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UFO UpDates Mailing List

Re: Oars, Sails, And Whatever Is 'Nazi Tech.'

From: Leanne Martin <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
Date: Sun, 15 Nov 1998 21:57:18 PST
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Subject: Re: Oars, Sails, And Whatever Is 'Nazi Tech.'

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Oars, Sails, And Whatever Is 'Nazi Tech.'
>Date: Fri, 13 Nov 98 17:57:40 PST

>>From: Leanne Martin <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
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>>Date: Wed, 11 Nov 1998 16:57:19 PST

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>>>>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
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>>>>Date: Tue, 10 Nov 1998 22:19:05 -0800

>>>>Willy Ley astronomer, rocketeer, Jew. Willy is one of the great

>><snip>

>>>>I had not heard before that Ley was Jewish, which would not
>>>>matter at all if, of course, such things had not mattered
>>>>profoundly to Nazi murderers. Are you sure of this? From what I
>>>>understand, Ley fled Germany not because he feared Hitler's
>>>>ethnic cleansing but because he thought the Nazis might come
>>>>down on him for publishing rocketry articles outside Germany. If
>>>>you know better, I'd be happy to be corrected.

>>>>Jerry Clark

>>>>Jerry (& List),

>>>>Could we please agree to not (as in never again) use that
>>>>Orwellian phrase of 'ethnic cleansing' in place of of the truly
>>>>dirty and barbaric behaviour that it was then in Europe and,
>>>>continues to be today in other countries - genocide.

>>>>Is that too much to ask for, in this List at least, when we are
>>>>trying to find truths in the Orwellian speak of and behaviour of
>>>>so many governments and agencies around the world - also out of
>>>>respect for those who been on the receiving end of such
>>>>treatment?

>Leanne,

>I happen to be a major admirer of Orwell. In fact, a few weeks
>ago I read Michael Shelten's biography of him (better than
>Bernard Crick's, by the way, if anybody's interested). I am
>keenly attuned to Orwellian language. Everybody on this list,
>incidentally, ought to read Orwell's famous essay "Politics and
>the English Language" on this very subject.

>"Ethnic cleansing" is indeed an Orwellian term, and I was using
>it exactly in that bitterly ironic sense, to denote the
>continuity between barbarism in Germany in the early 1940s and
>barbarism in the former Yugoslavia (and elsewhere, such as
>Rwanda) in the 1990s. The only reason Hitler and his henchmen
>didn't use the term "ethnic cleansing" to denote genocide was
>that they didn't think of it. Mass murder, alas, is not a
>phenomenon consigned to distant history.

>Jerry Clark

Jerry,

I appreciate that you may have had a particular intent in its
(the term "ethnic cleansing") use however its ongoing use, for
whatever reason, helps to establish its acceptance in the long
run as a valid expression no_matter_how_repugnant_or_misguided.

Leanne.

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