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The Beneš-Decrees Are Untouchable

The documents which after the Second World War limited the civil and property rights of the Hungarian and the German minority in Slovakia are now untouchable. The parliament made this decision today. The proposal was supported by the coalition as well as by the opposition MPs, except the Party of Hungarian Coalition (SMK-MKP). Similar act was adopted by the Czech Chamber of Deputies in 2002. The parliament in its act rejects the attempts to infirm the after-war decrees. And the legal and the property relations which resulted from the after-war documents are declared untouchable.

The proposal for adopting this document came from Ján Slotá's Slovak National Party. The nationalists recently strongly criticized the proposals of SMK-MKP about compensations for the victims of the decrees of the former Czechoslovak president, Edvard Beneš, and the related documents of the then Slovak National Assembly. The idea of compensation was



rejected also by the other political parties. The Beneš-decrees belong to the traditional conflict issues between the Slovak parties and the politicians of SMK-MKP, who represent more than half a million citizens of Hungarian ethnicity.

The document was sharply disapproved by SMK-MKP. "In the case of adopting the proposal, the National Assembly three years after joining the EU declares again the principle of collective guilt against every citizen of Hungarian and German ethnicity," said in the parliamentary debate József Berényi, MP for SMK-MKP. He added that SMK-MKP would not like to

enforce the cancellation or opening the Beneš-decrees, but only correction of the injustices that resulted from them.

The opposition took a reserved stance about the act, however they supported the proposal. "The declaration does not bring anything new; it reminds breaking of open door," said Eduard Kukan, MP from SDKÚ-DS.

The Czechoslovak government after the end of the war enforced ejection of more than three million of Sudet Germans from the Czech borderland. But their claim for displacement of Hungarians from Slovakia met with resistance from the United States and Britain. Finally after complicated negotiations with the Hungarian government only a mutual exchange of several ten thousands of members of the Hungarian and Slovak minority was realized. Moreover, thousands of Hungarians from Slovakia were send to work in Czech Republic after the war.

(SME, 20.9.2007)

Inconsistent Declaration

According to political scientists the adoption of the declaration was unnecessary. "By integrating a clause about condemnation of collective guilt it creates a similar inconsistent and double-faced situation that existed till now," – said to our newspaper László Öllös, political scientist, and associate in the Fórum

Intézet. – "They strengthen a legal rule that is based on the principle of collective guilt, and in the same breath they reject the principle of collective guilt." Similar opinion has Miroslav Kusý, political scientist, who adds: anyhow, the decrees can't be cancelled.

(Új Szó, 21.9.2007)



Berényi, Vice Chairman Of SMK-MKP: A Shameful Decision



József Berényi, vice chairman of SMK-MKP in the parliamentary debate about the proposal of SNS, called the draft bill shameful. He remarked that the Potsdam declaration that is referenced in the text, applied only to relocation of the Germans and not the Hungarians.

According to him the most problematic part is the one that practically confirms that every citizen of Hungarian nationality is equal

with the persons who were branded as a Nazi and collaborationist under the Beneš categorization.

He thinks that with this law the Slovak parliament returns to the after-war years. He declared: SMK-MKP's goal is correction of the negative effects of the decisions after the war, and not direct cancellation of the Beneš-decrees. In his opinion it is not possible to live freely and equally with the unjust punishment and the illegitimate imputation. "The re-legitimization of the after-war collective punishment of our ancestors does not contribute to the joint and harmonic building of Slovak Republic" – added the vice chairman of SMK-MKP.

(Bumm, 20.9.2007)

SMK-MKP's Press Release Related To The Decision Of The Parliament In Bratislava ABOUT THE CONFIRMATION OF THE BENEŠ-DECREES



The Party of Hungarian Coalition thinks that the Slovak parliament made a disastrous

decision by adopting the proposal of the MPs from the Slovak National party about the untouchability of the denazification documents about the settlement of the Slovakian situation after the Second World War that confirms the manners practiced in the Czechoslovak Republic between 1945-48.

