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The program of the NSDAP Recommented

Part 9

THE GERMAN CULTURAL REVOLUTION

"We demand the legal fight against CONSCIOUS political lies and their spread by the press."

To enable the creation of a German press, we demand that:

- * all editors and employees of newspapers published in the German language must be Volksgenossen.
- * non-German newspapers require the express permission of the state for their publication. They may not be printed in German.
- * any financial participation in German newspapers, or their influence by non-Germans, be prohibited by law and demand as punishment for the transgressions the closure of such newspaper operations, as well as the immediate expulsion from the Reich of the non-Germans involved in them.

Newspapers that are against the common good are to be banned. We demand the

legal fight against an artistic and literary trend that exerts a corrosive influence on our national life and the closure of events that violate the above demands."

The last, but by no means unimportant, of the four freedoms which are the prerequisite for the free and natural survival and higher development of our people is the freedom of national culture. For what is the use of having fought for the freedom of the national economy, of the administration of justice and of the defense of the people, if the Germans can no longer think and feel German, because their culture is being destroyed by foreign influences and lies?

Against such a decomposition of the national culture and for its freedom from international influences the German cultural revolution, whose carrier is the NSDAP, is engaged. The German Cultural Revolution turns to the healthy masses of the people already in the time of struggle and inspires them to direct protest against the disease signs of decadence and the associated alienation of German culture - it is directed against all degenerate trends in art, literature, theater, music but also in everyday life such as propagation of miscegenation, pornography and much more. The German cultural revolution allows only what corresponds to the spirit and soul of the national culture and is conducive to it - it destroys everything that alienates the Germans from their Germanness and wants to decompose this in favor of a monotonous, materialistic world civilization!

After the National Socialist revolution, the struggle of the German cultural revolution for the freedom of culture in accordance with the species and nature is continued also by legal means:

In point 23 of its party program, therefore, the NSDAP demands the legal fight against an artistic and literary trend that exerts a corrosive influence on our national life! Thus, the goal of the German cultural revolution is clearly stated:

This requirement is fulfilled when all corrosive and alien influences have been eliminated and a German culture again reflects unadulterated German thinking and feeling and stimulates higher development.

The most important influence on the national culture of our people in modern times is exercised by the mass media. They must therefore be placed under the strict control of the German Cultural Revolution and its power-political arm - the National Socialist People's State. When the program was written, these were essentially the press media, newspapers and magazines; in the meantime, radio, television and other media have been added, to which the demands of Point 23 naturally extend.

From willing tools of anti-German cultural destruction, the mass media must be-

come tools of the cultural rebirth of our people. In doing so, culture cannot be commanded - it needs freedom and space for a long and fruitful development. For this reason, the party program also refrains from demands as to what a species-appropriate culture should look like and limits itself to fighting everything that threatens and endangers its development.

Point 23 mentions as such dangers, on the one hand, the "corrosive influence on our national life", which emanates from the materialistic minus world in general, on the other hand, however, also the "conscious, political lie". This indicates that the destruction of culture is, on the one hand, an unintentional consequence of the subjugation of German cultural life to the materialistic world civilization, but on the other hand, our people is systematically alienated from its own essence, also by conscious lies of anti-German forces.

Therefore, the NSDAP demands the consequent elimination of all anti-German forces from the mass media and prohibits any influence through collaboration or financial participation of elements foreign to the people and also through the distribution of non-German media in the German language.

Thus the German cultural life is freed from everything that stands in the way of its proper development and the prerequisite is created for the blossoming of a new high culture, for the rebirth of the German and European national and racial soul!

24 PUBLIC BENEFIT BEFORE SELF-INTEREST

"We demand the freedom of all religious confessions in the state, as far as they do not endanger its existence, or offend against the morals of the Germanic race. The party as such represents the standpoint of a positive Christianity, without binding itself denominationally to a particular confession. It fights the Jewish materialistic spirit WITHIN and OUTSIDE us and is convinced that a lasting recovery of our people can only come from WITHIN, on the basis of COMMONWEALTH BEFORE PROPERTY."

The party program of the NSDAP culminates in point 24 and finds its completion in it. The following and last point of the program merely demands the strengthening of the state authority, which is to make possible the complete fulfillment of the legal demands, but adds nothing more fundamental to them. Point 24, however, embodies the actual spirit and the core of the entire party program, which thus lays an iron foundation for the life of our people - the actual fundamental law of our idea and movement:

This formulation is the second and last of the program, which is printed locked and thus particularly emphasized. And just as the breaking of the servitude to interest is mentioned in point 11, as a decisive prerequisite and METHOD for the building of the socialist people's community, so here in point 24 the SPIRIT, the real core of the whole struggle, is presented! Between these two great cornerstones - common good before self-interest and breaking the bondage of interest - the whole political, economic, social, cultural and ideological shaping struggle of our party unfolds, from them it draws its actual meaning and its inner coherence.

