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LETTER FROM EDITOR

Dear Sir/Madam,

Poland is facing probably the most important presidential elections in history – depending on which candidate wins, Poles will decide whether Germany will manage to close the system of the European state under its hegemony, and going further: whether a space will be created from Vladivostok to Lisbon. The vote will take place in a difficult situation for the country of hybrid attacks from the eastern and western borders, which differ from each other only in that one attacking country is in NATO and the other on the opposite side. Germany and Russia – because we are talking about them – even if they do not act in agreement, which I doubt, then in the same way. Moreover, contemporary German migration policy is taken

straight from Russian military textbooks, as I write in the May issue of the Schuman Optics Magazine, citing fragments of the works of Russian military men quoted in the ABW secret service's bulletin "Internal Security Review", 2022, Issue 26 (14). In this context, it is clear that entrusting Germany with security matters in Europe is like giving a pyromaniac matches and a tank of gasoline.

In the context of the presidential elections in Poland, we will also deal with the increasingly restrictive censorship and attacks on journalists in Poland. These



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undemocratic practices – oh horror! – are in line with the line adopted at the European Union forum, both in the so-called Democratic Shield and the AI Act. If this were not the case, the EC would intervene based on the European Media Freedom Act. There is a fear that this censorship may affect the outcome of the vote, and consequently the closure of the neo-communist system of the superstate created by Germany.

The creation of the latter is necessary for Berlin to implement the project of creating an economic space from Vladivostok to Lisbon. The road to the implementation of these plans is blocked by Poland and – to some extent – the United States, which is currently defending – although this is not visible in the media narrative – its influence and interests in Europe. It is worth recalling here that when J.D. Vance exposed the ideological nature of the European elites, it became clear to them that without eliminating the US under the current administration, they would have difficulty creating a European monolith.

Although Russian intelligence chief Sergei Naryshkin has proposed the creation of a security system from Minsk to Pyongyang, which would replace the concept of building Eurasia from Lisbon to Vladivostok, it should be noted that neither Russia nor Germany has withdrawn from the latter, and both complement each other, not compete.

What we are dealing with in general is a fight between globalists and nation states. This is what treaty changes within the European Union are all about, as are Beijing's plans to dominate the world with soft power and cognitive attacks. Russia is also taking part in this race.

The Germans, focused on business with Moscow, seem not to realize that the newly leftist ideology, instead of creating progress, is disintegrating their society from

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within, and an ideologized Europe will be easy prey for a not necessarily strong Russia, which - on the other hand - will sooner or later have to face its troublesome ally, China. The geopolitical puzzle is very complicated, and the situation is extremely dynamic, especially after Klaus Schwab withdrew from the chairmanship of the Economic Forum in Davos. The re-election of Donald Trump as president of the United States stroke a powerful blow to the communist international and it is not impossible that it will cause a domino effect. This is the scenario that the Eurocrats would like to avoid, hence the pressure to silence all opposition and decisions made in violation of the law.

By handing over the May issue of Schuman's Optics Magazine to you, I do so with the hope that the system that has been skillfully built over decades by the new left will collapse like a house of cards. The contemporary European Union is bankrupt – a colossus on clay legs capable only of destroying entire societies with its fall. The sooner Poles understand this, the sooner they will get out of the blast radius. What is needed most now is a "hard reset" – the invalidation of the existing treaties and the creation of a new community based on the values of Robert Schuman. The problem, however, is that contemporary Europe is torn by an ideological war, and in such a field, building a community will be simply impossible. But we should not give up. It is worth starting, like Schuman, with economic agreements. Who knows, maybe Europe, ideologized to the core, will come to its senses.

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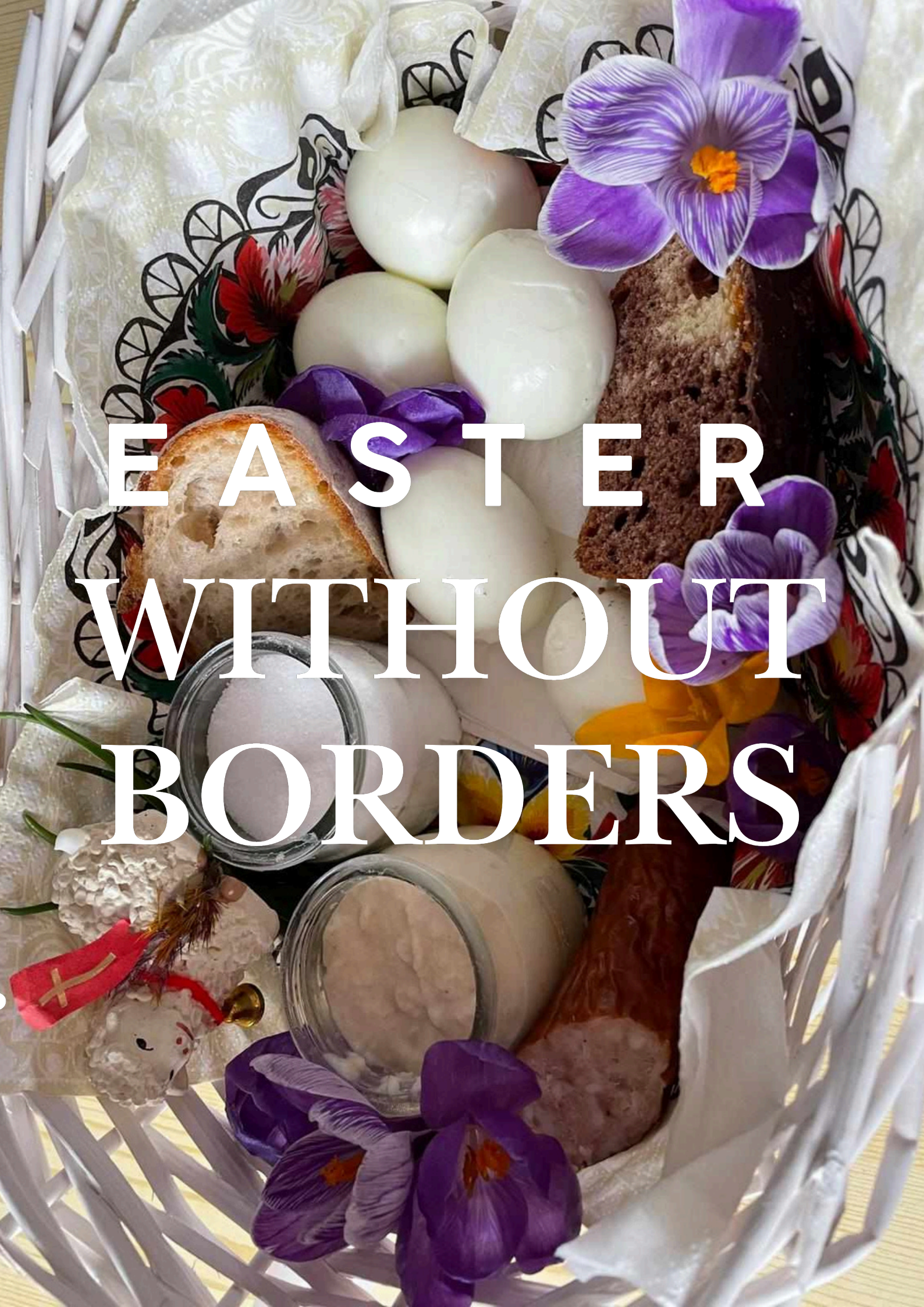
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EASTER WITHOUT BORDERS

Easter in our Polish tradition combines a deep spiritual dimension with the richness of customs that we have cultivated for generations. "Easter Without Borders" is a project that was created in 2016 on the initiative of the Institute of Schuman's Thought. Its aim is to invite students and people from abroad, living, studying and working in Poland, to experience Easter together with Polish families. The inspiration for this initiative is the figure of the servant of God Robert Schuman - one of the founding fathers of the community of European nations, a politician, a man of deep faith, who united people in the spirit of unity, solidarity and peace. This year's Easter Without Borders was attended by foreigners from many countries of the world, including the USA, Cameroon, Chad, Nigeria and Ecuador. One of the Jackson participants from the USA said about the event: "I am glad that by taking part in this project I could learn about Polish Easter traditions, such as preparing the Easter egg and its symbolism, Śmigus Dyngus or painting Easter eggs".