According to them there is no room for confirming the spirit of the decrees, neither their negative effects in the 21st century Europe. The Party of Hungarian Coalition henceforward finds it important to apologize to those citizens who were affected by the processes after the war, and they still think that also the possibility of their compensation should be considered.

POSITION OF THE PARTY OF HUNGARIAN COALITION ON THE SITUATION ARISEN AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC ON INVIOABILITY OF THE DOCUMENTS ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE CONDITIONS AFTER THE WORLD WAR II IN SLOVAKIA

1. The Hungarian Coalition Party (SMK) has not proposed to open or to cancel the so-called Beneš decrees, and it has not opened this topic in the Slovak parliament.

2. The Hungarian Coalition Party has proposed to consider mitigating the consequences of application of the non-democratic legal norms of the Slovak

parliament from the period of 1945-48 that applied the collective guilt principle to citizens of CSR/SR with Hungarian and German nationalities. It regarded resettlement of more than 150 thousand citizens to Hungary or to Bohemia, property confiscation, loss of the state citizenship, prohibition of using mother tongue, prohibition of press publishing, closing of schools with education in minority languages, etc.

3. The Hungarian Coalition Party has proposed to perform an apology by the Slovak parliament toward the persecuted own citizens, as it happened in 1991 toward the German nationality citizens. Furthermore, SMK has proposed considering a symbolical property compensation for the German and Hungarian communities in the SR. SMK has mentioned this intention only in media.

4. Only one document regarding this matter has been presented to the Slovak parliament, namely a proposal of the Slovak National Party to reconfirm the validity of the sadly known legal documents from the period of 1945-48. This proposal has been adopted in a modified version, all 20 members of parliament for SMK voted against. SMK sees in this step of the Slovak parliament an attack to human and minority rights in the SR, and is convinced that the confirmation of the philosophy and the spirit of these documents does not belong to the European Union climate in the 21st century. These documents were inconsistent with the democratic values even 60 years ago; we consider their reconfirmation in 2007 (see mainly the content of the point 3 of the Resolution of the Slovak parliament) a principal mistake of the Slovak political parties. This discriminative step of the Slo-

vak parliament is in contradiction with the Article 6 of the Agreement on the European Union as well as with the obligations of the SR embedded in the document No. 175/1993 at the accession of the SR to the Council of Europe.

5. SMK states that this is not an isolated step from the side of the government coalition of the SR. Under-financing of the J. Selye University in Komárno, imminent strong reduction of Slovak Radio broadcasting in the minority languages, prohibition of use of historical names in books for the minority schools, the context of the Act on A. Hlinka in the Slovak parliament make evident that the Slovak National Party has had an increasing impact on the actual government politics in the SR and the Prime Minister of the Government of the SR, Mr. Robert Fico, is not able to face this pressure. SMK challenges the Prime Minister of the Government of the SR, Mr. Robert Fico, to keep his public promise from 2006 to guarantee the status quo in the field of the minority politics.

6. SMK refuses the responsibility for the origin of the current unhappy situation and sees the possibility in continuing of the government politics of the SR based on the verified European values. SMK is ready to participate in building of a new confidence quality, but emphasizes that the current tension has been generated by the hostile step of the Slovak parliament. SMK thus expects a good will gesture also from Slovak colleagues.

7. SMK is convinced that the Slovak-Hungarian traumata can be concluded once forever by adopting a common declaration by the Slovak and Hungarian parliaments.

(Bratislava, 1 October 2007)

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Also those Slovak MPs voted for the resolution who found it unnecessary

Particularly SNS Profit From The Declaration

The parliament yesterday despite the no-votes of the Hungarian MPs adopted the declaration about the unchangeability of the documents closing the Second World War, so among others the unchangeability of the Beneš-decrees.

The document was supported by all but one present Slovak MPs, only Pavol Minárik (KDH) did not cast his vote.

- "This proposal is hostile, this was obvious also from the parliamentary debate, when the proponent tried to degrade the SMK-MKP MPs to second grade MPs." – added Minárik.

In the debate several opposition MPs declared that the adoption of the proposal is unnecessary, however in the voting they pushed the yes button. František Mikloško (KDH) half an hour before the voting said that the declaration is in contradiction with the document adopted in 1991, which condemns the relocation of the Carpathian Germans. After all he voted for the proposal.

