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What the 'people of the night' tell us

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On June 21, 1943, Jean Moulin was arrested in Caluire, a suburb of Lyon. During the few days when he was still able to speak or write, the fate of the Resistance hung on the courage of this man, who knew everything. Not only did he refuse to talk, but, during an interrogation, when Klaus Barbie handed him something to write with, since he could no longer speak—scorned as he was, beaten to a pulp, his internal organs ruptured—Jean Moulin drew a cartoon of his torturer. Those days of martyrdom, suffered exactly 51 years ago in this same place, come back to mind today. They are not associated with a morbid fascination with suffering, but with the historic acts and courage of a “people of the night.”

Jean Moulin was sent from London by General de Gaulle in 1942 to unify the French Resistance within France.

As André Malraux said on Dec. 19, 1964 at the Pantheon, “June is the month in which a people rose up under cover of darkness in a night starred with torture,” a month whose sorrow-laden dates remind us that even in the very depths of the abyss, hope always revives when a few determined people stand up in her name.

The hope-filled volunteers, those young loners of June 1940, coming from all parties and all religions, those Free French oblivious to soil, blood or race, the heroic vagabonds of Leclerc and de Lattre, met up in June 1944 with their brothers of the night who had come crawling out of the underground. Those people are with us today.

For, at certain times in history, the people of darkness take their place next to the living. Past, present, and future, at such times, become one, because something greater and loftier than our ephemeral existence is at stake.

The army of darkness tells us it is time to stop indulging in vain celebrations and to carry on their fight. Take our ideal, know how much joy our sacrifice gave us, remember those who came before us, and rally your forces to save that part of immortality that we, and they, give you.

Just as the first one of us did after the debacle, you are going to have to shed the outer envelope of habits, honors, and appearances, to better let the inner beauty shine. You will be mocked, insulted, and systematically slandered in your commitments and your dearest affections: Otherwise, you will not be believed. In a world defined by relations and castes, the higher cause of beauty, good, and truth can only



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be served by those who refuse earthly subjection.

Moment of truth in a person's life

Yes, there are moments when a person's life is transformed. There were two progressive republican prefects in the Third Republic: one was Jean Moulin, and the other René Bousquet. The latter fell prey to opinion, honors, a career, and became a murdering bureaucrat. The former chose freedom and greatness and, with his poor swollen face on the last day, became the image of France.

We are faced today with the same choice, but on a world-wide scale. The immense forces that de Gaulle warned against have gained power and the struggle is now universal. A new appeal is being heard: Bosnia, Rwanda, Algeria, the writing off of whole parts of society in the heart of Europe, the exclusion of the young and old, disdain for the poor, the comeback of euthanasia and race science—how could we not heed that call?

Our integrity as human beings is at stake, because barbarism stalks amongst us, less in Bosnia and Rwanda than in the attitude of our leaders, responsible for and guilty of the atrocities being committed in the world. They have the means to intervene but refuse to do so; worse still, they spread a culture of death.

Barbarism has flooded the preparation of the Cairo population conference which is taking place in September and in those policies denying the sacredness of human existence. Those who shake hands with Milosevic and accept him as a partner, condemn population growth as a supposed impedi-

ment to development in the Southern Hemisphere.

They are telling us that you can always make a deal with a genocidalist; unborn children are the real threat. Simone Veil, French social affairs minister and head of the French Cairo delegation, told the *Quotidien de Paris* of May 16 that the "population explosion" has severe consequences "for the environment, but also for development and health." She thinks this explosion, together with poverty, is the main problem to fight. Of course, she is against forced birth control, but she will try anything to encourage them psychologically to use it. Behind the direct assault of Anglo-American anti-natalist measures, with mass sterilizations in Mexico, Zaire, and Brazil, the official French position is to educate the "natives" and to get them to understand that they should stop reproducing "for their own good." The "soft" method works with the "hard" one to produce the same result: It used to be said in Nantes or Bordeaux that every clever slave-owner would bring along a lady social worker to distribute some

goodies, so the slaves would be convinced that slavery was their destiny.

The French position is based on a malthusian, Darwinian outlook: The world can only host a limited number of inhabitants, since its resources are limited. This is admitted in the official French position paper for the Cairo conference—available at the National Institute for Demographic Studies—where it is stated, without argument or discussion, as if it were self-evident: "The neo-malthusian idea of a negative effect of population growth on economic development is still valid today. It is one of the main justifications for birth control policies, although it is not the only one" [see *EIR*, July 15, 1994].

In keeping with this same outlook, more and more leaders claim that "ethnic wars" in the world, such as in Bosnia or Rwanda, are part of "millenary conflicts" spurred by "overpopulation." Massacres of Bosnians or Tutsis are considered as part of a process that can only be stopped by limiting

Resolution calls for new resistance movement

This resolution was adopted by participants in the Schiller Institute's conference:

Nearly 50 years after the end of the Second World War—a war which killed at least 50 million people and left behind a Europe in ruins—we today, in commemorating the Resistance fight against the Nazi dictatorship, have come together in this spirit, to call for a worldwide resistance movement against the modern forms of "totalitarianism" and against "genocide." It is in the name of this policy that at the upcoming population conference in Cairo, the strategists of the U.N. plan to establish a one-world dictatorship.

