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LETTER FROM EDITOR

Dear Sir/Madame,

With further acts of violence against citizens of European Union Member States, the question about its future is becoming more and more urgent. Do we really still have a chance to return to the idea of the community of European nations in the spirit of Robert Schuman, or are we doomed to a superstate in the spirit of Altiero Spinelli's totalitarian neo-communism? The spiritual condition of secularized societies thoroughly consumed by the new leftist ideology would indicate totalitarian centralization, because the community cannot exist without the support of Christian values, as Schuman himself pointed out. On the other hand, however, these secularized societies seem to be slowly returning to reality from the influence of leftist fumes of green and rainbow absurdity, as can be seen, for example, in the results of the polls in France, which gives a crushing election victory to Marine Le Pen's camp. And it will not be an exaggeration to say that the final battle for the future of Europe is taking place before our eyes.

In the April issue of Schuman Optics Magazine, we draw attention to the insidious way in which mainstream parties are preparing for this game, and in



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fact the largest faction in the European Parliament - the European People's Party, which does not want to have anything in common with the people and tradition of Christian values in Europe. During the convention of the European People's Party in Bucharest, it was possible to notice that its representatives used the mechanism of masking real goals in order to, after winning the elections to the European Parliament, reject all the promises made earlier and follow the path set out by Berlin via Brussels. This tactic of seducing people by Spinelli's followers was predicted in 1961 by Robert Schuman. Poland is currently a testing ground for supporters of the superstate, i.e. Spinelli's followers, which is why a solidary resistance movement should be built in Poland and throughout Europe against the implementation of a superstate that wants to remove everything related to the nation, its institutions, sovereignty and tradition.

In this edition, we also focus on the farmers' protests, which were joined by representatives of other industries, including Solidarity of Workers, foresters, miners, hunters and beekeepers. We also appeal for this movement against the superstate to expand to include miners, employers' organizations, transport workers, consumers and all institutions and organizations as well as people of good will who do not want to live in a centralized state under the aegis of Germany, losing our homeland and everything that constitutes it. It is no longer a secret to anyone that the European Commission has decided to definitively destroy EU agriculture in order to lead to the takeover of agricultural property by powerful, transnational agroholdings. One of the tools of this socio-economic revolution is the so-called The Green Deal, i.e. a system of levies imposed on small entrepreneurs and local farmers, which, however, does not apply to large

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corporations for which Europe is a field for expansion and exploitation, including Russian corporations. It should be emphasized that the scale of expropriation here will be unprecedented - it is the powerful corporations that, according to the line set by Altiero Spinelli, are to be the only owners of the goods that they will lend to citizens as a tool for generating profits for the oligarchy. As for Spinelli's supporters, the new system assigns them the role of managers of societies and executors of the orders of corporate owners, i.e. the so-called global governance. It is to be a thoroughly communist system, not locally, but globally - managed by the communist international, which has been building its structures basically since the times of Leon Trotsky. We are therefore dealing with the completion of a project started many decades earlier.

The question arises here: is there any chance to defend against this? Well, as long as nations are still sovereign, we can always hope that they will come to their senses and lead to a reversal of the direction adopted since the Maastricht Treaties. But will they manage to do it before the elections scheduled for June? Tension is growing and so is opposition to the green revolution. The threat from Russia is also growing. The German-Russian arrangement known as the common economic space from Vladivostok to Lisbon is still valid, despite Russian aggression against Ukraine. Western elites apparently think that they will be able to work out a modus vivendi with Russia to make the Eurasian economic space profitable. However, they incorrectly assess Russian aspirations, completely failing to understand that the Kremlin perceives the European Union as an area of expansion. Currently, however, it looks favorably on how the European Union is disintegrating itself from the inside with "green" restrictions, gender ideology and the lack of systematicity in

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building defense potential. A certain awakening is slowly visible, for example in Bavaria, where a ban on gender promotion in local schools and universities is apparently being introduced.

When Robert Schuman built the European Community, he did it, among other things, in response to the threat of communism. Altiero Spinelli's Trotskyism seemed no less dangerous than Nazism. I have already said it many times, but if necessary, I will repeat that Schuman's concept is a good answer to opposing contemporary communism. The realism of thinking in Schuman's concept and a common sense approach to economic issues guarantee prosperity, and anchoring in Christian values - a good basis for social development. We can argue here what this community will be like - we discussed this issue during a conference organized in cooperation with the Institute of Schuman's Thought by the Collegium Intermarium - but let it be a real community, not a totalitarian dictatorship. With this voice, I would like to initiate a serious public debate on the future and shape of the European community, as well as the direction it should take. It's high time to ask citizens' opinion. It cannot be that a narrow group of lobbyists - because these people can hardly be called experts - decide what the lives of each of us should look like. If we don't stand up for our rights now, it may soon be too late.

We therefore encourage you to join in building the Resistance Movement Against the Superstate in Europe. This movement, similar to Solidarity, which was founded in the 1980s in Poland to oppose communism, is this time to oppose the much more dangerous neo-communism of Spinelli, whose ideolo-

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gy is currently included in the draft amendments to the European Union treaty. As part of this movement, structures of action groups are to be created in communes, poviats, voivodeships, cities and housing estates. These groups are to get to know Robert Schuman, who is the leader for this Movement. Such groups are supposed to constitute a substantive force for blocking and implementing the ideology of the superstate everywhere. Expert groups are to be established within the structures. This movement is also intended to integrate all employee, employer and consumer organizations, as well as various cultural institutions and foundations. The movement will cover the whole of Europe. All people of good will who want to be active are invited to develop this initiative. Please send applications of people and organizations who want to actively participate in the activities and building of the Resistance Movement Against the Superstate to the following e-mail address: MAS@IMSchuman.com

Prof. Zbigniew Krysiak

European Community, BUT WHAT KIND?



**"In our hearts lies the Europe of
homelands, because in our hearts
there are homelands"**



"In our hearts lies the Europe of homelands, because in our hearts lie the homelands in which we are born, in which we want to grow and the nations to which we are loyal and faithful, because we believe that the nation is a natural community, and any political concept that hits natural concepts is doomed to a catastrophic failure. It will only depend on us how many victims it will cause" – attorney Jerzy Kwaśniewski said during the conference "Europe of Homelands. A relic or a reborn vision" organized by the Collegium Intermarium in cooperation with the Institute of Schuman's Thought.

Mec. Jerzy Kwaśniewski, referring to Altiero Spinelli's vision of a united Europe, noted: "It is a Europe in which homelands are obsolete, Europe has no homelands, nations are to disappear, borders are to be blurred, of course. A new man, a new European, is to be created, as Altiero Spinelli writes". "This is the purpose of putting education in the hands of Brussels in a way completely unknown to any federal state" – he emphasized.

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In turn, Tomasz Pysiak, director of the Schuman Trimarium Forum, emphasized the need to return to the roots, i.e. Robert Schuman's community of European nations. "Schuman is worshiped in Europe, but completely unpracticed" – he said, pointing to Altiero Spinelli as the founder of the modern European Union, which has nothing to do with the original European Community. "It's time to take a few steps back and return to this proven vision of man, to personalism, because the modern EU promotes gender ideology, not personalism" – he told the audience. "Your mission is to restore common sense to Western Europe. There are two options: either we wake up Europe from this dream, or Europe will no longer exist" – he concluded.

"When it comes to the first modern concept of European integration, it is the concept of pan-Europe, created by Richard Coudenhove-Kalergi" – Bartosz Florek said. "It was under Kalergi's wing, within the pan-European movement, that the views of those who played a key role after World War II began to develop. These were Robert Schuman, Charles de Gaulle, and Konrad Adenauer" – he pointed out. "Kalergi's basic assumption was that a federal state would be created in Europe, modeled on the USA, hence the United States of Europe is often referred to as the father of pan-Europe, a country from Portugal to Poland" – he added. He pointed out that although Kalergi was pan-European, he deeply disagreed with communism and communist collectivism, so he excluded Russia and then the Soviet Union from his unification concept. "The very vision of pan-Europe assumed that nation states were too weak to oppose the Eastern power" – he clarified. He pointed out that Kalergi based his vision on Christian inspiration, which explains the later concept of the founding fathers of the European Community referring to the Christian heritage.