(Új Szó, 21.9.2007)

Csáky to sue Slota for slander

Ethnic-Hungarian party (SMK) leader Pál Csáky announced on September 26 that he plans to sue Slovak National Party (SNS) chairman Ján Slota for slander.

The case arises from a recent situation in which Slota said that after 1938, some ethnic Hungarians living in the south of Slovakia behaved worse than Nazis. The SMK responded by saying that Slota was the "shame of Slovak public life", to which the SNS leader said that Csáky was "a boor, a puke, and rotten cow's shit". Slota then called Csáky "the offspring of Horthy's Hungary".

(Slovak Spectator, 27.09.2007.)

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JAN SLOTA, LEADER OF THE GOVERNING SNS: CSÁKY IS A VOMIT, A ROTTING SHIT



Jan Slota, leader of the governing SNS

J. SLOTA (on the phone):

"I want to emphasize that Mr. Csáky, this resurrection from the fascist regime of Horthy, to me he is not worth reacting to his lies. I will not comment him. I am not afraid to sit and discuss with this boorish man. If I am considered to be the shame for Slovakia then he is a vomit, rotting cow's shit."

Pál Csáky: Ján Slota Insults The Slovak Nation



Pál Csáky, chairman of the SMK-MKP

"Ján Slota can't insult me" – responded Pál Csáky, chairman of SMK-MKP to the statements of the chairman of the Slovak National Party. "This primitivism is offensive for the open-minded Slovaks, not to me. The government coalition has to realize that this is

also their label. Politicians with this kind of behavior in the public in the democratic states would not be able to remain in the public life for more than three days. It is highest time to think about how is it possible that a person with this kind of behavior is the second or third most popular politician in Slovakia" – said the chairman of SMK-MKP.



Fico Disapproves Slota's Style, But Finds It Reasonable

Robert Fico, Slovak Prime minister thinks that the "expressive words" of Ján Slota, of his coalition partner addressed to Pál Csáky "are inappropriate in the political dialogue", but he finds the motives of these words reasonable. Csáky entitled Slota, who proposed the untouchability of the Beneš-decrees as "Slovakia's shame"; Slota's answer was that he called Csáky a "vomit" and a "rotten piece of crap". However, Fico thinks that the cause of Slota's expressive words is the "aggressive and dangerous" behavior of Pál Csáky, leader of the Party of Hungarian Coalition (SMK-MKP). According to Fico, Csáky simply instigated Slota's statements.

(Bumm, MTI, SITA, 27.9.2007)

Slota: Hungarians were worse than fascists

Slota in his report to ČTK characterized the behaviour of Hungarians in southern Slovakia which belonged to Hungary after 1938 as worse than the acts of nazis in the Czech and Moravian Protectorate. "I beg your pardon but Germans committed less crimes than the Hungarian fascists in Southern Slovakia."

Slota praised the deportation of Sudetian Germans from the Czech Republic. He had a similar statement a year ago for the Czech daily Lidové noviny. "I of course agree with the overwhelming majority of the Czech people that what they had done after the war was right." said Slota for Czech News Agency ČTK. He called upon the Czech political representatives to support Slovakia "We must hold together. Some Hungarians in Central Europe cannot jump around and create tensions which could grow into something really bad." Slota said.

(Lidové Noviny, 24.9.2007.)

Fico doesn't want to deal with the problem of Slota

Although Fico condemned the utterances of Slota, he also added that they came as a reaction to Csáky's provocations.

Politologist Grigoriy Mesezhnikov of the Institute of Public Affairs thinks that Fico doesn't really want to influence Slota. „I am not sure whether the utterances of Slota and the political style of the SNS



Robert Fico and Jan Slota

bother Fico at all." If he would really like to „moralize" the nationalists, he had done so a long time ago.

Mesezhnikov thinks that Smer „has got into the tow of SNS and this situation got that far that Fico doesn't feel the need to get back into the PES anymore." He says the president of Smer knew he couldn't be in the current power position without the SNS.

