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A Disease of Modern Times

There seems to be no doubt that if a man, with the heart of St. Francis, appeared among us today and if, by great example, he showed the world the beauty of compassionate love, tens of thousands of people, perhaps hundreds of thousands and millions, would follow him.

Among them, there would be those who, today, take the easy road to cruelty and imitate those who are cruel.

A proliferation of owls has emerged, all of whom have emanated from cruelty. Examples are the leaders of some European countries. It seems, to the simpleton, that force must be brutal, that it does not speak, but barks or snores, that it does not lead, but beats the heads of people, that it does not hold tools or pens in its hand, but a club, a dagger or a revolver.

There's some vague belief that you have to beat, harass, drive way, destroy and, only then, can you begin work. This is the reasoning of a terrifyingly miserable smallness which does not see its own great ways, but only sees other's poor paths. A man, who wishes to run a large department store, succumbs to a morbid obsession that this will only be possible if he drives the poor sales-lady out of the shop.

All the great creators and organisers did not care about what was around them, but set up their own workshops wherever they pleased and, always, bigger and better than existing ones.

When it comes to the specific case of antisemitism, it must be said that the Jews have succumbed to their surroundings. In Slovakia, they are poor like the Slovaks. In France, they are rich like the French. In England, they are enterprising like the English. In Spain, they are pious like the Spaniards.

Do those, who blame everything on the Jews, not realise that the Jews are very similar to their environment? That they resemble them even in physical appearance? There is a very accurate and wise saying, "Wies es christelt, so judelt es" (a play on words that is untranslatable, but means that Judaism is what Christianity is)

Each environment finds, in Jewry, a intensification of its own qualities and its own faults.

In Germany, where art and science flourished, where trade and industry developed together, Jews were great scientists, writers and industrial artists. They were Germans and they adapted completely to German politics and the German attitude to life.

They were a model for Germany to such an extent that, out of thirty-four Nobel Prizes awarded to Germans, eleven of them were to German Jews when, in fact, none of them should have been awarded to them. Envy and jealousy appeared.

There is a saying that, if you want to beat a dog, you will easily find a stick. It can be said, with even greater truth, that whoever wants to beat someone will easily find a victim.

During one of the last trials, words were said that, when the Jews left, there would be peace and harmony. Is anyone so naive as to assume that a person, who likes to beat and who has that nature, would be immediately transformed if there were no Jews in Poland? We don't remember the systematic and well-organised beating of the so-called heretics? The Jew bothers you. The Mason bothers you. The heretic bothers you. The *Sanacja* bothers you. The socialist bothers you ...

This chronic irritation, this irritation caused by the presence of certain people, certain beliefs, certain aspirations - this demand for everything to be this way and that, is a symptom of a disease.

The patient does not want to be examined, does not want visitors, even the friendliest, does want to eat food that is good for his health.

Sometimes, he wants unpleasant equipment to be removed from the room. Sometimes, he demands to be moved elsewhere or to have another doctor brought for him.

This is a disease. A healthy person never cares about what others do, but works according to his own will and inclination. There are no special desires and he is just like millions of

other people. Capriciousness, mood changes, the desire to beat others, the feeling that everything will be fine only when you get rid of unpleasant and disgusting people - these are pathological symptoms.

Society should pay attention to these, because what is happening? The ideal of some hearts and minds is to get rid of the Jews. It seems to people that then everything will be right in the world.

From the windows of their apartment, they see an old Jewish woman, in her seventies, delivering

bread in heavy baskets. She bends due to them. She suffers from asthma. Sometimes, she sits on the stones and breathes heavily. Her job will soon be available for others, as will that of her friend the water carrier and that of the old shoe repairer. Who will take those jobs? Who is waiting for them?

I know that there are also rich Jews, capitalists. I know that there are evil people among them, as well as among Christians. But I also saw Jews, who came from Paris to save a sick Christian friend. I have Jewish friends who represent the most

beautiful humanity. Unfortunately, our fight is not against evil, but among those who are themselves victims of evil. You do not fight poverty, you fight the poor. You do not fight prostitution, but you beat the heads of the prostitutes.

The topic of cruelty is inexhaustible. I only wish to draw attention to its pathological nature, to what is always a pathological symptom in the manifestations of cruelty. Let us be aware of this common disease that affects young people today and let us treat it before it is too late.

P. Hulka-Laskowski

In the Crooked Mirror of "Opinion"

"If you want to, then beat a Jew"

We have before us the first issue of the local magazine "Częstochowa Opinion".

Judging by the title and the introductory article, where the author takes the instructions of the late Marshal Piłsudski as the starting point of his ideology, one should expect that this magazine will be an expression of the healthy opinion of Częstochowa, that it will approach all phenomena impartially and calmly, without blind obstinacy.

Meanwhile, what does it turn out to be?

In the second article (Around a

"Jewish Matter"), the author rides his favourite Jewish horse and shouts at a Jew!

According to the author, all young Jews are communists and the older ones take bread from Poles. Antisemitism is the result of the hunger suffered by the masses.

It is only "self-defence against the insatiable greed of the Jews".

In a word, as the "Opinion" proverb says, "If you want to beat the Jews, go beat a Jew!".

The same old, hackneyed phrases, not worth a pound of fluff. We will

not answer them, if only because it is a difficult task to talk to a blind person about colours.

We mark one thing: Someone here wants to make a profit from antisemitism!

The nationalist front against the leftist front

During the last two holiday days, the first consensus conference took place in Warsaw regarding the creation of the "National Front" opposition organisation.

Representatives of the Christian Democrats, the National Party and a certain faction of the People's Party took part in the conference.

At this conference, it was agreed that the individual parties, within the National Front, were to dissolve. On the contrary, they were to remain completely independent.

The National Front's only goal would be to save Poland from growing communism.

A National Party representative spoke out against his party's participation in this front. He considered that, being independent, his party could achieve more.

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