

Finally a workers' deed: the IG Metall offices in Ingolstadt occupied!
When the worker acts, he recognizes his power. And conquers his union.

War-mongers out of the union!

What good is a trade union that would rather see us workers on the battlefield of war than in production for peace to build up the country according to our needs? German capital, its government and its armed forces are planning the "air war against Russia" (Minister of War Pis-torius). But this is the war against us workers. And the IG Metall leadership is also planning it. Today the war is costing us the food on our plates, tomorrow it will cost us and our children our lives. That's what we told you Audi colleagues last week, on August 20, at Gates 7, 10 and 11, and gave you leaflets. Many of you were horrified and angry. What should we do? "Come with us to the union building," we said, "now!"



The occupation of the IG Metall offices in Ingolstadt

From an interview in the daily newspaper *Junge Welt* with one of the occupiers of the IG Metall offices in Ingolstadt:

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"Warmongers at the top must give way"

Bavaria: Anti-war activists occupy trade union building and demand a stop to agreements with arms companies. Interview with Franz Hohn, member of the Workers' League for the Reconstruction of the KPD. Interview: Gitta Düperthal

Trade union members and anti-war activists briefly occupied the IG Metall office in the Ingolstadt trade union building on Tuesday. Your leaflet read: "You think you're in the war ministry and not in the union building." What are you accusing the union leadership of?

The IG Metall leadership in Ingolstadt takes part in the preparations for war. It concludes agreements with arms manufacturers, such as Airbus in Ingolstadt/Manching, to build more war planes for the air war against Russia. It believes this will secure jobs. But their production means further murder of workers and peoples. That is why the working people must now occupy their own trade union buildings. The warmongers at the top of the union must go. It is our house. We need it to organize the anti-war struggle. We were there once before on July 25 and demanded: IG Metall must begin the fight against war preparations. We confronted the first representative of IGM Ingolstadt, Carlos Gil, with this demand.

On August 20, Carlos Gil was not present, but about ten union officials and employees were. This time we had banners with us. One read "Warriors out of the union", the second: "Workers don't shoot at workers". We hung the first one out of the window and placed the second one in front of the entrance. We handed over a letter calling on Gill to table the following motion at the next delegates' meeting. (full letter on the back)

"Get out! We don't need such members" shout the "trade union leaders" in white shirts, De Lapuente & Co - and call the police against workers and opponents of the war. These are supposed to be our "leaders"? They are auxiliaries of the class enemy. Get them out of the union! Otherwise they will lead us into war.

More from the interview in *Junge Welt*:

The war opponents were brought to Ingolstadt police headquarters in handcuffs and detained for two hours. Was it worth it?

Yes, we are looking forward to a political process. It should become a call to all opponents of the war to finally take action. Should we lag behind the Italian and Greek workers, pupils and students any longer? They have long been blockading ports or holding up trains to prevent weapons, tanks and ammunition from leaving the country for the genocide in the east.

Audi workers:

It's up to you: Already threatened with dismissal colleagues from the

the automobile industry, such as Continental, to arms companies such as Rheinmetall "awarded". IG Metall is also helping to organize this mess! Then you are no longer the master of your own property, your labor, which you can freely dispose of. Then you will be dictated who you have to work for. The Reich Labor Service, the Nazis' forced service for the German war economy shortly before the start of the Second World War, was prepared in exactly the same way. We know where it ended. So that it doesn't end in another world war, with you and your children and other workers living with it, you too must organize resistance.

No more holding still!

You'll be there next time! That's the only way we workers can become masters of the house again and win the union. That's a better way to wage the anti-war struggle. So that workers don't shoot at workers.

Handed over to the IG Metall leadership in Ingolstadt by the occupants of the IG Metall office on August 20, 2024:

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IG Metall Ingolstadt office / 1st authorized representative Carlos Gill
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On July 25, 2024, we, trade unionists, members and comrades-in-arms of the Workers' Alliance for the Reconstruction of the KPD, the Revolutionary Front and the Free German Youth, called on you at your office to take immediate action to end IG Metall's war policy. In particular, IG Metall's agreement with war companies such as Airbus to build further war planes - and thus to further worker and genocide - must be terminated. The workers, whether IG Metall members or not, must be mobilized for the anti-war struggle, because it is the workers first and foremost who are paying for the war today with their taxes and are being impoverished - "We are not paying any more taxes! is the only correct demand, also in the collective bargaining rounds today, to increase wages and reduce the war chest. And tomorrow the trade unionists and working people will pay with their lives - No! The trade unions have to organize resistance *"For peace, disarmament and international understanding"*. (Statutes of IG Metall)

We handed you our letter of protest "No to the war course of our union leadership!" dated July 25, 2024.

Your response, and in particular yours, Carlos Gill, was to point out the necessity of the internal union committee route. We told you: We will be back and will monitor your actions.

Now we are here again and ask you, Carlos Gill, to table the following motion at your next delegates' meeting:

"We are fighting for the IG Metall leadership to end its war policy. In particular, we are fighting for it to terminate all agreements with war companies - such as Airbus to build more war planes. Because workers do not shoot at workers! We are mobilizing our membership and all workers for this. Not sometime, but now!"

The best control is done by the workers themselves, whom we continue to educate, as well as the UK's, so that they take up resistance against misery and war.

August 20, 2024

Workers' League for the Reconstruction of the KPD
Revolutionary Front
Free German Youth

Take part in the anti-war days from Kiel, Hamburg, Bremen... to Nuremberg, Ingolstadt, Munich:

Resistance is the only way out of the misery in the world: WORKERS, YOUR PEACE IS RED AND END THE WAR!

**Ingolstadt: September 16, from 13:00 at Audi
16:00 Demonstration from Gewerkschaftshaus, Paradeplatz 9**

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