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Attack on the USAFE In Ramstein

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WAR ON IMPERIALIST WAR!!!

ATTACK THE CENTERS, THE BASES, AND THE STRATEGISTS OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY MACHINERY!!!

Today, we, the Sigurd Debus¹ Unit, attacked the Headquarters of the US Air Force in Europe, in Ramstein.

The US imperialists will not have peace and quiet to prepare and carry out their plans for world power.

They want war.

They want to roll back history to the point before the liberation movements' offensive pushed back their political and military power around the world. In order to be able to do this they want to overturn the military balance between the socialist and imperialist States.

It is their declared aim to roll back these historical changes and to become, once again, the strongest, all governing power in the world. This means they must prepare for a war on all fronts in Europe and in the Third World. All of the steps which they have taken in the past ten years were taken in order to accomplish this: the beginning of a technological rearmament and the strategic restructuring of their war machine, which started at the peak of the Vietnam War, the realization of NATO's long term program the neutron bomb, the "fight against terrorism," a combined program of counter-guerilla warfare in West Europe, the plotting of mass murder in El Salvador, the NATO putsch in Turkey.

The imperialist war of destruction is now returning from the Third World to Europe, from whence it came. The people of Europe, of the FRG, are realizing that unless it can be stopped, this development will mean their destruction. They are now getting a direct, physically close idea of what has been reality for people in Asia, Africa, and Latin America for hundreds of years, imperialism, when you yourself are in the position of the oppressed.

¹ Sigurd Debus - anti-imperialist prisoner who was killed in 1981 when he went on hungerstrike in solidarity with prisoners of the RAF. His death was the result of force-feeding with a high carbohydrate solution, which, under the circumstances, there was virtually no chance his body could cope with. The RAF bombing at Ramstein, carried out by the Sigurd Debus Unit, caused extensive damage and injured 18 US airmen, including a Brigadier-General and a Lieutenant, as well as 2 West Germans.

Imperialism, in itself and as a system, means destruction – for as long and in as far as resistance is not strong enough to stop this class.

Against all the defeatist and escapist fantasies of an atomic inferno and against all the helpless pacifist wishes complementing these fantasies, we now say that this monster can be beaten. It can be beaten if we in its center bring our resistance up to the sharpness of the real situation.

Meaning: if we take the offensive and develop the political and military strategy that will bring the political bases of imperialism in the center down faster than they can carry out their plans.

Ramstein, Headquarters of the US Air Force and of the NATO Air Force in Europe, is the largest American airport outside of the USA and is the base for a nuclear war in Europe. The Command for nuclear warfare is stationed there; it is from there that the Pershing II and Cruise Missiles are going to be launched. From there, the airplanes equipped with atomic missiles and the AWACS air control planes will take off, the relays for the strategic bombers from the USA are there, and it is the gateway for troops from the USA.

Ramstein is the launchpad for war in the Third World.

When the imperialists' interests in the Middle East and the Gulf Region are no longer safe, they will send their machinery of repression from there.

The US military strategy is the imperialist States' most powerful political instrument . All other tools - political, economic, social - are tuned to this strategy. Social development within the countries belonging to NATO is determined by it. This strategy brings this system - imperialist politics as a whole - down to its clearest meaning. The creeping death of the 24-hour day in the metropole, the destruction in the struggle for existence, the lack of perspective and the alienation.

The dehumanization of work - the tendency, in the process of production, to eliminate people and to substitute machines.

The destruction - by the nuclear industry, chemistry and concrete - of living conditions.

The control and regulation of all expressions of life, and their repression if they cannot be used by the system.

DEVELOP THE RESISTANCE AGAINST DESTRUCTION INTO A FRONT LINE FOR THE REVOLUTION IN EUROPE!!!

FIGHT THE BATTLES IN THE METROPOLE IN UNITY WITH THE REVOLUTIONARIES OF THE THIRD WORLD!!!

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