"I FEEL LIKE PART OF A POLISH FAMILY"

Easter in Poland is a holiday deeply rooted in Christian identity. Preparations begin long before the holiday. In the Church, the 40-day period of Lent is a time for spiritual reflection, prayer, a chance to give up fun and various pleasures, and an opportunity to open one's heart to the needs of people experiencing loneliness, especially those living far from their homeland. Some Polish families, responding to this situation, decided to invite a guest from abroad to their home during this holiday season. For many people from abroad, especially those from non-Christian cultures, such as Asian countries, these celebrations are something completely new and unusual.

Bhavik, who has been living in Poland for several years, took part in Easter Without Borders once again and says about the initiative: "Thanks to the Institute of Schuman's Thought, I was invited to spend Easter with a Polish family a few years ago. Thanks to that, I was able to learn about the Easter celebrations and their meaning. I am very grateful to Mirka and her family for explaining the symbolism of the egg, bread, lamb and taking me to Mass in a Catholic church. Even though I come from India and I am a Hindu, I have great respect for Christianity and Polish culture is wonderful. I feel like I am a member of her family, because this is the 5th time we have spent Easter and Christmas together".



AMBASSADORS OF POLISH CULTURE

For Catholics and Christians from other countries, taking part in Easter Without Borders is a chance to feel at home, even far from the family table. For several years now, a group of missionary priests from Africa who study at Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University (UKSW) have also been taking part in this initiative. Many of them have already returned to their homes, and some are even cultivating Polish traditions on the black continent. One of them is Father Polycarp from Uganda, who spent four years in Poland and was delighted with holiday customs, such as the blessing of food and the resurrection processions. After returning to his home parish, he remains in constant contact with the coordinators of this project, sharing eggs with them from a distance and exchanging best wishes. This year, a UKSW doctoral student, Father Jonathan from Nigeria, also took part in Easter Without Borders. He spent Easter in his community of the Society of African Missions, but was also invited to a holiday meeting by a Polish family. This is how he shares his memories of participating in this project: "I am glad that I could spend at least a short time during Easter with Poles. I could compare the celebrations of the holidays in my homeland and in Poland. I also told my hosts about our traditions. On the streets of Nigeria, dancing people celebrate, dancing dressed in original costumes and singing, taking part in a loud and colorful carnival".

"Easter Without Borders" shows that true community knows no limits and despite differences, Poles and foreigners can spend this time together, share what they have, their presence, joy, open hearts, together building a world based on values - hospitality, solidarity and openness. It is not only a gesture of kindness towards foreigners. It is a concrete response to the call of the Gospel to be "the light of the world" and "the salt of the earth".

EASTER WITHOUT BORDERS THE BEGINNING OF INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP

Many participants emphasize that meetings at the Easter table were the beginning of long-term relationships. Hosts and guests often stay in touch after the holidays are over – they explore cities together, invite each other to other occasions, learn each other's languages and support each other in various situations. "It was a completely new experience of celebrating Easter for me, one that I will never forget. Even though I don't speak English well, communication with guests from abroad was not a big barrier. What matters most is presence and a smile, and the online translator turned out to be very helpful" – says Renata from Radom, who invited a student from Malawi to her home for the holidays.



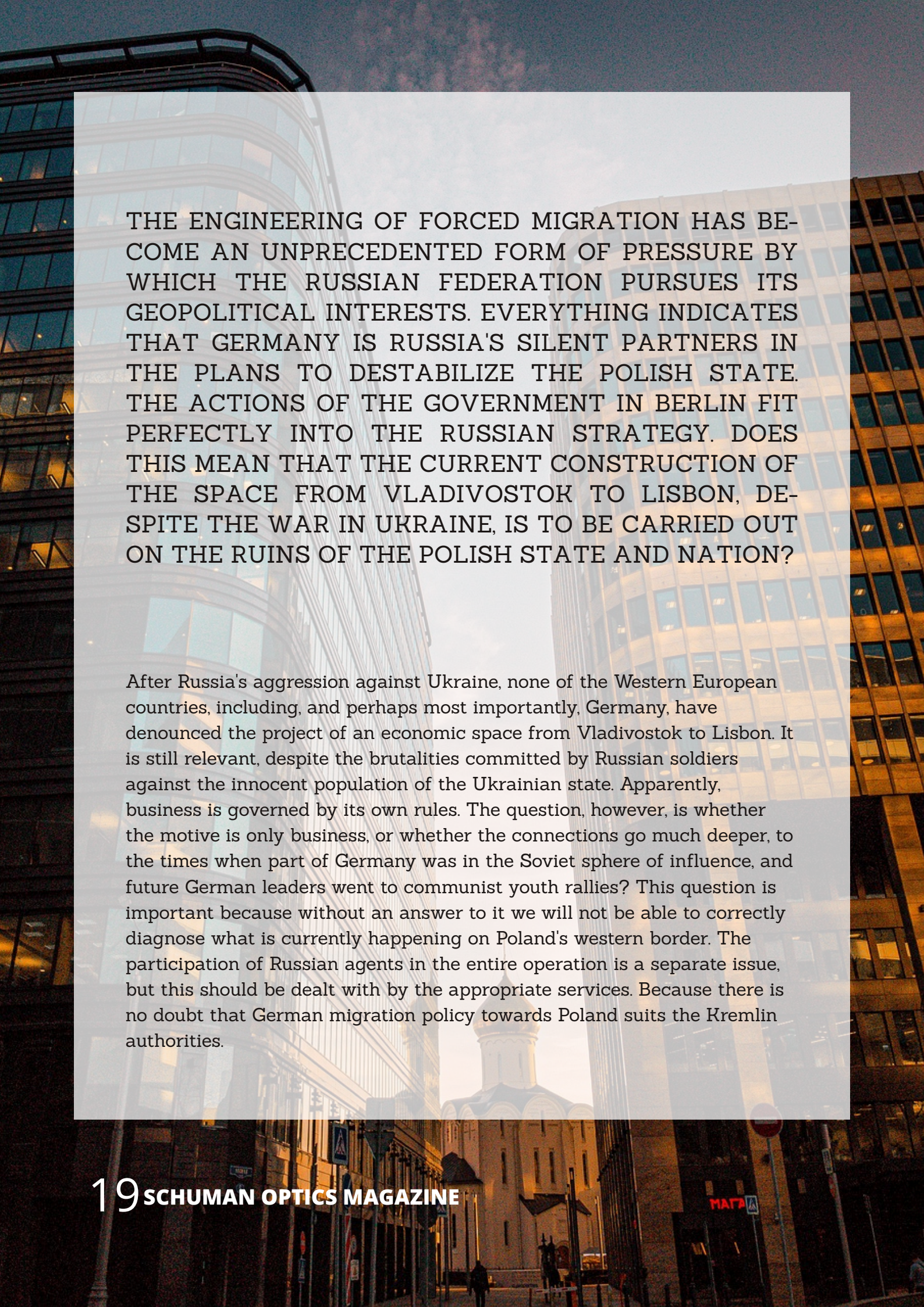
POLISH EASTER THROUGH THE EYES OF AN AMERICAN

Some of the foreigners who took part in the initiative came from overseas. One of them was Jackson, who lives in Denver, USA. This year, he celebrated Easter in Poland for the first time. He said about the initiative: “As an American of Polish descent, many of my great-grandparents’ Easter traditions, such as blessing the Easter basket on Holy Saturday, have disappeared over the years. When I return to the US, I will try to restore some of these traditions in our family, so I really appreciated the opportunity to participate in a real Polish Easter celebration and I thank the Poles for showing me so many new things”. Recalling his experience, he added: “What surprised me most was that the ‘palms’ that people bring to church on Palm Sunday were made of colorful, dried flowers and willows, not the green palm leaves we use in the United States. Priests in Poland were also much more generous in sprinkling the Easter basket with holy water than priests in the United States”.

MAŁGORZATA JAROSZEK

Stop the superstate in Europe!

LET'S HOPE THAT THE AREA
FROM VLADIVOSTOK TO
LISBON WILL NOT BE BUILT
ON THE RUINS OF POLAND



THE ENGINEERING OF FORCED MIGRATION HAS BECOME AN UNPRECEDENTED FORM OF PRESSURE BY WHICH THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION PURSUES ITS GEOPOLITICAL INTERESTS. EVERYTHING INDICATES THAT GERMANY IS RUSSIA'S SILENT PARTNERS IN THE PLANS TO DESTABILIZE THE POLISH STATE. THE ACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN BERLIN FIT PERFECTLY INTO THE RUSSIAN STRATEGY. DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE CURRENT CONSTRUCTION OF THE SPACE FROM VLADIVOSTOK TO LISBON, DESPITE THE WAR IN UKRAINE, IS TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE RUINS OF THE POLISH STATE AND NATION?

