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## LA FRANCE PENDANT LA GUERRE 1939-1945: RÉSISTANCE ET JOURNAUX DE VICHY (VOICES FROM WARTIME FRANCE 1939-1945: CLANDESTINE RESISTANCE AND VICHY)



Providing perspectives from both the Vichy government and the resistance movement, this unique collection constitutes the sum of the French press that actually reached Britain during the Occupation of 1940-44. It is the record of what was known by the British about the hearts and minds of the French people at the most dramatic period of their shared history.

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### Detailed Description:

«Voix françaises sous l'Occupation (1939-45): Resistance et journaux de Vichy» réunit la somme des journaux français qui réussirent à parvenir au Royaume Uni durant l'Occupation entre 1940 et 1944: un parfait compte-rendu de ce l'Outre-Manche connaissait des événements en France durant l'ère la plus dramatique des relations franco-anglaises. Cette collection unique offre la somme complète des documents français de la Bibliothèque Nationale du Royaume Uni, provenant de différentes sources (clandestines, secrètes ou neutres) et propose ainsi une vue aussi exhaustive que possible de la vie durant la guerre.

La Bibliothèque Nationale du Royaume Uni possède de nombreuses publications de la Resistance jamais acquises par la Bibliothèque Nationale ...alors sous occupation allemande. En fait, il s'agit tout simplement de la plus volumineuse et la plus importante collection de documents sur ce sujet existant à l'étranger —ce qui explique qu'elle soit restée presque inconnue des chercheurs. Donnant une image complète des circonstances sous lesquelles la plupart des décisions politiques de la Grande-Bretagne concernant la conduite à prendre dans la guerre contre l'Allemagne furent prises, cette mine de données révèle un nouvel éclairage sur une époque qu'on eut cru déjà bien étudiée.

Les écrits de la Résistance provenaient des différents «Maquis» de toutes les régions et étaient acheminés en Grande-Bretagne pour pouvoir être utilisés par les services secrets britanniques.

*Voices from Wartime France, 1939-45: Clandestine Resistance and Vichy Newspapers* constitutes the sum of the French press that actually reached Britain during the Occupation of 1940-44. It is the record of what was known by the British about the hearts and minds of the French people at the most dramatic period of their shared history. This unique collection offers the complete French holdings of the British Library, acquired through a variety of intelligence, clandestine and neutral sources, offering as full a view of life during the War as was possible at the time.

The British Library holds many resistance titles never acquired by the Bibliothèque Nationale, because it was under German occupation. Indeed this is the biggest and most important collection of titles from Occupied France anywhere outside France, and has remained almost unknown to the scholarly community. Offering a full picture of the basis on which many key political decisions were made in Britain about the conduct of the war in France, this significant discovery will offer new light on a much studied period.

Resistance papers were produced anonymously by the Maquis, deep in the provinces, and smuggled to Britain to be used by the Foreign Office Intelligence Division.

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