

Lisbon Treaty from 10

Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and Sinn Fein, important Irish political parties were either wavering, unclear or not committed. How do you explain that? Their support for a "NO" vote in the upcoming referendum could be critical. Are they going to stand up to the challenge this time around and protect Ireland's interests? What about Irish Americans? Do they realize what is at stake?

None of the major Irish parties will support a No. They are too afraid. Irish Americans don't know about this so it's difficult for them to be motivated unless they get informed.

Your personal involvement and contribution in the last referendum was simply amazing. Your qualities of a leader and a Man of State with vision and courage have secured many a friend and a fair share of enemies. Can a successful businessman be an idealist? Can he afford it? Two serious and specific death threats have been made on your life. We know from the criminal sciences that "who benefits" rule applies. Who wants you out of the equation? Can you elaborate on that?

A businessman cannot afford it. I know that now, not unless you are at least prepared if necessary to lose everything, your fortune, your honor, perhaps even your life (though I don't take such death threats seriously at all). Perhaps that is what the American founders understood when they pledged 'their lives, their fortunes, their sacred honor.' I am not the heroic figure you portray, just someone that loves their country and the idea of a united Europe cherishing its Judeo-Christian foundations. I got into this fight not fully understanding just how far down the track this power grab had already gone and I'm not sure I would have found the courage if I had known up front just what I was fighting. The dragon was much bigger up close, the knight was very small and his arrow supply was limited. **Given the unique importance of the issue and huge pressure the Irish are subjected to, what is necessary to make sure the Irish "NO" vote will be heard again. What would be needed to accomplish that? Many people consider the Irish "NO" their last hope and their last resort. What will Brussels' Bureaucracy do if confronted with the Irish saying "Told you so the first time around!"?**

Courage and money! And to the second part of your question, they'll tell us we'll have to vote again, that's unless the Irish offer an alternative vision and get support for it.

The Lisbon Treaty issue goes well beyond the interests of Ireland and the Irish Diaspora in the USA and the world over. Poland's future and that of all the 27 member states as well as those aspiring to join and all its citizens are at stake. Would you be willing to solicit for funds in the USA and across Europe, to at least help level the field somewhat, to leverage huge amounts of money coming in from Brussels, to make the Irish voter aware of the consequences of this Gigantic Fraud? How much money is needed anyway to stage another successful "NO" campaign? A lot!

So the future of Europe hinges on how many millions of dollars? If you had it, would you once again lead the charge?

Difficult to say, maybe 5m, maybe less!
Thank you very much for this interview for our readers!

Thank you and God bless you all.

Glowacka-Lawyer from 4

other help. I was thirsty but neither Janina nor I were able to get up and look for water.

It was then that the second wave of the German Luftwaffe started a new attack. There was an unbelievable roar, blasts and explosions and pieces of glass and windows were flying around. In each corner of the hall, the flames were visible and spreading.

Till today, I cannot comprehend how we both found ourselves in the watchman's building of the high school across the street. Maybe we ran away from the burning building. It is possible also that somebody saved us from the flames and somehow transferred us across the street park to the park by the high school. Later, our parents found on the park bench the stained towel which covered Janina's head. I was in a daze and this was the only sign and hope I can remember that we were taken out of the burning building and we are possibly alive somewhere.

To this day, I remember the aroma of a cup of tea given to me together with a tasty bun by some nice lady. Janina was lying on the leather couch near me, motionless and covered with a blanket.

I woke up in the middle of the night. I was lying on the straw mattress on the floor of the school gym. I was cold and hungry. Looking into a small window in the ceiling, I could see part of the sky. The clouds were moving over a full moon. The big building was filled with wounded brought in from the streets. I felt very sad and scared. I started crying and noticed that Janina was sobbing also. Tying to console her, I told her that our mother would come soon and take us home.

The gym hall was full of wounded people, some with no legs or arms. Around us, one could hear moaning, crying and prayers. There were no doctors, no nurses, and the wounded were waiting desperately for some help. Everybody was full of fear. There were a few soldiers; in the park of the high school were anti-aircraft defenses and a command post. It was a good hiding place for such activity.

Some people with light wounds were trying to help others. They were bringing water, dressing some wounds and searching for food.

I was tired and I feel sleep. At eight in the morning a terrible explosion woke me up. The building shook and the glass from the windows scattered everywhere. A soldier with his face stained with blood was hugging a trembling wall. A moment later there was silence, suddenly, the building become engulfed in fire. There were screams and cursing. The wounded that were able to move started running outside. I was barely able to get up. Janina did not move, she lay unconscious with blood dripping from her forehead.

The soldiers in the park were moving out with their equipment. I begged one of them to take Janina out of building. He helped me and placed Janina on the grass.

Soldiers were moving out to some safer location in the city and assured us that help will be forthcoming. I climbed into the military motorcycle sidecar and refused to get off unless the soldiers will take us home. They promised that special trucks would be sent to take us all the way to Warsaw (20 miles).

The next day in the evening, while all railway tracks and stations were under heavy bombardment, we arrived in Warsaw and we were transferred to a children's hospital.

In the Warsaw hospital, during the identification interview, I had the chance to inform a nurse that we had an uncle and aunt living close to the hospital. The next day they found us in the hospital, and gave us loving care. They were at the side of dying Janina and they witnessed my struggle for life. They really saved me from starvation and saved my life.

My sister Janina lasted only three weeks. Her right arm was amputated and she successfully underwent a skull trephination. Nevertheless, her death was caused by pieces of shrapnel in her kidneys and lungs. With the lack of electricity and water during the three long weeks of the siege of Warsaw by the German Army, further surgical operations were unthinkable. Janina died during the siege of the capital praying all the

time for the suffering and dying children around her. She was 9 years old.

The war Germany waged on Poland was over and four months transpired since the dramatic siege of Warsaw. It was December, when finally the message from my uncle, after four months reached my parents. It read."Come quickly, children are with us, we need food desperately."

I had deep scars on my legs; three wounds on my right arm were healed. Nevertheless, the hand and arm is partially immobilized. After four months in the hospital, I returned home.

That is how my school year began in September 1939. Children are always the victims of starvation and living with the frightening terror of war. By keeping alive the memories and experiences of wars, our children and grandchildren will cherish the peace and freedom granted to them.

Freedom is, without a doubt, "the greatest treasure a human being can possess." □

Taxes from 3

traveling to business meetings, and trips to the office supply store qualify as business use. Commuting generally doesn't, even if you discuss work on your phone while stuck in traffic.

The rules: You have two alternatives for calculating the deduction: actual costs or the standard mileage rate. If you choose standard mileage in the first year you use a vehicle you own for business, you can usually switch to actual costs in later years. Choosing standard mileage for a leased vehicle locks you in to that method for the term of the lease.

What's deductible? Under the actual cost method, deductible costs include depreciation, maintenance, gasoline, taxes, insurance, parking fees, and interest expense.

The standard mileage rate for business use during 2009 is 55¢ per mile. In addition, you can deduct the business portion of parking fees, tolls, certain taxes, and, if you're self-employed, interest on your vehicle loan.

How to benefit: Maintain a log of business and personal mileage and keep receipts. Having both lets you pick the method that generates the largest deduction.

If you have additional questions about the ideas mentioned here and/or the many other strategies available to you, they may be directed to me at 800-CPA-KROL (272-5765), or you may write to:

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