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Paris, 3 et 4 Décembre 1987

December 3

9 : 00 Welcoming speech
by Jacques CHABAN-DELMAS
by Claude MALHURET
Testimony of a Boat-Person

The Conduct of the War

Moderator :
Emmanuel LE ROY LADURIE

9 : 30 - Presentations :
10 : 15 CHUNG TAN Cang
William COLBY
Harry SUMMERS

10 : 15 - Discussion and Comment :
12 : 30 LE QUANG Luong
Mike HEALY
Robert KOMER
Guenter LEWY
James STOCKDALE

12 : 30 - Luncheon
14 : 00

The War in the West

Moderator : Edward BEHR

12 : 30 - Presentations :
13 : 30 Olivier TODD
Norman PODHORETZ

13 : 30 - Discussion and Comment :
14 : 30 Jean-Louis ARNAUD
Jacques BROYELLE
~~Peter COLLIER~~
M. Stanton EVANS

The Vietnamese Factor

Moderator : Robert SCALAPINO

14 : 30 - Presentations :
15 : 30 HOANG VAN Chi
TON THAT Thiên

15 : 30 - Discussion and Comment :
16 : 30 NGUYEN NGOC Quy
Pierre DAR COURT
John DECAMP
~~Al SANTOLI~~

December 4

Vietnam Aftermath

Moderator : Blair DORMINEY

9 : 00 - Presentations :
10 : 00 NGUYEN VAN Canh
Douglas PIKE

10 : 00 - Discussion and Comment :
11 : 00 LAM NGOC Diep
NGUYEN Long
Jean MAIS
Jacqueline DESBARATS
Esmeralda LUCIOLI
Lucio LAMI

Vietnam and Soviet Strategy

Moderator :
Hélène CARRERE D'ENCAUSSE

11 : 00 - Presentations :
12 : 00 THAI QUANG Trung
Jean-François REVEL
Douglas PIKE

12 : 00 - Discussion and Comment :
13 : 00 Jean-Marie BENOIST
Alain BESANÇON
Georges BUIS
Patrick WAJSMAN
Michael LEDEEN
~~Datuk Musa bin Hitam~~

13 : 30 - Luncheon
~~15 : 00 Mario VARGAS LLOSA~~

15 : 00 - Henry KISSINGER
~~17 : 00~~

Is Communism Reversible ?

Moderator : Midge DECTER

~~17 : 00~~ - Jean-François DENIAU
~~18 : 00~~ André GLUCKSMANN
~~Elliott ABRAMS~~
Ernesto BETANCOURT
David HOROWITZ
Vladimir BUKOVSKY



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Biography

Elliott ABRAMS – Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs.

Jean-Louis ARNAUD – Journalist, author. Former director of the French Press (AFP) in Phnom Penh and Saigon. Author of "Saigon d'un Vietnam à l'autre" (Saigon From One Vietnam to The Other).

Edward BEHR – Journalist specializing in China, special correspondent for asian affairs for Newsweek in Europe. Author of two books : "The 36th Way", which examines the chinese cultural revolution ; and "Pu Yi, the Last Emperor", just released as a motion picture.

Jean-Marie BENOIST – Philosopher, Writer. Specialist in geo-political questions. Author of "Les outils de la Liberté" (The means of freedom)

Alain BESANÇON – Professor at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes, columnist at L'Express. Specialist in the USSR, he has published many books, including " Les Origines Intellectuelles du Léninisme" (Intellectual Origins of Leninism), "Présent Soviétique et Passé Russe" (Soviet Present and Russian Past) and "La Falsification du Bien (Soloviev et Orwell)" (Falsification of Good : Soloviev and Orwell), a philosophical reflection on communism.

Ernesto BETANCOURT – Cuban refugee. Economist, Director of Radio Marti, which broadcasts to Cuba.

Jacques BROUELLE – Journalist, author. Editorial consultant at L'Express. Specialist on China. Author of "Deuxième retour de Chine" (The Second Return of China) and "Apocalypse Mao" (with Claudie Broyelle).. Co-organizer of the "Boat for Vietnam" operation.

