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JULIUS & ETHEL ROSENBERG



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AND A SPECIAL RECORDED BROADCAST:
 "THE INNOCENCE OF JULIUS & ETHEL
 ROSENBERG DAY"

from the posthumous letters of the Rosenbergs
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 ANIMALS SICK WITH RABIES
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by JEAN-PAUL SARTRE.

"I do not know with what species of wild animals I am dealing, but I am convinced they ARE wild animals."

Declaration made by Rosenberg's Lawyer.

The Rosenbergs are dead and life goes on. That is what you wanted, not so? Yesterday, we were still their comrades and you have killed them swiftly to make us their survivors. You believe that time will make us a little more forgetful every day, a little more guilty towards them, to make you look less cruel. Of course, you will have expenses; windows in your embassies will be broken, but they will be replaced and with a bit of luck, the cops will fire into the crowds of Europe and we will have fresh deaths, our deaths, to keep us from thinking about yours.

You have already done the same to us with Sacco and Vanzetti, and you succeeded. But this time you will not succeed.

On one point you will have won; we wish no harm to anyone; we refuse to twist into hate that contempt and horror you inspire in us. But you will not be able to make us believe that the execution of the Rosenbergs is a "regrettable incident" not even a judicial error. It is a legal lynching, which covers a whole people with blood and which denounces once and for all, with a crash, the failure of the Atlantic Pact and your incapacity to assume the leadership of the Western World. I will tell you your mistake; you have believed that the assassination of the Rosenbergs was merely the settling of a personal account. A hundred thousand voices repeated to you: "THEY ARE INNOCENT", and you answered stupidly, "We are punishing two of OUR citizens according to OUR Law. It has nothing to do with you"

Like Hell! Precisely the Rosenberg affair is your affair. Innocents that are killed are the concern of the whole world. The mouthpiece of the Vatican himself said to you on Thursday that "civilisation finds itself at the front of choice of which its condemnation or acquittal depends". From all over it was shouted to you, "Be careful, you judge yourself when you judge them; you must decide whether you are men or animals."

Do you now understand why we have begged you for a re-trial. When we asked you justice for the Rosenbergs, it also meant; be fair to yourself. When we asked you to spare their lives, it also meant:

"Spare yours. As we have been made your allies, the destiny of the Rosenbergs might well be our future destiny. You, who assume to be the masters of the world you had an opportunity to prove that you were first of all masters of yourselves. Would you cede to your criminal madness, that same madness would in the future throw us into a war of extermination. Nobody made the mistake in Europe. In giving life or death to the Rosenbergs you were preparing peace or war for the world."

There had been Mac Arthur's sinister buffooneries, the Yalu bombings, MacCarrie's stumblings; everytime you arranged your foul blows against Europe, and all alone. However, your partisans were still hoping: if our Governments were not able to put across their point of view, it is because they could not come to an agreement, because France had not followed England, because their people did not follow them. But, yesterday, the whole of Europe, in one move, with its masses, its priests, its ministers and its State leaders, have asked your President to make the most human, the most simple gesture.

We did not ask for your dollars, nor your weapons, not even your soldiers, just two lives, two innocent lives.

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Did you understand at all the importance of this extraordinary truce? Class-conflicts, old rancours, everything was put aside: the Rosenbergs had achieved European unity. Just one word from you and you could also draw the benefit of this unity: the whole of Europe would have been thankful. You answered, "Europe, we could not give a damn about Europe." All right. But do not come and talk about alliance after that. Allies consult each other, discuss, arrange mutual concessions, everyone influencing the others. If you answer "no" when we ask you simply not to dishonour yourself for nothing, how could we believe that you will ask our opinions when important interests are concerned?

We, your allied? Like Hell! Our Governments are your servants to-day. Our people will be your victims to-morrow, that's all! Of course, you will bring up shameful excuses: your President could not afford to pardon the Rosenbergs, he had to throw out the balast to impose his views in Korea.

In Korea? Like Hell! He is made a fool every day there by his Generals and old Syngman Rhee.

