

cases of the most sensitive and dangerous nature.

I have myself seen how France has acted to suspend civil rights in this crisis, under the "Vigipirate" ("Monitor Pirates") police action plan. On the basis of racial and religious criteria, when the Gulf crisis erupted and France made known what side she was on, Muslims living in France, including French citizens of long standing, were picked up. I give the case of 20 persons, arrested and expelled under the procedure known as "absolute urgency."

These men could not see their lawyers. There were told they were being sent to Yemen and that Yemen would take them. In fact, they were to be flown from Yemen straight to

Baghdad, which for some could have meant death. But under French law, when you deport a man, you must put him on the frontier of *his* choice. A commissar of the French government admitted to me that against 18 of the 20 people, no criminal charges could possibly be upheld. But the Administrative Tribunal agreed to their expulsion. Only thanks to the intervention of the Algerian ambassador in Yemen, was I able to prevent some from being sent on to Baghdad. Now they are dispersed all over the Maghreb.

If we allow this process to go on, we face fascism on a planetary scale. At Nuremberg, it was said that crimes against humanity form a category of crime greater than any discrete attack on human rights. There was never a declaration of war by the allies against Iraq, yet they committed deeds worse than any foreseen by the law of war. We are not here to denounce. It was not words, denunciations, at Nuremberg that mattered. It was the death of Goering that paid off. At Nuremberg, certain nations which should have sat in the dock were omitted. Shall we bury in the cellar yet again, these fresh war crimes they have committed and are committing? We owe it to the dead and those who will die because of this war, to restore their dignity and bring the criminals to justice.

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The job of the journalists is as dirty as the generals and politicians. My department head at RFI told me: "It is better that the Americans control the oil." Then he said, "Iraqi imperialism must be stopped." We invented the "Fourth Biggest Army of the World—Iraq," every word a lie. A journalist at RFI who was in Turkey reported: "Turks 100% behind the war." So why did two Turkish defense ministers resign, why were there huge demos? In August, pro-Iraqi demos were banned in France. I went out and asked French Muslims what they thought. I say they were 100% against the war.

For this I was harassed by the police. The police told me: "You are a journalist. You should know better." One journalist at my work called me "Hitler" for eight weeks. Our section chief would not allow us to interview a very famous writer, Gilles Perrault, who called on the French soldiers not to go to the war and to sabotage the war effort. One journalist I saw watching the dead brought forth from the Amariyah shelter in Baghdad, laughed and said "burnt toast" as the bodies came up, and almost danced for joy; he was the one who was nearly crying when he saw the bruised face of an American pilot shown on Iraqi TV.

CNN said, "Seven Iraqi naval vessels of the Zodiac class were destroyed by the British Navy today." Did you know that a Zodiac is a rubber raft?

Information is a weapon. Journalists are mercenaries. They are hired by someone who has interests. They are well

Technology can ensure a decent life for everyone

Extracts from the Resolution of the Estates General of the Coordination against the Gulf War, Brussels, April 6, 1991:

The Coordination demands the complete withdrawal of all foreign troops from Iraq and the Gulf. . . . The sovereignty of Iraq must be respected. . . . We oppose the plans to divide and Lebanonize the region, which will lead to more civil wars. . . .

For the Northern countries, "international law" has become Might makes Right. . . . We reject the New World Order which the U.S. and the Northern countries wish to impose on the North. . . . We demand that the Security Council of the U.N. be eliminated. . . .

We demand the cancellation of Third World debt, with all interest and other taxes. . . . We demand that state-of-the-art technologies be transferred to the Third World for their benefit. . . .

We demand that all foreign military bases in the Third World be taken down and their troops withdrawn. . . . The absolute priority for disarmament, is not to disarm the Third World, but to disarm the North. To disarm the South first, only means maintaining the North's political and military hold over the South. . . .

Modern technology makes it possible to ensure a decent way of life to every person on the planet. But the West is refusing to use this technological knowledge to develop the Third World. . . .

The Gulf war was the first experiment with "middle-intensity conflicts," a strategy developed to fight the Third World. . . . We are opposed to the principle of NATO out-of-area deployments, which target in reality the Third World.