After Russia's aggression against Ukraine, none of the Western European countries, including, and perhaps most importantly, Germany, have denounced the project of an economic space from Vladivostok to Lisbon. It is still relevant, despite the brutalities committed by Russian soldiers against the innocent population of the Ukrainian state. Apparently, business is governed by its own rules. The question, however, is whether the motive is only business, or whether the connections go much deeper, to the times when part of Germany was in the Soviet sphere of influence, and future German leaders went to communist youth rallies? This question is important because without an answer to it we will not be able to correctly diagnose what is currently happening on Poland's western border. The participation of Russian agents in the entire operation is a separate issue, but this should be dealt with by the appropriate services. Because there is no doubt that German migration policy towards Poland suits the Kremlin authorities.

ENGINEERING FORCED MIGRATION

Michał Wojnowski in his article "The origins, theory and practice of Russian coercive engineering of migration. A contribution to research on the migration crisis on NATO's eastern flank" recalled the position of political scientist Kelly Greenhill, associated with the scientific and research institutions of the armed forces of the United States of America, who understood the concept of coercive engineered migration as a cross-border movement of people that is inspired by one country and then manipulated in such a way as to cause political, military, economic and other concessions from the target country or a group of such countries. "As indicated by the Russian military, geopolitical technologies such as the strategy of controlled chaos, terrorism, colour revolutions, coups and 'humanitarian interventions' are a substitute for direct military expansion" - wrote Wojnowski. We are dealing with this on our eastern border, but this problem also concerns Poland's border with Germany.

What do Germany gain from engineering forced migration? First of all, they get rid of unproductive, unwilling to assimilate and aggressive people from their territory, which allows them to ease tensions within the country after unsuccessful experiences with trying to bring in labor migration. In addition, they relieve the budget, shifting the costs of maintaining migrants to the Polish taxpayer. They facilitate the operation to destabilize NATO's eastern flank, which is beneficial for Russia.

Let us remember that Germany's long-term goal is to build a European superstate under its aegis. This explains to some extent why Germany is

keen to have the worst of the migrants distributed among the European Union countries, including Poland in particular – so that they, paralyzed by the fight against the internal enemy, would be unable to resist German hegemony. As Alexander Dugin said: "Whoever develops a model of disintegration and chaos of societies other than their own faster will win this complicated game of building new international relations, new societies, and a new philosophy of life. Chaos is a weapon with many applications".

RUSSIAN MILITARY HAS NO DOUBTS

Michał Wojnowski, in the article I mentioned, refers to the assessments of several Russian military officials regarding the use of hybrid weapons in the form of migrants. According to General Vladimirov, one of the tools in such a war is also the migration of people, which he calls "streams" or "human flows". They constitute one of the greatest challenges to the internal security of European countries. According to Vladimirov, this happened for several reasons: "The policy of multiculturalism, contrary to the expectations of officials of Western European countries, failed, as it turned out that immigrants and refugees, despite attempts to assimilate with the native population, create new communities that develop their own culture, different from European. These communities began to absorb the territories of Western countries. Moreover, the official state policy of tolerance in France, Germany, England and Italy led to the eradication of the Christian civilization of the West in Europe, i.e. in the cradle of its development, by foreign ethnic groups. This is the beginning of a global and geopolitical catastrophe, the consequences of which will negatively affect the future history of humanity". This is the first.

Secondly, "Migration to Europe took the form of aggression, which put the indigenous population in a situation of having to fight for survival." Gen. Vladimirov notes that the invasion of foreign ethnic groups will undoubtedly cause a sharp exacerbation of the nationalist sentiments of the indigenous population in Europe, which in turn will lead to the dismantling of all liberal institutions and the return of fascism.

Third, "As a phenomenon, mass migrations of people are unstoppable. Directing a wave of emigrants to any country through manipulation causes complete destabilization and even destruction of the state and nation. Therefore, inspiring and controlling the flow of large numbers of people is a type of modern asymmetric warfare and the most powerful strategic weapon of our time". The use of this "weapon" makes it possible, first of all, to destroy political borders, and in the longer term - economic and cultural borders, to break up the territorial integrity of the nation state, which leads to the loss of its previous geopolitical and regional status, as well as the destruction of the culture, values and way of life of a given nation, and consequently - its eradicate from history.



PREPARING FOR AN ASYMMETRIC ATTACK

General Vladimirov emphasizes that the effective use of forced migration engineering is conditioned by the implementation of many measures, including: creating conditions that enable the influx and settlement in the territory of a hostile state of a small but very active minority or ethnic group, preparing a bridgehead that will then enable the dislocation of the main wave of migration in the enemy's territory, increasing the flow of emigrants and intensifying their activities by creating conditions in their home country that make a stable existence impossible. These are exactly the factors we had to deal with in the case of Germany.

First, Chancellor Angela Merkel encouraged economic migration to Germany during her foreign trips, surely realizing that along with economic migrants, terrorists and criminals, and even foreign agents, would also come to Europe. It should be noted that the migrants' identities were not verified because they did not have any documents with them, so after crossing the Mediterranean Sea, they de facto received a new identity.

The main target of migrants was Germany, which after adopting the Migration Pact became a bridgehead for transferring the most dangerous of them to other countries, including Poland. If we apply a copy of the Russian strategy to this, we can clearly see that on the part of Germany we are dealing with hybrid asymmetric aggression, facilitated by the policy of the European Union, and which can be formulated in the following words:

"The fundamental humanitarian values of humanity, dignity, integrity, solidarity, independence and respect for international law are the foundation of official EU policy. It comprises three components: emergency aid, food aid and assistance to migrants, refugees and displaced persons. According to the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid (OJ EU C 136 of 11 May 2012), humanity is one of the four basic principles of humanitarian aid, which means that human suffering must be met in all circumstances, with particular attention paid to the most vulnerable in a given community".

However, if – following Michał Wojnowski – we reach for the studies of the Russian military, we will see that the concept of humanitarianism has been presented as a means of information warfare. The methods of its use have been characterized by Alexander Sharapov, a graduate of the Lenin Military Political Academy in Moscow, who served in the Russian army in the years 1967–1995. Reflections on this topic are also included in the study entitled Contemporary scenarios of conducting information warfare and their results, whose authors are Lt. Col. Sergei Golubchikov and Col. Vladimir Novikov from the Military Academy of Strategic Missile Forces named after Peter the Great in Balashikha near Moscow. "The authors understand the concept of an information warfare scenario as a short and coherent description of the forms and methods of action and the forces and means of information influence, taking into account place, time and space, both in preparation for information warfare and during its duration, in accordance with the prevailing situation. Among the six such scenarios discussed by the authors is the "locust invasion" scenario, which assumes that: (...) creating a revolutionary situation and direct use of armed forces against the "victim state" is not necessary. In this case, the plan is to create a mass, controlled influx of migrants from various parts of the world to the "victim state". To achieve this, it is necessary to create controlled chaos in several countries, resulting in constant internal conflicts and a large number of civilian casualties. In this way, enormous pressure is exerted on the population of these countries, which causes people to migrate en masse to another country designated as the "victim". Well-funded organizational structures are created to control the flow of migrants in the "victim country", and numerous intermediaries and guides are also involved,

who carry out activities under the constant guidance of the special services. The crowd of migrants, which is controlled, blocks the normal functioning of the "victim country". Migrants demand social benefits, occupy train stations, streets and parks, block roads, start conflicts with the local population and police, distribute drugs on a massive scale, etc. Along with numerous migrants, fraudsters, criminals and terrorists penetrate the "victim country". As a result, the "victim state" drops out of both regional and global foreign policy for a long time, and its economic situation quickly deteriorates. The rulers in the state are forced to deal only with internal affairs. In addition, there is a "creeping takeover of the victim state", and especially its economy, by the helper state" - Wojnowski explains. This scenario sounds very familiar. Doesn't it?