1) It is intolerable for mankind that today, 50 years after the Holocaust, under the control of supranational organizations such as the U.N., a brutal genocide is perpetrated in countries such as Rwanda, Bosnia, Somalia, and others. While in Geneva, the "merchants of death" attempt to carve Bosnia into pieces, in Rwanda today—before an indifferent world public—millions of people are being slaughtered. Rwanda is one example among many. It demonstrates the consequences of the neo-colonial policy of the North against the South, which consists in a policy of totally refusing any economic help for the South. The North draws a new "Limes" wall between those whom it calls "the barbarians of the South" and the so-called "rich nations" of the North.

2) It is unbearable as well for mankind to watch as the countries of eastern Europe sink into misery, given that the West refused to respond to the "historic chance" which presented itself in 1989. As a result of the West's refusal to give economic aid to the East, a situation of uncontrollable conflicts, chaos, and the threat of dictatorships is brought about in East and Central Asia which potentially could lead to nuclear conflicts.

3) The modern war takes the form of a conflagration of famines, epidemics, and population wars, which at an ever more rapid pace extends across the world map. Those same monetarists, whose monetary policy for the last 20 years—the insane International Monetary Fund conditionalities—have killed 500 million people in the developing sector and who today have built up a gigantic financial bubble—are now working under the auspices of the U.N. and continuing directly the infamous eugenics conferences of the Nazis, organizing the Cairo population conference in order to implement their neo-malthusian strategy: the killing of half the world's population!

On the eve of the twenty-first century, when the majority of the world's population stands in urgent need of development, and in the spirit of natural law as it was developed by the spiritual father of the Renaissance, the great Cardinal Nicolaus of Cusa, we call for an international resistance movement which will fight for the dignity of man, for the defense of the "inalienable rights of man," and which will resist those who violate these fundamental rights of man.

We therefore have called for a worldwide resistance action. Our aim is to stop this Cairo conference and bring those who plan the genocide before a tribunal, where they will be judged for crimes against humanity.

reproduction! In other words, if a majority of them were never born, they would not be able to fight! Whoever refuses to see how outrageous and stupid this view is will never understand the forces at play in the world today, who count on population reduction to maintain their power. This same mentality of triage and survival of the fittest has led to a situation in England where the health services will no longer treat the chronically ill over 65 or 70 years old. A policy of preventing births and allowing deaths is spreading throughout the world: Such malthusianism appears "logical" in terms of short-term profit; human life is considered an object, and the disabled, the ill, and the weak are sacrificed.

In the name of biology, medicine, anthropology, and demography, that which we thought mankind had rejected forever rears again its ugly head. These "branches of learning" provide a so-called scientific justification for "race hygiene," "eugenics," and "forced sterilization." They dare not use the same terms today, but the same realities are hidden behind the new expressions, such as "medically assisted con-

traception," "genetics," and "limiting population growth to the earth's carrying capacity." It has not yet gone as far as the monstrous holocaust to which Hitler's eugenics policy led. But we are now at that decisive and extremely critical moment when conditions for a new holocaust are laid down and defined. A culture of death, which emphasizes population reduction, be it physically imposed or psychologically induced, is taking the place of a culture of life, which values an increase in resources so that the world can host more human beings.

If the parameters of the culture of death are adopted, it will inevitably lead to the elimination of part of humanity. The draft document for the United Nations ICPD [Cairo '94] states that in the preamble.

Resistance and Renaissance are inextricably bound

We have addressed what is going on in the world and described the nature of our enemy: the malthusian lobby and

Marie-Madeleine Fourcade, Resistance heroine

Marie-Madeleine Fourcade, heroine of the French Resistance during World War II, died early on the morning of July 20, 1989 at the age of 80. She was the first woman to be buried at Les Invalides, the resting-place of France's military heroes.

In the early 1930s, Mme. Fourcade joined an effort by a select group of French intelligence officers who sought to fight the rising storm of fascism in Europe and contain the simultaneous growth of communism. In 1938 this group warned the French government and chiefs of staff of Nazi invasion plans.

A person of exceptional intelligence, charisma, and generosity, Mme. Fourcade helped to found and then led what became the largest military intelligence organization of the French Resistance, the Alliance, after the Nazis invaded and occupied France. The Alliance worked out the maps of the Nazi Atlantic Wall for the Allied landings in Normandy on D-Day in 1944.

The story of the heroism, sacrifice, and struggle of the thousands of members of the Alliance is recounted in her book *Noah's Ark*, after the name that the Gestapo had given to the Alliance, whose members used animal names as codenames.

In the postwar years, Mme. Fourcade became a prominent leader of the nascent Gaullist movement and played a major role in the return of Charles de Gaulle to power in

1958. She became president of the Action Committee of the Resistance in the early 1970s, regrouping all French Resistance organizations.

