Thought ‘Criminal’ Speaks Out
Gutsy historian Gerhard Ittner

BORN IN GERMANY, Gerhard Ittner is a leading light of modern German nationalism. In September 2012, Ittner was extradited from Portugal to Germany, where he began a 33-month sentence (he was sentenced in absentia) for “slander, racial hatred and other crimes” committed in Germany—basically thought crimes related to the details surrounding the World War II Jewish “holocaust.” The following interview was conducted by Finland’s Henrik Holappa shortly before Ittner was locked up and details Ittner’s battle with the global thought police and the German authorities.

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**TBR**: Hello, Mr. Ittner. Could you briefly introduce yourself to our readers?

**ITTNER**: I will start from the beginning. I was born May 12, 1958 in the small town of Zirndorf near Nuremberg. Zirndorf is known as the site of one of the biggest battles of the Thirty Years War. It was the so-called “Battle of the Alte Veste (Old Fortress),” fought on Sept. 3, 1632, which took place exactly 307 years before the English and French declared war against Germany, at the beginning of WWII. The Alte Veste is the remains of a small castle, already in ruins in 1632, on a hill above Zirndorf.

Albrecht von Wallenstein¹ maintained his headquarters there. The Swedish King Gustav II Adolf² and his troops set up their camp about two miles away, in the plains at the River Rednitz. The battle between these rulers had no winner, but one big loser: Zirndorf, which lay burned and looted when the troops left, like so many German villages in this very cruel religious war. As children we used to play in the trenches of the Thirty Years War. They are still around the Alte Veste, overgrown by forest.

As children we did not think about that, but now I find it quite an unusual experience having played warriors in the real trenches of the Thirty Years War. Also, when I was still a child, many of the men who had fought in World War I, like Adolf Hitler, were still alive. The soldiers who fought in World War II were alive too. In 1958, when I was born, Erich Hartmann³, the famous fighter pilot, was just 36 years old then, still a young man in fact. One of the most impressive memories of my childhood was of the infamous black-and-white framed photographs, hanging on nearly every wall within the flats and houses of Germany, showing Wehrmacht soldiers in uniform, most of them very young—sons and husbands who had fallen in war.

In the small kitchen of my favorite Aunt Gretel there hung on the wall a picture of her only child, Karl, who had fallen in battle against the Russians in Karelia, fighting on the side of our Finnish Waffenbrüder (comrades in arms).

Despite the devastation of the Thirty Years War, in the 19th and 20th centuries Zirndorf developed into a prosperous small town, busy with numerous industrial firms, many of which produced a large variety of toys. Some of them became famous, like PlayMobil for instance. It was into this industrious atmosphere I was born, the son of a working-class man. No one in my family had ever been to high school. My father and grandfathers were craftsmen, mainly carpenters and joiners. At 15 years old I started working in the graphic design field, and at 18, I got my degree as a journeyman. When I was 20, I decided to attend university. I had been studying zoology, Indology⁴, San...

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¹ Albrecht von Wallenstein
² Gustav II Adolf
³ Erich Hartmann
⁴ Indology
skit and archeology during those years.

**TBR:** You are currently held in custody in Portugal, and you are wanted for allegedly committing “thought crimes” in Germany. Could you explain?

**ITTNER:** On April 11, 2012 I was arrested in the town of Montemor-o-Novo in the region of Alentejo, Portugal, due to a European warrant issued by the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG). This warrant relates to “thought crimes” and “freedom of speech crimes.” This very warrant can be seen as a violation of my human rights that guarantee freedom of speech and thought, thereby making the warrant itself a crime.

However, now there is an opportunity to appeal against this warrant in the Portuguese courts and then, if necessary, in the European courts, and perhaps even eventually going so far as the Human Rights Committee of the UN. For this chance I have been waiting seven years in exile.

**TBR:** You managed to avoid the “law” for seven years. Most fugitives manage six months or one year, not necessarily even that. How did it feel for you to be on the run?

