

*This statement is written by a high-ranking party official, on the subject of Mengel. Some details may be faulty, as it has been some years.*

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An eccentric Belgian with a strong affiliation with Sweden contacted us.

According to my information he did have previous contact with SDU [the youth organization, my note] 2000 or 2001. As I understood it, the contact was handled by a member in Stockholm and the SD-member and Mengel is said to have been friends from collage. This I doubt. At this time he presented a flyer that he was willing to pay for. The layout and text wasn't good enough so we declined the offer.

Before the elections to EU in 2004 he once again contacted us and offered to finance flyers that were to be sent to all houses south of Dalälven [a LOT of houses, my note]. This would be worth millions of Swedish Kronor [several hundreds of thousands of US dollars] and was a lot more than the party budget for the election. This would of course significantly improve our chances to reach the parliament in the EU-election. The only demand he had was that his picture should be printed on the flyer and that he could write a few words about Sweden and how the Swedish culture was seriously threatened.

Before he was to finance the big flyer-distribution he wanted to make a smaller distribution to determine if the effect would be as big as he hoped. A decision was taken to send the flyer to certain areas in Stockholm and Gothenburg.

When this smaller distribution was ordered new information popped up about Mengel being a political extremist. [...]

The accusations consisted of an Israeli institute (maybe Simon Wisenthal Center) listed Mengel as an Anti-Semite and leader of a "heretic" groups believing in the old Nordic mythology ["Asa-tron", my note]. [...]

The party then stopped the cooperation regarding the flyers and started an investigation where we asked Mengel to explain his political views and send us all the examples of the text/book that he was publishing. We also contacted the Israeli institute.

The Israeli institute took a very long time to answer on our enquiry and let us know that they were not giving us any material that proved their accusation, but we should contact their partner in Sweden. This partner was EXPO. We contacted EXPO several times, but they never replied. If I'm not mistaken we also contacted other major newspapers and asked for current information on Mengel.

Mengel said that he was not an Anti-Semite or racists and that the accusations were false. The SD-member in Stockholm read some of his texts and felt there was nothing that directly supported the accusation. Personally I read some numbers of his magazine and I got a bad feeling because it was anti-Israeli and anti-Zionist, it had a strange focus on the texts and had text from various associations. I didn't find anything that expressed hatred against Jews, which is my definition of Anti-Semitism. On the party board meeting I stated that there was a risk of the accusations being true and that I was very doubtful.

The situation was as follows:

We could say no to the offer by Mengel based on the accusations that no one could or was willing to prove of back up. We would then lose several millions and also have to pay back the flyers we already sent out.

We could say yes to the money from the Belgian person, which did not have any demands on counterperformances and then afterwards risk that the accusations were correct.

We chose the latter and presented our decision on a press conference there nothing new arose that would indicate that our judgment was faulty. Shortly thereafter information about Mengels impending trial on "racial hatred" was published by Expressen [tabloid, my note]. Mengel had published books with racist views.

At that point we broke of contact with him and the national wide flyer campaign was never put in action.