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A German led anti-Hungarian hysteria in Europe

In Der Spiegel Nr. 4/23.1.12 Jean Asselborn, foreign minister of Luxembourg says the following: *Die Medien stehen seit einem Jahr unter der Kontrolle der Regierung. Die freie Meinungsäußerung wurde abgeschafft, die Gewaltenteilung wird missachtet.*"

MR. ASSELBORN IS LYING; as all those politicians and journalists who spread similar news. The major dailies of Hungary are the following: Népszabadság (social-liberal), Népszava (socialist), Magyar Nemzet, Magyar Hírlap (on the national side)¹. The most important weekly magazines: HVG, 168 óra, Élet és Irodalom are leftist, socialist, liberal. On the national side are the Heti Válasz and Demokrata. Concerning the tv and radio channels the ratios are similar. The liberal and socialist media are relentlessly criticising and swearing the government. To deny the countless amount of lies would be a hopeless undertaking. Therefore, I shall summarize the most important reasons of this internationally concentrated attack against Hungary.

1. Christian and conservative values in a declining Europe

Europe has become secular and atheist. Even the conservative Giscard d'Estaing did not dare to involve God and Christianity in the draft of the new European constitution (the Lisbon treaty). In my personal view Western Europe is decadent and declining. Despite the decreasing population and the evident threat of Western Europe's becoming Muslim in the second half of the century, the ruling European values – hiding behind tolerance – are *against life*. Homosexuality and its protection is a leading issue in Western Europe and abortion is considered as the most important human right of women.

In contrast to this the new Hungarian constitution states that it supports family based on the marriage of a man and a woman, as the basic cell of the society. Evidently, this does not mean the prosecution of homosexuals but does involve a “positive discrimination” for the marriage of “heterosexuals” because of the serious demographic situation and because of the conservative cultural tradition. And this is unacceptable for a decadent, liberal Western Europe. I myself think that homosexuality is an aberration and it should be a personal, intimate issue which does not belong to the public. While tolerance should be manifested towards homosexuality, I do not like when homosexuals publicly confess their aberration and are proud of that. Most Hungarians think like that. According to relevant scientific views, homosexuality is not only genetically determined but socially conditioned as well. (See the practice of the antique Greek and Roman societies.) As a result, it should not be raised on the level of public policy, a “cult of homosexuality” should not be created.

Furthermore, the constitution declares that human foetus should be protected from the beginning of conception. Similarly, this is not a deprival of the right to abortion but a propaganda against it (in a small country with unique language and culture and declining population). Still, when a year ago the Government launched an anti-abortion advertisement

¹ In Hungarian we use the word „national” in the meaning „patriotic”.

campaign, it was forced to stop by the Commission because “it might cause bad consciousness for those women opting for abortion”. Maybe, abortion must be a personal issue and right, but propagation of abortion and condemnation of an anti-abortion campaign is unacceptable for me. And this is, how those people think, who voted in power the present Government.

This is why I say that a decadent Western European civilisation is fighting and oppressing a country which tries to protect life. This is the basic reason, why the liberal, socialist and green Europe is against Hungary. And they make the bigger part of Western Europe. The new Hungarian constitution begins with this: “God bless the Hungarian”. This is the first line of our national anthem. And this is outrageous for the bigger part of Europe. But our Prime Minister rightly applied to the representatives of the European Parliament during the “Hungarian session” that Christian Europe should also be part of Europe, Christian values should also be considered European values, although now in minority.

2. Offending the interests of the big foreign companies and banks

The Fidesz-government took over a country with 82 per cent national debt (related to GDP). At the same time, Hungarian economy is one of the most open all over the world. In the situation of a general recession, with low or zero economic growth, the low budget deficit required by the Commission could not be met otherwise but charging extra taxes on the big companies and banks. (Irrespective of being national or international, but as a natural condition, they are mostly owned by foreign capital.) Although there is a widespread popular opposition against banks all over the world (see Occupy Wall Street, etc.), Austrians, Dutch and Germans do not like to hear that the Hungarian Government charges extra taxes on their international companies and banks.

