

Michael Kühnen Leadership between Folk Community and Elitism Part 11

GERD LAUCK

The third National Socialist generation is the grandchild generation, which starting in 1968 - carries the fight against the Nazi ban and for the reestablishment of the NSDAP. It, too, has already produced leader personalities and our community of the NEW FRONT has long since had a proper, functional and diszlplined corps of political leaders. However, it seems too early to single out such leaders by name and to single them out as exemplary examples of National Socialist leadership - history will have to decide on this one day, when in retrospect it will be possible to judge who has permanently proven himself as a leader comrade in unbroken loyalty and unquestionable attitude.

But from the early days of our National Socialist movement of the new generation there are two comrades whose importance in our party history is already established:

We are thinking of Wolf-Dieter Eckart, who in 1968 was the first of the grandchildren's generation to take up the political fight for National Socialism, which was already believed to be politically dead. Admittedly, Pg. Eckart failed as a political leader and largely withdrew at the end of the 1970s. But he retains the

glory of having started the fight.

The real role model of a National Socialist leader of the new generation, however, is Gerd Lauck, the head of organization of the NSDAP's Aufbau- und Auslandsorganisation!

As an 18-year-old, Pg. Lauck, who is a U.S. citizen but considers himself an Amerikadeutscher - that is, a German who happens to have been born in America - joined one of the first National Socialist organizations since the end of the Long Night, the NS-Kampfgruppe Großdeutschland (NSKG). The NSKG was a militant underground organization that aimed at armed overthrow. For them, the 18-year-old Amerikadeutsche Lauck formed a foreign organization in the United States. When in 1973 the NSKG was completely destroyed in the FRG, only the foreign organization remained, from which Pg. Lauck now created the actual National Socialist fighting organization of the postwar period:

The building up of the organization began practically at zero. Young comrades who today join our still small but functioning and successfully working movement will hardly be able to imagine that a good ten years ago there was basically nothing at all - no organization, no means of propaganda, no conception, simply nothing: except for a few fanatical young National Socialists who dared to tackle a seemingly hopeless task, the rebuilding of the National Socialist Party and the struggle for the IV Reich!

Among them, Gerd Lauck was the real leader: what imagination, what willpower and determination it took to give up his private life and profession for a movement that did not yet exist again and that he himself would only be able to build out of the ground after years of struggle! He organized the first printing possibilities, created with the NS-KAMPFRUF the first openly national-socialist newspaper of the post-war period, which still appears regularly today, he developed the concept of a movement working in the propagandistic underground on the basis of the cell structure, he found financing possibilities - and with unimaginably small means the struggle got going and found more and more followers in Germany.

In doing so, Pg. Lauck consistently resisted the temptation, in view of the lack of political infrastructure, to proclaim himself the new leader or to pass off his small troop as a newly founded NSDAP - both would have been a caricature of our great past! Rather, he understood his task as service to the future party. This discipline, the primacy of the party, even if it does not yet exist again, over the vanities of

personal leadership, this renunciation of recruiting personal followers, the principle that leader and organization must prove themselves in the eyes of the activists, must earn their trust before they can demand it in return - all this Pg. Lauck enforced in the nascent movement. All this became a model for us after we - emerging from the NSDAP/AO - created a legal arm of the National Socialist movement and thus took the struggle for the party foundation a decisive step forward.

But we must never forget to whom we owe it that a foundation for this reconstruction work had already been laid, that the principles of true National Socialist leadership had become conscious again - we owe it to Gerd Lauck and his NSDAP/AO. Their importance for our work cannot be overestimated - without this struggle of Pg. Lauck in the 70s, the first breakthrough in the 80s would have been unthinkable.

And although for many years our community has dominated the headlines and grown into the leading force of the National Socialist movement, we have always been only one, the legal, arm of a single, unified movement, whose other, the illegal arm, remains the NSDAP/AO under the leadership of Pg. Lauck. This part of our movement, too, has made great progress in the past years, has today considerable technical and material possibilities and - as in the past - a legally unassailable position through its headquarters in the USA, which will always represent a safety net for us. Like all of us, Gerd Lauck is still at the beginning of his life as a National Socialist leader, and it is still far too early to make a final historical assessment of him. But the achievements of the first 1 1/2 decades of his leadership work and his attitude of true leadership justify to count him already now among the great leaders of National Socialism, who are an example and an incentive for all of us!

In this chapter, we have learned to understand National Socialist leadership through the example of great leader personalities - and have selected those who are worthy of the greatest veneration and represent true role models for us: They were, in addition to three historical leaders of the NSDAP, three leadership comrades of postwar National Socialism, one from each National Socialist generation still alive today.

In human terms, all these comrades, who represent only a tiny, albeit the most impressive, section of the mass of National Socialist leaders, could hardly be more opposite, but in their lives they all proved and continue to prove the formative power of the ethical principles of National Socialist leadership, despite all the differences in their tasks and the historical conditions and prerequisites of their struggle:

They all were and are first and foremost comrades - they were and are elite, but elite FOR the community. In their lives, they unite the tension between the formation of haste and the idea of the people's community and thus enable true National Socialist leadership!