Solidarity, unity, peace



"Your independence and sovereignty must be respected and everyone should be treated equally" - Tomasz Pysiak emphasized. He referred to the triad: solidarity, unity and peace. "Schuman did not want a superstate. For him, a superstate was a kind of rejection of himself" - he recalled.

The panelists also tried to answer the question of what contemporary integration should be like so that it leads to development. "No one is saying not to integrate. That would be parochial. Contemporary globalization processes... We are forced to integrate. But the 21st century will also be the age of international organizations, where these theoretically non-sovereign entities of public international law will in fact be the most important, sovereign players" - Dr. Filip Ludwin said. "There must be international organizations. States must cooperate within them. The only question is how to do it?" - he wondered. He drew attention to the high degree of generality in formulating EU treaties and the gigantic deficits in European democracy. "It is often an insult to the human intellect to see how loosely these articles are selected" - he concluded.

When asked whether, in the face of a situation in which the interests of corporations count more than the interests of citizens, we will not be faced with the fact that corporations will decide what system and laws we should introduce, Dr. Filip Ludwin replied: "We observe that the importance of international organizations is growing, but not only that. The importance of international corporations is growing. The importance of international NGOs that influence and are important is growing. The situation is becoming very complicated. This Westphalian order, in which the state was recognized as the first entity of public law, is a thing of the past. We must find oneself in this new reality in which the nation state - it must be admitted - is only one of many players.

The panelists proposed establishing an international organization in Central and Eastern Europe that would be able to influence EU and security policy "based on the actual values of cooperation, not on attempts to dominate". "Germany denied Schuman's idea a long time ago, because Schuman did not want any country to become a hegemon, and Germany threw it into the trash as soon as it felt strong" - Tomasz Pysiak noted.

Results of Poland's negotiations with the EU in the area of agriculture and EU transfers to this sector (II)



**WHEN POLAND WAS NOT THERE –
STRIVE FOR IT, WHEN IT CAME – WORK
FOR IT, AND IF IT WAS IN NEED –
DEFEND IT – WINCENTY WITOS**

**BASED ON EU LAW (WITH POLAND'S
VERY COMPROMISE APPROACH IN
2004–2013), POLAND SHOULD HAVE
RECEIVED EUR 104 BILLION IN 2004–
2020, BUT ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL
DATA IT RECEIVED ONLY EUR 58.8
BILLION. THE LOST BENEFITS, WHICH
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AMOUNTED TO EUR 45.2 BILLION!
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PERIOD 2004–2027.**

The area of agriculture has been the most difficult and tedious part of the negotiations between Poland and the European Union (EU) from the beginning. Polish hopes that the EU would offer conditions consistent with the principles it proclaimed, including the principle of solidarity, burst like a soap bubble. The EU delayed the negotiations and used a lot of pressure and even blackmail (if you don't want to accept these conditions, they will be even worse in the future).

Contrary to the dominant propaganda about great EU support, these conditions clearly discriminated against Polish agriculture! This most concerned the allocation of direct payments (DP), which are the most important EU support instrument for agriculture (in 2003, they accounted for 95% of the EU budget for agriculture)! Polish farmers were "given" a 10-year transitional period to achieve full DP, starting from 25% of their full level in the EU! This is difficult to understand, because the monthly income per full-time employee in Polish agriculture was over 7 times lower than the corresponding income in the EU-15! This is how, in practice, the EU presented the flagship principle of "solidarity" – poorer Polish farmers received less support from richer EU farmers.

Moreover, the existing division of DP in the EU financially preferred large farms, which posed a huge threat to the functioning of most Polish farms and was at the same time a denial of the principle of "sustainable development of EU agriculture"! Such a DP allocation will have a negative impact on the income of Polish farmers in the coming years, constituting one of the reasons for the elimination of thousands of Polish farms from agricultural activity in the coming years.

An additional touch of EU "goodwill" in the DP allocation is added by the consent of the EU authorities to co-finance



these payments from the Polish budget, while farmers from the EU-15 received these payments 100% from EU funds! This was truly an "epoch-making" EU achievement in the field of sustainable development of EU agriculture - poorer countries are to subsidize agriculture from national budgets, and richer countries from the common EU budget! The allocation of DP to Polish farmers showed how seriously the EU takes its own rule of law, including equal conditions of competition on the common EU market.

Other issues arising from the results of the negotiations were also unfavorable for Poland. They weakened the potential of Polish agriculture and generated costs related to the adoption of EU legislation. The former included the understated so-called reference yield of cereals and production limits/quotas in individual industry markets (milk, sugar, isoglucose, potato starch, tobacco, tomatoes for processing, etc.). The milk quota

allocated to Poland was downright bizarre. It was lower than the milk quota for the Netherlands, which has over 8 times less agricultural land than Poland (1.9 million ha and 16.1 million ha, respectively).

The adoption of EU legislation also generated huge costs of adapting Polish farms and processing plants (milk, meat, fish and poultry processing) to EU veterinary law and compliance with EU sanitary requirements (plant protection products, border sanitary control). The costs of structural adjustment of dairy farms and 113 milk processing plants by December 31, 2006 were estimated at PLN 12.5 billion! Of the existing 3,650 meat plants, only slightly over 4% met the above requirements, which reduced their export opportunities. At the same time, many processing plants went bankrupt, but some were taken over by foreign corporations, which will bring them significant benefits. Only dairies managed to defend themselves because they received support from the national budget.

The adopted conditions were also associated with huge costs related to extensive bureaucracy and the creation of special institutions such as paying agencies (Agency for Restructuring and Modernization of Agriculture - ARIMR, Agricultural Market Agency - ARR), Creation of the Integrated Management and Control System (IACS), the Integrated Agricultural Information System (ZSIR), Farm Accounting Data Network (FADN). For example, the assumed operating costs of ARIMR in 2022 amounted to approximately PLN 2.5 billion with the employment of over 11,000 employees. A separate issue requiring more extensive discussion was the adoption of EU quality standards for food. Generally, these standards were lower than those in force in Poland, which will have a very negative impact on the nutritional value of food produced in Poland, and therefore on the health of each of us.

Let's summarize. The announcement of the results of negotiations in the area of agriculture as a Polish success was an insult to reason, and not the result of concern for the Polish *raison d'état*. At the same time, it was a clear signal to the EU that the Polish authorities were unable to defend their interests. The acceptance of the above conditions by the then authorities was contrary not only to the long-term interests of Polish farmers, but also to the Polish *raison d'état* and the health of Poles. So why, given such an arrogant offer, the Polish authorities at that time did not "reciprocate" during the negotiations with a similar transitional period for EU access to the Polish market, e.g. financial, industrial, processing or retail? The then Prime Minister accepted these conditions. After many years, he should already have knowledge about the EU's "specific" attitude to the rule of law, that in many villages only individual farmers engage in agriculture, and the food produced loses its nutritional value. At least he should apologize for his wrong decision in 2002. He didn't apologize. However, he is now proudly speaking in the media, emphasizing his merits in Poland's accession to the EU, that the rule of law in the EU should be modeled on and its centralization should be strengthened! It is also incomprehensible that the leaders of agricultural unions and farmers themselves, subsequent ministers of agriculture and advisors to the President of the Republic of Poland did not protest en masse against the agreed conditions. To this day, the reasons for such a scandalous agreement have not been explained to the Polish society. Was it and is it due to lack of knowledge, incomprehension, lack of negotiation skills, lack of faith in the ability to defend Polish interests, or rather concern for one's own career? Or maybe there were other reasons... Instead of explanations, the propaganda of success continues to shine.

