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NEVENKO BARTULIN FABRICATES AND MANIPULATES ONCE AGAIN

In his article entitled „Slavs, Goths and Iranians: The Theory of the Nordic Herrschicht and Croat Racial Origins in the NDH”, published in the *Zbornik Janković*, Vol. IV, No. 4, Daruvar, 2019.), annotation on page 276, Nevenko Bartulin claims that myself and another author (Stjepan Razum), „have even claimed that the NDH did not actually have race laws but only racial law decrees that had no real legitimacy” and that „this baseless argument was recently demolished by the Croat historian Vladimir Geiger in his short article, ‘Dokun pop i jariće krsti’ ili jesu li postojali rasni zakoni u NDH?’ (translation: „‘A Bored Priest Baptizes Goats’ or Were There Race Laws in the Independent State of Croatia”), *Portal hrvatske historiografije* (translation: *The Portal of Croatian Historiography*), 5 March 2016”.

I understand that Nevenko Bartulin does not like me. He has serious cause for that, because I stepped in him, and showcased that Bartulin does not know basic facts from Croatian cultural history, while building his fictional constructs on that very same ignorance (T. JONJIĆ, „From Bias To Erroneous Conclusions /Reaction to Nevenko Bartulin/ – Od predrasuda do krivih zaključaka /Osvrt na pisanje Nevenka Bartulina/”, *Review of Croatian History*, Vol. VI/2010, Nr. 1 /2010/, pp. 227-238). I also demonstrated and proved that those dramatic shortcomings in Bartulin’s own knowledge and the feebleness of his education, which result in by average three factual errors per one page of text, he furthermore tries to compensate with manipulations, fabrication and pure falsification (T. JONJIĆ, „Bartulin’s Tilting at Windmills: Manipulation as a Historiographic Method – Bartulinov boj s vjetrenjačama: manipulacija kao historiografska metoda”, *Review of Croatian History*, Vol. VIII/2012., No. 1 /2012/, pp. 207-268).

Nevenko Bartulin did not have the guts to disprove my statements, but that does not mean that he is tired of falsification. So, in the mentioned annotation in the *Zbornik Janković*, two manipulations, fabrications and pure falsifications occur.

Firstly, *racial legislation* of the Independent State of Croatia indeed has never been passed in the form and rank of law. During the first days after the proclamation of the State i.e. before Pavelić’s return to Zagreb, Slavko Kvaternik passed certain legislation in the form of law, but after that (after Pavelić’s arrival in Zagreb) the only law that was passed, was passed by the

Hrvatski Državni Sabor – Croatian State Diet (Parliament), and promulgated by Pavelić as the head of the state: „A Law by Which All Statehood Acts Dating from 1 December 1918, until the Creation of the Independent State of Croatia, Concerning the Croatian People and Its Statehood, are Declared Null and Void”. This law was passed on 28 February and promulgated by Pavelić on 13 March 1942 (*Narodne Novine – Official Gazette*, No. 61/1942; *Zbornik zakona i naredaba Nezavisne Države Hrvatske, Godina 1942, str. 302.-303.* – *Collection of Laws and Orders of the Independent State of Croatia, Year 1942, pp. 302-303.*)

The racial legislation was actually passed in form and rank of law decrees (zakonske odredbe) – i. e. rules that were not only promulgated but also passed by the head of the state. It is very easy to verify such information, one needs only to browse through the Official Gazette or Collection of Laws and Orders of that time.

Even though none of the law decrees from the whole body of „race legislation” never contained the rule of imprisonment or killing (crimes occurred as a result of other, general legal provisions, or even regardless of any rules!), even in my first book (T. JONJIĆ, *Hrvatska vanjska politika 1939.-1942., str. 442.* – *Croatian Foreign Policy 1939-1942, Zagreb, 2000, p. 442.*), I have stated that those legal provisions were rules which „represented a legal ground for the suffering of a large number of Jews on the territory of the Independent State of Croatia”. Such claims are also easy to verify, but Nevenko Bartulin always has something else in mind: he lives of fabrication and falsification, because he does not deal with science, he slaves to get paid.

I have written in the same manner before, and repeated it later, even in the second of the two mentioned articles published in the *Review of Croatian History*, where I showcased that Bartulin, regretfully, can not distinguish the rank of legal rules, nor can he quote the names of those rules. (T. JONJIĆ, „Bartulin’s Tilting at Windmills: Manipulation as a Historiographic Method – Bartulinov boj s vjetrenjačama: manipulacija kao historiografska metoda”, *Review of Croatian History*, Vol. VIII/2012., No. 1 /2012/, p. 238).

If he knew or if he could distinguish it, he would know that rules do not cease to produce legal consequences just because of their unequal rank (for instance, in modern Croatia rules of different rank also co-exist: the Constitution, constitutional laws, so called organic laws, so called regular laws, government’s regulations or by-laws etc). They are not passed in the same manner and by the same legislator, but all mentioned legal rules produce legal consequences, and are part of the same legal system; regardless of the maker who passed them, in which proceeding they were passed, or whether their maker had the political legitimacy for passing them. Bartulin knows nothing about that, nor does he understand any of it. Worst of all, he does not want to know anything, because he is not into science, he simply wants his wage.

How this race legislation of the Independent State of Croatia sometimes functioned in real life, is visible from the example of Mile Budak, one of the spearheads of the Ustasha movement. In October of 1941, shortly before becoming the head of the Croatian legation in

Berlin (Hitler's Germany, not Hungary or Manchukuo!), when he, as a government minister of education, was proposed to endorse the printing of the Roma language grammar written by a Catholic priest, Budak – although having co-signed some of such racial decrees i.e. regulations – declined, with the argumentation based *not on racial reasons*, but on very *non-racial reasons*, i.e. on having more pressing matters. Because of such pressing matters, he stated that the Roma grammar can be in line to be published with the government's support „in a couple of years time” (T. JONJIĆ – S. MATKOVIĆ, *Iz korespondencije dr. Mile Budaka 1907.-1944.*, Hrvatski državni arhiv, Zagreb, 2012., str. 506.-507.– *From dr. Mile Budak's Correspondence 1907-1944*, Croatian State Archive, Zagreb, 2012, pp. 506-507).

Besides in the mentioned book, I warned Bartulin and the interested public on that episode in the same article where I showcased how Nevenko Bartulin, besides falsifying and manipulating, is relentlessly – as a typical bartulin – making three factual errors per one page of text („Bartulin's Tilting at Windmills: Manipulation as a Historiographic Method – Bartulinov boj s vjetrenjačama: manipulacija kao historiografska metoda”, p. 262). From that Budak's example an intelligent person and a scrupulous historian would draw certain conclusions, or would, at least, ask certain questions and maybe try to dig deeper into research. A bartulin can not do that, because a bartulin is not up to the task.

In addition, in the mentioned annotation from the *Zbornik Janković* Nevenko Bartulin reaches for another falsehood. In his falsifying enthusiasm, he cunningly and deceitfully, in a *Byzantine* manner suggests that Vladimir Geiger, in his article „'Dokon pop i jariće krsti' ili jesu li postojali rasni zakoni u NDH?” (translation: „'A Bored Priest Baptizes Goats' or Were There Race Laws in the Independent State of Croatia?”), mentioned my name and my conclusions, and tried to prove or even proved me wrong. Which he did not. In that Geiger's article neither myself, nor any of my conclusions are mentioned. Not with a single word! Because, unlike Nevenko Bartulin – which deserves only to be ignored (when one does not laugh at him) – Vladimir Geiger, who is a regular and longtime contributing author of the paper which I am the editor-in-chief, clearly does not deal with falsifications and manipulations.