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The subject of the leaflet from September 2013 was:

The German Secret Services, the nazi murder network NSU and el servicio secreto NSA:

**“HQs of German secret services stormed!
All data has been secured!”**

“These should have been the headlines after tens of thousands of members of the IG Metall and other unions under the umbrella of DGB trade union confederation together with activists of the young anti-fascists and ‘Pirates’ of all shades had had enough. Instead of the cover-ups and the appeasement of the bosses of the DGB and IG Metall and the leadership of the so-called ‘Die Linke’, they could have taken the answering of some central questions into their own hands.

‘Could have’ - because it’s still a dream that needs to become reality. ... But even before the wished-for storming of the headquarters of the intelligence services, we can give some pretty clear answers to the main questions based on experience and plausible reflection:

1. There are dozens, even hundreds of Nazis operating as so-called „contact people“ or informers in the service of the German authorities.

2. The Nazi movement in Germany today has its people sitting in the executive, in the army, in elite units, in the police and in the secret services. They’ve placed their people there systematically. That they could do this is largely due to the construction of the entire German state apparatus under the leading participation of former Nazis after 1945. The Nazis then also managed to organise and carry through the handover to a new generation in the core areas of the state apparatus. An important basis for this was the ideological conformity in central questions and solutions of the Nazis and the propaganda of the ‘official’ parties of German imperialism, such as

German chauvinism in theory and practice, big power politics and wars abroad, deportations and terror of deterrence at home.

3. There’s no question that the German secret services are using all the technical possibilities – irrespective of their legality – to comprehensively monitor telephone and internet and to gather and store data. They’re doing this together with the U.S. and with the help of their spy technologies, but also without and against the U.S. That’s because intelligence services such as MAD, BND and Verfassungsschutz are highly specialised and well-equipped secret services of German imperialism. They possess their own independent surveillance systems which they employ not just internally against all democratic and revolutionary groups, but also as a weapon against their imperialist rivals in the worldwide competition over spheres of influence.

4. Informants in our own ranks? This is where the biggest surprises will be found after the wished-for storming of the headquarters of the intelligence services. Everything that we know about such activities which are allegedly directed against the Nazi movement (the Nazis are no enemies of the state, but controllable supporters of the state, sometimes being held back or sometimes activated) is nothing in comparison to the actual current programs and operations of the state against all left-wing movements and organisations. These programs and operations are part of a long tradition stretching from the German Empire of the Kaisers, the Weimar Republic, and Nazi-Fascism through to the German Federal Republic.

Is this all nonsense, ‘unproven allegations’?

That’s something that we will only know for sure after the seizure and inspection of the secret files and electronic data of the German police and secret services!“

The two-page leaflet contained the following additional contributions:

- *The so-called „Left Party“ (“Die Linke”) covers up the role of the German state in the setting-up of the NSU nazimurder gang.*
- *Nazis? Police? Or both? attack an occupied house in Frankfurt am Main together with SEK (Special Operation) units on 6.9.2013!*
- *The construction of the West German state apparatus after 1945 took place under the leading participation of former Nazis.*



The subject of the leaflet from November-December 2013 was:

German Imperialism and the Mobile Phone of German Chancellor Angela Merkel

In the intensifying struggle between German and US imperialism there’s a new form of the burgeoning German nationalism. ... The media are ‘deeply dismayed’ that ‘our Chancellor’ was really spied upon and bugged by the imperialist US secret service. But at the same time that the campaign against the police-state methods of the U.S. is finding a huge echo, the whole program of the security services in Germany, from comprehensive data retention to targeted eavesdropping operations and their so-called Trojan viruses is still being legally rubber-stamped – to say nothing of what they’re actually doing in practice. For democratic and revolutionary groups in Germany it becomes important to take a clear and decisive stance on the issue, without giving an inch to German nationalism.

Solidarity with Those Forces Who Really Lay Bare Imperialist Secret Service Machinations

It was and is surely not insignificant for the secret services of the U.S. that ‘one of their own’, specifically Edward Snowden, has published undeniable evidence and documents about their secret activi-

ties, specifically the operations against ‘friendly governments’. People like him face lifelong prison sentences – and that’s not an empty threat. The so-called ‘traitor’ Pollard, who worked for the US secret services but passed information to the officially ‘friendly’ Israeli government, has been in jail for 28 years so far. He was sentenced to ‘life’ in the U.S..

The anti-democratic, worldwide imperialistic activities of the US secret services, with their external prisons for torture, with official orders for death-squads, include a technically highly-developed spy program to listen in and read along, both in a general and in a targeted fashion. That’s why it is understandable that all democratic and revolutionary groups in the U.S. welcome the actions of Edward Snowden and are on his side, and are doing all they can to defend him. That’s true worldwide for all genuinely democratic and revolutionary groups.

Hypocrisy and Contradictions between the Imperialis Big Powers

At the same time the whole issue is also objectively part of the inter-imperialist contradictions between the largest countries of the world, between the U.S. on one side and China, Russia and above all Germany on the other.

The surveillance and secret service activities are not just directed against revolutionary and demo-

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cratic forces across the globe: they are also directed – sometimes very fiercely - against their imperialist rivals. That means that the secret services of German imperialism are trying to increase the effectiveness of their activities in the U.S., in Great Britain, France and other countries. At the same time they are extremely annoyed when it becomes clear that the secret services of the other big powers are clearly more advanced in this or that area. The symbol of this superiority was exactly that infamous mobile phone of Mrs Merkel. The moral indignation in the media with great lofty phrases is nothing but shabby hypocrisy from the forces of German imperialism, which in this instance were clearly not so well equipped.