EU transfers for Polish agriculture in the coming years

Let's track these transfers and compare them with the amounts that Poland should receive. Due to the enormous resistance of the EU and the acceptance by the Polish authorities of lower direct payments until 2013 (provisions of the Accession Treaty), let us adopt a minimum compromise solution for this period. Let us calculate the EU transfers due to Poland on the basis of the general principle of "equality of rights and obligations" (this was the principle followed by Polish negotiators for some time). To put it simply, let's consider only expenditure in the EU-15 on direct payments (DP) and rural development (ROW), which will avoid confusion related to national funding, transfer of amounts from ROW to DP and minor changes during the implementation of the EU budget. For the EU-15 countries, we will then obtain a synthetic indicator of expenditure per one hectare of agricultural land equal to EUR 272.6/ha - our own calculations based on EU data from 2003. Converting this indicator into the number of agricultural land in our country in the period 2004-2006, Poland should therefore receive EUR 11.5 billion from the EU to support agriculture. It received only EUR 4.6 billion, which meant lost benefits for Poland in this period amounting to EUR 6.9 billion!

Similarly, a synthetic indicator of average expenditure per hectare of agricultural land in the EU-15 countries was calculated for the period 2007-2013 - it amounted to EUR 322.0/ha; the initial data from 2003 were replaced by data

from 2005. Using such a compromise methodology, Polish agriculture should have received EUR 35.8 billion in 2007–2013, but it received only EUR 24.4 billion. Lost benefits for Polish agriculture during this period amounted to EUR 11.5 billion!

After the end of the 10-year "transitional" period for direct payments in Poland, it seemed that the time had come to define objective criteria for the division of the EU agricultural budget between Member States for the next 7 years (2014–2020) – most often to a set of objective criteria for the division of the EU budget agricultural land resources, employment in agriculture and farmers' income were exchanged between Member States. However, this did not happen, although such demands appeared in wide-scale consultations on the CAP (http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/cap-consultation-process_home_en/en/debate-contributions_en.cfm). However, they were omitted, and the distribution of payments was based on behind-the-scenes arrangements between the governments of France and Germany (Franco German position for a strong Common Agricultural Policy beyond 2013 – New challenges and expectations for food, biomass and environment." September 14, 2010).

If the division of the EU budget was based on the above-mentioned objective criteria (methodology described, see, among others, the expert opinion "Proposals for changes in the division of EU funds in connection with the mid-term review of the Common Agricultural Policy for 2014–2020" prepared for the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development: BAS-1176/17A/UM/1), EU transfers to Polish agriculture should amount to EUR 56.7 billion. Poland received only EUR 29.8 billion. The lost benefits amounted to EUR 26.9 billion during this period!

The discrepancy between declarations and formal goals of

agriculture in the EU was already pointed out several years earlier by German agricultural expert Lutz Ribbe, rapporteur of the EESC opinion of March 18, 2010, stating: "Between lip service to European agriculture and the real conditions in which they operate on a daily basis farmers, there is a gap that keeps getting wider". It is hardly surprising that in 2016, after 12 years of Poland's presence in the EU, the average income of a Polish farmer was more than 5 times lower than that of a farmer in Italy, almost 7 times lower than that of a farmer in Germany and as much as 10 times lower than that of a farmer in Denmark! – own calculations based on EU data.

The use of objective criteria in the division of the EU agricultural budget for the period 2021-2027 shows further discrimination of Polish farmers. I base my calculations on the division of this budget included in Annexes IV and IX. European Commission proposal COM(2018) 392 final. It later underwent some changes, which, however, did not have a significant impact on the scale of discrimination in Polish agriculture. Poland should receive EUR 49.6 billion from the EU to support agriculture, but it received only EUR 30.6 billion. The lost benefits for Polish agriculture during this period will amount to EUR 19 billion. This division even met with sharp criticism from the European Court of Auditors (ECA), which questioned the European Commission's legislative proposals regarding the budget. It pointed out, among others: the fact that the distribution of payments to Member States is not based on the results of an analysis of their needs, the lack of an assessment of the effectiveness of the current CAP and the lack of clear, specific and quantified EU objectives. However, the ECA's reservations were not taken into account and the division of the EU agricultural budget between member states for 2021-2027 included in the European Commission's proposal constituted only cosmetic changes compared to the budget for 2014-2020.



Official EU data shows how far this division deviated from the income of Polish farmers. In 2021, agricultural income per person fully employed in Polish agriculture (FNVA/AWU) was EUR 12,455, which placed our country among the 27 EU members in 4th place... from the bottom. Only farmers in Slovenia, Croatia and Cyprus had lower incomes. However, in Germany these incomes were more than four times higher than in Poland (EUR 52,259). The low income of Polish farmers is not due to the fragmented structure of Polish farms, as some propagandists claim. How can we explain the almost three times higher income of farmers in Italy (EUR 36,074) with the average farm area at a similar level (in 2016, 11.0 and 10.2 ha, respectively), and in the entire EU, almost 2/3 of farms are below 5 ha (data from 2021)?

Losses

Let us summarize the losses suffered by Polish agriculture due to EU transfers. To put it simply, let us limit ourselves to transfers relating to direct payments (PB) and funds for rural development (ROW) as the basic transfers.

Amount in millions of euros			
Period	Real EU transfers to Poland (DP + ROW)	Transfers resulting from EU legislation (DP+ROW)	Losses
2004-2006	4621	11517,3	-6896,3
2007-2013	24361,8	35838,6	-11476,8
2014-2020	29846	56735	-26889
Sum	58828,8	104090,9	-45262,1
2021-2027	30648	49613	-18965
Summarizing 2004-2027	89476,8	153703,9	-64227,1

To simplify the calculations, let us limit ourselves to transfers relating only to direct payments (DP) and funds for rural development (ROW). Based on EU law (with Poland's very compromise approach in 2004-2013), Poland should have received EUR 104 billion in 2004-2020, but according to official data it received only EUR 58.8 billion. The lost benefits, which should be treated as losses, amounted to EUR 45.2 billion! After taking into account estimated transfers in the period 2021-2027, these losses will increase to EUR 64.2 billion in the period 2004-2027. The decisive decisions in approving subsequent EU 7-year agricultural budgets and their distribution among

member states belonged to the EU Council. The meetings of this Council were always attended by Polish Prime Ministers, who could always use their right of veto in the event of unfavorable decisions! However, none of them used this tool. The picture of losses in Polish agriculture is consistent with the general message of the previously mentioned report by Professors T. Grosse and Z. Krysiak about the unfavorable asymmetry for Poland in relations with the European Union (the negative balance of transfers amounted to as much as PLN 682 billion!). And finally, a sad reflection. This shocking information, like EU transfers to agriculture, should be the subject of a serious public debate. Poles have the right to learn about the financial realities of our presence in the EU. But there was no such debate! Most Poles are still convinced only of the benefits of our presence in the EU!

Dr Roman Izdebski

SACHAJKO:

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**WE SPEND ABOUT
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BANKS AND
INVESTMENT FUNDS
RICHER**

"Unfortunately, this money was redirected abroad, as it was in the years 2007-2015. Exactly the same is happening with the purchase of CO2 emission allowances - we spend about PLN 30 billion abroad every year so that banks and investment funds can enrich themselves, instead of giving them money to Polish farmers" - MP Jarosław Sachajko says in an interview for Schuman Optics Magazine.

The US warns that Vladimir Putin is preparing to attack NATO countries, meanwhile EU countries, including the frontline ones, instead of heavily arming themselves, are losing financial resources on "green" dreams and reducing food security. Where's the logic here?

Jarostaw Sachajko:

Let's start with the fact that it's not only the United States, but also European prime ministers, experts say that if everything goes well, we have two years until Putin will arm himself. He changed his entire economy, which is doing well - this year they are supposed to grow 2.6% GDP growth - on war mode. We see that these sanctions, which are pretend sanctions, do not work. At the same time, it should be noted that societies elect politicians to prepare countries for the worst-case scenarios. Unfortunately, I notice that in Poland we have such golden-mouthed politicians who talk beautifully, but do little. And let's hope there won't be a repeat of 1938 and 1939, when the press and politicians said that we were prepared, we had great alliances, with the largest land army, i.e. France, with the largest naval power, i.e. Great Britain, and it turned out that a month later and unfortunately the Germans and Russians conquered Poland, as a result of which we lost 6 million Polish citizens and a third of the territory, and unfortunately we have not been able to recover from it until now. When I listen to Deputy Minister Bejda who says that no armament will be purchased unless it is covered by finances... Minister, you are not here to tell us what you will do and whether there will be money, only money for reinforcements must be found.