POLAND IS TO BE A "VICTIM STATE"

If we compare the above mechanism of action of aggressors to the "victim state", it is clear that the "victim state" is Poland, the main attacking state is Russia, and the helper is Germany. In this context, the issue of the German-Russian project of creating an economic space from Vladivostok to Lisbon, which is current despite Russian aggression against Ukraine, immediately comes to mind. Does this agreement of both of our neighbors in attacking us with the help of migrants not mean that a new zone of their domination is to be created on the ruins of the Polish Nation, but also the Italian, Spanish and many others, also attacked in the same way?

German dominance in Europe is a fact that is hard to argue with. And although the authorities in Berlin constantly push the narrative of

Germany's "responsibility" for European security, we can see how this "responsibility" looks in practice on the streets of European capitals, where there are mass robberies and rapes committed by completely unpunished migrants. It is high time for German politicians to be held accountable for their migration policy, and for the relevant NATO services to investigate whether the latter was made in agreement with Russia. This is very important, especially since Germany is a NATO member and has access to NATO secrets.

Anna Wiejak



Ph.D. Rafał Brzeski:

There is much evidence that Russia and Germany have set themselves the goal of long-term control of Poland

RUSSIA VIA BELARUS IS WAGING HYBRID ASYMMETRIC WARFARE AGAINST POLAND USING MIGRANTS. GERMANY IS DOING EXACTLY THE SAME THING, OR AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE. AM I WRONG?

Ph.D. Rafał Brzeski: You are not mistaken. Since time immemorial, the goal of war has been reduced to two solutions: long-term control of the territory and subjugation of the native population, or short-term occupation of the territory, plundering it and taking the population into slavery. The chosen goal is to be achieved at the lowest possible cost.

There is much to suggest that both of our neighbors have set themselves the goal of long-term domination of Poland and subjugation of the Poles. They intend to achieve this goal by means of information warfare (propaganda, provocation, disinformation, agents of influence) and by using artificially induced, controlled movements of masses of people. Such controlled migration is to enable cheap and relatively smooth takeover of control over Polish lands, the Polish nation and the assets earned by Poles.

The way the movements are managed indicates that the Russian-German program of jointly taking control of Poland and Poles is planned for generations. Slowly but steadily, it is to lead to the liquidation of the clearly separated Polish nation and its transformation into an easy-to-model, mongrel mass without uniform identity keystones: history, religion, race, language, and even without conscience and characteristic physique.

GERMAN MIGRATION POLICY IS TAKEN STRAIGHT FROM RUSSIAN MILITARY TEXTBOOKS, AND THE "VICTIM STATES" OF THESE ACTIONS ARE ALL THOSE IN WHICH GERMANY PLACES MIGRANTS, INCLUDING POLAND. IS THE IDEA TO EMBROIL STATES IN INTERNAL PROBLEMS, SO AS TO MORE EASILY IMPOSE HEGEMONY ON THEM? I ADMIT THAT IT LOOKS THAT WAY.

In the case of Poland, it can be assumed that the Russian and German strategies for controlling the movement of human masses are similar, but the tactics are different. The Russian strategy is based on migration inspired and supported logistically by the "fraternal" Russian and Belarusian services. The German tactic is based on forced migration, i.e. deportations in the style of the Tsarist and Bolshevik deportations without the possibility of return to Germany, and then on settling the deportees in so-called integration centers, which, although comfortable, are unpleasantly associated with concentration camps.

In the case of Poland, Germany is interested in taking over the Polish lands east of the Oder-Neisse Lusatian line, to which it has claimed the right since losing World War II, in the short term. In the long term, however, the goal is the peaceful liquidation, or rather the aforementioned modification of the Polish nation and its reduction to cheap labor and a consumer of inferior German products. in the case of other European countries, Germany is interested in gently achieving consent for hegemony, and the transfer of

human masses from Germany to these countries is rather of a supplementary nature, because these countries, unlike Poland, have been the target of direct migration for a long time.

THE GERMAN-RUSSIAN PLAN TO CREATE AN ECONOMIC SPACE FROM VLADIVOSTOK TO LISBON IS STILL RELEVANT DESPITE RUSSIA'S BRUTAL AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE. HOW BIG OF A THREAT DOES IT POSE TO POLAND AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES?

The distance, in a straight line, between Vladivostok and Lisbon is over 10,000 kilometers. The distance from Donetsk to Przemyśl is about 1,400 kilometers. The difference in scale means that the war in Ukraine slows down and may even temporarily block the implementation of the plan, but it does not reduce the dimension of the vision that intoxicates Russian politicians and leaders of the Prussian "deep state."

THIS IS ACCOMPANIED BY A NEGATIVE NARRATIVE ABOUT POLAND IN THE GERMAN PRESS. HOW MUCH REASON DO WE HAVE TO WORRY?

The aforementioned Prussian "deep state," with roots in the Teutonic Order, has already completed the stage of releasing the Germans from responsibility for unleashing and committing crimes of World War II, which was crowned by Angela Merkel's statement at the ceremony of the 75th anniversary of D-Day, the landing of Allied forces in Normandy. The Chancellor brazenly thanked the Allies for "liberating" the Germans from the yoke of the Nazis. The narrative of a narrow group of Nazis holding the Germans in chains was permeated to the world from the first months after the surrender of the German armed forces in May 1945. The Nuremberg Trials and its derivatives, which led to the death penalty of the highest leaders of the Third Reich and particularly brutal criminals, were considered within Germany (at first in whispers, and later in the media) to be sufficient justice. Poland was consistently blamed for starting the war, because in 1939 it did not agree to Berlin's ultimatum, the annexation of the Free City of Danzig and the ceding of the so-called "corridor" to Danzig. At the same time, England was blamed for the outbreak of the war, because instead of putting pressure on Poland, on September 3 it supported it and declared war on the Third Reich. In post-war German narratives, the Allies were guilty of crimes against Jews, because they did not bomb the railway tracks leading to Auschwitz and other concentration camps. A narrative was also devised that the Allies, and especially the Americans, were guilty of prolonging the war, because they demanded unconditional surrender. It is not for nothing that specialists in the field of information warfare believe that the Germans are "masters in self-whitewashing".

After unilaterally absolving itself of responsibility for the war and crimes, Germany began patiently, consistently and in every possible way to push its way into Europe, under the slogan of "taking responsibility for the course of events". Narratives about Germany's rightful place on the UN Security Council began, test balloons about the possibility of access to nuclear

weapons, etc. The brake on these aspirations was and is the US military presence on the territory of the Bundesrepublik, which has become, on the one hand, a constant source of German propaganda attacks and, on the other, servile declarations of loyalty by German politicians addressed to successive US presidents. The aim of these efforts is to obtain a privileged position in Europe, a symbolic example of which was President Joe Biden's withdrawal of the US objection to the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline. In this particular case, Angela Merkel represented the interests of Berlin and Moscow at the expense of Ukraine and the Three Seas countries.

HOW STRONG IS RUSSIAN AGENCY IN GERMANY?

It is not easy to determine the strength of Russian agents in a situation of broad and far-reaching bilateral cooperation between intelligence services, especially in the Polish direction.

I KNOW THAT RUSSIAN AGENTS ARE ALSO PRESENT IN EU INSTITUTIONS. WHY HAVEN'T METHODS OF UNMASKING THEM BEEN DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS, NOT TO MENTION NEUTRALIZING THEM?

Because of the lack of political will. And why there is no political will is a vast subject requiring the implementation of controls in Europe of many EU and national institutions, following the example of the actions of Elon Musk's DOGE team in the United States.

THE US HAS THE POWER TO THWART GERMAN PLANS. IS THAT WHAT BERLIN FEARS?

The United States can not only thwart, but completely destroy German plans. They only have to want to. All they have to do is give decisive support to the Three Seas countries, which together constitute a barricade dividing Germany from Russia physically and politically. Strengthening this barricade will prevent the creation of an area from Vladivostok to Lisbon under the joint management of Moscow and Berlin. Removing this barricade will push the United States out of Europe and reduce it from a superpower to a regional power on the other side of the Atlantic. And this is the most important stake in the current game for Europe.

HOW DO YOU ASSESS THE IDEA OF JOINT EU ARMAMENTS? IN MY OPINION, THIS IS A RECIPE FOR POLAND REMAINING DEFENSELESS IN THE EVENT OF RUSSIAN AGGRESSION. AM I WRONG?

