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Leadership between Folk Community and Elitism

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OUR HITLER

April 20, 1945 was the last birthday the Führer lived to see. Already the Reich was sinking into ruins, the steel ring of enemy armies was closing in tighter day by day. In the bunker of the Reich Chancellery, the Führer's life became more and more ghostly, his physical health rapidly deteriorated, betrayal and despair surrounded him, almost all hope was extinguished, and the organism of state and party, which had once seemed so unshakable, showed signs of disintegration. But still the steely and indomitable will, of the lonely man in the bunker, maintained a remnant of life and hope in the still unoccupied Reich territory - still the soldiers died with his name on their lips, still the members of the youth who bore his name pressed into battle, still the mighty struggle went on. It was to remain so until the heart of Germany that beat in this man stopped and the Reich broke.

But on the eve of this last Führer's birthday, as every year since the seizure of power, the Reich Minister for Popular Enlightenment and Propaganda, Dr. Joseph Goebbels, spoke on the radio to the German people about Adolf Hitler. He spoke while the bombs of the capitalist plutocracies of the West were falling on the Reich capital; he spoke while the soldiers of the communist Soviet Union were charging against the approaching Eastern Front; he spoke about the genius and the unique personality of the Fuehrer! And the millions at the radio sets, listening and

waiting for a sign of hope, witnessed how the most faithful of the faithful, who was soon to become the last chancellor of the dying Reich, spoke of his unshakable faith in Adolf Hitler. This Dr. Goebbels, too, knew no way out, but he knew the power of myth, its effect on the emotional life of a people.

Only faith in the Führer, who perhaps and as the only one still knew a way of salvation, as so often before in seemingly hopeless situations, kept the Reich going. And as long as Germany was still fighting, as long as it had not surrendered defenselessly to superior power, there was a last small chance of a negotiated settlement in the East or West that could preserve freedom. But even if all was lost, if there was no way out, if freedom was lost, then the myth, that earth-shattering struggle to destruction and the coming, inevitable sacrificial death of the Führer, could and would become the decisive force of rebirth in a distant future. The Reich Propaganda Minister, who knew the soul of his people like no other, knew this; this gave him the strength and calm in his birthday speech. And so, in the face of a victorious world of enemies, he concluded, in heroic defiance, with the words: "And so the Führer remains for us what he always was - our Hitler!"

More than forty years have passed since then. The weapons are silent. But even if the war of bombs and guns was broken off after the surrender of the German Wehrmacht, the war of inflammatory propaganda continues to this day. And it is still directed first and foremost against Adolf Hitler. Nothing could better and more forcefully underline the rank, importance, genius and power of the Fuehrer than this decades-long campaign of hatred against a dead man; nothing could better prove the truth of the Hess words "Germany is Hitler, as Hitler is Germany!" than the buckets of filth poured out against the Fuehrer, born of a boundless fear of atrocity propaganda, with the help of which German pride is to be broken forever and a national rebirth prevented.

But the myth is working. The seeds that Dr. Goebbels sowed and the example of sacrificial death that the Führer gave are bearing fruit. The German rebirth has begun! And with the same passion with which Germany's enemies hate and fear the Führer, we worship him. In the drumfire of lies and agitation we stand upright and proud, professing the spirit of that man in whom the rebirth of German pride, German greatness and German power was once embodied. And inspired by this spirit, we will win freedom and lead the Fuehrer's struggle to a victorious end even if it takes centuries. And so, full of pride and unimpressed by all agitation and persecution, we too declare: The Führer remains for us what he always was OUR HITLER!

LEADER PRINCIPLE

Similar preconditions and conditions cause similar consequences; but never are such preconditions and conditions identical and a fortiori not their consequences - history does not repeat itself in exactly the same form!

Therefore, we neither strive for a copy of the Third Reich, nor do we allow ourselves to be impressed by a reference to the alleged atrocities of the past:

The Third Reich is a part of the German history, a period of this history, which is moreover one of the most glorious and in which a first impressive attempt was made to the realization of our world and life view. But it was by all means not THE REALIZATION of the New Order, but a time-bound power-political attempt to be understood from the prerequisites and conditions of that time, which must be followed by further attempts until the goal is reached! For three reasons our struggle will not simply end in a restored Third Reich, but will establish a new, a Fourth Reich:

The preconditions and conditions of our struggle have changed greatly. We draw our consequences from this. An idea and movement evolves, learns from its mistakes and shapes the future instead of always trying to copy its own past.

National Socialism is no longer a German national movement alone, but a worldwide, racially bound revolutionary movement.

Above all, our struggle today is no longer under the banner of a living, exceptional personality, but is directed exclusively at the idea and its power-political embodiment - the party!

This last fact also determines our attitude to the leader principle: we maintain that it is not anonymous majorities that are to decide, but that personal authority and responsibility are to shape the whole of social life. This, however, does not mean handing over the idea and the movement to the arbitrariness and vanity of one man and his whims, but merely characterizes the organizational principle of the party, which is committed to the idea and to its leaders only insofar as they in turn serve and realize the idea. No one can and may claim for himself what was so naturally due to the leader on account of his extraordinary personality - that person and idea are identical! Starting from this, we realize the Führer principle in our community.