In the early 1980s, Mme. Fourcade was in the forefront of the effort to bring France into cooperation with the United States in what became known as the Strategic Defense Initiative. Her deep concern over the fate of the Atlantic Alliance brought her into collaboration with Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., the intellectual author of the SDI, and his wife Helga Zepp-LaRouche, founder of the Schiller Institute. In her address on "Schiller and the Defense of Liberty," to the Schiller Institute's founding convention on July 3-4, 1984, she began by citing the ideas of Friedrich Schiller upon the outbreak of the French Revolution in 1789. She continued, "In 1944, in particular, the American and Allied victory was also a victory for the forces of the European Resistance, including my friends of the German Resistance, who recently invited me to visit Berlin on July 20, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of their open rebellion against Hitler. . . ."

"We along with other nations paid a terrible price to recover our territories and to defend our ideal of the dignity of man and his fundamental rights. . . ."

"But our so dearly recovered liberty is now ominously threatened around the globe. How is it that, following our victorious thrust in the Second World War, after the horrible experience of so much suffering and so many tears, we have not been able to rescue liberty wherever it has come under siege—we, who know so well the value of our hard-fought freedom? . . . The threat today is coming from the Soviet Union: and anyone who watches their activities without himself acting and making vigorous pro-

the death lobby. None of us will ever again be able to say: "But I didn't know."

The poor, the downtrodden, the wronged, demand their share of material goods and their right to use their labor to create a more just and more prosperous world. Progress for the poor, the downtrodden, and the wronged would be a tremendous opportunity for the moral, cultural, and economic growth of all humanity: Man is not defined by what he is at any one point, or by what he possesses, but by what he can become, by that divine spark, by his creative capacity.

It is urgent to form a new Resistance "lobby," dedicated to life. Our commitment must be to lay the economic and moral bases for a culture of life. Just as Europe of the Cathedrals arose after the post-Carolingian collapse, and as the Renaissance arose after the Black Plague and the usury which destroyed Europe in the fourteenth century, we must give the world a Renaissance to follow today's terrible crisis.

Resistance and Renaissance: I am convinced that one



Mme. Fourcade at the Schiller Institute's 1984 conference.

test, is only acting out the role of those 'happy idiots' whom Lenin liked to speak of," she warned.

When political persecution threatened the freedom of Lyndon LaRouche himself, Marie-Madeleine Fourcade appeared in an Oct. 31, 1988 national televised U.S. campaign broadcast to testify to LaRouche's crucial contribution to the defense of the West.

Uncompromising in her commitments, dedicated to the last to the struggle for freedom and human dignity, Mme. Fourcade, whose book opens with the quote from St. Paul, "Fight in the armor of Light," was a source of hope for all those who knew her. A holy bond tied her to those who had fought with her through the darkest years of struggle.

needs the other—they are inextricably bound together.

The greatest mistake of the Resistance in 1945 was the failure to open up the perspective of a Renaissance, and that is why it collapsed, letting the epigones take over or, worse, men and parties who were at least partially responsible for the debacle.

Yes, we have to create worldwide a party of Life, Resistance and Renaissance, unified through a common commitment. Remember that Jean Moulin, who parachuted into France on Jan. 1, 1942, was carrying in the false bottom of a matchbox a tiny paper with the very simple order written on it: "Mr. Moulin's mission is to ensure, in the unoccupied zone of territorial France, unity of action of all those elements resisting the enemy and his collaborators."

How shall we organize ourselves today to wage the fight? The French Resistance was preparing for action by the Allies on the continent. We have to prepare ourselves today for the disintegration of the international monetary and debt system—for the removal of the cancer. We must fight to stop the financial shock therapy and depopulation policies pushed by the U.N. Security Council and the International Monetary Fund, and adopt a North-South/ East-West plan for peace through development, which would include an exemplary reconstruction of Bosnia and Rwanda.

Lyndon LaRouche: modern Resistance fighter

To achieve peace, our Resistance must change the rules of the game and organize a true Renaissance. It is to that end that Lyndon LaRouche has been fighting all his life. He was the first among us who, in the debacle, shed the envelope of habits, honors, and appearances to let the inner beauty shine forth. He has given us ideas, projects, plans of action, but the best he has given us is his mind as it works, always seeking discoveries, always seeking that which makes a man truly human.

He is a rallying point and a source, just as France waged a single fight under de Gaulle. Even though President Roosevelt thought there was rivalry among generals or parties, the Army of Africa, from Provence to the Vosges, was fighting in the name of Gaullism, as were the troops of the Communist Party. Let us fight today for a new hope, Resistance fighters, before the war has broken out here, but as we have seen, it has already broken out globally.

De Gaulle crossed the Channel, virtually alone, with truth and justice on his side; then the first soldiers of the Free French began moving in Africa; the Resistance started to be formed, Marie-Madeleine Fourcade recruited the first "animals" to her "Noah's Ark" network; Combat, Libération, Franc-Tireur, other Resistance networks were set up; the fishermen set out in their boats, the process of liberation began.

The volunteers in hope, the people of the night have finished speaking to us, now they are waiting. They are in our past and in our present; it depends upon us, and us alone, to have them also belong to our future.