But wait, the government has money for all these "green" innovations, for this entire "green" ideology. What's more, citizens are obliged to pay for it, so what happens with this money?



The point is that they don't exist. I wanted to point out that on one side we have a kinetic war with the Russians, and on the other side we have an ideological war with the Green Deal. It is not true that there is money for the Green Deal, because this money comes from our pockets. Every working Pole will pay PLN 32,000. PLN per year for the next 30 years or so, if all goes well, because things could definitely get worse. Of course, the Left and the painted left, i.e. the Civic Coalition, although I don't know who is more leftist at the moment, they say that there will be EU money, there will be subsidies, and at the same time they are increasing taxes, soon it will be 30% higher gas tax, 35 percent a higher tax on coal, a higher tax on liquid fuels. This is our money. Neither the Polish government nor the European Commission has any magic money. It's just the MP, and now Minister Leszczyna says that as if by a magic wand, various things will happen. There are no magic wands here, just our money.

Please note that this money will be redirected from our pockets to foreign ones in the vast majority of corporations. This has already happened with wind turbines - the Polish taxpayer saved the German company Siemens, which won the contract to supply wind turbines to Poland, and if the EUR 4.5 billion that went abroad were directed to agricultural biogas plants, we would have over EUR 2,000. agricultural biogas plants. This money would stay with the Polish taxpayer, we would have a stable source of energy, additional, stable income for farmers and very good organic fertilizer. Unfortunately, this money was redirected abroad, as was the case in 2007-2015. Exactly the same thing is happening with the purchase of CO2 emission allowances - we spend about PLN 30 billion abroad every year so that banks and investment funds can enrich themselves, instead of giving this money to Polish farmers so that they can store this CO2 in the form of organic matter and then humus on their own fields and meadows. So there is no money for the "green" transformation. This is our money.

But this money also goes to Russian corporations, from which we, as the European Union, import not only agricultural products, and thus we are somehow financing what awaits us, i.e. potential Russian aggression.

As we can see, Russia's hands are very long - over two years of war and the sale of Russian food on the territory of the European Union has not been blocked, which means that the war is currently being indirectly financed. Russia has destabilized food markets around the world, including in the European Union, because it dumped a lot of food on international markets and at the same time pays full freight and full transport costs for its kolkhoz farmers. This is an element of hybrid war, and as we can see, Brussels officials do not want to stop it. Please note that the current government is behaving no differently. The current government said that it has such good relations with the European Commission and is in the largest faction, which has been ruling the European Parliament for years and it is still not blocked,

even in the domestic arena. After all, just as last term, Law and Justice unilaterally introduced a ban on the sale of four seeds with derivatives, i.e. 17 products, exactly the same could be done for food from Russia. Currently, farmers say that tons of cucumbers and tomatoes from Russia are reaching Poland. It comes through Belarus, which means we have huge costs because the hydrocarbon market, i.e. gas and coal, and therefore electricity, has been destabilized, our gardeners have high production costs, and cheap cucumbers and tomatoes are being let in to make them go bankrupt.

So, unfortunately, if I were to bring up the topic of farmers' bankruptcy, the first act prepared by PSL and copied by the government is - because the Sejm has already voted on this act - pushing farmers into the hands of usurers and banksters, because the solutions I proposed last year term, and Law and Justice agreed to it, were withdrawn, so that farmers would be treated in the same way as consumers, so that they could not have abusive provisions in their loan agreements, so that they could not have higher interest rates than 20%. non-interest costs. Currently, they will be able to have 50-70 percent. non-interest costs and in a year we will see how many farmers will go bankrupt by taking out expensive loans. So we can see that on the one hand, various things have been nicely talked about, on the other hand, Poland and Polish society are being pushed into this Green Deal, which will ruin our economy and impoverish our society. Let me remind you that seven days after the election of the new government, the Deputy Minister of the Environment agreed to this. It could have been blocked, as it was blocked for many months by the previous government, and here there was consent, and now we hear that it needs to be accelerated even more. Absurdity follows absurdity.

Why didn't anyone ask citizens' opinions when subsequent areas of "green" policy were implemented. There was no serious debate, only political propaganda, and the costs are enormous.



The costs are enormous, but the European Union and decision-makers - because we don't really know who decides - act slowly and systematically. The first steps to rob agriculture took place in 2013-14, when the Common Agricultural Policy was expanded to include two more goals: imposing on farmers the obligation to take care of the climate and take care of the landscape, and this was not followed by money. If we looked at the chart of the share of the Common Agricultural Policy in the general budget, it would turn out that these expenses dropped dramatically, and this is because the money that should have gone to the Common Agricultural Policy was redirected to environmental protection, robbing farmers of it. Later, various types of directives were slowly implemented, which were to come into force after some time, in three, five, eight years. And unfortunately, it is slowly exploding in our hands at the moment.

At the same time, the last eight years were a very specific period in which whenever the then Polish government tried to deny anything, to say that the EC or the EP were doing something wrong, the then opposition and the current government shouted that "PiS wants to take Poland out of the European Union". As the editor will recall, we, as Rukiz'15, were expelled from

the Polish Coalition because we supported the resolution prepared by Law and Justice, which supported the Polish government to veto the EU budget. The idea then was to link money from KPO to the rule of law. We thought it was a mistake, we supported such a resolution and we were the "bad" ones who wanted to take Poland out of the European Union. The then government agreed to link the money from the KPO to the rule of law, because there was a provision that the rule of law was to apply only to the spending of EU funds. Because we were the leader when it comes to correctly spending money from the European Union, the government agreed to it and it turned out that it didn't matter what was written in the agreement. The rule of law was extended to all possible areas of life, while looking for every excuse not to give us this money. They go at it all the time. This week, a building directive was passed that will result in the expropriation of thousands, if not millions, of elderly people who built apartments in the 1990s and 2000s, from their homes. If the house is worth PLN 300,000 and you will need PLN 200,000, to pay for its thermal modernization, which is to make it zero-emission, it actually means expropriating people from their homes. Let us remember that at the same time the prices of electricity, gas and coal will be increased, because additional taxes will be imposed on these utilities, so that it will not be possible to heat houses with gas or coal without thermal modernization.

Unfortunately, the current government, bowing to all the ideas of the European Commission and the European Parliament, is impoverishing Poles.

The question is whether Poles are still sovereign in their own country? Currently, we have a situation in which representatives of the Polish government say that they cannot introduce a ban on the entry of Russian grain because there are EU regulations, they cannot do other things because the EU does not allow it, and no one actually asks Poles for their opinion.

Poles are the sovereign, but the current government does not feel like it is the government of Polish society, but rather feels like a governor of Brussels sent to manage Polish society. These are big differences. Let me just remind you that in April last year the Polish government imposed a ban on the entry of all food from Ukraine, which was, incidentally, inconsistent with EU law, and only then did the European Commission and the European Parliament agree to change the law so that a sales ban for certain products could be introduced in part of the EU territory. Currently, the Polish government could also impose such a sanction on food from Russia. After all, Europe is a huge producer of food, its exporter, and adding Russian food, which destabilizes this market, but above all finances the war for which we should be preparing at the moment, is some kind of extended suicide, which is being done at the moment. But unfortunately, we have a government that is concerned with filling positions, purchasing limousines for itself, and appointing ministries, and not with the future and well-being of Poles. Unfortunately, during these eight years, a large part of our society has forgotten the words of the then and current minister Sienkiewicz: "to promise twice is to give once", or the minister of finance from before 2015, Rostowski, who said: "there is no money and there will be no money". Unfortunately, the old thing is back and we will have to deal with it for a few more years.