Vladimir BUKOVSKY – Writer, lecturer. A Russian dissident, he spent many years in soviet prisons before emigrating to the West in 1977. President and founder of Resistance International. Author of several books, notably "To Build a Castle : My Life as a Dissident".

Général Georges BUIS – President of the Foundation for the Study of National Defense, member of the Administrative Council of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. Author of "Les Fanfares Perdues" (Lost Fanfares).

Hélène Carrère d'ENCAUSSE – Professor at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Political Study Institute) in Paris, where she teaches USSR history. Author of "Le Grand Frère" (Big Brother) and "L'Empire Eclaté" (The Exploded Empire).

Jacques CHABAN-DELMAS – President of the National Assembly, former Prime Minister of France, and former General of the French Resistance.

Admiral CHUNG TAN CANG – Former Commander of the South Vietnamese Navy. Former director of the Dalat Military Academy, where officers of the South Vietnamese Army were trained.

Sally Shelton COLBY – Vice-Chairman of the National endowment for Democracy. Former Ambassador of the United-States.

William COLBY – Lawyer, former Director of the CIA. Author of "The Honorable Man". Former head of "Phoenix" pacification program in Vietnam. Dropped behind enemy lines in World War II to work with French Resistance.

Peter COLLIER – Co-author (with David Horowitz) of best-selling biographies, among them "The Kennedys" and, most recently, "The Fords". During the '60s, he was co-editor of Ramparts magazine and a leading radical anti-war activist.

Pierre DARCOURT – Journalist at Le Figaro, Vietnam specialist. Former leader of French commando force behind japanese lines. Escaped from vietnamese prison.

John DECAMP – Lawyer, Vietnam veteran.

Midge DECTER – Author, journalist. Chairman of the Committee to Rethink Vietnam. She is also Executive Director of the Committee for The Free World.

Jean-François DENIAU – Member of the Chamber of Deputies, Vice-President of the Commission on Foreign Affairs of the National Assembly, former Minister. Author of "Deux Heures Après Minuit" (Two Hours Past Midnight), a report on current anti-communist resistance movements.

Blair DORMINEY – Lawyer, journalist. Executive Director of the Committee to Rethink Vietnam. Former assistant to Attorney General, currently Special Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs at the White House.

Jacqueline DESBARATS – Associate Research Social scientist, Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

M. Stanton EVANS – Journalist, writer. Author of "The Politics of Surrender". Director of National Journalism Center, Washington, DC.



André GLUCKSMANN – Writer, philosopher. Author of several books, notably “Le Discours de la Guerre” (The Speech of War) an essay on the Vietnam War, and “La Cuisinière et le Mangeur d’Hommes” (The Cook and the Eater of Men), an essay on marxism and concentration camps. Co-organizer of the “Boat for Vietnam” operation.

Major General Mike D. F. HEALY – Industrial consultant. First commander of Special Forces, spent 5 1/2 years in Vietnam and held command longer than any other officer. Commander of U.S. Army J.F. Kennedy Center for Special Operations from 1973-75.

DATUK MUSA BIN HITMAN – Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs of Malaysia.

Hoang VAN CHI – Writer, lecturer, engineer. Formerly served in the Ho Chi Minh government. Author of “From Colonialism to Communism”.

David HOROWITZ – Author of “From Yalta to Vietnam - American Foreign Policy in the Cold War”. Co-author (with Peter Collier) of biographies of the Rockefellers, the Kennedys and the Fords. Was an important leftist activist and is currently organizing a project called Second Thoughts, a clearing-house for ex-leftists.

Henry KISSINGER – Former U.S. Secretary of State, Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

Robert KOMER – Author of “Bureaucracy at War”, former Assistant to President Lyndon Johnson, Deputy Ambassador in Vietnam in charge of pacification in 1967-68.

LAM Ngoc Diep – Engineer. Lived in Vietnam until 1981, an authority of the communist system.

Michael LEDEEN – Senior Fellow in International Affairs at Georgetown University’s Center for strategic and International Studies, author of “Grave New World”.