But does the Western citizen know why are we so indebted? National debt was raising from 52 per cent up to the present 82 per cent during the 8 year long rule of the socialist-liberal governments. And does the Western citizen know that refinancing the foreign debt this year will cost minimum as much as the total national health expenditure? And does he/she know where does the 10 per cent interest paid for the Hungarian state debt papers end? In his or her pocket! The savings of the Western citizens, accumulated in the pension funds, life insurance bonds and simple bank accounts are invested in the Hungarian state debt papers. And does he/she know, that the Common Market (later Single Market) has been created in such a way that the economic lagging behind and indebtedness of the peripheral countries is permanently reproduced? And that the restriction packages of the IMF serve the functioning of the pumps, sucking out the interest payments from the country?

60-70 per cent of the profits of Audi come from the fact that Audi-Hungary pays five times less salaries to the Hungarian workers as if Audi was manufactured in Germany. The West is sucking out incomes from the peripheral countries in many ways. That's a very pleasant situation for the West. Hungary, or Orbán is putting very delicate issues on the agenda: Christian values versus liberal values, national interest versus international companies and financial capitals. His confrontative character should not be mixed with the problems he raises.

As a result, Hungary got critiques and enemies on the European conservative side as well.

The majority of Hungarians feel that they do not need to be saved from their Government; they have to be saved from the foreign financial capital! A leading slogan of the pro-Government march on 21st January was: Elmentek a tankok, bejöttek a bankok; THE TANKS LEFT, CAME IN THE BANKS!

3. Cosmopolitan Jews versus the national interest

Those, who are thinking in schemes and are not able to evaluate a situation based on its own characteristics, should not read this point because for them this is nothing else but an anti-Semitic text

Politically, Hungary has been deeply divided. In our country has not been formed a so called national minimum platform (concerning minority issues or basic economic policies), which does exist in most countries, e.g. in Bohemia, Poland, Slovakia or Roumania. The reason is that there is a relatively great number of cosmopolitan Jews in Hungary.²

In contrast to Germany, Bohemia, Poland and Slovakia, in Hungary part of the Jewish population was saved during the second world war. (This was due to Governor Horthy, who stopped deportations by the Gestapo even in a situation when Hungary was occupied by the Wehrmacht.) As a result, the number of the Jewish origin population is put at some 100 thousand presently in Hungary, far more, than in any other East-European countries. Since 1990 the liberal SzDSz became the mouthpiece of cosmopolitan Jews in Hungary.³

The social and liberal parties have become the servants of the foreign interests⁴, while the conservative parties (like MDF earlier, FIDESZ and Christian Democratic People's Party) are fighting for the national interests (this is, why the Western jargon calls them "nationalist" parties). The Hungarian cosmopolitan Jews (and their party, the SzDSz) brand the "national" parties racist, antisemite, chauvinist and fascist, without their serving those stigmas. They do not know the word patriotism; anything, connected with the nation, is "nationalist" for them. If the country has a government, which tries to defend national interests, it is nationalism, chauvinism and fascism for the Hungarian cosmopolitan Jews.

The situation has become critical since April 2010, because the liberal SzDSz has been voted out from the Parliament.⁵ For the Jewish cosmopolitans even that situation was unbearable, when they were in opposition.⁶ But since 2010 they are not present even in the Parliament; they have not a direct say in the life of the country. This is, why they have initiated a stronger as ever attack against the Hungarian government in the international media. The leading

² Of course, only part of the Jews are cosmopolitans, similarly not all cosmopolitans are Jews.

³ This description of the Hungarian political arena might be unusual for the foreigners, but this is a decisive fact: the liberal side in Hungary has a special character because of the great weight of cosmopolitan Jews. Our liberals are not national liberals but cosmopolitan liberals.

⁴ In the professional jargon this is called the „comprador bourgeoisie”. Explanation: earlier the ruling socialist one party was serving the Soviet interests; this tradition has been brought up to the present, irrespective of the fact that who is to be served. (Today it is the Western powers.)

⁵ The reason, why Fidesz and Christian-democrats could win 2/3 in the Parliament is the complete mismanagement of the country by the socialists and liberals in the former 8 years and the unbearable nation-wide corruption.