The official statement of Smer though says that they want to get back to the euro-socialists. „There is a social democratic government in Slovakia and Smer doesn't see a reason for the ongoing punishment on the part of the European socialists, only because Smer has constituted a government of legitimate parliamentary parties," said the spokeswoman of Smer.

(SME, 2.10.2007)

Fico: The Slovak Society Is Not Willing To Reconcile With The Hungarians



Robert Fico, prime minister of Slovakia

The proposed declaration of the Party of Hungarian Coalition (SMK-MKP) about the Hungarian-Slovak reconciliation was entitled by Robert Fico, Slovak prime

minister in Le Monde, French daily paper, as a "provocation".

He declared: "in the light of the knowledge of the one thousand years long Slovak-Hungarian relations, it is clear that this conception is unrealizable, because the Slovak society is not willing to do it."

According to Le Monde the relations between the Slovak government and the Party of Hungarian Coalition (SMK-MKP) are "stormy". Fico thinks that the Slovak-Hungarian reconciliation declaration, submitted by SMK-MKP to both countries that has a form of an apology for the injustices during the history from both sides, is a "provocation".

(Bumm, 30.9.2007)

Fico Is Not Able To Keep A Check On Slota, Claims SMK-MKP

SMK-MKP is firmly rejecting the statements of the Prime Minister, Robert Fico to the address of the chairman of SMK-MKP, Pál Csáky. "SMK considers these statements as an effort to draw away the attention from the real problems of the current situation, which were clearly caused by the actions of SNS, as well as the whole coalition," – written in the statement.

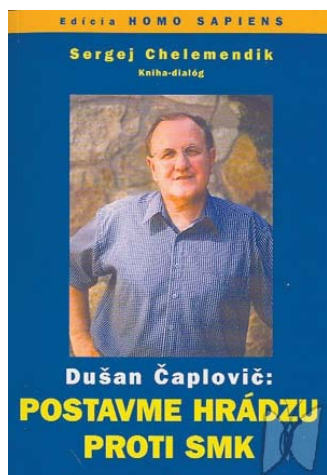
(Pravda, 27.9.2007)

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Dušan Čaplovič cuts out the representatives of the minorities



Dušan Čaplovič and his book: "Let's build a dam against SMK-MKP"

After fifteen months of being in charge, the government now wants to depose the president of the Committee on national minorities and ethnic groups, former deputy prime minister Pál Csáky and appoint Dusan Caplovic, current deputy prime minister, for this position.

„The deputy prime minister has a broad portfolio

after fifteen months that he should actually preside in this commission,” said Csáky. The deputy prime minister's duty to preside in this commission namely results from the charter of the commission.

The influence of Hungarians and Roma on solving problems concerning national minorities will decrease. Deputy prime minister Dusan Caplovic urges that only one Hungarian and one Roma organization should be represented in the commission on national minorities. Until now, the commission consisted of three Hungarian and two Roma organizations and one representative from each group of the remaining national minorities. The new charter should be approved by the government today.

(Pravda, 2.10.2007)

SLOTA COULD HAMPER FICO'S RETURN TO EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS



Jan Slota, Slovak National Party

The prospects of Prime Minister Robert Fico's Smer party returning to the Party of European Socialists (PES) are getting complicated, the Pravda daily wrote on September 26. Statements by the leader of the junior coalition member SNS party, Ján Slota, about Hungarians and Hungarian politicians are not improving Smer's chances shortly before the final PES verdict on the party's full-fledged membership. Smer's membership in PES was suspended due to its alliance with the nationalist SNS. The spokesman of the socialist faction in the European parliament, Armin Machmer, told the daily that PES will definitely deal with this issue on October 4. Fico's reaction to SNS will be decisive, Machmer said.

(SITA, Slovak Spectator, 26.9.2007.)



MPs vote on “Father of the Nation”

A BILL that would officially recognise Andrej Hlinka, the priest who led the party that after his death went on to lead the fascist Slovak State, as “Father of the Nation” has been passed for its second reading.

The bill submitted by the Slovak National Party (SNS) would also declare Hlinka’s mausoleum in Ružomberok to be a site of honour.

