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“Cross-Front, Cross-Front Above All”?

Why the “Cross-Front” ideology is fundamentally wrong

Who hasn’t experienced this in political work: here and there, a concession must be made, a “small compromise” must be reached. It’s about a venue, a demonstration permit, or something similar. Anyone who claims that political work can be done without such brief interactions with opponents is lying to themselves. And then? The next step? And the step after that? Does it then progress from a brief agreement to an “alliance” and finally to the so-called “Querfront”?

1. What are the “Cross-front”?

This will be briefly explained here using three examples.

Venezuela: In connection with the attack by U.S. imperialism on Venezuela, calls for joint action against the U.S., against “U.S. imperialism,” are mounting. There are no parties, no differences anymore; all that matters is that we are all Germans! And surely we must be united when it comes to the supposedly global “main enemy,” the U.S. And just like that, everyone agrees not to do anything against the clerical-fascist regime in Iran—a regime that massacres demonstrators by the thousands! But this isn’t really a “united front,” but rather a coming together of what belongs together: from the DKP to the PDL to the DIDEF, as well as the BSW and so on, with the Putin regime of Russian imperialism in the background.

Leipzig: In Leipzig, it’s about a genuine cross-front of groups that describe themselves as left-wing and Nazis who

want to storm the homes of people who are publicly known and speak out against anti-Semitism and the Hamas fascists. This cross-front has a long two-year (and even longer) history. This pro-Hamas front of fascist Palestinians in Germany demonstrates alongside groups that describe themselves as left-wing, or even “communist,” in support of Hamas and the October 7 massacre in Israel. And Nazis from various organizations applaud. The slogan “Israel is our misfortune” forms the basis of their ideology: among the Nazis, it can be read on posters; elsewhere, it serves as a mindset.

Incidentally, this phenomenon is also evident in the major joint actions here in Germany against the fascist regime in **Iran**: People bearing the image of the son of a fascist monarch, the Shah of Persia, are increasingly mingling among the democratic-revolutionary crowd. Here, too, an unacceptable “united front” is taking shape.

Israel: And what is the situation in the fight against anti-Semitism, which is also

Origins of the term “Querfront”

The term “cross-front” has been used more frequently in recent years, as “Corona deniers” began to present themselves as “anti-state” and started demonstrating alongside “state-critical” forces that initially appeared to be on the left. Members of Nazi organizations—whether operating openly or covertly—quickly joined them. After all, they supposedly agreed on one point: opposition to government anti-COVID measures. And so conspiracy theorists, union members, and Nazis cheerfully marched together through the streets.

This is not entirely new. The completely misguided stance taken by a faction of the KPD after World War I against the French occupation of the Ruhr region has not been forgotten. In this context, a “united front” was formed with the precursors of the Nazis, an approach that was quickly rejected by the majority of the KPD (keyword: “Schlageter Course”).

Most famous are the images from the strike at Berlin’s public transit system, which the KPD led against the Social Democratic leadership in Berlin. To the astonishment of the unprepared KPD picketers, Nazis suddenly appeared with NSDAP posters to discredit, provoke, and humiliate the KPD. These images went around the world and served to

Claiming there was a “united front” between the KPD and the Nazis, which never actually existed. The KPD’s lack of preparedness and its failure to decisively drive out the Nazi picketers caused the party enormous harm at the time—and continues to do so today. For this perpetuates lies that greatly facilitate the reactionary slogan “The left and right unite against the center, against democracy,” and so on. This is a bitter lesson from history, and it makes the following all the more true:

No cross-front, not even in the slightest!

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is becoming increasingly necessary here in Germany? Here, too, no cross-front may be tolerated or even formed! The reactionary “Bild” newspaper feigns “solidarity” with Israel, while figures in the AfD like Ms. von Storch claim they are against anti-Semitism. These are lies that cannot be tolerated and must be fought. Furthermore, the deportation champions of the CDU and SPD occasionally claim that they are deporting people from Germany to other countries in order to supposedly combat anti-Semitism. Here, existing hostility toward the Jewish population is being exploited to pursue entirely different German nationalist goals: the cityscape is to be “cleansed” and state-sanctioned deportation terror intensified! This mixture of German racism and nationalism has nothing, absolutely nothing, to do with the fight against anti-Semitism. Here, too, the motto is: No cross-front!

2. How to counter the “cross-front”?

How can one counter such provocations without making tactical mistakes? How can one make it clear that these people are imposing themselves on us against our will, without playing into the hands of the

“cross-front”?

Where possible, a firm approach should be taken, while always keeping in mind that our own actions must be successful. To clearly show everyone present and the public that we have nothing in common with these people, a clear physical demarcation, prepared banners, and statements are necessary. These must make it clear that these are enemies of progressive, democratic, and revolutionary forces who must be driven out.

Such a well-considered approach becomes increasingly important from week to week, from month to month.

The struggle against all these “cross-fronts” is imperative and indispensable, but it is **not the main thing!** The main thing is to clearly defend one’s own positions. The point is to support all progressive, democratic, and truly revolutionary forces here in Germany and internationally. It is a matter of fighting imperialism, capitalism, and anti-Semitism, and of uniting in this struggle with those who are truly consistent in their struggle—despite all minor differences of opinion—in order to fight against the tide of German imperialism, German racism and nationalism, and anti-Semitism!

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