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RESTORE THE FRENCH CONSTITUTION

Walter Lippmann, commenting in the New York Herald-Tribune on President Roosevelt's statement regarding General Eisenhower's political arrangements with Darlan in French North Africa, says:-

The right way to accomplish the President's righteous purpose is to proclaim in North Africa the restoration of the constitution and the laws of the Third Republic.

Then when we talk about the freedom of the French they will know exactly what we mean; we shall mean the freedom which they enjoyed under their own laws before the Third Republic was destroyed by the enemy and subverted by a conspiracy.

This freedom includes not only the liberation of the prisoners and the abrogation of the Nuremberg Laws, but the whole system of French freedom under French law, including the right to revise by due process of law the constitution and the laws of France.

There is only one French Constitution which is legitimate by the consent of the French nation, and that is the constitution of the Third Republic.

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