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Jean Moulin et la Résistance Française

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Abstract

Known today as one of the most prominent leaders of the French Resistance during World War II, Jean Moulin was given by General Charles de Gaulle the seemingly impossible task of unifying the different movements of the Resistance during the war. Through countless difficulties, he succeeded in forming one solid resistance that included both right-winged Royalists and left-winged Socialists. This research analyzes the reasons for which the French Resistance began, the impact Jean Moulin had on the Resistance, and finally his betrayal to the Gestapo on the 21st of June, 1943.



En décembre 1941, Jean Moulin est donné par Charles de Gaulle la responsabilité d'unifier les résistances du territoire libre. Il développe des objectifs communs et il met l'accent sur les actions militaires en savant que les groupes de résistance doivent former un seul groupe pour faire les grandes actes militaires. Il veut que les organisations fassent les déclarations d'allégeance à de Gaulle.

Tout s'arrête le 21 juin, 1942, quand la Gestapo trouve Moulin. La grande question, même aujourd'hui, c'est qui a trahi le chef de la Résistance?



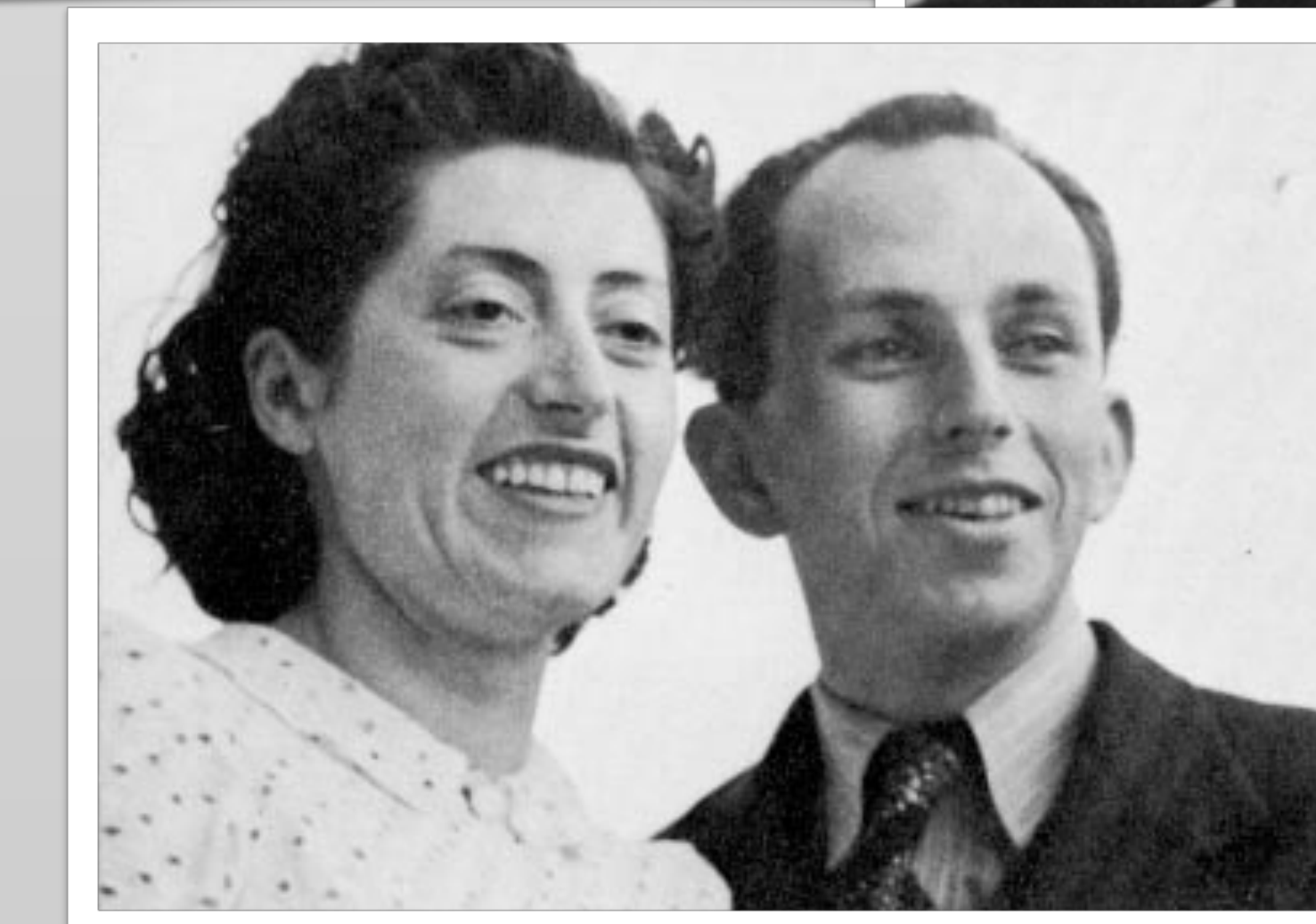
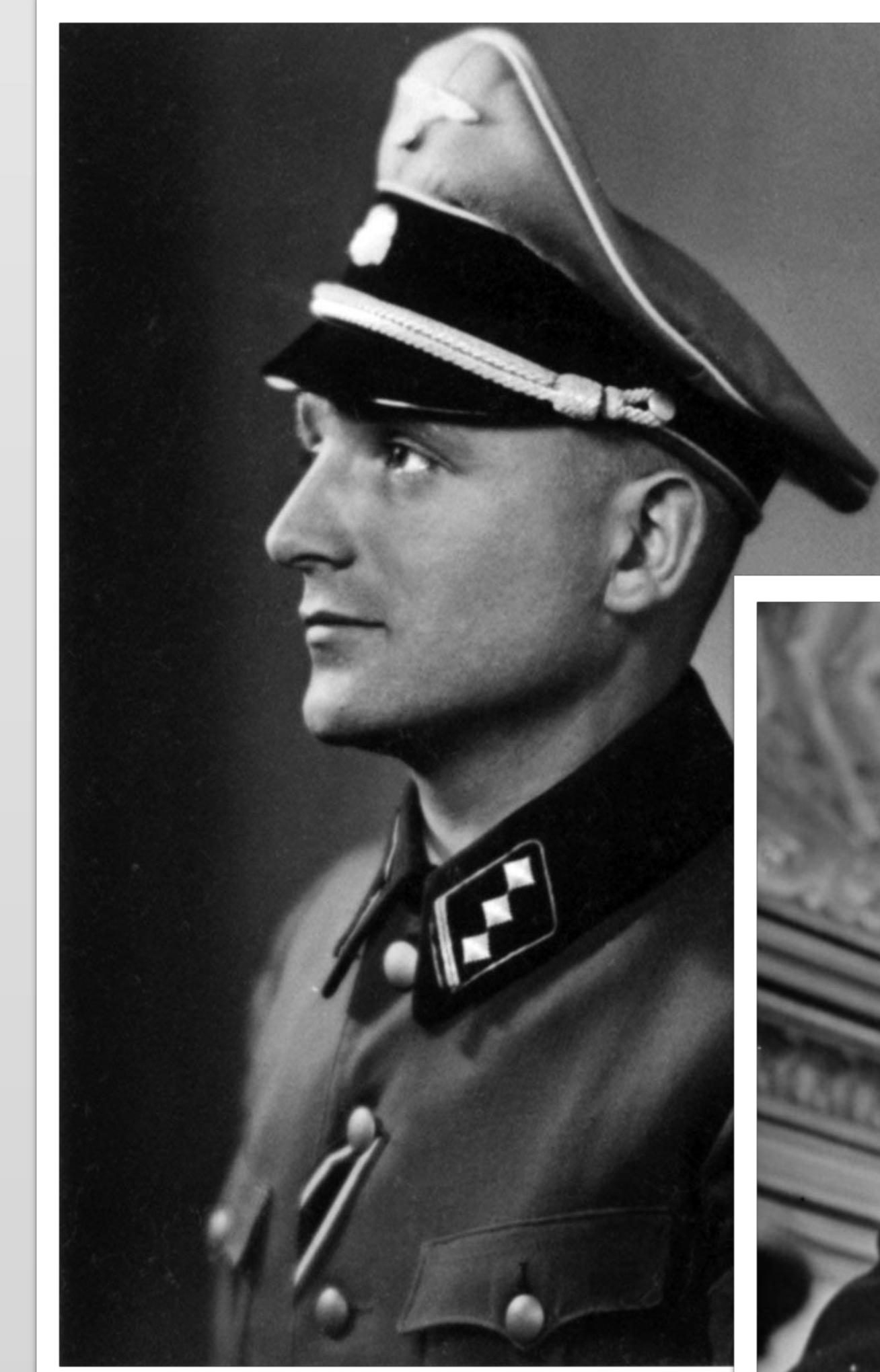
Conclusion

Jean Moulin has gone down in history as one of the major heroes of the French Resistance. He fought against the injustices done by the Nazi and Vichy governments, and to his dying day withheld all information from Nazi authorities. His ashes have been placed in the Panthéon alongside those of Voltaire, Victor Hugo, and others who have made a difference in the world.

<<Voilà donc...Jean Moulin...le chef d'un peuple de la nuit.>>

-André Malraux

Klaus Barbie



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