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The Education of an Evil Genius

Part 18

Aftermath: Criminalized and Prosecuted in the USA

But there is more! Upon my return to America, the U.S. government declares me a “convicted felon” and tries to throw me in prison!

Following my 1976 thought crime conviction in Germany, I had asked my U.S. attorney if this had any legal ramifications in the USA. I was told no. First, it was a foreign conviction. Second, it was for an activity that is expressly protected under the First Amendment. I later acquired a gun permit without any problem.

By the time I returned to America in 1999, my old gun permit had expired. So I filled out a new application.

When I read the question asking whether I was a ‘convicted felon’, I remembered my lawyer’s words. But I still felt uneasy. “Interpretations” can and do change over time. Still, this was a matter of principle.

My standpoint was (and remains) this: *Telling a political prisoner he is a “convicted felon” is like telling a rape victim she is a “slut”, because she had sex outside of marriage. It is an outrage! It is dishonorable! It is even worse, when the government demands the victim defame himself/herself under threat of perjury in-*

dictment and imprisonment!

I answered that question “No!”

Here is what happened next.

Spring 1999. The U.S. federal government declares me a “convicted felon” solely on the basis of my “German conviction” for legally publishing a newspaper in America! I initiate legal counteraction. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) takes the case.

July 30, 1999. A local court rejects my appeal against denial of my gun permit application, but leaves the First Amendment issue unanswered. The police legal advisor is quoted in a front page article in the local press on July 31st that this case could go to the U.S. Supreme Court.

A different case did go to the U.S. Supreme Court a few years later. It “settled” the issue in the positive sense. However, this does not necessarily mean it can’t happen again. Furthermore, a “perjury” charge might be made anyway!

August 17, 1999. The ACLU appeals to both the Lancaster County District Court and the Treasury Department.

October 15, 1999. The district court rejects my appeal on a technicality. Amazingly, neither I nor my attorney are even informed until the following week. The ACLU attorney starts preparation of another appeal.

November 4, 1999. After learning of an arrest warrant, I turn myself in to the Lincoln Police. I am formally charged with a “class four felony perjury” - punishable with five years prison and/or \$10,000.00 fine – for non-disclosure of the thought crime “conviction” in Germany. I am released on bail the same day.

November 8, 1999. The *Lincoln Journal Star* prints an editorial criticizing the local authorities as “too aggressive” for filing a criminal charge before the constitutional issues are satisfactorily answered.

December 4, 2001. Twenty-five months after the indictment, my trial starts and ends in less than one hour with dismissal of the charge.

Important! This case was only dismissed on a TECHNICALITY. NOT on the basis of the First Amendment!

The “offense” is a “misdemeanor” under German law and does not result in loss of civil rights. (The Nebraska state police later changed the wording on the application to get around this technicality. Therefore, a “perjury” conviction could still be possible even today!)

The prosecutor flew in an expert legal translator for \$20,000 taxpayer dollars, whose credentials included work for the U.S. Justice Department’s Office for Special Prosecution. Its specialty is “Nazi war criminals”. At one time, its head was a dual U.S./Israel citizen who was simultaneously a sheriff in Israel!

This “expert” failed to clearly distinguish between felony and misdemeanor! Only my knowledge of German law and language enabled the defense to catch this. We then forced the “expert” to concede the point. This was vital to my defense. Otherwise conviction and appeals all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court – and perhaps prison while all this was going on (!) – would have been the probable result!

The ACLU could not defend me, because this case was ‘criminal’, not “civil”. I had a public defender. I had to catch this technicality *myself*. Then I had to mention it to him *repeatedly* before he agreed it was a viable point.

A Threat to Us All

Imagine the following scenario.

*The U.S. government denies you the right to vote or own a firearm on the grounds you are a “convicted felon”...because of a **misdemeanor conviction** years ago in a **foreign country** for something akin to **possession of a Christian Bible** in a **Moslem country**!*

Or because a foreign government doesn’t like your U.S.-based web-site, claims jurisdiction and “convicts” you of a thought crime!

Oh yes, and because you didn’t disclose your “felony conviction” on a gun permit application, you are arrested and indicted for “felony perjury”!!!

This could happen to you! My own case proves it! Legally, these cases are no different from mine.

Combine this with the recent “Big Brother” revelations and we have one pretty scary scenario!

Chapter Eight

The New Millennium

After my return to America, I was pleased with the progress that had been made in my absence. So I continued to delegate and spend much of my time on other pursuits.

One of these pursuits was *mentoring*. I found great personal satisfaction in this. These young people were a heck of a lot smarter than I was at their age. Some of them are bound to accomplish a lot more than I. Anything I may have contributed to their development represents my modest gift to posterity.

Over time the small format newsletter replaced the tabloid. Then the web-site replaced the newsletter. Book publication, on the other hand, survived and even greatly expanded. At our peak just before the great Recession hit, we published about 100 new book titles in a single year.

