

Dear Comrades,

we want to send you our greetings to your X. National Congress:

Your congress is taking place in times of war, which threatens to engulf the entire globe. The Working-class youth are expected to fight this war for the capitalists—even though it runs counter to our interests.

Those in power are arming themselves for it—both in your countries and in ours. Around the world, we are witnessing the steady erosion of democratic rights. In our country, the government is specifically trying to introduce forced labor through new laws, to destroy the eight-hour working day, and to enforce similar measures. Hundreds of thousands of workers who are being laid off from the auto industry, the chemical industry, and other sectors are to be deployed to work for the war effort.

Because the capitalists can no longer make profits and keep their systems stable, they have to set the world on fire for a third time. And despite all the drones and modern warfare technologies, they still cannot do without people, without soldiers. So they not only have to convert their production to war machinery, but also train young people once again to shoot at their brothers and sisters in other countries.

In some countries, Compulsory military service has already been reintroduced. In Germany, a new Compulsory military service law is to be passed this year. It begins with large-scale data collection, paves the way for conscripts to be deployed abroad, and seeks to determine how much a human life is worth.

With conscription, those in power will try to get us all. But that is precisely their weakness: without us, their war cannot be waged.

That is why we are currently fighting to unite the anti-war forces in our country – whether pacifists or anti-militarists. Only together can we oppose conscription. The first steps toward forming committees against conscription have already been taken; they are intended to unite and coordinate this struggle. Because individually or separately, we will not stand a chance.

Under the slogan "We will not allow ourselves to be registered and recruited! No to compulsory military service!", the initiative "Form committees against compulsory military service!", initiated and supported by us, has organized demonstrations throughout Germany. We are sending you the collage.

Even though we know that the movement against conscription is currently still too small, too weak, and too fractionalized to be able to prevent the law, these

demonstrations are nevertheless an important attempt to strengthen and unite our forces. After all, the fight against conscription and general war mobilization will not end once the law is passed.

As a socialist youth organization, we realize that the fight against the introduction of conscription is a prerequisite for the fight within the army. That is why we are waging it. And if one day they should conscript us en masse for their war—which will take time, as the structures for this are still lacking—we will work to undermine it.

For what ultimately really ends wars for the peoples are revolutions.

For all this, today more than ever, we need a powerful world federation of democratic youth—founded as a lesson from a catastrophe toward which we are once again heading. We know that World Festivals are urgently needed for this. However, they are only effective if the program is determined by the WFDY and not by any government—and if all member organizations can participate fully in shaping it. Let us fight for this together within the WFDY!

Comrades,

We face great tasks and challenges: Let us overturn this system—and thus end its wars! On the way there, we wish you success for your congress. May it help us come one step closer to this goal! We are very excited to hear from you again and about the results of your congress!

Friendship!

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