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I Fell to My Knees

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Once a ban on speaking in foreign languages in public is introduced, one's head can cease to be a fighting tool, and will be used solely in accordance with its original purpose.

The term “political” is currently enjoying great popularity. It is being applied to various spheres of the human spirit, and not just the spirit, because the body is asserting its rights as well. Since we have “political theology,” we might as well also have “political anatomy.” This would be a fantastic field of knowledge, and the main part of the human body it would concern itself with would be the knees. We hear about them constantly in Poland nowadays; we are rising from our knees, even when we weren’t kneeling in the first place, nor had any intention to kneel (kneeling as a position associated with piety, and liturgy is of no interest to political anatomy). The phrase “I fell to my knees” can be found in the works of a certain writer who spent a quarter of a century roaming around somewhere in the antipodes before finally arriving in Europe. Various foreigners believe he was a great writer, and he is even mentioned in all sorts of thick books, but we Poles despise him! That’s because not only was he not pro-nation, but at times he was even anti-nation, spreading ridicule with his sneers and mockery. We’re not the type to fall to our knees, that’s blatantly obvious. Only the pariahs do, like this so-called writer whose name is not even worth mentioning.

Nevertheless, political anatomy will not limit itself to just the knees, as its interests lie in other parts of the body as well. The tongue, most of all. We are continuously striving to learn the tongues of other nations, but what is the point of this, and does it not undermine our dignity?! We force our organs to utter odd sounds, we strain our tongues, we hiss, we croak, we clink and clank, we subject ourselves to all sorts of pain, we put our teeth, mouth, and even our nose in danger just to imitate the speech of foreigners. Is this commendable behavior?! Especially since as far back as the seventeenth century a certain scholarly monk already conclusively proved that Adam and Eve spoke Polish in paradise. We shouldn’t have to exert ourselves, it is our duty to force others to express

themselves in our language. We should be leaders in this category as well, as this is even more important than the discovery that the fork was a Polish invention, that before we bestowed this gift on the world, those supposedly cultural Frenchies were picking food out of bowls with their hands, even those disgusting snails. And our fantastic tongue is what makes our nation even more proud. But we, the creators and representatives of political anatomy, are realists. We realize that the world is conspiring against us, so we know that our speech organs will not be free of this torment any time soon. After all, this area of life requires a radical reform.

It’s true, there is a need for contact with other peoples, before they mature and understand that they must communicate in our tongue. Therefore, learning foreign languages should only be attempted by carefully selected individuals, those whom everyone trusts and likes, after obtaining an appropriate license. Whoever is not granted this privilege but nevertheless engages in learning a foreign language should be punished by the relevant government authorities. Determining the extent of this punishment is a further matter. And besides, great chiefs, kings, marshals, chief secretaries, and presidents never needed foreign languages. They did whatever they wanted without them.

Soon our country will be free of such reprehensible acts as speaking in foreign tongues in public, which our true patriots rightfully resent: one of them, for instance, got very upset, while travelling on a tram in our nation’s capital, when he heard a man, it’s embarrassing to say he even turned out to be a professor, who was speaking to someone in some foreign language. He attacked that cosmopolite with his head. Once a ban on speaking in foreign languages is introduced in our cities’ public transportation, among other places, the head may cease to be a fighting tool, and will be used solely in accordance with its original purpose. There are those who, albeit wrongly, still consider this to be its main purpose. ■