

MAY 2021

Nations, listen to the signals!



How fervently and enthusiastically did we once walk behind the red flag and sang 'Die Internationale'.

Naive? Blinded?

Maybe, but we did believe in a peaceful future after the dark clouds of smoke of World War II had cleared.

We wanted to build a world in which possessions were more fairly distributed, where there were equal educational opportunities for everyone, where there was no discrimination, no exploitation, no hunger and no misery. Solidarity in between nations instead of envy, rivalry and war.

Then came the cooling. The cold war. Walls, also inside the heads. 1st May celebrations with rhetoric fire works by corrupt union bigwigs, with unintelligible, academic drivel by Party members, all of them born being fed with golden spoons.

We fought for freedom and produced materials for war. This created jobs. For that we were allowed to populate the campsites on the Adriatic during the holidays. At night we saw the shiny lights of the posh beach hotel in the distance.

But we were happy, we had everything you could want, a car, a washing machine, a big flat, holidays in Bali, a good job, nice kids...

'The' wall is gone, many new walls are being built, inside young heads as well, the old cold warriors are firing up, dementia celebrates a comeback, old sunken empires rise from the ruins, hysteria and paranoia become socially acceptable.

There is no shortage of suitable topics: Corona, global warming, rain forests, Russia, dying insects, poisoned underwear, the yellow danger, migration, vegans, dying forests, gender issues, plastic waste, racism, pesticides, globalisation, Nestlé, lateral thinkers, fighting dogs and so on. The list is incomplete.

P.S.:

1st May celebration 2021 is cancelled due to Corona, or else, to protect the state security, with incidence values below 23,6, a maximum of 50 participants wearing a muzzle, negative test and access permit required, keeping a distance of 50m (because the reds are more contagious than the ordinary citizens), duration of speeches kept to a minimum of 2 minutes (to save oxygen and minimize CO₂ output), no loud speakers and no chanting of 'Die Internationale' (Aerosoles!)