There are more and more people who want a referendum on the withdrawal of Poland's membership in the European Union. What do you say? Would you support such a referendum?

Rukiz'15 has been talking about direct democracy since 2015. The highest form of the latter is a nationwide referendum. For this referendum to be effective and successful, the act on the national referendum must be amended. Unfortunately, the communists included a prohibitive 50% referendum threshold in the constitution, as we have seen several times.

A few months ago, together with the parliamentary elections, a nationwide referendum was held on what turned out to be very important and pertinent questions. Unfortunately, Prime Minister Tusk announced that he would cancel it and invalidate it. He convinced a large part of his voters not to vote and the referendum is not binding. However, it is important because if we look at the results of this referendum, it will turn out that 52 percent people who went to vote also took part in the referendum. And over 50 percent those who voted in the referendum said that they did not want migrants, that they did not want the barrier on the Belarusian border to be dismantled, etc., only politicians protected themselves from the voice of society. That is why we say that the referendum law must first be changed and the electoral law must be changed to prevent such gold-earned politicians as those of the current ruling coalition from getting into parliament again. They promised a lot, but as we see, they did not deliver.

EPP DOUBLE GAME

PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,
URSULA VON DER LEYEN:



**"WE ARE PROUD
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"WE ARE PROUD OF DONALD TUSK FOR BRINGING THE RULE OF LAW BACK TO POLAND" - THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, URSULA VON DER LEYEN SAID DURING THE EPP CONVENTION, WHO APPARENTLY ENJOYED THE FORCEFUL AND ILLEGAL TAKEOVER OF PUBLIC MEDIA AND VIOLATING THE CONSTITUTION. IS THIS HOW SHE IMAGINES EUROPE AFTER THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS?

What this "rule of law" is, was explained very clearly earlier in the European Parliament by MEP Patryk Jaki (Sovereign Poland). "I would like you to hear what positive changes are being introduced in Poland, because in the future they may affect all of you. The authorities of the public media in Poland had a legally guaranteed term of office. However, Tusk did not want to wait and took over the public media by force without any legal basis and he fired almost all the employees, including

a pregnant woman and the disabled, and ordered the buildings to be surrounded by police. His minister used forged notarial deeds for the entire action, and the prosecutor who discovered it was demoted. In the meantime, the illegality of Tusk's action was confirmed by the courts and the Constitutional Tribunal. Tusk and his people did not comply with any judgment, and his minister considered the Tribunal's decision to be, quote: "non-existent", because - I also quote - "does not meet the criteria of importance". So real lawyers and those people who shouted about the independence of the courts, they must be shocked when they hear that the minister's announcement is more important than the laws and the Constitution. Moreover, Minister of Justice Bodnar dismisses almost one judge from some position every day. And the question is, is this the kind of independence you really wanted? In addition, Tusk's people took on the role of the national prosecutor a moment later. They cannot dismiss him without the president's consent, so they took his office by force. And they disabled his and his deputies' cards and don't let them enter the buildings. And you're probably wondering why he's doing all this? A moment later it turned out. His people turned the case of the Senate Marshal off Tusk, against whom 250 people testified that he demanded a bribe from them. 250 people! Do you know of a similar case in the history of the European Union? And do you think that these changes are good and lawful?" - Jaki said during the debate on the report on the rule of law. To this list we should also add the provocation carried out by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Administration during the farmers' protest in Warsaw and the unlawful, brutal attack by the police on the protesters and the scandalous decision of the court on the closure of the Turów mine and power plant.



However, Ursula von der Leyen has no doubt that despite this, the parties associated with the EPP will manage to win the elections to the European Parliament scheduled for June. Why? "And let there be no doubt what's at stake in this election. Our peaceful and united Europe is being challenged like never before by populists, nationalists, and demagogues. Whether it is the far right or the far left. Whether it is the AfD, the Rassemblement National, the Confederatia or Wasraschdene. The names may be different, but the goal is the same: They want to trample on our values, and they want to destroy our Europe. But we, the EPP, will never let that happen" - she thundered during the convention. "We stand pro EU, pro

Ukraine, pro rule of law in the spirit of de Gasperi and Adenauer, of Vaclav Havel and Lech Welesa" - she argued. The problem is that the documents say exactly the opposite. Well, both in the White Paper on the Future of Europe and in the treaty changes pushed by the EPP, the ideological core of the changes is neither the legacy of de Gasperi, nor Adenauer, nor Robert Schuman, but the Manifesto of Ventotene by Altiero Spinelli, an extreme Trotskyist who were expelled from the Italian Communist Party for his radicalism. However, there was not a word about this during the EPP convention - intended to put societies to sleep. Robert Schuman warned against such a scenario: "Beware of those whose charm leads us to passivity. Beware of those who would lull us into a false sense of security. Beware of purveyors of empty assurances promising false means of achieving security. They try to introduce in stages and step by step what the healthy spirit of the nation rejects and opposes. Their ultimate goal is clear. They are trying to extinguish religious life in countries and people. Out of love for our children, we want to prevent these consequences. This attitude we adopt should not result only from opposition, but above all because we cannot betray the soul of our nation.

And indeed, Spinelli's main demands are the eradication of faith, the taking away of property and leading to a dictatorship that will emerge a "new democracy" - a scenario well known from the times of conquests made in Europe by the Soviet Union. They have been adopted by the EU mainstream as goals and are being successively implemented regardless of social resistance. It is not without reason that Polish farmers manifest - in addition to their opposition to the green ideology - also their attachment to God and faith.

Meanwhile, during the EPP convention, Ursula von der Leyen said this about the agricultural protests: "Farmers are telling me about the enormous challenges they face. They get up early in the morning, they work hard for the quality food we eat. But costs are going up and the prices they get for milk, meat and grain are volatile and often set by others in the food chain. Last month a young farmer told me that they are sometimes forced to sell their product below production costs. This is unacceptable. Our food security depends on the security of our farmers livelihoods. Therefore, the system must be put back on a sustainable footing. Their hard work has to pay off! I want to be clear, EPP will always be by the side of our farmers".

Meanwhile, the EC is responsible for the rising costs and unprofitability of European agriculture. On the one hand, it imposes strict standards on farmers that their products must meet, and on the other hand, it opens borders for non-EU products, which are much cheaper because they do not meet these standards. Moreover, it imposes climate restrictions and green levies on agriculture that virtually no one can afford. Effect? Many farms are on the verge of bankruptcy. Interestingly, more and more agricultural products produced by Russian companies are coming to Europe.

WILL RUSSIAN CORPORATIONS CONQUER EUROPE?

According to the Central Statistical Office, in 2023, 12.7 thousand tons of grain from Russia came to Poland, and it was the highest result since 2018. A year earlier it was 6.15 thousand. In 2023, more than half of the grain imported from our eastern neighbor was corn, and one third - wheat. A year earlier, three out of four kilograms of imported grain was corn, and just over 20 percent was wheat. Eurostat data shows that grain imports from Russia to Europe are doing quite well. In 2023, it amounted to 1.54 million tons, compared to 970 thousand tons in 2022. It seems that this is only the beginning of the implementation of the German-Russian project of creating an economic space from Vladivostok to Lisbon, which has not been abandoned despite Russia's aggression against Ukraine.

It is no longer a secret to anyone that the European Union is working to collapse domestic agriculture. Limiting agricultural production has been talked about in the EU for years, and was explained, among others, by: environmental protection issues. At the same time, cooperation was established with large corporations, including under the agreement with MERCOSUR that was still on

the table, and through lobbyists, corporations from various parts of the world had an influence on the creation of EU law. Their representatives acted as an effective agent of influence, the effects of which are today in the form of sick climate policy and other less transparent moves by the European Commission, such as the purchase of COVID-19 vaccines. Also, the entire ETS and ETS-2 mechanism is nothing more than draining the pockets of ordinary citizens in favor of the speculative capital of large corporations. And make no mistake - many representatives, not citizens, but corporate tech, will run in the June elections to the European Parliament.