⁶ To tell the truth, even that situation is unbearable for them, when there are other parties than liberal or socialist in the political arena. (This is how they interpret tolerance: they do not tolerate intolerant parties. And all those are intolerant who differ from them.)

figures of this campaign are the musicians (András Schiff, Ádám Fischer, Iván Fischer) and writers, philosofers (György Konrád, Imre Kertész, György Dallos, Ágnes Heller) of Jewish origin. How could you otherwise explain, that while The New York Times reports any movement on the opposition side, it did not even mention the pro-government march with the participation of several hundred thousands people? Or how do you explain Le Monde's calling Orbán directly a Hungarian Hitler? As concerns Austria, the fiercest attacks come from newspapers with Jewish influence. (Der Spiegel and Süddeutsche Zeitung are other cases, I shall refer to the German case later.)

4. The German hysteria – a special issue

Hungarian policies hurt both German left-side values and business interests. But besides them, there is a special issue: the nazi burden of the German history and national consciousness. To counterweigh this shameful spot on German history, the country – but especially its liberal and socialist media – consider themselves to be the safeguard of European democracy and assume a belligerent attitude against all kinds of national, chauvinistic, racist and fascist phenomena. But this time our German friends are mistaken. The syllogism from logics should be applied more carefully. To compare the steps of our Orbán Victor to those of Hitler from parliamentary democracy to dictatorship lack any superficial knowledge of Hungarian mentality and history.

First, in Hungary there was no authentic fascism; a Hungarian "nationalsozialistische" puppet government was instituted by the Germans after German occupation of the country; it ruled less than half a year.

Second, the communist dictatorship was forced on Hungary by the Soviets, under Soviet military occupation, and it was Hungary, which revolted against such a dictatorship in 1956.

Third, during the centuries of the middle ages there was no time when smelling autodaphés were not lit somewhere in Europe and witches, later heretics were burned on them. In contrast to this, in 1100 a Hungarian king (who could read!) stated: "*De strigis, que non sunt, nulla question fiat*" – Against witches, that do not exist, nobody should raise a charge.

Fourth, Hungary has given 22 Saints to Christianity (most of them belonging to the ruling Hungarian dynasty, the Árpáds). No European nation has such a record.

Fifth, in August 1572, the night of Saint Bartholomey, several thousands of hugenots were massacred in Paris. Four years earlier, the Hungarian Parliament declared equal rights to the four major religions; this was the first law of free religion all over Europe.

Sixth, during the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy (1867-1920) Hungary received and emancipated more than 1 million immigrant Jews.

And finally I repeat what has been already mentioned: during the second world war it was only Hungary where part of the Jewish population was saved (roughly 200 thousand people), despite the plans of the Gestapo and being under German occupation.

I have good reasons to suppose that the German hysteria is meant to disguise their own problems:

- There are permanent political and constitutional debates, what to do with NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands), an ever strengthening neonazi party in Germany.
- Hilfsorganisation für nationale politische Gefangene und deren Angehörige (HNG), a neonazi organization was banned only last September.
- German authorities discover again and again new underground neonazi groups.
- **Since 1990, there were 182 murders with racist motivation in Germany. The equivalent number in Hungary is 5 (!)**

So it is not nice, German friends, to try to avert the attention from one's problems by slandering others (a friendly people towards you; at least, until now).

Another factor also should be mentioned. Germany – supposedly to ease its bad historical consciousness – harnesses Hungarian writers and artists and leading intellectuals of Jewish origin (Konrád György, Kertész Imre, Dalos György, earlier Eörsi István, etc.) offering them privileged conditions. These writers are trying to serve German hospitality by meeting the expectations of the leftist-liberal media and criticise Hungary. Besides, the strong German self-criticism deeply impresses them, they consider it as an etalon, and are all the time blaming Hungary that it does not criticises itself the same way, forgetting, that Hungary's historical responsibility cannot compare to that of Germany.

5. The revival of the spirit of Goebbels

Let's go back to what I began with my arguments. Why is the foreign minister of Luxembourg lying? And why is this an argument for Spiegel? Is the foreign minister of Luxembourg competent in Hungarian affairs? Is he the person who can evaluate the best the position of Hungarian media? It is ridiculous to refer to him in this aspect.

And here is the explanation: Der Spiegel is very keen on being correct. So the reporters of Spiegel would not write such a sentence that "Die freie Meinungsäußerung wurde abgeschafft" in Ungarn. Furthermore, no foreign minister of a serious country would say that. But the foreign minister of Luxembourg can afford saying that. This is why Spiegel makes an interview with this lying idiot - he is still a foreign minister.

