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The West German Emergency Constitution - Instrument of War Preparation

by Joachim Henker and Arno Winkler

The Emergency Constitution, passed on May 30th 1968, by a reactionary majority of the Federal Parliament, is characterized as the hitherto heaviest blow against the remains of parliamentary democracy in West Germany and against the interests of peace and security of the European peoples. The authors discuss the most important arguments which the ruling circles in Bonn have brought forward to justify their emergency policy. In this connection the argument is disproved that the emergency constitution had been eased by the participation of the Social Democratic Party. It is proved that the dictatorial authorities of the executive as provided by the emergency constitution have been given a parliamentary cover. Further the authors disprove the statement of the Federal government that the "defects in sovereignty" of the West German state had been overcome by passing the emergency constitution. Finally they stress the necessity and legality of the struggle of the West German population against the use of the emergency laws.

The Hole of the Rural Co-operatives and the Co-operative Law in West Germany in the realization of Bonn's Agrarian Policy

by Erich Krauß

Bonn's agrarian policy dictated by the West German monopoly capital ruins the mass of the West German