

Strasserism Overview

I'm not a Strasserite but as someone with more authority has not stepped forward I have volunteered to answer questions about the old Strasserite movement, the post war movement, and the current Autonome Nationalisten.

The ideology of Strasserism was developed by the brothers Gregor and Otto Strasser who became leading figures in the northern sections of the NSDAP. Around the two arose an ideology which was anti-Marxist (Gregor would refute Communism as 'the socialism of that Jew Marx' in some speeches), anti-capitalist, and German. The Strasser brothers came to represent the left wing of the Nazi party and their ideas were strongest within in the SA. They eventually fell out of favor with Hitler and the southern sections of the party. Otto was kicked out and Gregor was killed in 1934 during the night of the long knives. Otto formed an organization called the "Black Front" in 1930 to oppose the Nazi party but went into exile and spent the war living in Canada.

After the war Otto returned to Germany and started a new Strasserite party (Deutsch-Soziale Union) but it did not achieve much success. However Strasserism did continue to influence far right groups on Germany and the UK. Today the ideas of the Strasser brothers is most active within the Autonome Nationalisten (Autonomous Nationalists) movement in Germany. The AN takes modern anarchist tactics and imagery and mixes it with the national socialism of Otto and Gregor.

Though the ideology of Strasserism is similar to the national socialism of Nazi right wing (the side that won out) it has a radically anti-capitalist character about it. The concept of capitalism was regarded as a Jewish invention and to purify the German land it would need to be removed and replaced by a type of guild socialism where goods would be paid for "in kind". Today the AN have created a more national anarchist type organization lacking clear hierarchy, which opposes imperialism, and uses leftist imagery (black and red stars, Che Guevara, etc) all while still promoting a German nationalism.