Russia's invasion of Ukraine revealed that Berlin is a silent ally of the Kremlin and, within the margin of freedom it has, without exposing itself to consequences, is trying to support the actions of the Russian troops. From the proverbial helmets to unfulfilled promises, delays and problems with the delivery of weapons. This agreed or implied alliance includes the paralysis of strategic logistical investments organized and conducted by German agents on the territory of Poland, i.e. in the direct rear of the potential front in the event of an armed confrontation between Russia and NATO. The investments carried out and planned were to enable the rapid transfer of forces and resources to support the troops already engaged in combat. Transfer bypassing the territory of Germany, about whose duplicity the British military warned back in the 1960s.

It seems that the concept of a Russian-German duumvirate governing a gigantic area "from ocean to ocean" assumes that the role of its defender will be played primarily by the Russian armed forces. At least up to the "Vistula line", which is not an imaginary boundary. Giving Russia the lands of eastern Poland would give Berlin time for possible political clarification of misunderstandings and new agreements with Moscow. In fact, nothing more, if not to count the bleeding of a Polish soldier, before whose abilities for conspiracy, sabotage and diversion both the Germans and the Russians feel respect gained from experience.

The propaganda cover-up actions of the compromised "Vistula line", on which NATO troops are supposed to be launched, are not very credible. There is no place for NATO in a potential duumvirate. The Atlantic Alliance is too national and has a powerful American component built in, and yet the US is supposed to be pushed out of Europe. Without the American component, NATO has no greater military significance.

A potential Euro-army defending the EU superstate, even if it moves beyond the sphere of political and propaganda speculations, will also not have much value. It will certainly be great for parades, but there is no clear answer to even the basic question. In what language should it be commanded? In English, the basic language of the European Union, although Great Britain is not in the EU? Or maybe in German? The malicious suggest that the command will be in Hungarian, rotating with Finnish, due to the common knowledge of Finno-Ugric languages.

In all seriousness, the planned Euro-army seems more like a potential tool for suppressing protests and social unrest, and an ideal creation for diplomatic talks, parliamentary and delegation allowances, conferences, meetings and academic grants, and as a great platform for recruiting agents. To a much lesser extent, as a credible instrument for deterring a potential opponent.

**IT SEEMS THAT IF A SPACE FROM
VLADIVOSTOK TO LISBON IS CREATED, IT
WILL BE OVER THE CORPSE OF POLAND AND
OTHER EU MEMBER STATES. IS THIS THE
END OF EUROPE AS WE KNOW IT?**

It depends on the age of the observer. Western Europe as I know it from my youth ended after the ideological revolt of 1968. Europe divided into two rival blocks ended with "Solidarity", when I was in the so-called prime of life.

Currently, I observe the development of a consciousness storm of resistance of so-called populists against the concept of dividing the world into several superpowers, whose narrow elites of so-called globalists will arrange with each other and keep the multiracial swarm of human resources in check. The space from Vladivostok to Lisbon is to be one of such superpowers in this concept.

INTERVIEW BY ANNA WIEJAK

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Prof. Paweł Skrzydłowski:



DECONSTRUCTION
LEADS TO THE
DESTRUCTION OF
INTELLECT

It is impossible to understand what is happening today on the political, social and economic levels unless we reach for the deconstruction of Jacques Derrida.

Prof. Paweł Skrzydlewski: Of course, this philosopher, or rather a thinker than a philosopher, had a huge influence on literary theory, but also on politics, the understanding of culture, and education. His influence should generally be seen as negative. Why? Because behind it stands a certain form of negation of reality, order, the cosmos, the world as something that is ordered. At the heart of deconstructionism is the conviction that the existence of order, of truth itself, is a certain totalitarian factor that takes away freedom. And according to Derrida, this is the greatest attack on man, on culture. That is why deconstruction appears here as a certain method of action that is to lead to some kind of liberation, release, and in fact the breakdown of all reality into primary elements, from which everything will be arranged in its own way, according to some earlier plan, of course.

This concept, this form of thinking is dangerous for many reasons. It becomes a certain method of human spiritual life – that is one thing – a certain ideological element, which is the basis for practical action. In practice, it is simply the introduction of chaos and disorder. Trying to understand the source of this approach – of course, in the final analysis, one would have to point to certain religious elements, because at the root of all this will be the devil's cry "non serviam" ("I will not serve"), rebellion against God as someone who is not only the Lord, but also the Creator of the world in its entirety, with its order, with its tidiness and also with the purpose that He gave to the entire cosmos and to every thing that exists.

Here, in this deconstructive approach, there is primarily a negation of both nature itself and order itself, and of the Creator, His presence in the form of the design of reality, in a special way precisely purposefulness. Of course, this can be done on a purely intellectual

basis, but let us remember that our words, our thoughts, our theories do not change reality. It is independent of our whims, our knowledge. The point is that as people we can enrich ourselves with truth, goodness, beauty of the world and in this way build our rationality and also provide a foundation for a culture in which there is respect for the order of the first laws of reality. If we do not do this, we will certainly expose ourselves to many misfortunes and this greatest misfortune, which is the failure to achieve the purpose of human life, which in practice in religious language is called being in the reality of hell.

The reality of hell was very close to Derrida. He didn't really hide it in his interviews that what he was doing was wrong. When he was asked at one of the meetings what he had to say about love, he said: "I have nothing to say about love". And that is very significant. In fact, this lack of love, understood as caritas, of course, defines his entire philosophy.

Let us remember that love is in essence a certain response to the good that has been known. It is a certain movement towards the good, because good has the power to attract, precisely to awaken love. There are different goods, there are different ways of knowing the good by man, but love is this all-dynamizing force – as St. Augustine said – that weighs on and moves everything. It is difficult to argue here with Derrida's view that he has no love in himself and has nothing to say about love. This was probably true, but from the perspective of common sense, from our human perspective, we must say that any negation of love, whether love in the form of philia, i.e. this friendly love, or love in the form of caritas, or love in the form of dilectio, also this erotic love that is caused by pleasant good, is usually a great path to misery. Why? Because the good that we achieve thanks to love, that is fulfilled thanks to love, has the power to perfect, develop, complete, make happy.

The Greeks already understood this, pointing to the understanding of happiness – eudaimonia, this Greek term means entering into well-being, into the dominion of good. And it is indeed so that without good we are not able to obtain happiness, which is not at all just an emotional state, but a state of perfection through good. Some drama of human life always begins with the negation of good, with the abandonment of good. The effect is always the same – withering away. Death and weakness – because this is always the effect.

Man – this was already perfectly known by St. Thomas Aquinas, the entire philosophical tradition associated with him – is good in himself, but he is also someone open to good, and to the infinite good of the Absolute. This is the force that dynamizes us in all our actions. If this force did not exist, if this Love of Infinite Good did not exist, our actions would not exist, our attraction, which is in our daily life, would not exist.

Deconstructionism, the whole postmodern philosophy, because Derrida refers to it when he creates it, is in fact some kind of great drama. To me it reminds me to some extent of certain Gnostic movements, which also essentially negate good, are fascinated by evil, and see some kind of cathartic force in various kinds of monstrosities. Of course, all this is only in the realm of projects, inventions – one might say – intellectual fantasies, sometimes quite eloquent thinkers, but it has nothing to do with real human life, which requires good. From material goods, such as food and water, to spiritual goods, such as friendship, truth, beauty. Without these things we die. Our path is rather the opposite of deconstructionism. It is a path through knowledge, affirmation of truth, the world, the goodness of the world, the beauty of the world to our creativity, and that creativity that ultimately opens us to the infinite fullness of being, that is to God himself, to the Absolute.

**The problem is that while we, gathered here –
because there are a few more of us – probably do not**

accept these intellectual fantasies of Derrida as a factual state, I would still like to point out that they have become one of the pillars of the current neo-communist revolution, alongside the Trotskyism of Altiero Spinelli and the neo-Marxism of the Frankfurt School. Moreover, it is enough to look at the ideology of gender, which de facto comes from Derrida as well as from what he did with the family, his concepts of the family and his approach to interpersonal relations.

Of course, the use of deconstruction by communism, neo-communism, and its various factions should be looked at, and these issues should be given great attention. But it seems to me that at the root of Marxism, that which derives from the teachings of Marx himself, is – as Father Paradowski taught – Satanism in essence, that is, a certain hatred of God, which is combined with a lack of not only humility, but also the will to cooperate, to serve. This is the effect of a certain form of pride. Deconstruction appears here as a certain form of rebellion against God, the order that God created and which He constantly maintains in the world.