The Secret Services in Germany and the Absence of a ‘German Edward Snowden’

We could get a realistic picture of the aggressive force and the police-state reality inside Germany if an organisation such as the Chaos Computer Club in its early stages, or technically competent groups inside or outside the Pirate Party could succeed in documenting and providing evidence of the wide-ranging bugging activities of the German secret services: in politics, in economic questions, in the surveillance of their own military, in the offices of the trade union bosses, and above all against all of those groups who are struggling against the State apparatus of German imperialism on democratic, revolutionary or communist grounds. It is only by accident or through isolated incidents that we get to see the tip of the iceberg of the real situation. For example, we learnt through the anti-Nazi protests in February 2011 in Dresden that the police had gathered details of over a million mobile phone calls which they stored and analysed, and that they used a so-called IMSI catcher, which is capable not just of locating mobile phones but can also eavesdrop in real-time.

But it’s part of the reality in this country - until now at least - that there’s no ‘German Edward Snowden’

Nationalistic Agitation and real Interwining of the German and U.S. Secret Services

Despite the outraged nationalistic outpourings against the U.S. and their secret services, the question remains as to why, in terms of high politics

and official diplomacy, there has been effectively no reaction whatsoever. Apparently it’s more important at the moment – due to internal imperialist reasons - to mobilise the masses against the U.S. in a nationalistic way, than to take any significant action against the US secret services. Why is this?

In the German imperialist media and its different sections, the one who wins the most applause at the moment is the one who complains hardest, fiercest and loudest against the U.S. secret services. But German imperialism apparently has the problem that, having created a nationalistic atmosphere against the U.S., it knows that the U.S. secret services have learned a few things from their comprehensive information gathering which they could make public and thus expose the hypocrisy of the German imperialists and their press organs:

- The U.S. secret services surely know more about the involvement of the German secret services in the Nazi movement and the activities of the NSU gang than German imperialism would like.
- And the U.S. secret services with their different departments have surely been involved in criminal activities consciously working together with the German secret services, activities which would even be illegal under existing German laws. Such cases are at least in outline already known about, for example when German citizens have been taken to some of the illegal prisons of the secret services of the U.S. and tortured with the knowledge of the German secret services.
- German politicians must also assume that the U.S. secret services could release information about the economic and political machinations of German imperialism, whether it be about materials for chemical weapons in Syria, or about the nuclear program of Iran or similar activities.

Tasks and Problems in the Struggle against the Machinations of the Secret Services and German-nationalist Agitation

The whole episode touches on questions of revolutionary, communist activity in several ways:

- The enormous technical changes in eavesdropping on people, in gathering data, the various possibilities for surveillance, right up to the many possibilities to discreetly kill, to murder people, clearly affects every organisation which has de-

cided not to cooperate with this State or even to deliver it with information about its own organisational structure. Here there are a wide range of large technical problems which go far beyond naïve conceptions such as ‘Don’t worry, we only send encrypted e-mails’.

- But primarily there’s a much bigger political and ideological problem at the moment. When we speak of a revival, even an explosion of German nationalism in connection with the NSA wire-tapping affair then it’s not just about the invocation of a cross-class solidarity with the caste of politicians and chancellor Merkel or about the invocation of a so-called ‘national community’ under the slogan ‘we Germans against the U.S.’. More, it’s a question of discussing and understanding the specific nature of this nationalism against the U.S. (often described as ‘Anti-Americanism’) in order to combat this particular form of German nationalism.

It has a quite specific reason. In the arsenal of German nationalism there is not just the adulation of an allegedly unified ‘German People’ but there are also a range of specific lies, half-truths and accusations against other countries. Thus the agitation and spreading of over-simplified and contemptuous prejudice against people from Turkey has different features to that directed against people from Poland. The German arrogance which is connected with this is expressed differently against ‘the Austrians’ as compared to that against ‘the Dutch’. And against ‘the Russians’ it is different to that against ‘the Americans’ or ‘the English’. In the fight against German nationalism we need to be combat the full range of obnoxious agitation as well as the targeted use of prejudice, in order to fight against nationalism not just generally but as concretely as possible.

In two further sections the following subjects were dealt with:

- *Peculiarities of German Nationalism Directed Against the U.S.*
- *Don’t Underestimate the Demagogic Potential of German Imperialism*

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

The leaflet consisted of four sides of A4 and also had articles on „Ukraine and German Imperialism“ and „The Party ‘Die Linke’ (The ‘Left Party’) – nationalist trailblazer for the ‘sovereignty’ of German Imperialism“. In this article it stated:

As soon as the bugging operation against Merkel became known, the representatives of the so-called ‘Left Party’, from Gysi to Wagenknecht, hurried to present themselves as the main defenders of German sovereignty. As long as Germany and its government tolerated such things then it is not a sovereign country, said Gysi. Wagenknecht demanded ‘Sovereignty not Big Brother’. For them it’s not a question of shedding light on the role of the secret services of all imperialist states, above all the big powers U.S., Russia, Great Britain, France, Japan and here especially Germany, but instead a nationalistic mobilisation for German ‘sovereignty’ against ‘Big Brother’ USA. Once again we see that it’s a fixed part of the party’s arsenal to play the populist card of German nationalism. The deceitful ‘Left Party’ propaganda, which portrays the increasing rivalry between German imperialism and US imperialism as a justified struggle for German national sovereignty contributes directly to the nationalistic incitement of the German population.

The leaflet ended with the slogan:

The main enemy is in the own country!

