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## **Military Tourism**

The ease of the recent military victories in Afghanistan and Iraq has astonished the world. While the losses of natives in both countries were counted in thousands of dead, Americans, British and Poles altogether lost just a couple of hundred soldiers. Although the cost in terms of lost troops has been minimal it became very apparent that the Americans dedicated practically all manpower they had to these military campaigns and were in a highly vulnerable position if they needed to attend possible conflicts in other parts of the world. This is how the idea of military tourism for Poles was born.

The Washington hawks have been romancing the Commies of Poland for a long time with the active help of the Israelis. For several hundred years Poland was host to the largest Jewish population in the world. Many Israeli civil and military leaders originally came from Poland. Ben Gurion, known as a founder of Israel in 1948, Menachem Begin, Herzog Chaim, Szymon Perez, Icchak Szamir and many others all were citizens of Poland at one time. The famous war in 1967 between the Arabs and the Jews was victorious with help of American weaponry but mostly because of the military skills of the commanders who were born and trained in Poland. For this reason Poland in certain circles is highly praised for its well trained soldiers and officers. During the conflict with Iraq the Americans forbade the Israelis to get involved to attack or occupy Iraq. If Israelis can not go there, why not send Poles?

So it is apparent that facing a shortage of soldiers to occupy newly conquered countries, both Washington and Tel Aviv have been courting the former Communists of Poland, who owe them a lot political support. After destruction of Polish industry during a crazy jump from socialism to capitalism without the capital, there are millions of chronically unemployed young Poles, who are eager for adventure. Military tourism around the world.

I can not blame young Poles for wanting to be soldiers in Iraq. They will have their teeth fixed by a military dentist, given clean clothing and food and some pocket money for booze and will be free to roam the exotic country of „One thousand nights”. They will be transported from place to place in the desert of Iraq aboard flying Black Hawk carpets and should they die, their families will be compensated 25,000 American dollars. Much better than standing doing nothing on some corner with no money for a beer.

For the Americans, British and Israelis who are busy building new oil pipelines in Afghanistan and Iraq the cost of the Polish boys is much cheaper than that of their own – at least 6 times. So it is good business to send thousands military tourists from Poland to Iraq. For the Polish communist aparatchiks who still rule the country it is an opportunity to gain a few extra brownie points and Hollywood style support during the next election campaign. Also the more soldiers they send abroad, the fewer problems they will have with the huge unemployment they have created in Poland, as builders they are not. Polish

boys will have the time of their lives and might benefit some Iraqi women with blue eyed babies with blonde hair.

It does not matter that 85% of Poles objected to Polish involvement in the military conflict in Iraq. The Communists who rule Poland were elected with the aid of proportional election law and this gives them the right to make decisions at least until another election. As proportional election law is slanted in favour of the parties, not individuals, most likely they will stay in power forever with the assistance of their grateful friends from Israel and USA.

Thus Poland with millions of unemployed young men has become a supplier of military tourists who can roam the world. Today it is Iraq, tomorrow it might be Iran, Korea or China. Any rogue country branded as Axis of Evil will do. There is even a larger plan to train Polish pilots to fly American fighter planes. To do so the Communist rulers have just signed up a multi-billion dollar contract for F-16 fighters and Polish pilots, whose fathers defended London during WWII, will be trained to fly American missions anytime, anywhere in the world. To the Communists, loyalty was the number one quality and who would refuse fly orders from the highly computerized Central Command buried deep below the mountain in Colorado, USA?

In such a way, benefitting from the proportional election law, Poland has become a very valuable and important player on the international scene. The value of Poland should no longer be measured in terms of productivity, exports or GDP. In the New World Order what counts the most are the loyal friends who can supply a large quantity of well trained pilots, military commanders and cheap soldiers. This is now the prime export of Poland. Not so much in dollars but in the invitations to state dinners in Washington, rides in F-16 jet fighters and unlimited election support of American and Israeli politicians, their diplomats and their press. Loyal Poland known for the bravery of its people will now defend democracy everywhere!

As Americans even send young women to war, there is equal opportunity here for Polish girls to practise military tourism as well. No need to wait for the clients in boring massage parlors or walk the streets of EU. Much better to grab the world by the balls with an Uzi gun in your hands.

The world is never a static place, we are always trained to be flexible and to welcome change. This idea of military tourism we should welcome with open hearts and cheer this initiative that will send our young ones to become decorated heroes and defenders of democracy in far away lands. They have an opportunity that we were denied when the Communists kept borders closed so we could build ships, trains and schools. We could not travel in those days as we were busy working to meet targets of 5-year plans. Now that there are no plans and no industry of any kind military tourism is a viable and enticing alternative. We will anxiously wait for return of our heroes with brass bands, waving our national flag when they return victorious and decorated. That will be most glorious day!

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