Let us note that it is not only Marxism itself as a certain ideology, very dangerous, toxic, that affects various trends of contemporary European politics, including the EU, but also this deconstructionism is largely behind the development of, for example, transhumanism, which also negates the existence of order, the beauty of human nature, aims to build a new, "better" man, "improving" nature, tries to destroy it at the beginning in order to create something according to its often a priori concepts. This usually always brings death. This is one of the elements of utopian thinking, and as we know, utopias, as Prof. Henryk Kiereś taught, always have their guillotines, i.e. tools for eliminating those who do not fit into utopia. In national socialism, non-Aryans did not fit into utopia. In Bolshevism - everyone who was not a worker, etc. Every utopia has its guillotine, but it also has its own language, military, which unfortunately stigmatizes people, creates terrible divisions. Often these divisions are hidden, driven by political correctness.

Such "différance" written with an "a" - it's a guillotine on the European vocabulary. And this guillotine has proven effective, because if we look at EU documents, they are full of newspeak, full of old meanings that have been given a new sound, new content. Because of this, the average person has a really serious problem understanding what is going on around him or her.

Of course, yes. This misunderstanding of law, sociological, political and cultural thought, which comes from the European Union or various world agencies infected with these apriorities, is unfortunately deepening today, for example, because of the separation of the normal, average person from the contemplation of nature.

My grandfather, who had no particular education – a few grades of primary school, pre-war – had great contact with nature. He knew that in order to harvest grain, you have to sow it. It is not enough to sow it, you have to plow it first. There has to be water. It would be good to throw manure on the field. If there is water, if it is sown, if all this grows, if there is no storm, then normal grain will appear. Even if we carry it to the barn, we do not know whether mice will not eat it, or whether a fire will not break out. He had contact with reality. He read the world, and by reading the world, he drew those first resources of identity, non-contradiction, excluded middle, sufficient reason, purposefulness, in other words, everything that Derrida and all of deconstructionism fight against as best they can. For my grandfather, Derrida's theses would be proof that a person has lost their minds, or has consumed too many intoxicating substances.

Today, unfortunately, young people who spend 7-12 hours sometimes in the virtual world, they lose contact with real, true, normal laws. Such people become very susceptible to various types of manipulation, instrumentalization and ideologies, which are simply a form of enslavement, destruction.

Pierre Torrell, a Dominican, one of the most outstanding experts on St. Thomas Aquinas, a Frenchman, once pointed out, rightly, that this form of attack on man, which is taking place today, even in the form of deconstruction, is in fact a hidden form of hatred towards the Lord God Himself. Why? Because the devil – as he explained after St. Thomas – knows perfectly well that Christ the Lord has risen and the victory of Christ is irreversible, final, and unique.

A man bearing the image and likeness of the Lord God is an easy object for the devil to attack and mock the Lord God, because the devil can no longer strike the Lord God, because he has already lost, so he rejoices in striking the image, destroying man, human life, natural forms of transmitting this life, natural forms of development of human communities. This is simply ordinary devastation, which is caused in the final analysis by some form of hatred not only towards man, but also towards the Lord God.

Destroying not only the law, but also natural law...

Of course, yes. Let us remember that natural law, as the eternal wisdom of God, which is written into the created reality and which governs everything, is always what causes life, movement, and order in the world. As people, having intellect, we can read this order, we can cooperate with this order, we can protect this order in our own way, also improve it, and properly use it...

But deconstruction is a monstrous attack on human intellect...

Of course, yes. This attack is based on such a sophism, which also needs to be presented somehow. It is often presented in such a way that human intellect was

the basis for creating various projects that turned out to be totalitarian, evil projects. Evil must be fought, and the best way to fight evil is to fight intellect, because if you destroy intellect, you will destroy all these totalitarian projects. This is of course a sophism, or pseudo-wisdom, which leads to nothing good. Of course, evil has its support in depraved will, in depraved intellect, in man in general. Intelligence can also serve evil – without a doubt – but it is not intellect that is to blame here, but the one who uses it to do evil things. Why? Because – as St. Thomas Aquinas and Fr. Jacek Woroniecki emphasized very strongly in our culture – will has the power to dominate intellect. It can say to intellect/man: “Do not think about it”, or “Think about it, immediately, analyze it”. Even if intellect suggests as right that it is wrong, but we can commit such a specific rape on intellect, on our conscience. After all, all this is happening. We observe it in ourselves and in other people.

This violence ultimately leads to the destruction of reason in man, and an unreasonable man is worse than an animal. This was claimed by Aristotle, Cicero, the entire classical tradition. This is undoubtedly true. St. Thomas Aquinas showed in many places that what makes man a man is in fact this right reason, which, combined with right will, gives man dominion over himself, but also the ability to know the plan of the Creator, which we can accept in our lives and somehow implement.

When Jacques Derrida put forward his theory of deconstruction, it was received very critically by the scientific community, which saw it as a threat. What happened was that a few years passed and suddenly the scientific community was excited about this theory, and Derrida himself was lecturing at universities all over the world?

I first heard of Derrida about thirty-something years ago, during my

philosophical studies, which were still beginning in the 1980s. People paid attention to such ideas. Why do people get sick? Because they are not healthy. Why are they not healthy? Because they very often destroy their health. If a person's intellect, their will, their social life are fed with various toxic things, and this happens if they stray from healthy principles, then it is no wonder that they start to get sick. There is also a spiritual disease, which is represented by these pseudo-philosophies, because that is how it should be said, among which postmodernism undoubtedly belongs. The latter manifests itself as a liberating, healing, liberating activity, while in practice it is only a form of devastation, ruin.

Still pseudo-philosophies or perhaps already ideologies?

I think both. What is pseudophilosophy? It is something that is not philosophy and pretends to be philosophy. Following a very interesting distinction from Professor Henryk Kiereś, we can say that today, in contemporary culture in the Western world, we have several such counterfeits of pseudophilosophy. The first is mythology, or a narrative that has no factual basis, and is a work of imagination, fantasy of various types of people who have the gift of the facility of persuasive speech. Myths are stories that have nothing behind them. Sometimes they are somehow consistent with reality, but most often they are unverifiable, fictional things that are simply not true.

Ideologies are the second counterfeit of philosophy, pseudo-philosophy. What is ideology? A set of information that forms the basis of a worldview and practical action. Without a doubt, Marxism, and to a large extent liberalism, is such an ideology. Ideologies, as we remember from history, appear as a kind of substitute for education and upbringing - this is due to Destutt de Tracy, one of the ministers, who made ideology a kind of tool of power over man, only cleverly organized so as not to give a chance to recognize that we are dealing with an ideology.

So they implement various kinds of ideas, especially into the heads of young people, through schools or appropriate mass media, so that after that, at the right time, they cause a connection of a given idea with another idea. This also happens as a result of certain political decisions and in this way people are manipulated.

The third counterfeit of philosophy is utopia. A great many philosophers are in fact creators of utopias, that is, certain projects of building a paradise on earth. Most often, these projects are a priori, that is, detached from reality. They have nothing to do with the natural order and truth. These utopias are most often not only godless, but also atheistic, hostile to religion.

Interview by Anna Wiejak

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A portrait of Prof. Mieczysław Ryba, a middle-aged man with short, light-colored hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a striped tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. A microphone is visible in the foreground on the left side.

PROF.
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THE THREE SEAS SUMMIT TOOK PLACE IN WARSAW. HOW DO YOU ASSESS ITS COURSE AND RESULTS?

Prof. Mieczysław Ryba: The government was not very involved and that is the biggest pity.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO BUILD DUAL-USE INFRASTRUCTURE. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER, GIVEN WHAT YOU HAVE HIGHLIGHTED, THE LACK OF COMMITMENT FROM THE POLISH AUTHORITIES TO BOTH THE ENTIRE THREE SEAS PROJECT AND BUILDING REAL POLISH DEFENSE, WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT THIS AT ALL?

