

ENGLIS.S.H ONLY:

On the Politics of Monolingualism

Ven you enter zis classroom—ja!—
leave yehr mutter-tongue behind -
As an agent of sie Linguistic Gestapo
The only language accepted here is MINE!

I am zie vatchman of zie Sprachpolizei
If one word ov yaur native language iz heard
Zer will be strikt penalty.
only MY English vill have currency,
If you chatter in yaur native language, bold und free—
zen auf Wiedersehen!—out you flee!

Only by ruthlessly x-terminating sie L1
Kann wie föster sie L2 –
Alt expressions und ideas muß be sterilized
Before official thoughts are Intröduced.

Seig heil zu unsurer Linguistic Empire
Und sie Language uhh Official Text Büch.
Eradicate inferior languages!
Und non-comförmist outlooks!

Crush ze curious, crush ze quaint,
no dialects, no doubts, no paint;
One tongue, one tone, one tidy mind—
all other vords left far behind!

Forward! Forward! Volk-Booger-Bürgers—
erase each edge that dares to stand;
till every thought bekums neat und tame,
speaks mit ze very same... same...
unter our sacred meister-land!

