

HELMUT BOCK

The Beautiful Revolution.

»From now on the bankers will reign!«

This is a look back into the July revolution in Paris in 1830 which forms – the author says – a lasting example of the historical energy displayed by the people of Paris. Acting spontaneously but with a clear instinct for the intensifying of the State crisis, lacking every planning and central leadership but developing concerted attacks it formed a revolutionary force which heavily challenged the reigning class. Nevertheless, the fights did not result in the victory of the people but of a new constitutional monarchy which paved the way for the bankers' rule.

ULRICH BUSCH

15 Years Monetary Union: A Critical Review

The monetary union which brought the D-Mark into the GDR on July 1st, 1990 formed the crucial step towards the German reunification. It produced contradictory effects. On the one hand the East-German population got hold of an attractive currency. On the other hand it led to the collapse of the exports of the GDR and to the takeover of the home market by West-German suppliers. In addition public and private assets were devalued thus deepening the discrepancy between East and West.

JOACHIM TESCH

Demographic Changes, Rising Poverty and Housing Policy

In Germany the population ageing is enduring, and starting from 2015/2020 the number of private households and therefore the demands for flats will be reduced. Stagnation of real household incomes restrains the utilisation of living space and the acquisition of residential property. A public-friendliness housing policy must use itself for payable flats in a family-friendly environment. Accordingly the costs of living as well as the structural alteration in the city must be arranged.

MAGNUS MARSDAL

Socialist Individualism

At present individualism belongs to the political Right. It is seen as inseparably linked with capitalism, selfishness and liberal economics and as the opposite of solidarity and collectivism. But is that true? Doesn't individualism strive for the preservation of the individual's dignity, independence and blossoming? The author looks back into the views of Rousseau, Marx, Wilde, Jaurès and others and develops his own picture of socialist individualism.

HANS-GERT GRÄBE

The Power of Knowledge in Today's Society

While there are intense discussions under way about Hartz IV and other programs of destruction of the social network another deep rift of today's society remains almost un-commented: the dispute about the free and unlimited access to the knowledge. But the Left should be alarmed: The capitalist establishment is eager to carry through its plans of intellectual property rights against this free and unlimited access which forms the last bastion of common property.

BRIGITTE STOLZ-WILLIG

Gender-specific Implications of Hartz IV

The author discusses the gender-specific implications of current labour politics in the context of change of labour and erosion of the male breadwinner role. She reviews the promotion of low-paid work in the personal sector and analyses this labour strategies as a contribution to prolong gender hierarchy. She develops guidelines to model social politics in a perspective of combining flexibility and social security.

Harder Than The Rest.

In Honour of the 50th Birthday of Gerhard Gundermann

On February 19th, 2005 the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation and the Gundermanns Seilschaft society held a colloquium to honour the East German rock-poet, singer and excavator driver Gerhard Gundermann (1955-1998) who is well-known not only to his traditional East German public but to a remarkable part of the youth in whole Germany, too. The photo-illustrated text block documenting the colloquium contains the following articles: Bernd Rump, Gundi and the War; Birgit Dahlke: The Right To Melancholy – Gundermann And His Public Since 1989; Paul D. Bartsch, Gundermann's Poetic Followers; Delle Kriese, How It Was. Memories of A Cooperation; Ulrich Burchert, About Pictures And Songs; Henry-Martin Klemt, Perhaps We All Are Simply One; Stefan Körbel, It Was o.k. or: Three Cool Sentences; Simone Hain, Gundermann's post mortem: About The End of Work, The Fight Against The Empire And The Necessary Education Of The Feelings; Klaus-Peter Schwarz, Aut Spartacus aut nihil: What May Last.

REINER TOSSTORF

Moscow or Amsterdam? The Red International of Labour Unions 1920-1937

There is a contradictory picture of the Red International of Labour Unions (RILU): Was it »not more than a footnote in the history of the international labour movement« or »by far the most powerful and important of the auxiliary organizations which gravitated around the Comintern«? The author presents the picture of an organization in transformation – first

characterized by the syndicalist traditions of its founders but later on changed into a bureaucratic apparatus serving overwhelming bolshevist and Stalinist strategies.

RUDOLF SAUERZAPF Rosa Luxemburg's Stand Up For The Russian Revolution 1905-1907

After first drawing a picture of the Russian Revolution and its international surroundings the author then shows how Rosa Luxemburg supported the revolution with public appearances in Germany during these years. The article itself can be seen as a historical document, since it was written in the Fifties but remained unpublished at that time.

GÜNTER WIRTH Paul Feldkeller – More Than A Private Scholar

This is a memory to Paul Feldkeller (1889-1972) – a psychologist who played an important role in the first years after World War II in (East) Berlin. Feldkeller served at that time as Head of the Psychological Office of the Berlin City Council's Labour Department and became famous for a book titled »Psycho-Policies« which contributed to re-education and democratization in Germany as well as for his efforts with the Kant Society. In the wake of the beginning of the Cold War, Feldkeller fled from East Germany in October, 1948.

MARIO CANDEIAS From »Hegemonie« to »Justiz« About Vol. 6 of the Historico-Critical Dictionary of Marxism

The preparations for the Historico-Critical Dictionary of Marxism (Historisch-Kritisches Wörterbuch des Marxismus – HKWM) began in 1984. In 1994, vol. 1 was published. Since then, every two years a new volume could be given to the public. The author does not only review the volumes 6/I and 6/II spanning the entries from Hegemonie (Hegemony) to Imperialismus (Imperialism) and from Imperium (Empire) to Justiz (Justice) but also gives an introduction in the big dictionary project in general.