German public (i.e. not commercial) media presents a material for school children about the formation of a dictatorship, with the illustration of what is happening now in Hungary. At the same time I read in Stern.de 26 January: In Germany, for every fifth young adult below 30 years the word Auschwitz does not mean anything. And: almost one third of Germans does not know in which country Auschwitz is located...

ZDF illustrates reports on anti-Government protests in Hungary with the photos of the pro-Government march of 21st January (!)

These methods of falsification and manipulation have been invented by Goebbels... The German media – in its endeavour to combat fascism – revives his spirit. Joseph Goebbels' body lies satisfied in the grave.

6. Self-criticism

Besides the above mentioned reasons, our national-conservative government also can be blamed because of this Pan-European concentrated attack against Hungary. We have to admit, that the policies of our government are sometimes harsh and rightly evoking criticisms.

Without going into details I mention some major phenomena:

1. No doubt, a minor part of the Hungarian population is socialist and liberal minded and they do not like Government policy.
2. Orbán Victor, a very talented man, belongs to that kind of politicians who prefer to grasp any opportunity and possibility that occur within the legal framework and does not practise generosity to his political counterparts. And a position with 2/3 majority in Parliament offers almost immensely many possibilities to grasp. He remains within legal conditions, but a 2/3 majority makes very wide these conditions.
3. According to political sciences, if there are no major splits in a society, it is relatively homogeneous, the ruling party (or parties) do not need to involve the opposition, they can rule alone. But if the country is split into hostile parts (and this is our case), the government is more stable and successful if opposition is also involved. Still, according to Fritz Tamás, a leading political scientist, the special Hungarian circumstances call for a strong government rule without the participation of the opposition. The reason is that from among the 21 years after the systemic changes social-liberal parties were on power during 12 years and the so-called “post-communist” rule caused further moral erosion and economic crises, so the present national-conservative government should rule firmly alone to clean up the mess.
4. In Europe it is completely unique that a government had 2/3 majority. (This is the reaction to 8 years mismanagement of the country by the socialist-liberal coalition.) It is even more strange that in a liberal-socialist dominated Europe a national-conservative⁷ government had a 2/3 majority. So our case is not common, and it is permanently under the suspicious attacks of the greater part of Europe.
5. No doubt, certain signs of going towards an autocratic system are present in Hungary. But the very serious economic problems, the high corruption and the need of overhauling the whole system do justify the strengthening of the state. Democracy has too basic forms: the „Rechtstaat” and the rule of the majority. It is the second model which is now functioning in Hungary.

⁷ National – in the Hungarian usage – is not nationalistic, but patriotic.

Part of the 3 km long pro-Government march on 21st January, with the headline:

WE SHALL NOT BE A COLONY!



7. Much ado about nothing

Those, who were following the debate on Hungary in the European Parliament on 18th January, probably were surprised at the outcome. On the one hand, the bigger part of the Parliament (the social, liberal and green deputies) were fiercely attacking Orbán Viktor, blaming him of permanently infringing democracy and European values and instituting an autocratic, dictatorial system.

But when concreting the criticism and expressing it in legal terms, it turned out that there are only three points the Commission expects the Hungarian government to change (some other requirements – but neither of major importance – were already accepted by our Premier):

1. The president of the Hungarian National Bank and the members of the Monetary Council should not take the oaths on the Hungarian constitution and on the benefit of the Hungarian people (!?!?). The Government should not have the right to control the salary of the president of the Hungarian National Bank. (According to a new law, the Government has put a cap on the salaries of all the public servants, including president of the Bank who earns four times more than the maximum.) (The Government does not want to comply.)
2. The ombudsman of data protection resigned and the Government wanted this task to be fulfilled by a government agency. (The government is ready to comply with the requirement of the Commission in this respect.)
3. The government fixed a common retirement age (62 years) for all public servants, including 260 judges, who –according to the previous regulation – could work until 70 years. This regulation phases out all exceptions, although work after retirement is possible in the same trade or profession everywhere, except justice. (The Commission

thinks that this is an infringement of the autonomy of judges, but the Government thinks that this is a labour law issue and does not want to comply.)