**ITTNER:** They did not capture me within the seven years I was on the run, and they would not have gotten me in 100 years, if I had not allowed myself to be arrested for the very chance of bringing my case to the international courts or European courts by doing so. For in Germany our comrades do not have a fair chance in court. There is no justice in the FRG in cases relating to free speech and thought, rather there exists just corruption and the rule of ZOG.

In 2005, when I was still in exile, the time was not right to do what I am trying to do now. In June 2011, during a heavy thunderstorm, I was hit by lightning. It felt like my body was torn into 1,000 pieces from within. By a miracle I survived, unharmed. I took this as a sign that I should return to my political work once again. I began writing articles under a *nom de plume*, knowing that sooner or later I would be discovered, forcing me to fight the tyrannical laws of Germany. The battle for freedom of speech cannot be fought within the confines of the dictatorship of Germany; it has to be fought from abroad.

I almost forgot to mention how I was nearly caught in Oulu, Finland, by the Finnish special police (SUPO), but I was able to escape in a most dramatic manner.

**TBR:** You are aware of the NSU (National Socialist Underground) “terrorist organization” operating in Germany. Many believe the NSU is not what it appears, and may be in fact a creation of the government.

**ITTNER:** One must be very ignorant not to realize that this NSU story is just a hoax. It is a fake, self-made job by the government, just like 9-11. The purpose of 9-11 was to create a fake reason to start the Afghan War, and to fake a reason to strip the American populace of its civil rights—freedom—and to turn America into an Orwellian state made up of vassals serving a neo-feudal system of governance. The purpose of the NSU hoax is to do the very same thing by cutting down on the citizenry’s civil rights, especially the right to freedom of speech for those who wish to uphold the national rights of their country and its people.

So, the fabricated NSU “terror threat” is being used to deprive nationalists of their rights by labeling them as “far right wingers” or even “neo-nazis.” Recently, due to new anti-terror laws, one can be arrested simply upon suspicion of being a “nationalist” in the Federal Republic of Germany. Merely holding “nationalist” sympathies can be reason enough to have your apartment searched by the police. During these searches they will remove whatever they please—computers, CDs, DVDs or books. You don’t even have to commit a “thought crime” any more to be jailed. That’s right, nationalism is now a crime. It’s just like the witch-hunts of centuries ago. The regime of the FRG, occupying Germany since the end of World War II, wants to draw attention away from its disastrous policies and present a false reason to allow it to turn the FRG into a Bolshevik dictatorship.

**TBR:** I have heard that you are associated with the NSU “terror group.” I find this claim to be absurd. Can you specify what your political activity in Germany was prior to your conviction?

**ITTNER:** Those liars are trying to do everything in their power to connect me to the NSU. Before they came up with their bogus fairytale about “domestic terrorism” in Germany I did not even know the names of the NSU members with whom they claim I associated. The magazine *Der Spiegel* (“The Mirror”) wrote that from the beginning of the 1990s I had been immersed in the neo-nazi scene in Thuringia. Where do they get this information? This is not journalism; it’s just baseless slander.
In the beginning of the 1990s I wasn't interested in politics, as I had totally different interests then which with I occupied my time. Far from politics, I had been studying at university, as well as having my own art exhibits during the 1990s. The first time I came to Thuringia to give a political speech was in July 2001. More regularly I gave speeches at political events beginning from the middle of 2002 onward. These were given four years after the "terrorists" had disappeared without leaving a trace—these people I had not known at all.

I may easily have been the most observed "nazi" at the time, and I therefore couldn't take one step without being observed. Every single phone call, every email, every single piece of physical mail sent or received had been observed. So they know very well that I was never in contact with the alleged terrorists. However, as I said earlier the NSU is a hoax invented by the system itself in 2011; a group to whom I could be "connected" to smear and then convict me.

Additionally, in the warrant there are only "thought crimes" and "free-speech crimes" mentioned; nothing else. And, after all, my political fight had only been a non-violent one. I have only been expressing my opinions on history and politics in articles and speeches and nothing more. I am no terrorist.

TBR: The opponents of our folk are afraid of true information. You have such information. What will you state to them and the public that will show that the current German government is criminal at trial?