MPs passed the bill at a Parliament session last week. A similar bill submitted by the opposition Christian Democratic Movement (KDH) was not accepted.

Hlinka, a Catholic priest, was the chairman of the Slovak People’s Party from 1918 to his death in 1938. The party was renamed Hlinka’s Slovak People’s Party in 1925.

After his death, Jozef Tiso became the party chairman. Tiso later became the president of the wartime fascist Slovak state, and during his presidency, more than 60,000 Jews were deported to concentration camps.

By that time, Hlinka had become a revered personality. Even the state militia was called the Hlinka Guard.

In the debate on the bill, SNS chairman Ján Slota defended it fiercely. He said MPs who do not support the bill on Hlinka’s merits should be ashamed before the whole nation.

“Father Andrej Hlinka did more for the Slovak nation than all of us that are gathered here put together,” he said. “We did not do one-millionth of it - that is, except for me.

“And if one MP here does not vote for this bill, shame on him before the whole nation, his children, parents and grandparents.”

Vladimír Palko of the KDH spoke in favour of his party’s bill.

SMK chair Pál Csáky expressed grave concerns about the bill. He told the TASR newswire that a similar law on merits of Hlinka was passed on April 25, 1939, during the fascist Slovak state.

“That version corresponds de facto with the bills that are now circulating in the parliament,” he said. “It seems that this country is headed in a wrong direction, it seems that the SNS has run hog-wild.”

CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE



Historian Dušan Kováč told The Slovak Spectator that the bill strays from the historical truth right from the beginning, as Hlinka had no role whatsoever in the forming of an independent Slovak state.

In a blog on the Sme daily website on September 20, political analyst Eduard Chmelár said Hlinka fulfils the notion of a top leader neither from the theoretical point of view, nor from the human point of view.

“He often called his opponents dirt, louses and the like. He very seldom could hold his temper,” he wrote.

Political analyst Miroslav Kusý said he considered the bill completely absurd, and not appropriate in the 21st century.

“Specifically, Hlinka is not suitable for something like this, as he was an antagonistic personality,” he told The Slovak Spectator. “He hated Lutherans, Czechs, Hungarians and Jews, and he displayed his hatred violently.”

(Slovak Spectator, 24.09.2007.)

SNS BOSS HAS A WEIRD LEGISLATIVE DREAM

JÁN Slota has been nourishing a rather weird legislative dream. There is a law that has been haunting his Slovak National Party (SNS) for more than a decade. It is the Law on the Protection of the Slovak Republic, through which the “enemies of the nation” could be prosecuted.

Slota got quite close to seeing his dream come true in 1996, when ruling with the notorious boss of the Movement for a Democratic Slovakia, Vladimír Mečiar, and the leader of the Association of Workers of Slovakia, Ján Ľupták.

Back in 1996, when the Mečiar government pushed the country to the edge

of international isolation, the parliament passed a law that was supposed to protect the healthy core of the Slovak nation from people who were reportedly harming the image of Slovakia abroad.

At times it evoked fiery protests from European institutions such as the European Council.

When the public service Slovak Television asked Slota back in 1997 about his failure to push the law through, it was clear he had not forgotten. “It is such a pity it failed,” he said. “If it was passed, the Hungarians would have shut up.”

Slota poured fresh fuel on the fire as re-

cently as late July this year.

“If we all fall asleep here in Slovakia, when we finally wake up we will all be speaking Hungarian,” Slota said, leaving no doubt as to what enemies he had in mind when drafting the law.

This is actually Slota’s fifth try at getting such a law passed.

Although it is no surprise that the SNS is pushing such an agenda, what is a bit disconcerting is the fact that the party can now push for it as part of the ruling coalition.

(Slovak Spectator, Beata Balogová, 20.8.2007.)



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CABINET PASSES RESOLUTION ON MEDIA

PRIME Minister Robert Fico called a special meeting of cabinet to deal with what he called unethical behaviour on the part of the media.

It read: "The Government of the Slovak Republic discussed and approved the stance of the Slovak Government on suspected unethical and illegal practices of some print and electronic media."