Irrespective of being pro or anti-government, I think, that these requirements are ridiculous – or tragicomic for everybody. Does Hungary become an obedient European democracy if changing these regulations? Is this the borderline between European democracy and a nasty dictatorship? The Commission stresses, that the whole Hungarian policy is antidemocratic and pointing towards autocracy. But where are the real arguments?

I admit, that from a certain point of view the issue is a real political dilemma: is the rule of the 2/3 a democracy or a dictatorship? But this should be left for the Hungarians to decide: nobody should be afraid that the Hungarians cannot defend themselves against dictatorship. Hungarians do not need the help of the West-European socialists and liberals against a government which was elected by themselves. Hungarians do not accept to be said what is the political system they prefer to live in.

8. The Commission fights back

One rightly asks: why does the Commission insists that the Hungarian Government should comply with these ridiculous demands? (E.g., the president of the Bank and the members of the Monetary Council have been taking the oaths on the Constitution and the benefit of the Hungarian people in the past 21 years.) At the same time, a lot of other very serious questions may be asked. E.g.:

- The Benesh decrees are still in force both in Bohemia and Slovakia. They qualify the German and Hungarian minorities “collectively war guilty”. This is a serious infringement of basic international law.
- Some years ago Slovakia prohibited the use of Hungarian language in official intercourse in those localities where the Hungarians did not reach 20 per cent. (E.g., a Hungarian-origin policeman or doctor was prohibited to speak in Hungarian with members of the Hungarian minorities.) The European Parliament did not have any comment on that.
- On the 50th anniversary of 1956 the socialist-liberal government then in power brutally attacked the peaceful demonstration of the opposition parties; eyes were shot out, there were innumerable wounded people, arbitrary imprisonments, etc. The Euro socialists, liberals and greens did not want to defend human rights of opposition party masses.
- etc, etc.

For us, Hungarian national conservatives it is quite evident that the Commission and the EP applies a DOUBLE MEASUREMENT. It seriously infringes the rule that everybody should be equal in front of the law.

As concerns the above three requirements, they hurt the national feelings of the Hungarians and very probably, if the Hungarian Government raised the case to the Strassburg Court, it would be won. But Hungary is in a very critical economic situation and needs quick IMF stand-by credit support. But the IMF agreed with the Commission that talks may begin only after the Hungarian government accepted the requirements of the Commission. The objective reader may decide: Is this the defence of the Hungarian democracy? No, this is THE HUMILIATION OF HUNGARY.

Summing up:

There is an all-European attack against Hungary under the pretext of defending Hungarian democracy. But the real reason is that the Hungarian government shares Christian and conservative values and the new Hungarian constitution indoctrinates these values. Besides, due to the critical economic heritage of 8 years of former socialist and liberal mismanagement, extra taxes have been charged on the big companies and banks (being mostly in foreign ownership). These measures offend serious international business and financial interests.

The four Polish and three Italian deputies plus a Lithuanian and a Belgic deputy, the real friends of Hungary were explaining these developments in the European Parliament.

In addition to these, there are further reasons why the criticism is even harsher in Germany. Due to the nazi past of this great nation, admired by the Hungarians (which time by time appears in its neo forms) this country feels obligated to play an international mission to attack emerging dictatorships. But Hungarians do not need this protection. They can defend themselves against such a danger. Even a superficial glance at Hungarian history will persuade the reader about this: we did not have witch hunting, we did not burn heretics, we did not have fascism (only for half a year, imposed on us by the Gestapo and Wehrmacht) and we had communism forced on us by Soviet tanks but we raised against those tanks, solely in the communist camp.

Hungary must be saved not against its own Government but against the international financial capital, against the USURY CIVILIZATION.

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One should not mix the national proud of a small nation with e.g. French nationalism!

Slogans and pictures of the 21st January pro-Government march ⇒



**Repeating again:
If a country is defending
its interests, it is not
nationalism but
patriotism!**



**The march was as long
as Andrássy út. But
when it reached Kossuth
tér, the square was
already full!**



**When the crowd on
the square was called
to split into left and
right to give way that
at least the beginning
of the march should
enter, nobody wanted
to go to the left. So the
call had to be repeated
to split into Northward
and Southward...**