germany for the XXXII Party Congress on 25 May 2024

The KPD is alive!

On the basis of our statutes, the XXXII Party Congress was convened in Berlin on 25 May 2024.

At this party conference, the theses for further political and ideological work were adopted.

I Our programme, which was adopted at the XXV Party Congress of our party on 21 April 2007, continues to be a fundamental guideline for our political work. However, as social conditions have developed rapidly, it is necessary to revise individual passages.

II The current political situation in Germany and the world demands of us a clear and unambiguous class standpoint based on Marxism/Leninism. In order to survive this struggle, there must be a constant scientific confrontation with revisionism in all its manifestations. This concerns the constant struggle against attacks by revisionism from outside against our party, but we must also not allow it to spread within our party. That is why the fight against anti-Stalinism also requires all our commitment. The fight against anti-Stalinism is necessary because it is intended to deprive us of our theoretical foundations.

The character of our historical epoch from the transition from capitalism to socialism is currently determined by the actions of imperialism following the catastrophe of the century of counter-revolution in Europe. The leading imperialist blocs, above all NATO and BRICS, exert great influence on the politics and economy of smaller states, forcing the bourgeoisie of these states to give in to their own endeavours to expand. The associated imperialist competition for raw materials and sales markets exacerbates both the contradictions and the threat of war at the expense of the working class, thus diminishing any social and economic development progress.

The intra-imperialist contradictions have intensified to such an extent that local and regional wars are dominating events worldwide. The danger of a third world war is therefore omnipresent. German imperialism is increasingly relying on militarisation and on swearing the entire nation into this war. In the alliance with the USA and NATO, Russia and China have been labelled as enemies. On an ideological level, this mindset is to be rooted in the population.

III This development requires a constant confrontation with Germany's imperialist policies and the consolidation of party positions on issues of national and international politics. Personal opinions and revisionist ideas must not be allowed to influence the party's policies. Preventing a third world war must be the main focus of our political work. The following applies: German imperialism is the main enemy in the struggle for peace and social progress.

When cooperating with other communist parties and organisations, the differences over the analysis of the current situation of imperialism cause problems, as does the often pure pacifism of the peace movement. We must emphasise our Marxist ideas without behaving in a sectarian manner. Alliances, i.e. longer-term co-operation with other social forces or parties that pursue the same goal in a specific matter and that go beyond day-to-day political events, are necessary. However, we must never dispense with Marxist-Leninist propaganda in such alliances, as this would open the door to opportunism. The same applies to unity of action, i.e. a short-term alliance with other forces to realise current demands.

The resolutions of the party congress determine the future political development of our party. Our goal is a unified communist party in Germany based on Marxism/Leninism.

IV In parallel with the preparations for our party conference, the preliminary preparations for the

participation of the KPD in the state elections in Saxony. The public relations work is focussed on achieving our goal of collecting signatures. The aim is to increase the party's publicity. New members should find their way to us.

V The tasks facing us require the personal commitment of every comrade. Our thoughts and actions must be focussed on strengthening the party. This requires steadfastness, courage and a high level of political knowledge from everyone. Standing out and personal opinions are detrimental to the overall interest. The insights of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin point the way to analysing the political events of our time and drawing the right conclusions from them.

VI The distance learning programme for learning the basics of Marxism/Leninism, which is run jointly with offen-siv, is a stable form of disseminating our scientific world view. This form of education is not only necessary for young people. Older comrades can refresh their knowledge and gain new insights. In the national organisations, we must work towards ensuring that all candidates and new members of our party take part in these studies. For older comrades, studying is a form of further education within the party.

VII Fundamentally, it is important to defend our class standpoint unwaveringly. Within the communist movement, the KPD is a party that follows this path uncompromisingly in Germany. Our goal is the abolition of private ownership of the means of production, i.e. capitalism, the transfer of the means of production into the ownership of the working class, and thus of society as a whole, and production according to a collectively drawn up plan. The fight against individual social injustices or demands for more democracy and justice can never replace this goal. Because our goal does not stop at a small reform, our goal is communism. And our slogan is:

"The KPD is alive"

Central Committee of the KPD

Closing remarks by the re-elected Chairman of the KPD

Comrade Torsten Schöwitz, on 25 May 2024

Dear comrades,

I would like to thank all delegates and guest delegates for the successful organisation of our 32nd party conference. I would especially like to thank you for re-electing me and for the trust you have once again placed in me. Of course, I promise to do my best to continue to fulfil the high standards of our party with our basic principles. On behalf of our party, I would also like to thank the comrades from the Berlin LO for preparing and organising our party conference venue and everyone who helped to make our party conference a success.

Dear comrades,

On the basis of today's contributions to the discussion and the resolutions of our party conference, I would like to summarise the most important tasks at the end.

We must continue to improve our public relations work in all ROs and LOs. This means increasing our participation in events, organising more information stands, better communication and then also the use of flyers, advertising material and central statements on current events in public.

Furthermore, the improvement of educational work is important. Together with the Ideological Commission, we must again ensure that focal points (including literature references) for educational work are defined at the general meetings at the beginning of the year.

Of course, cooperation with other organisations must also be intensified. The focus here is, of course, the continuation of our efforts to create unity of action among communists with the aim of creating a unified communist party on a Marxist/Leninist basis. Special attention must be paid to this at all party levels. I hope that our co-operation with the KO will bear fruit.

Youth work urgently needs to be stepped up. Our task is to motivate young interested parties and sympathisers, but of course also our young comrades, to participate and thus introduce politically interested young people to our scientific world view.

We also need to consider how we can organise a new initiative for the DKP and the KPD to sit down at a table and at least hold regular informal talks. Next year will be the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. It could well be that we could organise a joint anti-war congress in the context of war and peace. We should urgently consider organising a theory conference.

In July, we have to hand in the supporting signatures for the state election. That means mobilising all our forces once again. I see it as the duty of our comrades from Saxony to keep an eye on the exact status of the collection and to be the point of contact once again where it makes sense to collect signatures.

You know how important this is for the preservation of our party status.

Dear comrades,

Of course, many tasks will also arise from our current political activities. The basic direction has been set and decided. I wish us every success in this endeavour.

Dear comrades,

I hereby declare the 32nd Party Congress closed and we will conclude by singing the Internationale.

Red front!