

To the news editors of the West German press, excluding the Springer press, and to radio and television stations:

Willy Brandt said in his television broadcast, on the 26th of May, that the bombings of recent weeks have no logical political basis and that innocent lives had been threatened by them. The Federal Chancellor can deceive the people with these assertions because the West German press has nearly completely suppressed the statements of the urban guerrilla commandos. Instead the *Frankfurter Rundschau* published a letter stuck together out of cut-up newsprint, which, when compared to authentic RAF communiqués, can clearly be seen to be a fake, to create the impression that the bombers are brainless twits generating nothing but chaos in an effort to create uncertainty amongst the people regarding the actions. As such, the Chancellor's statement does not differ from similar statements by General Franco, General Patakos, von Howeida and the followers of Salazar, the Turkish military dictator. The reasons for the actions are ignored, and only the condemnation of the Chancellor and the pundits is presented. The reasons for this conduct are obvious:

The communiqué of the Commando Thomas Weisbecker was intended to bring every individual police officer to the point where he must think about whether or not he wants to be an active part of the hunt for the RAF;

An investigation has proven that the Commando 2nd of June warned the Springer Corporation on time and that Springer, as always, has lied;

The people know from their own experience what the murder of people and bombing terrorism against the civilian population are and can draw their own conclusions about the bomb attacks against those who commit mass murder in Vietnam and about the fascism of the Springer Corporation, and because of this there will be no doubt that the bomb attacks were exclusively against the enemies of the people, the enemies of the working class, the enemies of the Vietnamese people, the imperialists.

"We're all in the same boat" is the motto of the exploiters and fascists.

Springer has, under threat of further bomb attacks, published the demands made of him, albeit in mutilated form.

The rest of the press must know that they themselves provoke actions against Springer if they, as a result of economic pressure coming from Springer, submit voluntarily and opportunistically to this censorship practice. We therefore demand that they no longer deceive the people about the political bases for the bomb attacks, that is to say, that they not unnecessarily aggravate the situation. We demand that they print in full the following communiqués; the communiqué of the Commando Thomas Weisbecker, the communiqué of the Commando 2nd of June and the communiqué of the Commando 15th of July.

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