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“Old Fashioned Serfdom of Poland”

Lately there was a big protest of various Polish nationalists against a text highly critical of Roman Dmowski (1864-1939) that was published by “Gazeta Wyborcza”, a national paper that is famous for its vicious anti-polonism. A Polish Jew, Prof. Pawel Spiewak of Warsaw University wrote this text. Dmowski was never too fond of Jews so I can understand his motivation.

This text was a proverbial “red flag for the bull” that unified Polish nationalists of various competing factions in attacking Prof. Spiewak for his text. While it is true that Prof. Spiewak exceeded the limits of good ethics, there was absolutely no need to give him so much importance while ignoring much bigger issues on hand.

Unfortunately many Poles are still ruled by the coffins of Pilsudski and Dmowski, who themselves never got along. This especially applies to Polish nationalists who try to enforce political doctrines developed by famous political figures three quarters of a century ago. For the nationalists are mostly endo-dynamic or endo-static personalities who have weak motivations and learning abilities. Their main motivation is to gain dominant political position in order to impose old nationalistic and religious values. They are afraid of independent thinking and adaptation to a modern world.

A good example of such a typical nationalistic bearish personality is a great promoter of Roman Dmowski Prof. Maciej Giertych of LPR Party and his son Roman represent typical nationalistic bull who wants to be a leader in order to protect interests of his own herd.

Their personalities indicate little promise of political success as they lack the capability of quick adaptation and mental flexibility to cope with the complexities of a modern world. This leads to thinking only in terms of old ideas and stereotypes and precludes any creative approach. This is why the old political doctrines of Roman Dmowski are of so much value for them as those out-dated strategies is all they have. Unfortunately as both men have political positions often they impose their stereotype thinking on a public at large.

I have never seen a nationalist group in Poland that is capable of development of any creative and realistic strategy that would oppose “red robbers” dominant in polish politics or political Polish-Jewish organizations mainly financed from abroad.

A typical meeting of Polish nationalists is not about winning strategies for Poland but they race each other with Jewish gossip and compete with each other regarding who knows more about Jews. After some experience with watching those groups I stopped calling them nationalists and started calling them “Jew lovers” as they seem to know more about Jews than the Jews themselves.

This is why despite numerous invitations from various nationalist groups in Poland I could never join them or take part in their work. For the simple reason that they do not work towards a stronger Poland of tomorrow, they seem to live in the past.

Poland will progress only with good strategy that is developed in a calm manner based on good solid principles that are compatible with international but most of all our national interests. Little good will come from bashing the Jews, as they are not the main reason for the misery of Poland. The simple truth is that Poles are the main culprits of their own problems today. French have a saying that “Misery of Poland is a clear proof of existence of God” (Movie “Barbarian Invasions” 2004) High unemployment, low pay, loss of national resources, corruption, destruction of a public health systems and manipulation by foreign countries and anti-Polish foreign press are the penalties for cowardice, lack of unity and the inability to support independent national leaders and political organizations. Diminishing number of votes in subsequent elections is a clear proof that Poles are disappointed with themselves, as they do not believe that any positive change can occur in true democracy.

While it is true that “red barons” have skewed the results of several elections in the past, they lack boldness and fear international opinion to stand in a way of massive political change during national elections. But to win any election, basic work needs to be done well ahead of time. A winning organization must be built with substantial financial support to accumulate money for future election expenses. Even at this level victory can be easily achieved, as “red barons” will run away in fear when they see the substantial funds accumulated to fight them. But unfortunately most Poles think of election only when it was already called, when it is already too late to raise the required funds. Such a nation is destined to live in a misery as their only hope is a prayer for help from God.

A month ago one of my daughters asked me why on American and Canadian TV shows people call us Poles “wimps”. At first I was at loss of words, then it occurred to me that other nationalities after watching us Poles whining about our motherland, have come to this conclusion and now call us wimps out loud for anyone to hear. You cannot hide the truth for long. Even the truth about traditional Polish servile attitude recently came out in the open when Jose Borrell, President of the European Parliament stated that in one of his interviews. He said it in reference to participation of Poland in occupation of Iraq. Polish response: barking against him and Spain in servile national papers and refusal of Polish members of European Parliament to have dinner with the man. Another shame on us Poles!

Of course Roman Dmowski, despite his differences with Josef Pilsudski, was a great man, loyal and true to Poland. But the point is that he WAS a great man a long time ago. We need to defend great men as leaders of Poland today so that Joseph Burrell, instead of accusing us of an ugly servile attitude, can salute our progress and bravery in a most gallant Spanish way. We do not want to be called wimps any more so our sons and daughters can be proud of us Poles again!

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