

Foreword

When I see images from Gaza now, in 2024, I think back to the images of Berlin in May 1945. What I saw then and what I see now was what I tried to prevent in Europe in the 1980s.

I urge you, the readers, to do now what I did then - to do everything in your power and under your circumstances to stop the genocide. To force Israel to find a way to live in peace with the Palestinians without dominating them. To force NATO to end its expansion to threaten Russia and its proxy war in Ukraine. To contribute to the peaceful resolution of current political and economic conflicts with a policy of détente and diplomacy, as we tried to achieve in the 1980s.

Investigative journalists, whistleblowers and peace activists are important. We had a unique opportunity then to use our energy, commitment and skills to gather advance warning and anticipatory information.

I urge you to consider how your energy and skills can best serve peace in this dangerous and treacherous time. We did this from 1977 to 1989 for East Germany and to this day in our open political work in the peace movement in united Germany.

WHEREVER YOU ARE, STAND UP AND DO WHAT YOU CAN!

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