

Dunkirk Diversion

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After NAZI Germany invaded Western Poland in September of 1939, Britain and France declared war on Germany. Britain eventually sent an *Allied Expeditionary Force* (AEF) of 10 Divisions to assist Belgium and France in their defense. By late May of 1940, Hitler's *Wehrmacht* had easily crossed the *Maginot Line* and readily driven allied forces to the French port of Dunkirk, where they remained sitting ducks.

After a call for help went out from *Whitehall*, a 400-vessel flotilla of small, privately-owned fishing boats and pleasure craft joined larger warships of the *British Royal Navy* and *French Navy* to rescue the stranded AEF troops from annihilation. These small craft were vital in transporting troops from Dunkirk's beaches to the larger warships waiting in the deeper waters of the harbor. In all, **Operation Dynamo** rescued more than 338,000 British, French, Belgian and Polish soldiers. The successful evacuation inspired Churchill's "***We shall fight on the beaches...***" speech to the *House of Commons* on June 4, 1940:

". . . we shall prove ourselves once again able to defend our Island home, to ride out the storm of war, and to outlive the menace of tyranny, if necessary for years, if necessary alone . . . We shall go on to the end, we shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our Island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender. . ."

That was 1940, when Brits were made of sterner stuff, and possessed wiser and more courageous leadership. To commemorate the 85th

anniversary of *Operation Dynamo*, in 2025, 66 small vessels set sail on May 21st intending to cross the English Channel to reenact this historic event and honor the courage and sacrifice of *Operation Dynamo*'s participants. **Sadly, their reenactment was interrupted by a menacing force of more recent vintage, the *French Border Force* and the *French Navy* under France's President, Emmanuel Macron.**

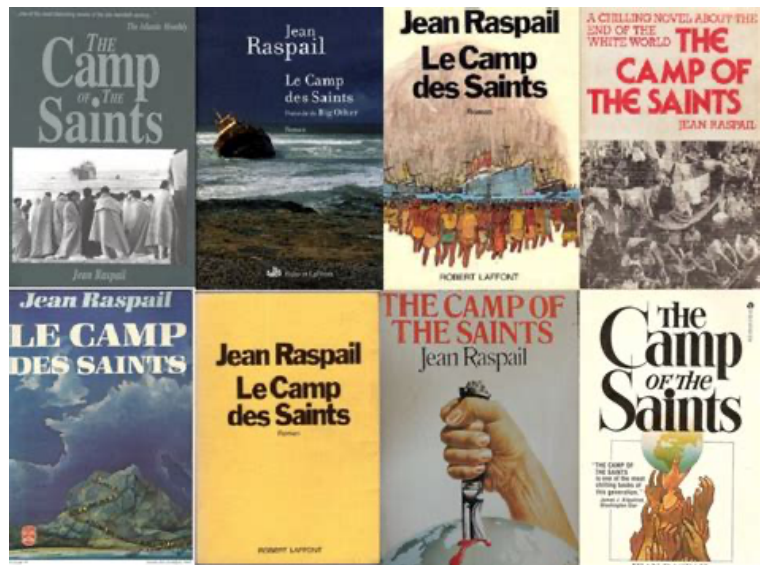
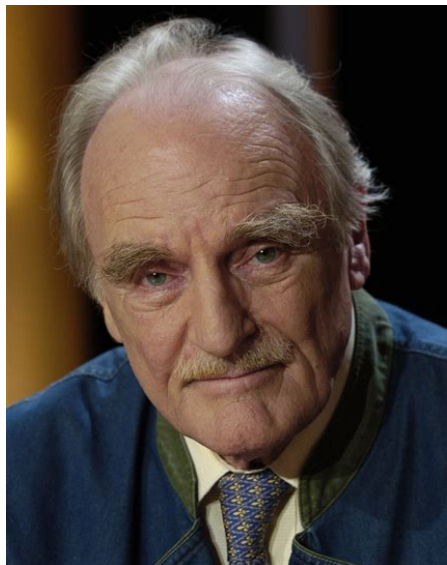
Like many European nations seemingly intent on suicide, France's leaders are more enamored of migrants from Africa and the Middle East than *truffles* and Champagne. When the flotilla commemorating *Operation Dynamo* began to approach French waters, the *Border Force* and *French Navy* demanded that the British flotilla slow its advance in order to allow a boat filled with 80 migrants to continue its voyage from France to England. The flotilla was ordered to keep a full nautical mile distance from the migrant boat as it was being escorted across the Channel to England.



2025 Reenactment of *Operation Dynamo*

As one irritated participant stated, ***“They have asked the British ships to get out of the way. It is one of the most important days in history and they are shoving them out of the way!”***

Like many European nations, the leaders of France and Britain have mindlessly adopted the very self-destructive mass immigration policies that Jean Raspail warned them of more than 50 years ago in *The Camp of the Saints*. Emmanuel Macron is clearly oblivious to the irony, but his navy and Border Force are now realizing Raspail's predictions to the letter. This does not bode well for the survival of European nations who ignore the urgent warnings of Raspail's visionary book.



Jean Raspail and Various Editions of His Novel

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