

# ‘The Europe of Daladier’ from L’Humanité (8 May 1948)

**Caption:** On 8 May 1948, the French Communist daily newspaper L’Humanité harshly criticises the Congress of Europe held in The Hague and denounces its main participants.

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## The Europe of Daladier

The 'Congress of Europe' that is currently being held in The Hague would hardly be worth mentioning if the list of eminent figures attending it 'in a private capacity' did not indicate the true meaning of the event.

Among those present is Mr Churchill, who continues to pursue with manic obstinacy the grand political design whose foundations he laid in Zurich two years ago, the one that made Germany the arbiter of a united Europe. Since Zurich, Mr Churchill has made progress; like Ernest Bevin, he easily slips into the Nazi vocabulary and yesterday he spoke of **'REVIVING THE FORMER RENOWN OF THE GERMAN RACE'**. Let the inhabitants of Oradour take note.

There is Mr Ramadier, whose name alone is an entire programme: the manner in which he led French policy gives an idea of what this European 'super-government', whose establishment Mr de Menthon called for, would entail.

There is Paul Reynaud, who dreams of extending to the whole of the Western world the Fascist system of government that drove France to disaster.

Lastly, there is Mr Daladier ... To be quite frank, he is so 'impossible' that the papers that are most sympathetic to the European cause are trying to insinuate that he came uninvited. What a mistake and what a lie!

Mr Daladier is in The Hague exactly where he ought to be, because that is where preparations are under way for another Munich and for the destruction of France as an independent nation. He is where he ought to be, just as Jules Romains is; the author of *Le Couple France-Allemagne* ('The Franco-German Duo') is at last seeing one of his dreams take shape.

Europe is to be governed by a small group of aristocrats of the mind, cold-blooded theoreticians scrupulously applying a prodigious plan without worrying about those sordid realities that prevent one from thinking calmly.

If it fails, it will be turned into a book.

What is important is to acquire a reputation as a Richelieu in the drawing rooms where people chatter and, above all, in the American revues where they dine.

This assembly of cockatoos, bulls of Vaucluse and boudoir rats has taken its theme from Henry IV. Did this king not want to unite the Christian countries **'FOR A JOINT ACTION COMING FROM THE EAST, WHICH WAS, AT THE TIME, REPRESENTED BY THE TURKS,'** as the man with the cigar between his teeth declared?

Thank God the Turks are now good Christians; Mr Marshall has been luckier than St Louis.

Besides, this sort of miracle is not rare, since Hitler made the Japanese too into fine Aryan defenders of the 'West'.

It is therefore vital to know what the talk is all about, and to understand that it is always about the same thing, namely, the unflagging organisation of the great conspiracy against the USSR. **'EUROPE,'** cried Churchill, **'REQUIRES ALL THAT THE FRENCH, ALL THAT THE GERMANS, ALL THAT EACH OF US CAN GIVE.'**

Excellent. We know what France can give, and what it usually gives: a million of its sons, its towns and its countryside. Germany can give its SS, its V1s and V2s, its concentration camps and Mr Krupp.

Britain can give its Australians, its New Zealanders and its South Africans.

Franco (whom Mr Churchill invited officially) has several Blue Divisions to put at the disposal of the new crusade. Will Tsaldaris be the one to provide the execution squads?

Mr Churchill stated that he was certain of American approval. That was no great surprise.

The Hague masquerade is nothing more or less than an attempt to unite the American colonies in Western Europe in order to make of them a more docile and more efficient instrument in the war for which these peculiar apostles of peace are preparing us.

**Pierre Courtade**