In parliament, Fico explained that the government was concerned that some journalists take bribes from public relations agencies.

He added that he did not understand why the Press Council of the Slovak Republic and the Council for Broadcasting and Re-transmission have not yet reacted to a trip for journalists to the Austrian Alps that was organised by a private company. One month ago, Fico claimed that private pension fund management companies bribed some economic journalists with this trip to the Alps.

Former prime minister Mikuláš Dzurinda, currently the chair of the Slovak Democratic and Christian Union opposition party (SDKÚ), said Fico was

attacking the media to try to divert attention from other, more important issues.

The same day as the meeting, the opposition tried to have Tomanová removed from office for her role in a Sk2-million (€59,200) ministry grant to her former employer, the Privilégium social services company, which owed money to the social security provider Sociálna Poist'ovňa.

"If you are going to start censorship, I recommend that you would need to expand it as much as possible, even to the foreign media," Dzurinda said. "We do not care about your paranoid view of the media world. We do care about why you have spread alarmist news that threatens people who are saving for their pensions, and about whether you said these things out of mere ignorance."

According to the former justice minister Daniel Lipšic of the Christian Democratic Movement party (KDH), Fico's cabinet is increasingly resembling a totalitarian regime with its actions.

"Even communist Belarus did not have to be ashamed of such a governmental resolution," he said.

"I will not make policies just so that Washington or Brussels praise me," Fico replied.

MOVE TYPICAL OF POST-COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS

According to Jiří Pehe, a political analyst and director of the New York University in Prague, it is very uncommon for a government of any democratic country to approve resolutions about the media.

"In democratic countries, the media are free," Pehe, a chief political advisor to former Czech president Václav Havel, told The Slovak Spectator. "Private media in particular can work in the way they find appropriate, as long as they do not break the basic laws of their country. And that definitely did not happen in Slovakia."

"In this case, the Slovak government is confusing its role," he said. "By interfering in the jurisdiction of the police and courts, it weakens their position. And thus it actually weakens the whole democratic system."

(Slovak Spectator, 20.8.2007)

DOSSIER "HEDVIGA MALINOVÁ"



THE MISTAKES IN THE INVESTIGATION OF HEDVIGA MALINOVÁ'S-CASE ARE IRREPARABLE

The investigators and the prosecutors involved in the case of Hedviga Malinová made mistakes that affected the evaluation of the evidences. Because there are proceedings that are unrepeatable, so they are irreplaceable, therefore actually they are lost for us – proclaimed Slovakia's attorney general.

Dobroslav Trnka in the end of August called in the files of the girl who was attacked in the Western Slovakian Nitra, last year August, for an extensive survey, after several inde-

pendent expert and newspaper pointed out the superficial investigation and the contradictions in the official statements.

According to the attorney general, the investigators – as well as the prosecutor – from the professional point of view were not able to rise above, and to evaluate the situation from this position.

- For now I would not like to start disciplinary proceedings against anybody, because in the troubled days after the



DOSSIER "HEDVIGA MALINOVÁ"

event they were under big pressure from both sides – added Dobroslav Trnka.

According to our reliable sources among other mistakes they accomplished the search of premises unprofessionally and superficially, they did not ask for the recordings of the security cameras of the nearby shopping mall, which were since then destroyed by the camera operators. Several witnesses were not interrogated. Jaroslav Macek, prosecutor of the Nitra district prosecution, already several months ago raised a possibility that a plea agreement with Hedviga Malinová is conceivable, by virtue of which the police would close down the proceedings, and the girl would call off her statements and the denunciation. But the university student distinctly refused this solution.

Roman Kvasnica, advocate of the girl from the Csallóköz, to our question explained: It is becoming more and more proven true what his client was claiming from the beginning, namely the fact of the attack. Therefore according to him the only logical measure is that the attorney general will say after the "a" also the "b", namely he will instruct the



Dobroslav Trnka

competent persons: to continue the closed investigation in the case of attack on Hedviga Malinová.

