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## **Germany is building a system of camps! Don't look away! Resist! It affects us all!**

“In 2018, the central European issue will be the final solution to the refugee issue.” These are the words of CSU-politician Manfred Weber, spoken at a CSU-Meeting at Cloister Seon in January 2018. Two months later, the CSU became part of the German government. In the coalition agreement, the parties SPD, CDU and CSU agreed upon much stricter policies against asylum seekers. The new government plans to introduce so called “zentrale Aufnahme-, Entscheidungs- und Rückführungseinrichtungen” (AnKER-Centers) in the whole country. The big camps in Manching and Bamberg, established by the CSU in Bavaria, serve as a model for this plan. More than 1000 Refugees are currently concentrated in each of this model-camps and the planned capacity is 2500 and 3400 persons.

Mainly refugees with “schlechter Bleibeperspektive” and from “secure” countries are forced to live the extremely controversial camps. “Secure” countries means that the German government has declared those countries as “secure”. „Schlechte Bleibeperspektive“ just means that more than half of the refugees from a specific country had their status as refugees denied. Due to the isolation in remote camps it is very difficult to impossible to get independent counsel and legal advice. But this is necessary for the very complex „Asylverfahren“. While extreme right politicians continuously mouth off about the „Rechtsstaat“ refugees are systematically cut off taking legal action in their individual cases.

### **Populism and the camp-system**

But that is the declared aim of the camp-system. The aim is to “simplify” “Asylverfahren” and organize them more “efficient”. Refugees are subjected to a general process and isolated from society. From the state perspective integration of these refugees is expressly undesired.

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To prevent that a German court does „accidentally“ declare a “Duldung” or even recognition as asylum seeker, the German state does much to undermine a detailed, individual examination of the asylum application. Thomas Kreuzer, the CSU faction leader of the Bavarian state parliament gets to the point: “It is better at the moment, if only those get in the local communities, that may stay, where it makes practical sense to integrate them. Only then we will receive greater understanding from the population.” Cynically one could say that the CSU, where the “C” stands for “christian” and the “S” for “social” has a pragmatic-populist understanding of christian love. Humans are screened according to economic and political interests of the German state. The foreign policy of Germany defines which countries are “secure” and which are not “secure”. For unwanted refugees this means concentration in camps and therefore isolation, trauma through deportations and police raids, poor medical treatment and massive limitation of freedom of movement. Refugees may leave the camps but their movement is restricted to the administrative district where the camp is part of. Violation of this rule can lead to penalties and even the denial of their status as refugees.

### **Isolation from the public debate**

Not only the individual rights of the internees are restricted by the camp regime but also the opportunities to protest against it. Between 2012 and 2014 refugees were able to enforce multiple improvements, for example the repeal of the residents obligation in several states. Even the CSU government in Bavaria had to be concerned with the protests. As a consequence, the paragraph which said the placing of refugees in camps should encourage the willingness to return to their home countries, was withdrawn from the Bavarian “Asyldurchführungsverordnung”. With the escalation of the imperialist proxy war in Syria in the years 2015-

2016, hundreds of thousands Syrians came to Germany to seek asylum. The „welcoming culture“ which had initially been propagandized by the state and the media, was ultimately used politically to finally disassemble the right of residence and asylum.

Accompanied by racist slander in the media and manifestations of racist and right-wing groups, the successes of the refugee protests were reversed and the German public was brought into line. With daily horror stories of “criminal refugees” an atmosphere was created, where the Germans are able to feel like the victims of a “dreadful stream of refugees”. The involvement in many wars which create causes of flight (Yugoslav War, Kosovo War, Afghanistan War...) is dismissed at the same time. Also dismissed is Germany’s role as the 4th biggest arms dealer. Also the dirty deal with the Turkish President Erdogan, who wages war against international law in Syria had no consequences for the last and current German government. The consequences of the imperialist policies of Germany are suffered mainly by the proletarians and among them especially by the refugees without a safe status of residence. By utilizing special laws, concentration and isolation in camps refugees should be discouraged from speaking up for their rights. It is very difficult for them to get in contact with supporters. In Manching even human rights advocates were barred from entry into the camp. What’s going on in the camps is very in-transparent for the critical public. Even passive resistance against deportations is prevented by police violence. Refugees who solidarize against deportations are criminalized. The media is mostly showing only the perspective of the police and citing the minister of interior. Journalistic investigation, that asks the refugees for their point of view, is mostly non-existent. Also refugees who organize and speak up are often portrayed as „ringleaders“ by politicians, media and the police. They get arrested, moved to other camps or deported. All this is meant to prevent refugees getting public support and from fighting for

human rights. The CSU and the German government like to prevent another solidarity movement like it existed between 2012 and 2014.

**These conditions must end! Resistance is necessary!**

How refugees are treated must not be viewed in isolation. Freedom of movement is a human right and camps are inhuman. Not sharing this principles, denying these rights means siding with the people in power, who like to quell any resistance against imperialism, war, exploitation and oppression. Refugees have to leave their home-countries because they are forced to by war and poverty. The struggle for a better life is human and understandable. With the camp system a concept is introduced to Germany nationwide that punishes and selects humans for seeking a better life. It could and will be used against other parts of the population in the same or similar form.

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## Who are you afraid of?

When it is always the same rulers, exposing the majority of the world to poverty and exploitation and forcing people to flee - what is more obvious than join forces against it? Regardless of our origin - we are all affected by this politics. Some of us are „lucky“ to be born in an imperialist centre, including stagnating real wages, housing shortage, temporary employment and the looming threat of age-related poverty. The others try to come here, because they are fleeing from war, persecution, hunger and poverty. The question is: Who are you afraid of? Are you afraid of vulnerable people who flee or rather of the state who is lying, betraying, controlling and stealing from you, in the interest of economy and capital - and who will fight with you for your rights?

Capitalism divides us and creates special laws for some, privileges for others and penalties for the next. The basic needs, which make up the interest of all people, are the same for all: Habitation, food, physical integrity, social and cultural participation and so on.

Everyone of us is forced to watch how we receive less and less. And everyone has always one below - to look down, to spit on, to kick. But nobody kicks upwards. Let's end that!

Let's focus our rage over these conditions at the right ones: The profiteers, the administrators, the defenders of capitalism!

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Kommen wir zusammen, kämpfen wir zusammen, bleiben wir zusammen!

**Tear down capitalism and imperialism!  
Schluss mit Kapitalismus und Imperialismus!  
Fight fortress europe! Kampf der Festung Europa!  
Close all camps! Weg mit allen Lagern!**