No. In my opinion, it was visible even at the Three Seas Local Government Congress from over a month ago, that the Polish government is clearly not interested in this. Even in Lublin, the Institute of Central and Eastern Europe, which by its nature should participate in this, did not participate, no ministry, etc. If we look at this summit, it is known that this is the president's initiative. The president has this vision and it seems compatible with American policy to a large extent, but not with German policy. And Tusk wanted an alternative, i.e. a return to the Weimar Triangle. A horse with a row to anyone who is able to name any initiatives of the Weimar Triangle, which was supposed to be reborn, but somehow did not, even during the Polish presidency. Of course, everything that is being done at the moment is important on the basis that we expect, we expect that the government will change and that it will be possible to do certain things in Poland in reality, and not just declare them.

CAN WHAT HAPPENED AT THIS THREE SEAS SUMMIT BE DESCRIBED AS A SURVIVAL FORMULA AND IS THERE ANY HOPE THAT THIS FORMAT WILL SURVIVE UNTIL POLAND RETURNS TO COOPERATION IN THE REGION? LET US RECALL THAT THIS COOPERATION WAS SUSPENDED IN FAVOR OF CHANGING THE VECTORS OF FOREIGN POLICY TOWARDS GERMANY.

Will it survive? It probably will, but the question is how many opportunities will we waste – opportunities that we could use, in which time also counts? Everything happens in time. Everything has decomposed during Trump's time. Trump decomposed this old globalization process and everything is being rearranged, so the Three Seas Initiative should play a very important role in such a situation, propose various solutions. The Three Seas Initiative will not succeed without Poland. There is no such possibility. Both geography and history speak of it, and the potential. Therefore, we are wasting time, but it is how it is.

The presidential elections will also be of great importance, because the president in Poland has formal competences, at least constitutional in the area of defense and foreign policy, and therefore there will be a certain signal about what Poles want in the international perspective, also in the perspective of the Three Seas, so this is important. We'll see how it goes.

THERE WERE MANY SYMBOLIC GESTURES DURING THE SUMMIT, BUT WASN'T THERE LACK OF REFERENCE TO THE ROBERT SCHUMAN COMMUNITY?

Maybe so, but it is known that Schuman did something a little different – his initiative was not implemented in such categories, so maybe that's why. Schuman is a concept of building the European Community understood primarily as it looked at the time, i.e. the Western countries. We are talking here more about the Jagiellonian concept with various modifications. These are slightly different traditions.

HOWEVER, THE VALUES THAT ROBERT SCHUMAN REPRESENTED ARE IN FACT PRICELESS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF JAGIELLONIAN POLICY.

Yes. Of course, yes, but let's be honest: what we call the Three Seas Initiative and are looking for some historical references is much earlier than what happened in the Western arena. The Union of Poland with Lithuania, later the

entire Jagiellonian policy, Central European policy, unification of Central Europe into one political alliance is a much earlier topic than the EEC, and even more so than the European Union. However, I agree with you that you could have reached for Schuman, but oh well, it is what it is.

WE ARE FACING THE SPECTER OF THE CLOSING OF THE PAN-EUROPEAN COMMUNIST SYSTEM BASED ON THREE PILLARS: THE DECONSTRUCTION OF JACQUES DERRIDA, THE TROTSKYISM OF ALTIERO SPINELLI AND THE NEO-MARXISM OF THE NEW LEFT. IT SEEMS THAT THE CONCEPT OF RETURNING TO SCHUMAN'S THOUGHT WOULD BE A RESPONSE TO THESE THREATS, AT LEAST ON THIS IDEOLOGICAL LEVEL. HOW DO YOU ASSESS THIS?

Yes, but let's remember that the crisis you're talking about is an ideological crisis. It also affects Central European countries. It's not like every country in Central Europe is dominated by the right wing or the understanding of the threat that comes from neo-Marxism and postmodernism. This is something that we, as Poles, should raise, because the greatest understanding of these issues is probably in Catholic Poland.

SO THE THESIS THAT THE THREE SEAS INITIATIVE WILL NOT SURVIVE WITHOUT SCHUMAN IS TOO FAR-REACHING?

Yes, because there were people before Schuman: the Union of Lublin was before Schuman, the Union of Horodło and the Union of Krewó, etc. In this sense, Schuman is a very important element, a very important reference in the Christian sense – that is, a community based on the Christian idea. We have a longer tradition than what happened in the West, much longer, although forgotten. Nevertheless, it would be important – because most of these countries are members of the European Union – to refer to Schuman, and very strongly.



INDEED, AS COUNTRIES THAT MAKE UP THE THREE SEAS INITIATIVE, WE HAVE THESE ROOTS MUCH DEEPER IN HISTORY. THEREFORE, WOULDN'T REFERRING TO THESE ROOTS, ESPECIALLY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ANNIVERSARY THAT WE RECENTLY CELEBRATED, THE MILLENNIUM OF THE POLISH CROWN, CONSTITUTE THE BEGINNING OF SOMETHING THAT COULD NOT ONLY BE AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE EUROPEAN UNION, BUT ALSO CREATE A NEW QUALITY, A NEW COMMUNITY THAT COULD BECOME THE BEGINNING OF EVANGELIZATION, NORMALIZATION AND SOCIAL STABILIZATION IN EUROPE?

In my opinion, in some sense it must be an alternative to the European Union, because the European Union in the smallest manifestations of its activity today does not show any desire to return to the Christian tradition and is absolutely subordinate to the Germans. That is why we must give up this naivety that it is possible to reform. It is possible or it is not possible, but we should think in terms of our own geopolitics, our own interests and look to the future, and the future is not at all what they have designed for themselves there.

SO, IN FACT, BUILDING ANEW?

To build a force in Central Europe that will be able to be an entity in the new geopolitical puzzle.

ARE WE CAPABLE OF DOING THIS?

Of course, yes. We are playing below our potential. Of course, we would have to think about introducing Americans into this whole business, propose defense issues, ammunition production, etc. It is clear that Trump is interested in this, as is the American administration. But this requires a really long-term, consistent policy, even implemented in small steps. If we are talking about the EEC, it was also a policy of small steps.

AND THAT'S WHAT THESE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN POLAND ARE REALLY ABOUT. RIGHT?

One of the aspects, although perhaps not very prominent, because it is known that this campaign is governed by some other debates of little substance, but essentially the issue is being decided whether Poland wants to conduct a subject policy, and if subject, it absolutely must return to what is its geopolitical tradition, or be only a German principality – either to the tradition of Chrobry, or to the tradition of feudal fragmentation. There are two possible paths.

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PH.D. JOLANTA HAJDASZ:

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THE AGGRESSION OF THE RULING FRACTION'S REPRESENTATIVES TOWARDS JOURNALISTS REPORTING ON ITS ACTIVITIES IS GROWING. ONE OF THEM, JANUSZ ŻYCKOWSKI, WAS EVEN BEATEN BY RAFAŁ TRZASKOWSKI'S BODYGUARDS IN WIELUŃ. HIS EQUIPMENT WAS DESTROYED AND HE HIMSELF SUFFERED INJURIES REQUIRING MEDICAL TREATMENT.

IN WHAT CATEGORIES SHOULD SUCH ACTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE RULING CAMP BE CONSIDERED?

Ph.D. Jolanta Hajdasz: This is a scandalous situation that should not take place in a democratic country. The fact that TV Republika journalist Janusz Życzkowski was beaten up, that his equipment and glasses were destroyed is one thing, another thing, equally important, is the lack of reaction of Rafał Trzaskowski's staff to this situation. It is easy to imagine that if a security guard or supporter of this candidate got carried away by emotions, they simply had to apologize for it. Meanwhile, not a word of apology was said, and the reactions are as if the journalist himself was to blame, because he wanted to ask a question, because he had to push through to do so. It is a fact that at Mr. Trzaskowski's rallies, journalists from right-wing media cannot ask questions, that they are not given basic information such as where and at what time the government candidate for president will be, so they often try to get close to this candidate to try to get some kind of statement from him. This was also the case here. The roughing up of Janusz Życzkowski is indisputable, it is confirmed by medical documentation, so I filed a report to the prosecutor's office about the possibility of suppressing press criticism. In Poland, this is a crime described in the Press Law, source link: <https://cmwp.sdp.pl/dyrektor-cmwp-sdp-zlozyla-doniesienie-do-prokuratury-w-obronie-red-janusza-zyczkowskiego/>



IN ADDITION, THERE IS INCREASING CENSORSHIP. IMPARTIAL JOURNALISTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND GOVERNMENT PRESS CONFERENCES. WE HAVE ATTEMPTS TO BLOCK INFORMATION. HOW MUCH DEMOCRACY IS LEFT IN ALL OF THIS?