Both China and Russia are taking part in this race for the European market. The latter has been involved in it for many years. "I am deeply convinced: a united Greater Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals, and indeed to the Pacific Ocean, the existence of which is based on universally recognized democratic principles, is a unique opportunity for all nations of the continent, including the Russian nation. And in realizing this common opportunity - for a peaceful, prosperous and dignified future - Europeans, just like in the fight against Nazism, can fully rely on Russia. At the same time, we believe that Russia's efforts to develop integration ties with both the EU and CIS countries constitute one organic process that should lead to a significant expansion of common harmonious spaces of security, democracy, and business cooperation in this gigantic region" - Putin wrote in 2005. However, it was only after the Smolensk catastrophe, when the government in Poland was taken over by the Civic Platform, that a plan to create a "harmonious community of economies from Lisbon to Vladivostok" emerged. The idea was to create a common

economic space to counterbalance China and the USA, in which each hegemon (Russia and Germany) would have specific tasks - Russia was to maintain the army, so it was de facto a guarantor of security. When the war in Ukraine broke out and Putin's blitzkrieg against that country failed, it became clear to Germany that the project needed to be reformulated, although it was never abandoned. "The most important goal is to change the bloody consciousness of some of today's Ukrainians, full of false myths. The goal is peace for future generations of Ukrainians themselves and the possibility of finally building an open Eurasia - from Lisbon to Vladivostok" - former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev wrote on Telegram after Russia's aggression against Ukraine. His statement was met with sympathetic silence from Berlin, which proves that the plan will be implemented regardless of how the situation on the front develops.

Twenty private Russian latifundists own a total of 8.3 million hectares of Russia's prime agricultural land. The largest of the latifundia covers 1.05 million hectares. Some of the latifundists were accused of intimidating small farmers in order to incorporate their property into the estates of the agricultural giant. These large entities sell - despite the embargo on many Russian products - grain and other agricultural products to the EU, including Poland, which - in addition to the Ukrainian holdings that are trying to take over - effectively destroy Polish and European agriculture. And what is the European Commission doing in the meantime? It is trying to say that open borders for substandard grain from outside the EU, from the East, is... helping the fighting Ukraine. Moreover, it pursues

a pathological climate policy, burdening European farmers excessively so that they do not compete with Russian corporations. The year 2023, during which Ukraine, fighting against Russia, was bleeding out, was the year with the highest EU grain imports from Russia since 2018 - European companies bought over 2 million tons from Russia.

It is therefore clear that the superstate created by the European mainstream in the spirit of Altiero Spinelli has given Russia an important place in food supplies. What about European farmers? The EC promises them small, basically insignificant concessions in the form of abolishing the obligation to set aside or geotagging fields, but the main problem of importing grain from the East and the sick climate policy remains. The Eurocrats' plan is to expropriate farmers and later other citizens, destroy the middle class and carry out a social revolution in accordance with the predictions of the Ventotene Manifesto, which assumes, among other things,



liquidation of private property, including business ownership, in favor of a narrow group of the largest corporations. It is worth recalling that Spinelli was a Trotskyist and so radical that he was eventually expelled from the Italian Communist Party. Therefore, he is very close to Vladimir Putin and his ideological roots. This is what communism they want to give us, but we did not hear it at the EPP convention and what Ursula von der Leyen et consortes are trying to hide. EPP representatives argued that it is necessary to introduce ambitious green deal goals and switch the industry to green technology, which is a completely unrealistic and purely ideological goal.

"SOLIDARITY" ON SECURITY ISSUES

"We, Europeans should not only rely on NATO. We must also take care of ourselves, of our own defence against any aggression. That aggression is not only the aggression from the outside, that threatens our European way of life, but that is the aggression from the inside too. We have to defend our values against populists, an extremists from the far left and from the far right all over Europe. They, these extremists, they want to dismantle the European project that has brought us decades of peace, freedom and prosperity, and very often by the way they act not in the European interest, but the interest of Russia. We cannot let them and we will not let them destroy our common values, our security and the future of our nations" - Friedrich Merz said. He therefore pointed out that increasing the defense potential is also intended to maintain the system imposed by the Germans in Europe - a communist superstate, of which Germany is to be the gendarme.

The European Commission has allocated EUR 500 million to strengthen the European defense industry. It is to increase ammunition production capacity to 2 million bullets per year by the end of 2025. Germany will receive the most of this money, over EUR 120 million. Earlier, the EU decided to gradually centralize its arms and defense policy.



The EU has adopted a strategy to increase European defense capacity and gradually centralize security and defense policy. According to it, by 2030 at least 40 percent of military equipment is to be purchased jointly by all member states.

Centralization in the area of defense is the next stage in building a European superstate. It is no coincidence that EU officials are focusing on strengthening Germany. The EU army, the core of which is to be the German Bundeswehr, is - contrary to what politicians are trying to convince us - not to guard border security, but to suppress rebellions when the European revolution accelerates. This is written directly in the documents: in the White Paper on the Future of Europe and in the proposed treaty changes in the form of a reference to the Ventotene Manifesto by Altiero Spinelli and Ernesto Rossi. We read in it: "It will be a stable federal state, with a European

army instead of national troops. The desire for economic self-sufficiency of individual countries - the backbone of totalitarian regimes - will be irrevocably defeated. This state will be equipped with organs and tools enabling the enforcement of resolutions in the federated states aimed at maintaining common order, while these states will retain autonomy, allowing them to choose a shape of political life that is consistent with the specificity of a given people". The above fragment also shows that the European army could also be used in a situation if a given country did not want to accept the law dictated to it.

Besides, Nicolae Ciuca expressed himself quite clearly on this issue: "We have to protect our values and preserve european democratic order. EPP is a party of pragmatic solutions in response to people's needs. We cannot allow extremists and populists to attack and weaken Europe". "We must not forget that our interest is greater and stronger than any nationalistic policy" - he emphasized in the spirit of Altiero Spinelli, leaving no room for the sovereign's decisions or for true democracy.



**ARE WE
FACING
A CORPORATE
DICTATORSHIP?**

The situation in which farmers find themselves and the fact that neither the government nor the European Union has the political will to stop the uncontrolled inflow of agricultural products from Ukraine prove that in the EU, the interests of corporations are more important than those of ordinary citizens. This is the result of a practice that we have been dealing with for many years, namely allowing lobbyists to shape the law and functioning of the European Union. If citizens do not force reform of this system, including the abolition of the institution of lobbyists, we will face nothing other than a corporate dictatorship, the first symptoms of which were felt so painfully by farmers.

It is estimated that lobbyists are the authors of over 70 percent of laws and regulations issued by EU bodies. Later, these regulations gained acceptance of the parliaments of the Member States, which means that de facto it was the lobbyists who shaped the European Union system, not the citizens.

The question is, who were represented by the well-paid MEPs elected in general elections to the European Parliament? It is enough to follow the voting results to see who acted in the interests of citizens and who in the interests of large corporations. The conclusion of such an analysis is not optimistic: most of them acted in the interests of large corporations, supporting what lobbyists suggested to them. So where is the rule of law and democracy?

This pathology, however, has its ideological justification. If we carefully read the documents constituting the modern European Union, including the "White Paper on the Future of Europe", we will see that the ideological core here is the Manifesto of Ventotene by Altiero Spinelli, which proposes the deprivation of all property from citizens in favor of transnational corporations that are to constitute a class, and one should rather say the propertied caste. However, modern communists do not intend to repeat the mistakes of their predecessors, who took away citizens' property by force. They decided that the best method would be to make ownership costs so high that citizens - overwhelmed by unjustified "green" levies - would be forced to sell their assets to those who could afford to pay these costs, i.e. corporations.