And what a country that his War Chiefs have to commit ritual murders to be forgiven for stopping a war?

We know from how on what our weight is on your scale. On one tray you have put the world ... and on the other one Mac Carthy. At the moment when Rosenbergs sat on the electric chair, the scale leaned to Mac Carthy's side.

Do you believe that we are going to die for Mac Carthy? That we are going to shed our blood to give him a European army? Do you believe that we will defend Mac Carthy's culture? Mac Carthy's freedom? Mac Carthy's justice? That we will change Europe into a battle field to allow this bloody fool to burn all the books and to have the innocents executed and the judges imprisoned because they protested?

Don't bluff yourself: never shall we give the leadership of the western world to the assassin of the Rosenbergs.

You say that Mac Carthy will pass, and that secretly they are trying to do away with him? And then? Your Mac Carthy has millions of heads, cut one off, a hundred others will grow.

Here I have on my table a photo taken on Thursday in Washington: well-fed and dressed men, elegant women, march to demand the heads of the Rosenbergs, in the first row a young and beautiful girl is carrying a placard which reads:

"Fry them and send their bodies to the USSR."

You have seen these people walk in your streets while a man and a woman lived their last hours in a prison, while two desperate children asked in vain for their parents to be returned to them. You have seen them laugh, shout, brandish their placards and their banners and there was no one amongst you to go and break their necks. Obviously there is something rotten in America.

And do not tell us that it is just the work of some excited irresponsible elements; they are the masters of your country, as it is to them that your Government ceded. Do you remember Nuremberg and your theory about collective responsibility? Well, you can apply this to yourself, to-day! You are collectively responsible for the death of the Rosenbergs, those of you who provoked it and the others who allowed them to perpetrate it: you have tolerated that the U.S.A. will be the new cradle of Fascism; in vain will you repeat that this only murder cannot be compared to the Hitleric slaughterst. Fascism is not defined by the number of its victims, but by the way they are killed.

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And why this unleashing of fury against a man and a woman just before their death? Why this hate which stupefied the world?

For sure, it is because you have been convinced that they wanted to take your bombs. You will be left in tranquility only when you will be alone to be able to destroy the world. President Eisenhower has counted the innocent victims of the Rosenbergs in tons of thousands: every one of you feels he is already a victim of the next war,....it is the doomed who asked for the death, on Thursday, for the thieves of atomic secrets.

Unfortunately, when we look at you from Europe, we do not think you are innocent, nor dead; we only see two innocent dead: your victims. And regarding the atomic secret, it is the fruit of your discordant imaginations: science develops everywhere with the same rhythm and fabrication of bombs is a concern of the industrial potential.

By killing the Rosenbergs, you have just tried to stop the evolution of science through human sacrifice. Magic, witch-hunting, auto-da-fes, sacrifices: here we are, your country is sick with fear. You are afraid of everything: the Soviets, the Chinese, the Europeans; you are afraid of another, you fear the shadow of your own bomb!

What wonderful allies you make!

And you would like to be boss! You draw us to war by terror and you would lose it by panic at the first bombing. I know there are in your country some courageous people: the advocate of the Rosenbergs, the one who said yesterday, "I am ashamed to be an American" - Judge Douglas whom you will not dubt prosecute, the members of the Rosenberg community, hundreds of thousands of others: but what can they do if not run to their martyrdom? And there are the masses who stayed healthy and whom you left alone; there are the negroes whom you oppress and above all there is this weak voice that has been killed to-day and said those admirable words:

"We are young and we do not want to die, but we do not accept to pay that price for our lives."

After all, the Rosenbergs are Americans and if you can retain some hope, it is because your country gave birth to this woman and this man you killed.

One day maybe, all those good faiths will cure you from your fears: we wish that because we have loved you. Meanwhile, do not be amazed if we shout from one end of Europe to the other: "Careful America is sick with rabies."

Let us cut all the bonds which tie us to her otherwise our turn will come to be beaten and infested with rabies.

And you will have to be careful... E.N.D. ...

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