For now, we have increasingly radical attempts to destroy democracy, but I emphasize that these are still attempts. Social resistance is strong and, in my opinion, more and more is reaching people despite the one-sided message in the mainstream media, which favors the government. However, the government did not foresee the power of grassroots, independent media, such as TV Republika, whose reach and viewership is growing at a great pace, and there is also TV wPolsce24 and the Catholic TV Trwam. Today, they have become the voice of those whom the government wants to exclude from the public space.

The authorities in a democratic state should protect the pluralism of the media space, not fight it. When the authorities take action that restricts access to information, or even makes it impossible to obtain, this is a type of censorship. The key principle of a democratic system is that there are different media, and their main role should be to control public authorities. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Donald Tusk is eager to invoke different values and make beautiful-sounding declarations, but this has nothing to do with what he does in practice. The system that Donald Tusk wants to create in Poland – the so-called fighting democracy, as he calls it – is slowly transforming literally into some hidden totalitarianism. Hidden, because officially they say one thing and do another.

AREN'T YOU AFRAID THAT THE NEXT STAGE – IF THE LIBERAL-LEFT MAINSTREAM CANDIDATE WINS – WILL BE THE CLOSURE OF THE SUPERSTATE SYSTEM AND THE UNIFICATION OF MEDIA COVERAGE THROUGHOUT THE EU, AND THEN WE WILL HAVE TO FORGET ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE FREEDOM OF SPEECH?

Of course it is, it is a very real prospect. We have been observing this in our country for almost a year and a half. Brutal attempts to destroy opponents of the ruling camp are becoming more and more intensive, spectacular unjustified arrests of MPs and associates of the former government are a striking example of this. The unlawful deprivation of funding just before the presidential elections of the largest opposition party, Law and Justice, is also an example of such brutal action. Even the Supreme Court ruled this, and despite this the Minister of Finance did not give this party this money and as we can see no one can do anything, a democratic state has no procedures for such lawlessness. However, the time will come when this will change and those who are practically destroying democracy from the inside will be held accountable.

THE RIGHT-WING POINT OF VIEW IS TREATED AS DISINFORMATION IN THE EU. IN YOUR OPINION, SHOULD WE EXPECT A TOUGHER COURSE TOWARDS JOURNALISTS WHO CRITICIZE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF LEFT-WING AXIOLOGY?

It will probably be like that, but I admit that I don't really pay attention to it, I just work hard and honestly for media freedom and the independence of journalists, especially those who are never defended by liberal and leftist NGOs that deal with this area. It seems like a simple matter – to publicly deny that a conservative point of view is not disinformation, but in practice it means constant hate on the internet and criticism or total indifference from mainstream media, even when journalists privately write text messages supporting our position. They see that they have no arguments to counter our assessments substantively, so they use the tactic of ignoring our existence. They either don't write about us at all or write negatively. In a word – I've gotten used to it. For me, the fact that we should expect a tougher course towards journalists who criticize the "achievements of leftist axiology" is a fairly obvious prospect, I only wonder how far they can go,

what they are capable of. The constant practice is to deprive us of work and income, but we have known this for years. I wonder what they can come up with now.

I assure you, however, that no matter what, they will not silence us. We will not allow this and we will thwart their plans. We treat freedom of speech in Poland as something fundamental, something very important, something that distinguishes us in a tangible way from communist and totalitarian states. We will not allow it to be taken away from us.

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WHAT CAN WE BUILD ON IF THERE ARE NO COMMON VALUES?

WHEN ROBERT SCHUMAN CREATED THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY IN 1950, THE LEFTIST REVOLUTION OF ANTI-VALUES HAD NOT YET SWEEPED THROUGH EUROPE, HENCE THE COMMUNITY THAT CAME INTO BEING WAS COHERENT AND EFFICIENT. THE CONTEMPORARY COUNTRIES BELONGING TO THE NEW ENTITY, THE EUROPEAN UNION, ARE TORN BY IDEOLOGICAL WAR AND FORCED INTO THE FRAMEWORK OF NEW COMMUNISM. WHAT ROBERT SCHUMAN WARNED AGAINST HAS HAPPENED – THE PROJECT OF A TOTALITARIAN SUPERSTATE IS BEING IMPLEMENTED BEFORE OUR EYES.



The Christian heritage of Europe was particularly important to Robert Schuman and he ruled out the possibility of cutting ourselves off from the past. "Our European borders should constitute an increasingly smaller obstacle to the exchange of ideas, people and goods. The feeling of solidarity between nations will prevail over outdated nationalisms. It is mainly their merit that they gave states traditions and strong internal structures. A new level should be raised on these old foundations. The supranational (international) will now be based on the basis of the national. Hence, there will be no question of denying the glorious past, but of a renewed growth of national efforts, because they will be combined in order to serve the supranational community" - he wrote, pointing to the need to build a community. It was to be based on Christian values, so that instead of devastating wars, people would focus on building prosperity.

"Democracy owes its existence to Christianity. It was born on the day when man was called to fulfill human dignity, individual freedom in respect for the rights of everyone and to practice

brotherly love towards all during his life on earth. Before Christ, such an idea was never formulated. Democracy is therefore chronologically and doctrinally linked to Christianity" - we read in the book "For Europe" by Robert Schuman, which is a kind of testament left for posterity as a form of guidance for further development. However, what was obvious to Schuman was not necessarily obvious to the European politicians of his time. Hence the increasingly intensive flirtations with leftist ideologies, which led - after his death - to the creation of the modern European Union and further - to the tightening of the noose of totalitarianism around the necks of the unaware citizens of the member states.

The second foundation for building a European community was healthy economic cooperation. This too was replaced by predatory rivalry and harassment of individual states with the help of EU law, which was changing like in a kaleidoscope and was extremely restrictive. This lack of stability and unequal conditions of functioning not only created divisions, but also led to a situation of economic aggression - Germany, encouraged by its successes in gaining control over the European Union, attacked the sovereignty of the member states. As a result - while Robert Schuman sought peaceful coexistence - the modern EU is a field of hybrid warfare, including ideological one.

Many groups are wondering how to reform the contemporary European Union in order to restore its community character. What measures should be taken? It seems that first of all it would be necessary to heal the spirit of Europe and definitively deal with the three pillars of the new European communism: the deconstruction of Jacques Derrida, the Trotskyism of Altiero Spinelli and the neo-Marxism of the New Left. This should be accompanied by a social and political offensive by the societies of Poland, Hungary, Romania and the Czech Republic that survived the neo-communist ideology.

The cause is not lost yet. The communists are loud and have the media at their disposal, so there is a need for social education and raising awareness of the threats – such work at the grassroots level that would create an alternative to the leftist mass media of numbing. Finally, there is a need for a community of values in the spirit of Robert Schuman.

I realize that the latter cannot be worked out all at once – it will take many years of ideological detox. The good news is that we have already taken the first step – we, as conservatives, have started talking to each other and cooperating. There is still a lot of work ahead of us, but since we cannot create a Christian community as a state at this stage, maybe we should start like Schuman – with economic cooperation at a level that is beneficial to the individual parties. It does not have to be any union or union right away, but just cooperation, cleansed of ideological accretions.

KAROLINA MARIA KOTER

POPPIES



After Easter, poppies will bloom
field, garden red wonders clump.
The petals are like tissue paper, pleasing to the human eye
these are Polish flowers, I deeply believe, under Polish sky.

The petals will fall off, the wind will carry them away
Poppies are a wonderful, delicate flower, stray.

In one poppy seed bag's favour
you can prepare it well and enjoy its flavor.

Red poppy loves traveling, he was at Monte Cassino hill
correct conclusion, poppies will not disappear.
It's a pity to pick it, let it grow wild
beautiful red against the green pine.

Generally red, often white and faded
red as coral, lips painted.

Poppy seed - blue color
I put a dot, I draw lines of sorrow.

At the beginning of the century, poppy seeds were banned
very loved by a certain group and plant.
The poppy with its poppy heads is blooming peacefully today
no one is fighting, fight is on a war, for sake.

I will keep the dried flower in an old notebook - it's safe
I will be amazed in December what an experience it is and say.

Elzbieta Pawlak

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"Service to humanity is an obligation equal to that dictated by loyalty to our nation."

"Służba ludzkości jest powinnością równą tej, jaką dyktuje nam wierność naszemu narodowi."

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