THE PARTY

The National Socialist Party is the community of life and mind of those people who are convinced of our world view, realize in themselves the principles of the National Socialist attitude to life, finally embody them AND are ready to obey in

order to make the revolution possible. In this way, a new, National Socialist type of man is emerging in the ranks of the party, with its three different manifestations:

The worker who selflessly works mentally or physically for the national community at his place according to his inclinations and abilities;

the political soldier who - following a heroic image of man - fights with all his strength and at the risk and if necessary sacrifice of his life for the realization of the New Order and then protects it, externally and internally;

and **the leader who** commands the direction to be taken in this work and in this struggle, who can therefore claim unlimited authority within his field of responsibility and in the service of the idea, but who also bears unlimited personal responsibility for it.

Workerhood, soldierhood and leaderhood are thus the ethical principles on which the National Socialist image of man is based and which are to be reflected in the life of the party. All three types of people form within the party the organizational forms appropriate to their nature: the workers, as party comrades, form the followers, the political soldiers, as SA fighters, the Sturmabteilung, and the leaders form the corps of political leaders of the party. These are by no means separate castes, rather one emerges from the other: Those party comrades who show ability and inclination for a combative attitude to life form the Sturmabteilung, but no one can join it who does not feel himself to be a member of the great community of the physically or mentally creative and behaves accordingly! There is no place for uprooted adventurers and mercenaries. Those political soldiers, however, who show ability and aptitude for leadership tasks, become political leaders, but no one can be a leader in our party who does not prove daily that he is ready to fight for our cause at the risk and if necessary sacrifice of his life! Above all stands the law obliging everyone: Common interest goes before self-interest!

That is why all of us - whether party comrades, SA fighters or political leaders - are first and foremost folk comrades and comrades! Thus we together form the organism of our National Socialist Party. This party as a whole embodies the organized will to live and thus the political vanguard organization of the nation. This means that it fights the way free for the realization of the New Order, on which the whole national community will follow it. It does this by tirelessly educating the folk comrades to become a community and by defeating its opponents in combat, thus assuming the role of spiritual and political leader and then realizing its program. This is done by establishing a general political line, which bundles the manifold activities of the organized National Socialists and directs them to one goal at a time, in order to concentrate energies and to be able to achieve one stage goal after another. To this party line ALL party comrades are

bound; without such a line, pursued in a disciplined manner, the power of the party would fizzle out aimlessly, fragment, and it would itself become a noncommittal discussion club. Since a general line of political struggle established by the party is vital for victory, no party member with a dissenting opinion can be right with the party: **The party is always right!**

It is right towards the simple party comrade, towards the political soldier of the SA, but it is also right towards every political leader, up to the party leader! We are all only members and tools of the party on its way to the realization of the New Order. Only in this way can we be victorious. There is no place for "leaders" who want to place themselves next to or even above the party:

The leader principle is an organization principle of the party, it is related to the party and is to be regarded only as an aid of its fight. Not the party is the tool of the leader, but the leader, like every other party comrade, tool of the party, until the party has fulfilled its task!

LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

A proper selection of leaders is the prerequisite for the effectiveness of the leader principle. It must be ensured from the outset that only those men can become political leaders who integrate themselves into the party and subordinate themselves to it; but it must also be ensured from the outset that they are real leaders of character and achievement who can creatively and successfully implement the party line in their area of responsibility.

In a time of struggle, this necessary selection of leaders does not take place through theoretical training and courses, but directly in the political struggle from the bottom up. The party leadership does not arbitrarily place any party comrades in political leadership posts, but rather those who feel suitable for a leadership task in a certain area AND show a willingness to join the party struggle in a disciplined manner are given the opportunity to prove themselves. And as long as he does not violate the duty of obedience, performance and success alone determine how long he remains political leader and how far his authority reaches!

Whoever can gather ten men around him will be confirmed as their leader, whoever can lead a thousand men shall do so, whoever can conquer a village or a city for us will be given the opportunity to do so, and whoever accomplishes the same with a province will remain its leader. This principle is valid on all levels, with all tasks and subdivisions and up to the party leader!

In this way, our movement gives every comrade the freedom to develop, to fully

contribute to the party with all his abilities, and he receives every support that the party can give him. In this way, we develop real leaders with whom we can conquer Germany. Part of the selection process is that our political leaders prove themselves in persecution: A heroic type of leader is growing up among us; a man who has authority, takes responsibility and bears the consequences, who leads his men by example and who does not send them into the fire from behind. The ambitious coward, the schemer, the soulless apparatchik can never gain a foothold with us because he cannot fulfill the basic requirements for a leadership role in our ranks:

To conquer one's own area of responsibility and to win and keep followers for it. Only the really best can become and remain political leaders in our country; therefore, the party gives them all authority with the help of the leader principle.







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