Emmanuel LE ROY LADURIE – Professor of the History of Modern Civilization at the College de France, administrator of the National Library. Author of numerous books, notably “Parmi les Historiens” (Among Historians).

General LE Quang Luong – Former Commander of the South Vietnamese Army Airborne Division. Recipient of many distinguished service medals and decorations from both the South Vietnamese and the U.S. Army.

Guenter LEWY – Former professor at the University of Massachusetts. Author of “America in Vietnam”. He has just completed a study of contemporary American pacifism.

Esmeralda LUCIOLLI – Doctor specializing in tropical diseases, she worked in Southeast Asia for five years after 1975, spending one year in Cambodia.

NGUYEN Long – Former professor at Universities of Dalat and Van Hanh, boat person. Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley specializing in ideology and Southeast Asian politics. Currently Vice-Chairman of National Computer Corporation. Author of “After Saigon Fell : Daily Life Under Vietnamese Communists”.

Jean MAIS – Priest with the Foreign Missions in Paris. Lived for more than ten years in Vietnam, and imprisoned before the fall of Saigon, he experienced communist reeducation camps.

Claude MALHURET – Secretary of State for Human Rights, former President of Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders).

NGUYEN Ngoc Quy – Medical doctor, political refugee from Vietnam.

NGUYEN Van Canh – Research fellow at the Hoover Institution. Former Vice-Dean of the Law School in Saigon. Author of “Vietnam Under Communism Between 1975-1982”.

Douglas PIKE – Director of the Indochina Studies Project at the University of California at Berkeley. Preeminent authority on vietnamese communism, he has written six books on the subject and lectures around the world.

Norman PODHORETZ – Editor of “Commentary Magazine”, syndicated columnist. Author of numerous books, among them “Making It”, “Breaking Ranks”, “The Present Danger”, “Why We Were In Vietnam”, and most recently, “The Bloody Crossroads”.

Jean-François REVEL – Philosopher, writer. Chronicler at Le Point. Author of many works on democracy, including “Ni Marx Ni Jésus” (Without Marx or Jesus), “La Tentation Totalitaire” (The Totalitarian Temptation), and “Comment Meurent les Démocraties (How Democracies Perish).

Al SANTOLI – Writer, journalist, Vietnam veteran. Author of “Everything We Had” and “To Bear Any Burden”. Currently writing a book on ethnic minorities in the USA.

Vice Admiral James STOCKDALE – Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution at Stanford University, co-author of “In Love and War”. Air wing Commander, shot down September 1965. Leader of prison underground in “Hanoi Hilton, in frequent contact with North Vietnamese general staff. Imprisoned for 5 years, 4 in solitary confinement, 2 in leg irons. Tortured 15 times. Congressional medal of honor.

Sybil Bailey STOCKDALE – Co-author of “In Love and War”. Founder and Chairman of National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, who met regularly with Secretary of State Kissinger and the U.S. President and confronted North Vietnamese delegation to Paris Peace talks.

Colonel Harry SUMMERS Jr – A combat infantry veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars, is the author of “On Strategy” and “The Vietnam War Almanach”. He is now a contributing editor at U.S. News & World Report and a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.



THAI Quang Trung – Jurist, historian. Author of “Factionalism and Collective Leadership”.

Olivier TODD – Journalist, author, Vietnam specialist. Recently published “Cruel Avril” (Cruel April), which tells of the fall of Saigon.

TON THAT Thien – Professor at Universities in Quebec and Geneva. Former Minister of Information and Journalist in Vietnam. Magsaysay laureat.

TRAN VAN Tong – Engineer, Economist. President of the Comité International Tran Van Ba.

Mario VARGAS LLOSA – Peruvian novelist. Author of several works of political fiction, including “The Story of Maya” and “The War of the End of the World”. In 1967, he was awarded the Romulo Gallegos prize for Latin American fiction.

Patrick WAJSMAN – Director of the magazine “Politique Internationale” (International Politics), columnist at Le Figaro. Author of “L’illusion de la détente” (The Illusion of Detente).