Jozef Šátek, former high ranked police officer has the same opinion, according to him Dobroslav Trnka probably will not take such a resolution, because in this case also that fact would become clear that the last year's statements of the Slovak Prime Minister, the minister of interior, and the state police captain were completely wrong, because all of them claimed that Hed-

viga Malinová only made up the whole story, and that the case did not happen.

Hedviga Malinová was attacked last year on August 25, in the Southern Slovakian Nitra, because she was speaking Hungarian. The police closed down the investigation with an unexampled promptness, already on September 10, claiming that the girl was lying. In December they started legal proceedings based on two denunciations against her for the suspicion of false testimony. One of the denouncers this year in May committed suicide, and the other one turned out to be former member of the Slovak Information Service (SIS). (NOL, 23.9.2007)

TRNKA: The Police And Also The Prosecutor Made Mistakes In Case Hedviga

The police and the prosecution in the investigation of the case of Hedviga M. made mistakes that affected the evaluation of the evidences. Said Dobroslav Trnka, attorney general to TASR.

"When we have such a case, we have to pay perfect attention to it from the beginning, and a perfect job has to be done in it. There can not be executed proceeding that for example later can not be executed, or they are lost for us, because they were

executed in nonprocedural way. So we have to work on it hardly now," said Trnka. The attorney general because of the ambiguities in the process of the investigation established a special team, which is working already for one week. (TASR, SME, 22.9.2007)



DOSSIER "JÁN SLOTA"

CONTROVERSIAL STATEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF SNS, JAN SLOTA:

"Hungarians are the cancer of the Slovak nation, without delay we need to remove them from the body of the nation."

(Új Szó, 15 April 2005)

"If the Slovak nationalist party is extremist, than Hungarians are radioactively extremists, they radiate more than Chernobyl. The best solution would be backfill them with concrete."

(Új Szó, 10 June 2005)

...at a party rally on March 5, 1999 on Hungary:
"Do we Slovaks want (the Hungarians) to return... and teach us the Lord's Prayer in Hungarian? No way! We will jump into our tanks, and we will go and flatten Budapest... We will fight, fight for our land, we will fight for every square metre. We won't give even a square centimetre to those Hungarian assholes... Oh, and pardon us. We Slovaks are all racists. And for that reason I say - my brothers, we still have our armaments factories and we still know how to make tanks. Very good tanks..."

(Slovak Spectator)

"The activities of the Hungarian Coalition Party are enough to cause even the coldest Slovak corpse buried 200 years ago in Slovak ground to wake up, jump out of his coffin and finally slap someone in the face."

(Slovak Spectator, 24 January 2005)

...lets call your politics 'negativist.'

"We are negativist only in saying that parasites have to be eliminated, and parasites are simply those who don't want to work, and the fact that among those people are 95% of all Gypsies is just reality."

(Slovak Spectator)

...on the oppression of the majority:

"The truth is that the Slovaks are the subject of racism from the side of Gypsies..."

(Nový Čas, 19 March 2002)

...how Roma men would be offered Sk20,000 (480 euro) in return for their fertility.

"I think we would increase the income (of Roma) if they got Sk 20,000 for just one little cut. I think a lot of Roma would volunteer for this."

(3 March 2003)

...to the accusation from the chairman of SMK, Pál Csáky, that he spoils the good name of Slovakia:

"(...) I'm not afraid of discussion with this clown. Because if I'm Slovakia's shame, than this individual is a vomit, a rotten piece of shit."

(TA3, 24.9.2007)

...in a telephone interview to a female journalist of daily newspaper Sme, who asked him about the possible legal regulation of the homosexual partnerships:

„Do you know what, if you are a homo, I don't mind too much. But if you will strongly present it, like in Sao Paolo, where three million faggots presented themselves, well then I mind it."

(Sme, 13.6.2007)

...in an interview for ČTK:

"We have to keep together. Some Hungarians will not show off here in Central Europe, and they will not generate tensions, which might grow to something very bad that nobody wants in Central Europe. (...) And I'm sorry, but the Germans literally did perhaps smaller perversities than the Hungarian fascists in Southern Slovakia."

