

IN RESPONSE TO GIOBBE'S ARTICLE

"Erwin Rommel was part of Hitler's machine"

WE always follow with big interest the publications appearing in *l'express* newspaper. Especially those which dwell on historical issues of the Second World War, taking into account the greatest contribution of Russia to the defeat of Nazi troops in Europe as well as ravages, sufferings and untold human losses brought to our country by Adolf Hitler together with his generals and political myrmidons. In this context, we could not disregard the article by Marcello Giobbe "*Field Marshal Erwin Rommel: The Legend*".

We are not going to dispute with the author about the generalship of Erwin Rommel or his personal attitude towards his officers, soldiers and even military prisoners. Maybe his troops really admired him for these reasons. However, we cannot agree with Mr Giobbe that this person was "*just a professional of war and general of the Wehrmacht* (Note: the German army), *not an SS*".

In this way, the author is trying to relieve Erwin Rommel of responsibility despite the fact that he participated in the most sinister war in the ranks of Hitler's army, fighting for the sake of racial supremacy. Wehr-



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macht troops are guilty in violation of international laws, rules and customs of war, while many members of Wehrmacht were accused of brutal crimes against humanity. Nazi regime and its supporters are also condemned by the official authorities of the Federal Republic of Germany.

"The hero" of the article, Rommel, was part of Hitler's machine. He participated in Nazi military campaigns in France and North Africa (*by the way killing Mauritians fighting against his troops under British banners*) and became one of the iconic Hitler's generals, while real

German patriots, who had not accepted the political system of the Third Reich, went underground to resist Hitler.

Many of them sacrificed their lives, while Rommel, even despite this supposed but not proven involvement in the conspiracy against the Fuhrer (note, Adolf Hitler), at the end of the war, was buried by the Nazis with military honours. He executed felonious orders of Hitler so there are no doubts about his part of personal responsibility for crimes of the Nazi regime.

To the conclusion, we would like to underline that the Third Committee of UN General Assembly adopted this year, once again, the resolution on combating the glorification of Nazism introduced by Russia and supported by 125 states. We also would like to point out that humanization and glorification of notorious high-ranking Wehrmacht officers may cancel out previous achievements of international community in fighting all forms of extremism, leading to the renaissance of Nazi ideology and relevant types of racism and intolerance in respect of different groups of people.