

BOOK REVIEW

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A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO DETERMINE OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS

(“Serbian national interests”, Plato-books and Kosmos, Belgrade 2010)

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МНОГИ БИ ДА ОДРЕЂУЈУ НАШЕ НАЦИОНАЛНЕ ИНТЕРЕСЕ („Српски национални интереси“, Плато-боокс и Космос, Београд 2010)

In recently published paper “Serbian national interests” by prof. Dr. D. Slovic, the author is committed to finding answers to the question: Serbian national interests? and rightly points out that anyone who decides to create and publish any paper has owes to the reader, and to himself, to ask himself: Who is it intended for?

This question, it seems, was present at all stages of the writing of this paper, a profound belief that it is necessary for our people, but not the conviction that it is enough. The author stands for understanding that the national interests of all, including our people, are the field that needs to be contributed by the cleverest people, as a debt to their ethnicity, and for themselves.

At the same time, he did not for a moment doubt in whether the thinking under the above heading is necessary to our people at this time, but there is confusion since to this topic with us directly no scientific paper had been dedicated, at least not under this. Exceptions are headings, he says, “Nacertanije” by Elias Garasanin “Memorandum” of the Serbian Academy of Arts and Sciences, but their fate was to have remained unfinished and incomplete, and that our public and not so long ago (before our eyes) , suffered a shameful interpretation of people who are not worthy to deal with them. Namely, in the ideologized interpretation of fawning publicists turned out that both titles were political pamphlets with hostile content and to harm the Serbian people, and says that if this paper experiences similar fate, he will have the pleasure and honor to be among the people who deserve respect and admiration.

Concluded her elementary guiding idea, which motivated the author to write about this, is the fact that every normal human mind must notice: “For centuries, the evil specter hovering over the skies of Serbia” - the specter of division and discord. See this specter, and to stand still is an act of discouragement for every honorable man who belongs to this nation. And many ordinary people, even those with low education - drinking with their friends a bottle of beer in front of some rural grocery store, have a clear knowledge about it. Their reviews on this issue are clear and precise, but their power to fight this evil is too small. And these very people, without much reasoning, all see and recognize clearly, can and must be a landmark in the fight against this evil.

Otherwise, he says: “Serbia has languished whenever devided inside when the Ober-chiefs and mayors separated and wanted to be great when the small can in an

ambush, or poisons, destroying large. And always, after every nobles rank Dusan the Great came to the brotherhood of small lords who wanted big power and privilege that it brought, and those little lords have always been, and still are, the fate of the Serbian people and not to them is the evil that embodies the bloody specter. The only thing the small nobility in Serbia has always agreed upon is to destroy the one who has the biggest part and is the best of them. “That way ran our past, and such is the reality of Serbia today. This will be in the future if we do not have enough wisdom to eradicate this evil, to recognize and isolate effective remedy, and the most effective “vaccine” to combat this evil is the knowledge and ability of the nation to recognize it and until it does not recognize reason there is no possibility to isolate and expel the evil from our being.

It seems that the ultimate aim of the author’s study is to contribute to the clarification of our reality and the right direction on our ways - we must not allow ourselves to evil spirits water into a tailspin, without even recognizing. This problem is far greater than what we see today, so the paper should be understood as a kind of invitation to Serbian minds that this theme of their languor should be transferred into the focus of our interest.

The paper topic makes association that it could be a nationalist literature, but such ideas in it can only be seen malicious by man. Such ideas today may represent a darkened mind, unable to recognize the global processes and global flows in them. Time of nationalism is finally behind us, especially when it comes to small nations, and today there are few among all that have less than a hundred million people, with the exception of some who (like the English) imposed in the world as a great power, although objectively they are not. The author is not convinced that some of these nations who have far larger populations than this number feel great.

Globalization is a process that is as pandemic spreading around the world, which in its nature is unstoppable and does not follow the desire of individual nations. Small nations are the first beast that it will lawfully take, but the Issue is not whether this process is going and whether it is fair, but whether it gives everyone an equal chance

Nationalism is the worst collaborator and the largest burden of those who see the future of their nation, no matter how large. To small it reduces the already small “equal opportunities” and increases labor pains brought about and just enjoying the great flows. Thus, nationalists are in this time enemies of their people, but the loss of national consciousness even greater evil.

The solution, therefore, is in the articulation of national consciousness, but not to limit its overheating chauvinism. Because, true patriotism today is not the awakening of national feelings on the line negation of all the values of modern civilization, but within a reasonable awakening of national consciousness or, more precisely, the national conscience. On this issue could be developed and the opposite view, according to which acceptance of the decadence of the modern world is the evil that should be bravely resisted. It follows a logical conclusion to be resisted and all forms of mental decadence of humanity, which thus covers.

No matter how much it may pursuant to that, the car continues, we must understand a great truth, that every cultural plant less resistant weeds from those which are not cultivated. Similarly, only a little different, and high civilization carries diseases that only its own and there is no effective defense mechanisms against them. And we are, apparently, can not be avoided, and we will overcome the - even if you do not want to, because by joining these processes we can not Between one the pandemic precisely

because the modern world is not built defense mechanisms of the evils that are turned against the man. And, if we are powerless to fight such evil, then at least we have to accept, but the way to us what is possible from brushes. But unless we gathered around unique national targets will disappear in globalization as wisps of fog disappeared on the mountain peaks after heavy rains.

The question therefore, according to the author, does not arise in the form of “if” but in a far more complex form - “how?”. For these reasons, this paper is an attempt to take on the great heap of our wisdom on this issue added even one pebble that could be of use. Scholars have long been known attitude that sometimes good question is a major contribution for obtaining a valid response. The only thing is the author of this part safe, it has to set a good and pertinent question, and at the right time, perhaps at the last minute.

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