ITTNER: Well, the question is: Will there still be a FRG in a few years' time or at least in the way it is structured now? Maybe it will still be so, but I wouldn't bet on it. The trials are already done, and I have been sentenced to 33 months in jail in Nuremberg, and an additional eight months in jail in Gotha—all this just for "denying the Holocaust." However, since this warrant is just for free speech "crimes," it is a clear violation of the right of free speech, and we will appeal on this basis in the European courts.

While there we will unveil another crime of the FRG. On July 20, 2002, in Gotha (on another occasion than the one I have been sentenced to eight months in jail for), the police, without any legal reason to do so, tore me brutally down from behind the microphone from the stage. I hadn't even said anything illegal. Even the state prosecutor declared that I had not said anything illegal. However, even if I had said something illegal, the police still had no right to use brutal force against me, when they could have

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instead just reported me to the Justice [Ministry]. Instead they arrested me, cuffed me and took me away from the event in chains.

This illegal detention and arrest is in direct violation of Article 5 of the European Convention on Human Rights, which makes me eligible for compensation.

After leading me away, they mishandled and beat me brutally, which led to many serious injuries of my spine. But even this wasn’t enough for them, because after the beating they used a form of torture involving suffocation, just like what they employ in Guantanamo Bay prison camp.

When they asphyxiated me, this led to additional injuries to my larynx, which had been squeezed with tremendous force. Even though this illegal and very brutal arrest is documented on video, and though there are a lot of witnesses in the police report, and even though there is even a certificate from the hospital attesting to the extent of my injuries, the case was dropped in the FRG.

However, we are going to reopen that case with the European courts. We have all the proof we need in the form of the reports and video evidence, which are the facts we will present there. The FRG wants to persecute me for statements I have made, but we have found them to be the ones in violation of my human rights. These things, I think, will be damaging to the reputation of the FRG at the European courts.

I hope this interview will be published in Finnish, German, Swedish, English and also maybe other languages as well. It might be a good idea for the readers in those countries to write to the German Embassy in their respective nations and to human rights organizations, and protest about my case, about the violation of freedom of speech in Germany today, which they want to persecute me for, in an allegedly free and democratic country.

This is absolutely a violation of human rights, And if Liu Xiaobo was getting the Nobel Peace Prize then I and Horst Mahler must get the Nobel Prize too. For the very reason alone that the persecution of Liu Xiaobo in China, and of Horst Mahler and Gerhard Ittner (and 8,000 to 10,000 other people each year) in the Federal Republic of Germany are one and the same; we are being persecuted on the basis of our speech alone.

This regime occupying Germany must be stopped, for because of its political influence it is a threat and a danger to the freedom of all the people of Europe.

ENDNOTES:
1 Gen. Albrecht von Wallenstein drove the Swedish army from Bavaria and Franchecon but was ultimately defeated in 1632. Believing he had the support of his generals, he mounted a revolt against the emperor in 1654 but was assassinated.
2 King Gustav II Adolf (Gustavus Adolphus) led Sweden to military supremacy during the Thirty Years War, helping to determine the political and religious balance of power in Europe and establishing the Swedish empire as a great power. He has been called the father of modern warfare.
3 Erich Hartmann: German Fighter Ace (deluxe hardback, 296 pages, $218, $60 plus $10 S&H in the U.S.) is available from TBR Book Club, P.O. Box 18577, Washington, D.C. 200093. Call 1-877-773-9077 toll free to charge.
4 Indology is the study of the history, literature, philosophy and culture of India.
5 ZOG is the acronym for Zionist Occupation Government.
6 The National Socialist Underground, "discovered" by the German police in 2011, has been accused of bank robberies, murders of immigrants and the killing of police officers in Germany dating back to 2000. Ittner claims the whole "organization" is a fantastical creation of the German government.
7 Contact Ittner at JVA St Georgen Markgrafenstrasse 40, D-86448 Bayreuth, Germany or write to the German Embassy to object to Ittner's imprisonment.

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