THE NEW FRONT

In order to be able to fulfill its task as the political vanguard organization of the German nation, the National Socialist Party must become an organic community of those people who realize in their lives the ethical principles of one of the three different manifestations of the National Socialist conception of man - workerism, soldierism and leaderism. Only such people are really National Socialists and worthy of becoming and remaining party members of the NSDAP:

The foundation of the party is formed by the workers, i.e. men who, in their place and according to their inclinations and abilities, work mentally or physically for the national community with all their strength in accordance with the principle of "common good before self-interest" and thereby subordinate themselves to the party's claim to leadership.

The spearhead in the party's fight for a National Socialist revolt is formed by the Political Soldiers - fighters who are ready, as knights of the order of National Socialism, to sacrifice and dare everything to serve the revolution: Those who swear by the swastika flag have nothing left that still belongs to them!

The political general staff, the spiritual leader order of National Socialism, is formed by the Political Leaders - leaders who, as workers and fighters, have demonstrated the ability to lead people, leader personalities who grow into a real völkisch elite, but who nevertheless always remain Volksgenossen, party comrades and comrades and never serve personal ambition, but always only the party and thus our sacred idea.

The total defeat of the Second World War and the subsequent complete destruction of the NSDAP had destroyed this organic community - there were always to be

National Socialists in the post-war period, but they no longer formed the political vanguard organization of the nation, since the party no longer existed and since the SRP ban no attempts had been made to renew it. It was obviously believed that there was no longer any need for a National Socialist party, that the Nazi ban could be cleverly circumvented and that Germany's freedom could be restored by other means and tactical tricks: But it became apparent during all these long years that the way of the German nation to freedom, unity and independence leads **ONLY** through the re-formation of its power-political vanguard organization - the National Socialist party is the bearer of the will to live of our people; without it, this will expires and Germany staggers into its downfall. The tragic history of the so-called "national opposition", since the SRP ban, should have convinced us of this by now, which, despite temporary sham blossoms, is nothing other than the history of an inexorable decline and an increasingly desperate defense against destructive forces.

With the rebirth of a national socialist movement, the new generation, since 1968 the condition was created to go over anew to the attack against these forces of the minus world surrounding us and to seize the evil at the root! This alone can make survival and flourishing of our nation possible!

And further years were necessary until Germany's National Socialists understood that the rebirth of idea and movement alone is not enough and that no new leader can be expected as a miracle healer of the German disease. The PARTEI must arise anew if National Socialism is to have its chance to reassert itself. It remains the historical merit of the NSDAP/AO under Pg. Lauck to have recognized this and to have widely enforced it as a principle. But the cell structure, of the NSDAP/ AO working underground, offered the security of keeping National Socialism alive and promoting it propagandistically, but no realistic and foreseeable chance of actually reestablishing the party as a political entity capable of action.

The way to the concrete re-foundation of the National Socialist Party was pointed out only by our community of ideas, which I called into being on May 8, 1977, and which since then has become the heir of the historical and the nucleus of the new NSDAP. This community is the NEW FRONT - the political front for the radiant rebirth of the National Socialist Party.

We have come a long way in almost nine years of hard and sacrificial struggle on this front: The founding of the party, at the beginning a distant and almost mythical goal, is now quite concretely within our reach, indeed could be accomplished as early as today.

But we reject a premature attempt to re-found the party - only when Germany's organized National Socialists have overwhelmingly bowed to our claim to political leadership and have concretely affirmed it, and when our community has victoriously passed visible and objective political breakthrough battles, will it be time to actually carry out this re-foundation, which is already possible today, and thus to realize our former audacious dream - the newly founded National Socialist party will be the reborn NSDAP and its party comrades will know this. It will again be the bearer of our people's will to live and thus the vanguard of our nation, and the people's comrades will notice and finally recognize this. In contrast, it will be of little importance whether outwardly, other names and camouflage terms still have to be used from time to time and whether further tactical and apparent compromises may also become necessary. What matters is the spirit and an organization filled with it, which can therefore master its task.

It is the spirit of the National Socialist attitude to life, the spirit of the ethical principles of National Socialist workers, soldiers and leaders, the spirit that makes the rebirth of the party a reality.

Our community first consistently renewed the spirit of political soldiering in the tradition of the SA - because in order to be able to go the first stages of this long road with success, it required the fighters and their clear self-image. The rebirth of the SA could be considered accomplished today, and it passed its test brilliantly when the ANS/NA was banned in December 1983 and thereafter. Since then, our efforts have been concentrated on recruiting supporting members, thus creating the foundation of the party, which can only be secured by a sufficient and increasing number of ordinary party members. At the same time, however, in all this work and in all these struggles, those comrades are emerging who can act as leaders at the various levels.

Our leader corps was born in the fight and in the daily work and proves itself there day by day. Here, too, from the smallest beginnings, a core capable of enduring and developing was created, which today holds the further fate of our movement in its hands. It depends on the unity and unity of this corps of leaders whether the development continues undisturbed or whether setbacks can paralyze us and throw us back to earlier stages of development. But even then, the path remains clear and will be followed again and again until the goal is reached. We have set the example that this path is viable and promising. From now on, there will always be comrades who will continue on it and finally reach the goal.

In the end, however, the victorious

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