The latter will not only be owners and distributors of goods, but also a source of law, which - as I showed above - is already happening today. Their dictatorship - because this is the system Spinelli predicted when he talked about the dictatorship of a revolutionary party that will create a new democracy - will not fight against libertarian views with violence, but will shape citizens through a system of penalties and rewards so that they see good in adapting to this system. It is enough for corporations to persuade countries to switch to a cashless system and provide citizens with a guaranteed income, the higher the more obedient and trustworthy the citizen is. Then those who are fully dependent on this system will not necessarily want to rebel. We have already had examples of such actions. Suffice it to recall the case of Nigel Farage, who was refused access by all banks because of the views he represents. Therefore, this is not political fiction, but a real threat that we will face if we do not prevent it in time.

But let's get back to farmers... At first glance, this inconsistency of the EU bodies may seem incomprehensible, which, on the one hand, tracks farmers from Member States and makes sure that they adapt to the applicable ecological restrictions in agricultural production, and on the other hand, without any hesitation, allows entry into the EU of products from Ukraine that do not meet any standards. However, there is a very simple logic to this. Exactly the same one for which only Europe is fighting against CO₂, and not China, the USA or South America: corporations. Our continent, which despite everything has retained a fairly large middle class, fragmented industry and agriculture, is the object of pressure, if not aggression, from those corporations that, having dominated parts of Asia, South and North America, have targeted Europe.

This is not about any ecology, but about the destruction of entrepreneurship - of every form and type - and, in a sense, inserting citizens of EU countries into a corporate system that will decide about their entire lives, including when and how many children they will have.

In this context, it is clear that not only farmers have a problem, but all of us - including residents of large cities - although we do not fully realize the seriousness of the situation. Currently, there is still a chance to stop this madness, but it requires the solidarity of the entire nation and all professional groups. Today, farmers are fighting for the existence of all of us and they should not be left alone in this. It is high time to reform the European Union: withdrawing pathological regulations and acts of lawlessness and creating a healthy system of cooperation in the spirit of Robert Schuman. The middle class, which corporations are trying to destroy at all costs, is the foundation of sovereign Poland, because it pays about 80 percent to the state treasury of its tax revenues. If the middle class disappears, if it is absorbed into the corporosystem, Poland will not regain its sovereignty for much longer than the partitions and communism combined. There is no statehood without economic sovereignty and it is high time to realize this.

Leader of agricultural Solidarity:

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"The European Commission and the Polish government were not prepared for the fact that there would be such a large response and that society would oppose this leftist, 'green' commune" - says Tomasz Obszański, leader of agricultural Solidarity in the interview for Schuman Optics Magazine.

It seems that not only the Green Deal, but the entire EU climate policy should be thrown away. How do you view this?

Tomasz Obszański:

But we are definitely of the same opinion. We have been saying from the beginning that this Green Deal in agriculture should be thrown away. There is also cooperation with Employee Solidarity, which says that all these things related to households, people, companies should be thrown away. This shouldn't be. All this blocks and destabilizes our economy, in Poland, and in our households.

How do you assess the attitude of the European Commission and the Polish government towards these protests?

The European Commission and the Polish government were not prepared for the fact that there would be such a large response and that society would oppose this leftist, "green" commune. They weren't prepared for this and now they're starting to go backwards. We must do everything to prevent these people from

getting into the European Parliament, because the same narrative will continue. We must do everything to elect people who care about the good of Poland and the good of Europe.

What do you think are the chances of such a popular movement? A lot has already happened here, because an agreement was

reached between Solidarity in Poland and Western farmers. A front has been created to fight this "green" madness.

I cared about this very much and I did everything to ensure that Agricultural Solidarity met with Workers' Solidarity, with Mr. Piotr Duda, that is, with a person who cares about restoring normality - because we care about normality. As you say, a lot has happened. There is the determination of Solidarity and Individual Farmers. This is the last social group that fights for its rights, for the normality that should

exist in Poland and Europe. That is why we are building European solidarity that brings together everyone and is intended to unite everyone. We have to stick to the values that still exist in Poland, because in Europe they have gone a bit sideways, underground. We still have it and we need to show it. We cannot be



ashamed of this and should do everything to play first fiddle in Europe. As Poles, we have the mandate, predispositions and the will to fight for this.

There is one more issue, namely the US is warning that Vladimir Putin is preparing to attack NATO countries, while the European Union's actions in the area of these "green" solutions severely affect the food security not only of Poland.

Exactly. That's why there are these protests and we will do everything to prevent this Green Deal from working. This fight that is happening today will continue until these assumptions are thrown into the trash. We have to fight for it both in the local government elections and in the European Parliament elections.



***Kuszlewicz:
State Forests are
already suffering from
the Green Deal***

"About 400 thousand people may lose their jobs just by looking at forest-related companies"

"About 400 thousand people may lose their jobs just by looking at forest-related companies" - says Zbigniew Kuszlewicz, head of the Council of the Secretariat of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of NSZZ "S" in the interview for Schuman Optics Magazine.

Why did foresters join farmers in protests against the Green Deal and the entire EU climate policy?

Zbigniew Kuszlewicz: This is a shared effort to ensure that the Green Deal is thoroughly reviewed. The State Forests will also suffer, in fact they are already suffering, due to the fact that some elements of the Green Deal concept and all European Commission concepts have already disrupted the economy in several regions of Poland. This was felt not only by foresters, but also by companies based on wood raw materials and forest service companies, which had changes in the scope of work to be performed included in the contracts concluded for this year. Suddenly, by order of the Minister of Climate and Environment, certain works were suspended, so a verification had to be carried out. I don't know exactly what the opinions of those who had the contracts verified are currently, but the fact that ZUL was with foresters at the protest proves the harm they suffered. In the media we learn that everything is in order and it will get even better. It's hard to see the truth here...

*Poland's
sustainable and
multifunctional
forest management*

Are we talking about excluding some forests from forest management?

Yes. Over 94 thousand hectares of forests were excluded.

I know from EU documents that this is just the beginning. Last year, the European Parliament voted that "deforestation" will also cover forest management as Poland does, i.e., cutting down and planting...

This means that Poland's sustainable and multifunctional forest management, so far appreciated all over the world and fully serving people, is about to change. So why is something that works well improved? Let's remember that better is the enemy of good.

Exactly. The issue is that the ban on "deforestation" appears in the EU's climate policy. So I understand that, according to the definition adopted by the European Parliament, ultimately the entire forest area may at some point be excluded from management and fall into ruin.

Definitely yes. There is no chance for the forests to sustain themselves with their own income, from their own activities, because billions are needed to keep the forests in good condition and run the economy at a high level. Let us remember that this concerns one third of the country's area. Even if work is stopped, especially the extraction of wood, there will be no revenue. Who will invest in them in such a case? How confident can we be that the EU will support us indefinitely? Who will oversee our forests? We have had financial difficulties in national parks for many years. Currently, we have 23 national parks in Poland, of which, according to the announcement of the Ministry of Environmental Protection, there will be 25 more. According to the information I have been receiving for many years from park employees, there is still a lack of funds for the operation of national parks. Park workers' earnings are at a level that is degrading to the dignity of a person serving in the most valuable natural resources of our country.

For the health of trees, for example...

Someone has to take care of this property and manage it. The constant lack of funds, except for the Tatry Park, which has a very large tourist traffic, causes

frustration among the staff. If the concept, already presented by the Minister of Climate and Environment, of creating 25 new parks is implemented, I don't know who will cover the costs of their maintenance? If the austerity trend is maintained, the selection of staff will be impossible. This is an irrefutable argument that points to a flawed policy. We cannot create something by force if we do not know what framework of functioning will be defined for these entities.

I have the impression that both the minister and the European Commission care about such "management" as we had in the case of the Białowieża Forest, which was separated, maintenance works, fights against bark beetles and cutting down trees were banned there. The effect was that this whole fragment simply died out.

This is a very good example of thoughtless management of nature.

Is this what it will lead to?

If forests - now I am talking not only about parks, about plans to create new parks - are excluded from economic activity, the same thing will happen as we are now dealing with in the Białowieża Forest - there is basically no spruce there anymore, it "has been eaten by bark beetles." What's more, the bark beetle, which relies on spruce trees - this is its "table" to develop and live, is looking for another "table" to survive. This is nature. It can't be fooled. If there are exclusions from any economic activity, or even passive protection of these forests, we will have many tragedies. All the more so because we are dealing with increasing pressure from abiotic factors, i.e. hurricanes, floods, fires and outbreaks of insect pests. Without care, forests will not survive on their own!

