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Gegen die Strömung's leaflet of April 2003 addresses the subject of:

**March 5'h 1953: 50 Years Ago, Comrade Stalin died**

## Defend Stalin in today's Germany

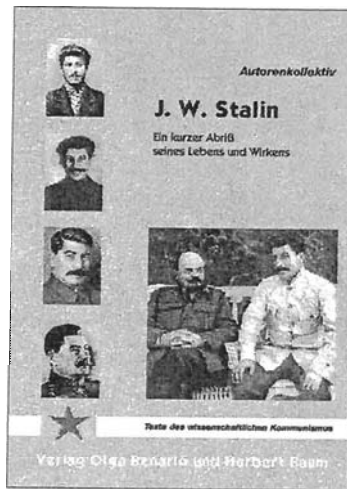
„Whoever publicly defends Stalin in Germany has a problem and that's putting it mildly. Rather several problems! Whoever expresses oneself positively on Stalin is up against an enormous coalition of all reactionary forces from bourgeois parties over Revisionists, Trotskyists up to Anarchists. Besides, there is a vast amount of incomprehension and ignorance. There is, to begin with, the incontestable fact that the socialist Soviet Union under Stalin's guidance played the major role in defeating Nazi fascist Germany. Only for this reason all democratic forces who hate Nazi fascism had to deal seriously with the question why Stalin is being slandered. Above all, it is incontestable that Stalin being a theorist of Scientific Communism wrote fundamental works, which are available for study, and at the same time had been and cooperated at the head of the socialist Soviet Union and the Communist world movement. for almost 30 years.”

To the victory over Nazi Germany it is argued:

„Stalin has broken Hitler's neck - literally spoken. ... Defend Stalin in Germany also means to get a clear idea of the Potsdam Agree-

ment, to defend it as a democratic document and to pillory its violation. Stalin saw very clearly that after a few decades German imperialism would regain strength, that German militarism would once more raise his head and would threaten the world with new imperialist wars...”

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It is pointed out that to defend Stalin means to study his entire available work. Concerning the question what happened after Stalin's death, it is said that

“after the 20' Party Congress of the CPSU, Stalin's successors, above all Khrushchev and Brezhnev in the CPSU, ran in opposition to Stalin a policy of capitulation to imperialism and of transforming the socialist state into a capitalist country, even into an imperialist big power, which invaded other countries and exploited

and oppressed them.”

Against the fact that nowadays Great-Russian chauvinists refer to Stalin, it is emphasized:

„Stalin, an enemy of Great-Russian chauvinism and an enemy of anti-Semitism as well as of all reactionary ideologies of exploiters, conflicts with such hypocritically Stalin praising reactionaries.”

The leaflet concludes with the remark:  
„We as Communist forces in Germany fight  
with all firmness to Stalin's defence in a scien-

*tific communist manner and in connection with  
today's tasks.*”



On the occasion of the first of May the following leaflet appeared:

*The intensification of the rivalry between the imperialist big powers and the  
touchstone: Fight against the German Bundeswehr!*

## To the International Situation

“The US imperialist aggression against Iraq marks a crucial event, a new stage of the worsening international situation. And what about the resistance of the workers, the masses of the exploited and oppressed against it? Certainly there have been internationally big protest demonstrations of millions: But these protests have already quickly faded away, after the swift military victory over the reactionary Baath regime which was apparently without real support within the population. Even more: In recent weeks, it has become blatantly obvious here in Germany that the leading forces within the protest movement actually represent the interests of German imperialism against US imperialism. Revisionist forces such as the PDS spread smear-illusory phrases ‘against violence as such’ and give Schröder and Fischer encouragement to go an own ‘German path’. Is it therefore that the forces of imperialism and reaction have everything under control? It is right and necessary to refer to existing fights, internationally for example to the frequently militant fights in Bolivia, Argentina; Greece, Nepal and Peru, or in Germany, for instance, to the construction workers’ strike in June 2002.

But still, The international situation is currently not marked by that the imperialists are massively under the pressure of the fights of „their” female and male workers respectively of the subjugated peoples, which are really threatening to their interests: in. the foreground are presently rather the contradictions between the imperialist robbers who quarrel always more in the` fight for the biggest part of the booty, but then unite again according to the motto “Cad's fighting when ended is soon mended.”

What will come after the Yugoslavia, after the Afghanistan and now after the Iraq war hardly precisely to assess. This increasing factor of incalculability of the whole world development has led to a deep insecurity of many people. Against the paralyzing poison defeatism, we need to evaluate what the present contradictions among the imperialists mean based on the law of imperialism. Above all, it's about the analysis why these contradictions on a long-term basis do not only weaken the imperialist system. But rather add fuel to the fire, which will on a long-term basis worldwide and in every single country draw the attention of the female and male workers as well as of the oppressed peoples’ to the fact that this whole damn exploitative system has to be revolutionary smashed.”

### ■ Growing war danger

The leaflet states that the Iraq war has led to two imperialist formations, in fact the formation under the guidance of the USA and on the other hand the formation with Germany, France and Russia,.

