

Where is the Dutch rebellion?

Last week African refugees massively stormed the Spanish enclave Melilla in Morocco, occupied territory in fact, just like the whole of the US has been snatched away by fortune seeking Europeans.

I remember the images of bleeding people climbing the barbed wire fences from the previous time. It is a bad sign that people keep trying it, over and over again and at the risk of their lives. But why not? Their lives were worthless anyway, just as the lives of all those people that try to reach the European continent in sinking sloops.



21/6/08 - Vincennes, near Parijs: escapes after uprising and fire in detention center

In the same week, on Saturday June 21, the death of a 41 year old Tunisian in a deportation prison in Vincennes, near Paris, led to protests of the imprisoned undocumented people. A solidarity demo followed, prisoners set fire to the center and many escaped.

Europe was ablaze, it seemed for a moment. That would be more than justified, because only last week the European parliament unanimously agreed on a plan to bar migrants coming from outside of our high erected walls. It is called: The Returns Directive. All it still needs is a formal approval. No longer the European nations pass each other the ball of the 'refugee problem'. No, 'we' join hands: 'they' are not coming in and 'they' will leave as soon as possible, or 'they' will be locked up as long as possible.

Viva Europe!

Resistance is required. But in The Netherlands of the Schiphol Fire all we do is hiss at the Proud of Orange tour of the Nationalists, led by Führer Verdonk. The tragedy of that is, that in the meantime Verdonks successor seems to be able to go ahead undisturbed.

This has got to stop! It is time for – as the French say – a considerable incentive for resistance. Because, how can it be that Albayraks neo-fascist changes of policy are so little being noticed? How can it be that the only thing Dutch politics care about is the fact that Dutch detention centers are being pimped up as much a possible by bragging architects and artists. How cozy it all is. So humane and

friendly. And so we intimately *polder* [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polder_model] on, while in the meantime the incarcerated migrant does not understand what it means: *polderen*.

It all neatly fits in the European apartheid politics and we do that in our very own way, with healing words and soothing prayer. We all contribute to the dam that has to stop the flood of all those 'aliens'. Ecclesiastical organizations sweet talk people into not protesting both inside and outside the walls of the centers, and organize their own project for 'voluntary return'. It is all the will of God, you see. The government speaks of 'intensive guidance' and makes sure not to mention the word coercion, speaks of 'freedom restricting locations' and certainly not of prisons.

The new policy devised by Albayrak pretends that prolonging the asylum procedure with a few days, will be to the benefit of 'the alien', while the true goal is to justify and to veil the restriction of appeals, because: "Experience shows that the longer aliens can postpone their departure, the more difficult expulsion becomes."

In the meantime the security forces of jailer Albayrak are taking "adequate" action against protesting prisoners in the Bijlmer prison. It must be very safe there now. Even her whining guards have nothing to fear. It must be okay when a government official uses the word 'adequate'. Albayrak learned that from Verdonk [Verdonk used the word "adequate" to describe the actions of guards during the Schiphol fire in which eleven imprisoned migrants died]. The next uprising in another prison in this countries capital city is impending already, but questions are not asked anywhere.

Will the Dutch rebellion be stimulated by precisely those people that already have no way to go, that can simply and unobserved be forced back into their cells by the states thugs? Or will finally the free Dutch people go out into the street because they realize that in a country of increasing repression they themselves might be next? Identity control. Pre-emptive body searches. Raids. Or will the people only rebel when 'orange loses' [refers to the color of the Dutch soccer team]?

Where is the Dutch rebellion? Who is coming along to storm and empty the offices of the IND, to pour gasoline over the archives and computers in order to obliterate them by fire? Who will be helping to make the modern Gestapo stop filing the undesirables. Who is coming along to break down the walls of deportation camps and prisons, with demolition hammers and bulldozers? Who is coming along to distribute wire cutters that can be used to liberate people from fences and barbed wire?

Where is the Dutch rebellion? It's about time!

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(*Between [...] are explanations not found in the original text*)