Beetles, especially.

Probably. If the above-mentioned factors accumulate, we will soon be able to see our beautiful forests in photos. I am sure about that. The way of conducting forest management, which has been developed over generations, cannot be changed, because thanks to the fact that we have a multifunctional and

permanently sustainable one that perfectly meets human needs. If we give up using forests, one of the links in our lives will break. The question also arises: what will we replace wood with? Will we import them from other countries that will not be subject to EU restrictions? Or maybe we will even import them from other continents? This is absurd. What will this lead to? If we are fighting greenhouse gases, which are a consequence of anthropopressure, let us mobilize all countries of our globe. Otherwise, Europe alone will not heal the planet. The law of the market will act and fill the gap of a lower supply of wood by increasing harvesting (deforestation) outside the EU.

There is one more thing - rotting wood is a CO2 emitter, not a absorber.

Definitely yes, but not just rotting wood. Old trees emit more CO2 than they absorb, as scientific research has proven. Young tree stands need the largest amounts of CO2 for the assimilation process. If we leave all old trees, the effect of reducing greenhouse gases is predictable. This is not taken into account. This is nothing more than forcefully introducing any concepts that ecocentric circles like, but fortunately not everyone likes them.

I would call them straight - lobbyists. Polish delegations have visited the European Commission many times and presented a forest management model that has been working for over a hundred years, and no one in the EC was completely interested in drawing on these experiences and changing anything in their spirit. I conclude from this that this is about something completely different and not about the well-being of the trees.

I believe that this positive effect of the ecological renewal of our planet can only be achieved by including high-emission countries outside the EU into the program. But is this what the originators want? If we do not approach this topic globally, Europeans will lose the most from EU concepts, and maybe only countries such as Poland.

Especially since they are responsible for at most 7-9 percent. CO2 emissions, and the rest is the whole world, including 75 percent it's the oceans. So this is an absurd policy that will only cost jobs.

The consequences of introducing the Green Deal are already identifiable. Therefore, the National Commission of NSZZ "Solidarność" is taking an action to raise awareness of this issue.

How many people in and around forestry will lose their jobs if these programs come into force?

I have a recent study by scientists and it talks about a really large amount. About 400 thousand people may lose their jobs just by looking at forest-related companies.

In addition, there are others who are either intermediaries in the trade of wood or wood products, or furniture factories, so these estimates are much higher if you count everything.

This is likely. We don't know yet how far EU concepts will affect us. I am also disappointed that the Ministry of Climate and Environment organized a meeting with the heads of trade unions operating in the State Forests on March 4, two days before the demonstration. I was also invited to this meeting. Please imagine that the meeting was to take place in Warsaw at 3 p.m., and I received invitational information at 12:15 p.m. With 500 km to travel, I couldn't accept the invitation. This is more or less what the much talked about dialogue looks like. However, we hear that it is great that talks have already taken place with trade unions and the dialogue is developing wonderfully! As you can see, one thing is said and another is reality.

A CHRISTIAN WILL CHOOSE COMMUNITY, NOT DICTATORSHIP

"EACH OF US MUST BE DEEPLY CONVINCED THAT WE NEED EACH OTHER, REGARDLESS OF THE LEVEL OF POWER WE EXERCISE" - THE SERVANT OF GOD ROBERT SCHUMAN WROTE IN HIS BOOK "FOR EUROPE". HE CONSIDERED THE EXERCISE OF POWER AS A SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC GOOD PERFORMED WITH RESPECT FOR GOD'S LAWS AND CHRISTIAN ETHICS. HE CONSIDERED THE COMMUNITY TO BE THE BEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE FORM OF HUMAN COEXISTENCE - ALSO A COMMUNITY OF NATIONS IN WHICH COUNTRIES, REMAINING SOVEREIGN, WOULD COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER AND ELIMINATE THEIR SHORTCOMINGS.

The essence of community, which in the Christian form has achieved its full potential, a priori excludes the emergence of any dictatorship, because there is no place in it for violence, whether institutional, political, social or military. It also excludes, as Schuman strongly emphasized, any kind of isolationism. "After two world wars, we finally see that the best protection for a nation lies no longer in splendid isolation, nor in its own strength, however strong it may be, but in the solidarity of nations that are guided by the same spirit and that accept working together for the common interest of all" - wrote the Founding Father of the European Community.

The experience of World War II and the threat of another conflict prompted politicians, including Robert Schuman, to develop a *modus vivendi* so that it would no longer be profitable for any European country, especially Germany, to start a war in the future. However, in order to implement this plan, it was necessary not only to forgive ourselves for historical pasts, but also to overcome current misunderstandings. Without the Christian spirit of community this would be impossible. Despite the experiences of totalitarianism, Western Europe was still Christian at that time, so the choice of community as a system of coexistence of nations was a natural choice, although it required overcoming many barriers, including: mutual distrust or selfishness. It was understood, however, that, as Schuman noted, "The law of solidarity between nations is a necessity of the modern conscience. We feel solidarity with one another in order to maintain peace, to defend ourselves against aggression, to respect treaties, to guarantee justice and human dignity, or to protect ourselves from aggression".

"We do not and will never renounce our homeland; we will never forget our duties towards it. But beyond each country we see the



existence of a common good that is superior to national interests.

A common good that combines the interests of our individual countries" - the Founding Father of European Community explained. "From now on, please allow this idea of a reconciled, united, strong Europe to be a motto for young generations concerned about serving humanity, free from hatred and fear, who, after so many divisions, learn once again what Christian brotherhood is" - he added. Indeed, many conversations and friendly gestures were needed to create the document establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, which later transformed into the European Economic Community. The community, referring to its Christian roots, was now to achieve a supranational dimension, but built on a national basis. It was a

complete novelty in the politics of that time - a great experiment that had a chance of success only if Christianity was maintained and its values were adhered to.

"Democracy owes its existence to Christianity. It was born on the day when man was called to fulfill human dignity during his life on earth, individual freedom in respecting the rights of everyone and practicing brotherly love towards all. Before Christ, this type of idea had never been formulated" - Robert Schuman recalled in his book "For Europe". Europe also owes the creation of the community to Christianity, but - oh horror! - as we move away from Christianity, we observe a turn towards totalitarianism. A Christian will always choose community - totalitarianism is the domain of people whose minds are enslaved by ideology. There is no place for community in the totalitarian system, because it constitutes a threat to the system and is combated as such.

It is worth recalling that Robert Schuman's concept of the European Community was a response to the threat from communism. If Altiero Spinelli had not written the formula of European communist dictatorship in the form of the Ventotene Manifesto, the idea of transnational cooperation in the spirit of Christian community might not have been born at all. Western Europe responded with integration to the threat of communism and the specter of a new world war, once again choosing Christianity and community. It was an unforced and natural reflex, although it required a lot of courage in the face of German-French distrust and English restraint. The question is whether contemporary Europe, falling into the abyss of communism, is able to repeat this maneuver and thus save itself?

NOTION



How many we meet prophets, sages, scholars
tact is mastered, unlimited in hours.
Where do they get their knowledge and where do they put it?
they paint an interesting future with words of beauty.

Or great books or maybe words
or a hidden conversation with the heavens Lord
whoever transmits, pours into the ear
space seems deaf, spacious and clear.

The universe is enormous, small for the individual itself
this is probably divine arrangement with heaven and hell.
Your heart is big, your soul is flawless
to divine messages "you say" - I'm seducing. Lawless?

Who listens today, who takes certainties
you throw strange adjectives into space infinities.
The Lord speaks to everyone differently
I don't understand it, I don't explain it currently.

Silent conversation serves solitude
Does a true prophet only predict good or magnitude?
Spring outside the window, a yellow tulip is happy and thin
a busy man is a man, who does not sin.

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