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The First Report.

We finally got through the long-awaited meeting, which established new executive board for the Northern California Division (NCD) of the Polish American Congress (PAC), in a manner both honest and objective. The protest of Waldemar Glodek and three other delegates of the Polish Club in San Francisco immediately after the elections meeting in July of last year triggered a grievance procedure, which resulted in the disapproval of the meeting and its result. Hence the mandate to hold another meeting which would be called and presided over by the Representatives of the National board in Chicago, which was later scheduled for Sunday, June 3, 2007.

It was the first such case in the nearly 40 years of the NCD existence and usually there is a shortage of the candidates for offices – especially the properly qualified ones: not everyone can afford the substantial investment in time, energy and resources needed to keep the Division and its activities at the proper level because of the exigencies of family and/or occupation. This time there were two full teams of candidates willing to tackle this difficult, often ungrateful task.

However, the most important fact at the moment is that the newly elected team we are starting practically from zero; so far the outgoing board did not transfer to us neither account books (we know of two accounts in Polam Federal Credit union blocked throughout this controversy, and of a new, recently opened and ***thus illegal account*** at a local City Bank, but there could be others too) nor any financial reports, lists of contacts (journalists, politicians, elected officials, etc.), calendar of planned or scheduled events, correspondence, archives and all other items that are part of the Division's property and essential in achieving continuation of the activities. We are still hoping that within the immediate past officers the ones motivated by the respect for law, if not by simple decency, will prevail.

Unfortunately, the only signal which allows an estimate of what can be expected from our predecessors in office is a short article on the internet page of the San Francisco Polish Club.org penned by its president and titled: "Could this be the birth of the virtual PAC?" In it Mr. Glodek advances an absurd thesis: "...it may appear that the last (?) Sunday was the birthday of Virtual Polish American Congress" simply because "emissaries from the National Board gave up and endowed a virtual list (PoloniaSF.org – Added by auth.) with real votes by treating it as a regular Polonia organization".

We have here a sample of a specific method for disseminating information, characteristic for this particular author:

1. PoloniaSF.org was for several years a regular member of the Division, paid regularly dues and no one opposed it, until the Glodek/Zukovsky duo took over the Division and the organization was promptly deleted from the membership roster. The Grievance Committee (GC) voided all removals of members from the roster as affected by Zukovsky and Glodek at all since they did not follow the bylaws prescribed procedure. In addition PoloniaSF.org has separately petitioned the GC protesting the arbitrary and frivolous refusal their delegates the right to vote. The grievance was never reviewed but its mere presence challenges the board's decision and causes its suspension until GC acts on it. Therefore it was not the pressure of delegates on the Representatives from Chicago but a simple legal decision based on generally recognized custom in all Western democracies. Is it possible that shaped by Soviet "truths" and party discipline Glodek's brain can not accept that? Or perhaps it's of conscious deformation of the truth just to desinform and confuse the readers?

2. The previous Division board has removed illegally a total of 99 members of Congress (over 50% of the total!) to assure for itself a continuous monopoly in heading this Division and have a guaranteed number of National Directors in the highest council of the organization for a reason only they themselves may know for sure. They probably speculated that by protesting the July 9, 2007 meeting and winning its condemnation by the GC they will be allowed to manipulate the membership roster and cross out at the “troubling” members at will and thus will win the permanent control of the Division.

3. The outside presidium of the 6/3/07 meeting totally cancelled their hopes. Since once a member is processed and accepted, he can always return to active participation in the PAC by paying his dues at any time therefore the invitation went out to all addresses on the available old roster and several old members have returned along with some new candidates, who were properly processed and timely offered ballots. Hence while there were only 47 votes present at the 7/9/06 meeting, in June 2007 - 88 were present – close to twice as many! The outcome was, that all of the candidates from the past board were defeated by large margins of 60 to 28 on the average. The lowest difference was 57 to 31 in vote for the Division president. If we apply Glodek’s mathematics and subtract the 10 ten votes from the PoloniaSF.org which allegedly decided the outcome, the result would be 47 to 31 and the margin of victory – while smaller, is still quite comfortable and nowhere near the point of reversal. So here it is: another proof of the notorious embellishing of the truth perhaps a habit acquired through a long practice.

In summary, the lesson we have just learned must not be forgotten. The effort needed to rescue Polonia’s Umbrella organization in Northern California from the improper hands which got hold of it in 2004 must be remembered, otherwise the history might just repeat itself and we might lose it forever. Unfortunately we live in times when new, previously unknown and unexpected threats arise and have to be dealt with. And we are not talking here about some abstract theories, we do not falsely accuse the innocent or incite to the witch hunts as claim the mild manner apologists of the fictitious theory of “equal chance for everyone”, who were long time ago described by Lenin as “useful idiots”.

I can understand a person, who was born within a system that prevailed at the time in Poland and treated it as quite natural state of affairs concluding, that it is equally natural to be a member of the ruling party and do anything that’s required to have a fairly normal life, build a reasonable career – especially if he was not exposed to the teaching of the important basis of the Polish culture and the most essential criteria that define the dignity of a Pole.

However, every former member of the PZPR (the communist party) or even the TW (secret cooperator with any communist service or agency) must in turn accept, that he/she is regarded as saturated by the Communist (im)morality and methods to the point that he/she can not accept fully the democratic system of life and turns subconsciously into a carrier of the anti-democratic virus which attacks the system with doubts as to its efficacy and weakness of its philosophy and lifestyle which peaks in utter contempt for the democratic structures and paradigm.

We should admire the traditional wisdom of the Poles who endowed us with the PAC Bylaws, which describe one of the first goals of the organization the duty to: ... “ to fight the infiltration of communism, Nazism, and other subversive ideologies” in Polish communities in the USA.

We have just started to work on that primary goal.

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