

all interpretations of the machine according to which we would have wanted to prevent the federal prosecutors from sitting in the comfort of their offices brooding about how to arrange the next murder of a political prisoner, or planning the manhunt, or the show trial, or the raids against citizens and lawyers who sympathise with us - all of the lies and the hatred of this "offensive information" are false.

it was not about a bloodbath - in this web of reactionary violence, which was already used in the communist trials of the fifties for the continuity of fascism - or to a "new strategy", or a show of "armed rivalry between rival guerillas", which we must read about.

it will also not an attack against rebmann, although he appears to be even more unscrupulous, more brutal, and a more infamous demagogue than buback.

it was simply meant as a warning, in a situation in which over forty political prisoners were on hungerstrike, because rebmann, as chief federal prosecutor, defeated and frustrated the support for allowing the association of the prisoners in groups of 15, which he previously supported when he was the ministerial director for baden-württemberg's ministry of justice. the group, which existed in stammheim, is now smaller instead of larger, and the prisoners are now - after five years of isolation - again totally segregated from each other, as well as from doctors, from amnesty international, from the world council of churches, from the human rights league and from the organization of democratic jurists, who demanded that they be granted association, because isolation causes illness and, with time, death - that is to say, as a form of imprisonment isolation constitutes torture and a violation of human rights.

given the total isolation the hunger strike created, following buback's removal from office because of the murder of holger, ulrike and siegfried, if rebmann found it necessary to distinguish himself he could use the opportunity to execute andreas, gudrun, and jan. that is why we acted.

we agree with the prisoners' decision to interrupt their hunger and thirst strike, and we ask them, for the time being, not to resume it until we know whether the overly pious murderers cartel - made up of the ministers of justice, judges, state lawyers, and cops - can remain so arrogant in the face of the prisoners' weapons, given the means which we have and can employ.

the moralistic appeal of a hunger strike is hopeless, because the political violence of this state is not in danger of becoming "fascistoid" or of showing "fascist tendencies", but, in its transformation into neo-fascism, it only differs from national socialism insofar as it represents american and german monopolies and insofar as it can proceed more aggressively, with more power and more subtlety than german capitalism could during its barbaric nationalist history. the fattened elite, whether they are in the justice system, the executive, the parties, the corporations, or the media, understand only one language: violence.

the misery and humiliation in the state security wings and the beastliness and force-feeding is for them no more than a signature and a filthy joke in the lunch room. they want the strike - if it is again taken up - so that they can use it to kill you because we need you. and they will bury every trace of morality and solidarity resulting from the sacrifice of your struggle under a mountain of shit, of cynical and brutal sensationalism and propaganda.

they won't laugh about us for long. those who have understood the struggle in the isolation holes (the bunkers, the torture of force-feeding) - who have understood the prisoners' determination - understand that it is possible to be free. we're not making any more demands, and the continuity and solidarity of the raf will not be limited to communiqués.

we repeat: should a prisoner be murdered - and death in isolation is nothing but murder - we will immediately respond, both within and outside of germany. should andreas, gudrun and jan be killed, the apologists for the hard line will find out that they are not the only ones with weapons at their disposal. they will find out that we are many and that we have enough love - as well as enough hate and enough imagination - to use both our weapons and their weapons against them, that their pain will equal ours.

"solidarity of people is based in the revolt."

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