



Project Omerovic (Hhajro) Hajrudin

Introduction

In a world that runs always more fast, that by this time it is daily scanned by time-signals, punctual at the microsecond, by news arriving in real time from every part of the world and by thousand of advertising spots that the television gives at any hours of the days, the problem of the safeguard of the identity of the ethnic minorities becomes more important in order to guarantee a state of civil living together and a social welfare in measure of modern man.

And moreover, to protect the existence of people socially stronger: that is in the concrete, to protect the identity of th “small” Rom People help to safeguard also the identity of the “big” Italian, French or Spanish people.

This is not of low esteem, just in this last period of the second millenium, our old continent has thrown itself in a very ambitious enterprise from a political and economic point of view, but also dangerous from the point of view of the identity of its subcultures, both big and small.

It is well-known that the media inform and educate, but also they flatten and make people anonymous.

It si well-known the our children spend most of their time before the computer, or the playstation. The modern psycho-social sciences advise us about the fact the primary agency attached to the child education is no more the family but it is the television. It means that the future of the world will be in measure of “homo-medians”, that is a flat man. The most advanced countries will impose to the most backward countries a model of life always less tied to own roots and, always more tuned in a existential standards that can be sold all over the world, anonymous as regards the original culture.

In orient as well as in occident the people will dress, will eat and will have relations in the same way; in the north as well as in the south of the world the peoples will think in the same way, will take care of their health with the same medicaments produced by the holder of the power, people will speak perhaps the same language, but surely everybody will think in the same way.

In a future time so worrying for anyone, the weaker ethnic group will undoubtedly pay the greater consequences, and among all these, the weaker of the weak people, the Rom people, vulgarly called everywhere as the gipsy or the nomds.

Nevertheless Rom culture, apart from this backbiter, is a very precious good for everyone and, to lose the more genuine and original shade will be a defeat for any society who considers itself civil, and who wants to tie the own future with the own past.



An example: the family of Omerovic (Hajro) Hajrudin

In a difficult time for the civil living together as the time we are living in particularly in the geographic area marked as the ex Yugoslavia, it appears to be emblematic to show as it is frequent to find among the Rom (gipsy) families where every generation has a different nationality. Hajro, for instance, is a Rom whom in his Italian identity card it is stated of being of Bosniac citizenship. And there will be nothing of strange in this, but in his father's identity card, living in Milan, it is stated Yugoslavian citizenship, while his children, born in Italy, will be certainly recognized as Italian citizen. This is a classical example of loss of Rom identity, because of the fact that the three identity cards have no annotation about the origin of the people.

Identity of People

In a world that is looking toward the third millennium with the aim of making the man anonymous, a world that wants to make void in each of us the most spontaneous originality because in that way they make easy the possibility of manipulation, both genetic and to exploit the workers, to make man as an object to create and destroy as they like (to dress, to perfume, to use in peace as in war time); in such a world, the safeguard of every identity must to be considered as an aim to which we cannot renounce.

Behind the identity of a people there is always a sum of factors that make it considered as a human patrimony. In fact the extinction of any identity always means the cancellation of a chapter, small or big that it is, from the big book of the world that include a history, a culture, and often one or more religion.

In this moment so important for our old continent, where the effort to build an economical unity as well as for a defense policy has already reached some important and strategic goals, to recognize the right of the identity for any people included inside this macro European design means to be left toward the European unification with the right footing.



The Rom people (gipsy)

Almost everywhere considered the “last of the last”, The Rom are a people at the risk of extinction.

As regards the Rom, we cannot intend the word people according the commun definition, that is a community of people grouped in ranks, classes, professions, distributed on a definite territory, who reached a certain degree of unification for the conscious communion of interests and purposes, and all belonging to the same State. Rom people were nomads till a few decades ago, recently the idea of becoming a permanent people has entered into their culture. This existential change is the result of several factors, not at the end the obligation for the school education for children, the need of finding a regular and sure work, the attempt to conform to the native (in the house, in the work, in dignity). As regards, it is interesting even if it is worrying, to verify that the daily quantity of television exposition is the same for the minors Rom as well as for the minors “non/Rom”.

But, as already said, the media annul not only the differences, the example quoted above about the family of Hajro shows clearly the risk of cultural extinction for this people who since XIV century, at periodic waves, left the native India to migrate everywhere, Europe included, in order to write glorious pages of the countries which give hospitality.



The idea

In the awareness that in the future the identity of people will be more and more at the risk of cancellation, the Rom (gipsy) ask to the United Nations and to the European Community for the realization of a project for the saveguard of the ethnic minorities. Of course, we do not ask for the recognition “of State of Right”, as it is impossible for the placement of the different groups in different countries. The request would guarantee to the Rom people their own storical-cultural identity.

As this people, compound of about 30 million of persons scattered all over the world, more than the half in Europe – besides it is a considerable entity – and making reference again to the example quoted above, we ask for an action in order that the United Nations and the European Union safeguard the identity, among the others, of the Rom minority.

The idea suggested is the recognition of the “objects-symbols” of this people as: the Rom flag, blue and green with a red wheel in the middle surrounded by the european stars; an identity card for the Eurom people that quote their symbols-armorial bearings: a wheel surrounded by the european stars and placed side by side by the two part of the world, Africa-Europe in the right side, the two America on the left side, with the inscription in Rom language, in addition to those of the States which give hospitality, this card will have not an official value, but it will help to integrate the official identity card, in order to go over the own ethnic origins; at last a document that give value the equality of dignity of Rom people in comparison with “the others”, that is the people belonging to the state that give hospitality, where it is including the so-called “3D”: Duties, Rights, Prohibitions of the Rom citizen, elaborated by the analysis of the most recent international documents in matter of human equality.

Initiative conceived, planned and financed by Omerovic Hajro Hajrudin in 1994



Herewith we mean to specify that for everything as far as it is concerned the initiative undertaken in order to promote the recognition of Rom people (gipsy): textes, armorial bearings, flag with all its meanings, proclamation EUROROM, three "D" (Duties, Rights, Prohibitions), identity card with the translation in English, Italian, German, Arabic, French, Russian, Serbian, Chinese, Spanish, Hebrew, Greek and Bosniac, translations of the textes about the project in English and French, all this is entirely financed by Mr. Omerovic Hajirudin, born in the 25th August 1965 in Vlasenica (Bosnia) and at present resident in Genoa (Italy) Via dei Pescatori.

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In faith

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