


# Interview with Jean-Pierre Gouzy: the stirrings of pro-European movements after 1945 (Paris, 19 October 2007)

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[Jean-Pierre Gouzy] Generally, these weren't particularly large groups, some of them had a few dozen members, others maybe a few hundred at most. Now, where did these stirrings come from? I think that they arose from the very concern, caused by events surrounding the war and the post-war period, this fear that this war from which we had recently emerged might erupt again and that these regrettable incidents might recur. People were concerned by the rise in Stalinism in one part of Europe and even in some countries of Western Europe, even though we had just fought and destroyed Hitler's regime. Therefore, I think that this explains the reasons underlying this determination not to repeat the mistakes made after the First World War, with the Treaty of Versailles and related treaties, such as the Treaty of Trianon, and to try to find new ways of ensuring a peaceful future for Europe.