(CTK, 23.9.2007)

...Jan Slota, Slovak National Party chairman commenting the issue of the inscription of "Holy ud" that have appeared in the municipality of Zilina. The inscription installed on a steep hill imitating the famous "Hollywood" near to Los Angeles means in Slovak: bold penis.

"... I have no clue, who is a bold penis,... anyway I think all the Americans are bold penises."

...on Hungarians:

"We have to call off our troops from Kosovo and send them to the southern part of Slovakia (inhabited mainly by the Hungarians) to protect the Slovaks from the political activity of the Party of Hungarian Coalition, first of all from their actions to achieve autonomy."

(Új Szó)



DOSSIER "JÁN SLOTA"

...few days before the parliamentary elections in Slovakia on the Hungarians:

"I have to tell you a short story. Back in 1248 a Frank bishop visited the Carpathian basin and he said: As I was scanning this country, I was wondering how could God gave such a beautiful land to such ugly people. He meant the "old Hungarians", because they were Mongoloid types with crooked legs and they owned such disgusting horses. Actually, small horses. This is what the bishop said, it is written...exactly, it is written word by word... and now, after more than 800 years those "Mongoloids" somehow disappeared...I don't know who showed them how to be civilised. But I think unfortunately it was the Slavic blood...unfortunately. And I really don't know if these Hungarians, that like to say about themselves that they are Hungarians, are really Hungarians. I think 90% of them has Slavic blood, and maybe 10%, or maybe just tenth per cent has the "old Hungarian" blood. But they still voluntarily report as fools to some "Turuls" and other insanities....."

(TV debate, June 2006)

...in order wake up the Slovak nation because of the Hungarian "danger":

"In case somebody is still sleeping, I really think I need to use my 200Kg hammer or a 50 ton tank will have to go through his head, maybe this will wake him up."

(Új Szó)

...as launched legal action to have the ruling Hungarian Coalition Party (SMK) banned for what it claims is attempts to "destroy the Slovak state". **"As deputy leader of the SMK he is a representative of the party and his remarks have convinced the Slovak public that the final aim of the SMK is the destruction of Slovak statehood and sovereignty. For this reason this party should not be allowed to exist,"** said PSNS leader Ján Slota.

(Slovak Spectator, 29 April 2002)

...the best policy for Romanies according to Jan Slota is:

"a long whip and a small yard".

(Slovak Spectator, 4 September 1998)

...about punishment of prostitution:

"...those hideous, mostly Gipsies that just stand there... they should simply get a night-stick attack..."

(TV Markiza, 8 June 2006)

...about homosexuals:

"I have no problem with them, if they will stay in shadow and just make their disgusting sexual orgies."

(TA3, 8 June 2006)

...on population growth within the Roma minority

"If someone is unable to buy a condom or control his lust, the state should buy him a condom."

(Slovak Spectator, 3 August 2004)

...on Hungarians:

"We can not abolish the military service, we have to keep our tanks, artillery and air forces, or in the case of autonomy we will have to fight against it with scythes and flaps."

(Új Szó)

... reacting to news that his party is to be prosecuted for its pre-election broadcasts that allegedly incited hatred against ethnic minorities.

"Minorities terrorize the majority. Everybody [in the world] is fighting terrorism, but here we don't know who or what we are fighting."

(Slovak Spectator, 18 November 2002)

...on Roma people again:

"I am from Žilina, and in absolutely no instance will I agree with any opinion that there is any such thing as a Roma nation. There are gypsies, who steal, rob and pilage."

(Slovak Spectator, 12 December 2002)

...as poll results show his party well below the margin needed to enter parliament after September elections.

"Drug dealers must immediately be shot, (Deputy PM for Economy Ivan) Mikloš immediately fired, Hungarians forbidden, Gypsies destroyed, Americans spat on, and the 17 secret service agents sicked on Slota recalled. Is that enough?"

(Slovak Spectator, 22 July 2002)

...as roughly insulted his party mates, Anna Malíková and Eva Slavkovská: **"unsatisfied old maids who were not able to get married and give birth to Slovak boys and are trying to find some satisfaction in politics, which they do not understand anyway."**

(Slovak Spectator, 7 December 1999)