### The fight for the new division of the world

“The different imperialist powers have not developed equally over the last decades but very differently, with different speed and different in the political, economic and military field. This is especially evident for Japan and Germany. They had been defeated in the course of the Second World War... They were back on

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*their feet as big powers and were at first in the economic field increasingly in the position to compete internationally with the USA."*

In the following the leaflet points out that the military, warlike escalation makes it more and more clear,

*".. that the new division of the sphere of influences isn't taking place peacefully and cannot take place without war. In the epoch of imperialism the question which sphere 'is entitled to' which imperialist is decided after all by military strength, that means: the violent mutual competition through imperialist war. This is mainly a fight between the imperialist big powers for world domination, which they want to, achieve, by local imperialist wars, by imperialist wars, by imperialist world slaughter even."*

#### **How strong are the individual big imperialist powers today?**

In the sequel of the leaflet the strength of some of the imperialist big powers is briefly analyzed and evaluated. It is stated that US Imperialism by far still is the biggest economic and militarily strongest imperialist big power. Together with English imperialism, it is militarily advancing, above all after the military invasion in Afghanistan. True is that the potential of Russia is economically little in comparison with the other big powers, but nevertheless it keeps on fighting for spheres of influence in varying central regions of the world. And German imperialism:

*"...which we specially have to pay attention to, because it is our main enemy, has enormously gained strength in recent years.*

*Germany makes all over the world and even politically a strong showing - in the meantime very open against the USA. ...German imperialism is also militarily advancing. Mainly with the imperialist war of aggression against Yugoslavia in the year 1999, German imperialism has demonstrated the world that it is in the position to claim its demands also by force of arms."*

#### **Where will the imperialist contradictions erupt next?**

In this section, it is at first basically explained

that this is not predictable.

*"The battlefield of the rivalry of the imperialist big-powers is in principle every corner of the world."*

In the following, the leaflet talks about some regions of the world, where the growing contradictions are concentrated among the imperialist big powers and the leaflet demonstrates this by examples, such as the Persian Gulf, Iran, in states of the former Soviet Union (e.g. Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Kirgystan, Georgia and Azerbaijan), China, India and Pakistan and East and Southeastern Europe.

#### **Before it comes to a direct collision of the imperialist big powers: Representational wars ("Stellvertreterkriege")**

*"A worldwide military confrontation between German imperialism, US imperialism and the other imperialist big powers, a large-scale imperialist war, even a World War is not likely to happen in the next years. Under the present circumstances, the military confrontation between the imperialist big powers is still carried out in a different way:*

*Every imperialist big power tries to station as much troops as possible in other countries in order not to abandon the field to the other imperialist big powers...*

*This is especially true for the military advance of German imperialism. ... More than 10.000 Bundeswehr soldiers are stationed permanently in 14 countries. Considering the rotation, more than 60.000 soldiers are involved and planned.*

*The military fight between the imperialist forces is nowadays carried out above all in so called "Stellvertreterkriege", representational wars where the imperialists are not yet directly at war with their own arrays against each other, but support reactionary forces who depend on them and who lead a military fight against forces, who themselves are dependent on other imperialists and serve them."*

#### **Is a direct war between the USA and Germany conceivable at all?**

Against a widespread opinion in Germany that in view of the military superiority of the USA; a

war between the USA and-Germany could not happen, the leaflet snakes clear:

*“The long-term pursued goal of German imperialism now, after two lost world wars, is to carry through its worldwide imperialist goals in the third attempt. Therefore they summon up all their strength in order to prepare for the military confrontation with the other imperialist big powers which on a long-term basis is inevitable.”*

On this is further explained:

*“The military strike power of German imperialism can be increased enormously not simply due to, the, great economic potential available to it but also due to- its capacity to convert the entire country into a kind of well functioning war factory. The particular brand of militarism found in Germany goes back mainly to reactionary Prussian spirit of subservience and slavish obedience as well as to the militarily branded ‘German sense of order’. This particular German militarism was extremely bred in the days of the Nazis to the most atrocious form the world has ever seen. ‘Prussian virtues’ are deeply rooted within big parts of the German population up until today, which is a trump of German imperialism ‘that should not be underestimated, because there has never been a real rupture.”*

German imperialism is extending its claim to leadership and dominance especially in Europe also increasingly in the military field.

*“Even today German imperialism does everything to get access not only to economical but, also to military potential far beyond its own borders to be able to use it in, a future war.”*

### ■ **Touchstone: Fight against the Bundeswehr!**

In view of the Iraq war the rulers in Germany have announced their satisfaction about the fact that there is a movement against war which is not against them, but to a great extent in alliance with them.

Against this, it is necessary to point out like Lenin did during World War I:

*“It is only possible to fight this war, when all*

*revolutionary forces consider that ‘you don’t take side of any imperialist bourgeoisie’. When the revolutionary forces make clear that ‘both are the lesser evil’, when they wish in every country for the defeat of the imperialist bourgeoisie, when they act according to the slogan of Liebknecht “The principle enemy is in your own country!”*

It is therefore important to create consciousness of the role of the Bundeswehr and of the necessity of its violent destruction.

*„The systematic exposure of all operations of the imperialist Bundeswehr over the years, over decades even is a crucial starting point. This will allow day to day struggles against this or that crime by the Bundeswehr to become struggles which can be led by a true Communist party that will question the entire system of German imperialism, militarism and revanchism.”*

In conclusion it is said:

*„The imperialist world, as much as it puffs itself up, confirms its superiority, and beauty, proclaims its immortality, is in truth a colossus on earthen feed. Imperialism is a rotting system. Its grave-diggers, the proletariat of all countries, will have to suffer defeats and once more defeats, but they will never be finally defeated, Due to the increasing exploitation and oppression and to devastating wars of robbery the female and male workers of all countries will raise up again, and again to powerful fight actions against their own main enemy, sweep other exploited and oppressed masses and question the entire system of imperialism and smash it...”*

It is absolutely necessary:

*“...to develop and propagate clearly and intelligibly the answers based on scientific Communism, to start the building of truly Communist parties as decisive lever in order to successfully guide the developing mass struggles against imperialism and reaction.”*

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(\*... but don't underestimate the secret services anywhere in the world)