At the beginning of the formulation of point 24, the NSDAP not only professes the freedom of all religious confessions, but even demands it, as a consequence of its political will. This clearly states that the National Socialist party in no way sees itself as a religious reform or revolutionary movement among the German people. It is religiously tolerant and leaves it up to each member of the people to find his own way to God and his own attitude toward religion. In particular, it does not demand any particular religious confession from its party members. It demands only that the German feel himself to be a German and stand up for and work for the community of his people - beyond that, however, he is free to develop himself as a personality bound to and shaped by his nation, which includes the freedom of his religious confession. That religious intolerance therefore totally contradicts the National Socialist idea as it is presented and bindingly laid down in the party program.

This religious freedom finds its limits where the political sense of the Party's struggle for the preservation and development of the species of our people begins:

Since the NSDAP regards the survival and proper development of the national community as the highest value and the meaning of life of each individual member of the people, it does not permit any religious confessions that endanger the existence of the National Socialist state, which protects the national community and secures its development in terms of power politics. It fights them not for religious but for political reasons, or in other words:

That religious community has it exclusively in its own hands whether it is recognized and allowed to appear freely - it is fought only if it itself turns against the national community and thus preaches a political and anti-German message instead of a religious one, and it is then also fought not as a religious but as a political community, like all other anti-German forces. The second limit for the freedom of religious confession is the moral sense of the Germanic race, which must not be violated.

This formulation is unfortunate in that the invocation of "custom and morality" could easily open the way for all sorts of philistines and would-be moral inquisi-

tors, with whom, after all, the National Socialist attitude to life has nothing in common, which seeks to bring up free and natural people. This danger became clear on various occasions after the first National Socialist revolution in 1933 and prompted Dr. Goebbels to make the following critical remark:

Such an attitude is, of course, contrary to the spirit of our outlook on life and can find no justification in the letter of the party program.

Quite obviously, what is meant by the phrase of the "morality and moral feeling of the Germanic race" is a violation of the ethics of the National Socialist Volksgemeinschaft, that is, everything that prevents workers, fighters, mothers and leaders from fulfilling their task in the life of our people in the best possible way. This also means those already discussed corrosive influences and deliberate lies which prevent the German from thinking German and feeling German, which threaten and hinder the building and development of a German culture appropriate to the species. As far as religious communities become active in such a direction and with such aims or effects, they must be fought - again not because of their religious message, but because of an anti-German activity.

But beyond this restriction the NSDAP demands complete spiritual freedom: With the new order of National Socialism end centuries of religious fanaticism and blind dogmatism, which make any development of a free culture impossible and once destroyed the kingdom of light of ancient spirit and the free order of life of our Germanic ancestors in favor of the proverbial "dark" Middle Ages with its religiously based mass murders!

It may come as a surprise that the comparatively minor demand for religious freedom is formulated in point 24, which represents the actual core of the entire party program. However, the rest of the text shows that the introductory commitment to religious freedom leads into the commitment to the party's basic religious stance as such:

Unlike, for example, materialistic Marxism, idealistic National Socialism is committed to an attitude that recognizes higher values in the life of a people and the

people's comrades. Such higher values, however, have always been expressed in human history with religious myths and messages and made understandable to ordinary people. Behind the party's demand for freedom of religious confession, therefore, there is not mere and indifferent tolerance, but a passionate approval of the idealistic attitude to life, such as EVERY religion preaches, and which is only to be prevented from turning against the national community, which represents the highest value.

This attitude becomes very clear when the program subsequently states that the National Socialist party as such professes positive Christianity, but without binding itself to any particular confession. Of course, this is intended first of all to draw the conclusion quite pragmatically from the realization that the German people have been profoundly shaped by Christianity in their history, that one cannot simply erase such a history, and that National Socialism does not want to cause any religious struggles or new fissures in the German national body. Instead, the party acknowledges this history and respects the Christian confession of a multitude of Volksgenossen:

Christianity is the predominant confession of the German past and present. Therefore it must, like all other currents of our national life - and because of its importance even more than many others! - must be placed in the service of the preservation and development of the species of our people. Such a Christianity, which places the ideals it contains and preaches in the service of the survival and higher development of our people, is a positive Christianity. The standpoint of such a positive Christianity is represented by the party as such.

This, of course, does not bind every party member, who as a person can certainly accept any other confession and work for a religious reformation of the German people - as long as he does it as a person without involving the party in religious battles:

The party offers a home to ALL Germans who want to be Germans first and fore-most!

Belief in and approval of higher values, which promote and enrich the life of a people, determine the NSDAP's attitude to religious questions. They form a bulwark against the often seemingly overpowering minus world, the materialistic world civilization surrounding us, which poisons and decomposes all peoples until they die and give way to soulless consumer robots. The NSDAP fights against this creeping death of the people - it sees its cause in the Jewish-materialistic spirit, whose influences corrode us from the outside, but also find an echo in the inside, in the worst instincts and desires of man. The party counters this with its idealism of values, which will enable the recovery of our people and its rebirth from within.

And again, positive Christianity is a clothing of this value idealism, which we set against the materialistic un-spirit, corresponding to the Christian tradition of our people:

Christianity preaches the message of love for the neighbor - who else is this neighbor than our fellow human being? This attitude makes an order come true, which overcomes the minus world and makes a humane new order possible - an order, which stands above as an iron law:

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