60,000,000 Web-Site Hits

The very first web-site I ever created (in January 2000) and managed was for our organization.

Initially, I really didn't want to get into this field at all. I have very little aptitude for anything technical or mechanical. But the other volunteers dropped the ball and I had to step in. Like it or not.

So I reluctantly started to research how to acquire at least the *bare minimum* level of skill in this area.

My very first web-site had over TWO million hits in the first year, TEN million hits in the second year and TWENTY million hits in the third year! It peaked at SIXTY million hits per year a few years later!

Given this sheer volume, bandwidth quickly became a big cost issue. So we very soon became a "web-site re-seller". That way, we got wholesale pricing from the server. We bought web-site accounts in bulk, re-sold some, donated some and used the rest for experimentation.

A few years later, one of the three largest servers in the USA told us we were one of their top ten web-site resellers worldwide!

Of course, when I first created this web-site, the adepts looked down on it. The design was too plain and simple. It lacked the bells and whistles. Obviously, *the work of a rank amateur*.

True. It was the work of an amateur. It was unconventional by the generally recognized standards. But it worked!

There were four reasons for this design:

First, my approach as a *direct marketer* as opposed to a *computer whiz* or a conventional *web-site designer*.

A common mistake made today is to simply assign web-site creation and maintenance to a computer whiz or a web-site designer. The end result is a web-site that looks like a work of art, but does not produce optimal results.

The worst part is that this dodo often does not get fixed. Nobody notices the deficiency, because the web-site looks great! Akin to a beautiful woman who, in reality, is a serial killer. Most web-site designers are “artists”. Not “scientists” like direct marketers. Think of it like this: Van Gogh was a great painter, but would YOU have hired him to build a bridge??

Second, my research on *search engine optimization* (SEO).

Third, the *simplicity and standardization of methodology* that worked so well in the tabloid operation and elsewhere.

Fourth, our own staff’s very limited computer skill. (Generally, computer geeks want to play with the latest high-tech toys. Not do “boring” work.)

We spent a lot of money on a computer animation program. Then we hired a professional artist to draw the faces of famous politicians throughout the world. These were used to create computer animations poking fun at them. This included heads of state singing outlawed dissident songs.

At one point, we were creating *two* new animations *every day* for our web-site. One for each of our two primary languages.

This was intended to be just the first stage in a much more ambitious project. Unfortunately, it was later shelved. It’s still collecting dust on that shelf. But it’s not in the garbage can.

I had hired a SEO consultant.

Not to do the work himself as is customary. But to *train me*. That way, I could perform this task myself in the future.

Then I set up a DOZEN web-sites and experimented with FIFTY search terms. Each day I tracked and recorded the Google position for each and every one. I did this for MONTHS. MOST of those search terms soon appeared on the first page and SOME were #1.

In the case of a few larger and more important web-sites, we monitored the web-site statistics *daily*. Later I recorded those figures, compared them against revenue, analyzed ratios and projected growth in traffic and revenue.

The Internet is *similar* to *mail order* in some ways. Except the digits after the decimal point were moved over a few spaces. In mail order, I was accustomed to

going only three or four digits to the right of the decimal point. But for the Internet, it was six.

The biggest problem is quality. The Internet is a voyeuristic media. In the pre-Internet days, subscribers had an emotional connection with their print publication. This translated into concrete support in the form of either volunteer work or donations. This is sadly lacking in the cyber world.

Hitler states in *Mein Kampf*: **The purpose of propaganda is to win followers. The purpose of followers is to make propaganda.**

But in the Internet, free self-gratification reigns supreme. Arguing in forums or posting inflammatory comments is a waste of time and effort. The spoken word, preferably face-to-face, is infinitely more effective. Practical experience as well as careful measurement and analysis of both web-site traffic and traditional print media mail order have convinced me of this.

The Old Guard Stands Ready

Three decades after the birth of the NSDAP/AO in 1972, the “legal arm” of the movement replaced the “illegal arm”. Semi-legal front groups and legal literature replaced the underground cells and illegal literature. The Internet also played a big role in this development.

The foreign base shifted to secondary support tasks. Akin to the shift from active duty to reserve status, even though we are “political soldiers” as opposed to soldiers in conventional military service.

Perhaps government oppression will one day force the movement to return to the old-style underground resistance. If so, the enemy of freedom will find our Old Guard very willing and able to “give him a black eye”. But we will not “cut off his head”. We will remain non-violent.

At some point in the perhaps distant, perhaps not-so-distant future, the Old Country, hopefully *all* countries, will again hold truly free elections. Then it will only be a matter of time until the tyrants fall. A free country can then mete out justice. Neither justice nor revenge fall within the scope of our task.

If and when necessary, the dissidents will shift tactics again. The troops in the rear will return to the front. The reservists will be called back to active duty.

I would be HONORED to be ALLOWED to stand at their side!



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