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For Steadfast Resistance to Evil at Great Personal Risk

Keller Calls for Individual Action as a Fitting Tribute to Mukwege

In his address to the 2013 Civil Courage Prize ceremony, keynote speaker Bill Keller referred to Dr. Denis Mukwege's "remarkable accomplishments as a tireless surgeon, as the guiding spirit of one of Africa's most admirable medical ventures, and as a campaigner for the most elementary of human rights." Keller congratulated Dr. Mukwege for reminding us what compassion looks like, "when it is not just a sentiment but a commitment."

Keller, an op-ed columnist and former managing editor of The New York Times, spoke of the different faces of evil and the varieties of the forms of resistance. He spoke of the fearlessness of previous Civil Courage Prizewinner Anna Politkovskaya, and her shocking murder, and the example and importance of Solzhenitsyn, The Train Foundation's founding patron. Keller also reminded the audience *continued on page 2*



Keynote Speaker Bill Keller

Mukwege Calls for an End to Use of Sexual Violence as a Weapon of War



Prize-winner Dr. Mukwege, Bill Keller and TTF Trustees and Advisors

The 2013 Civil Courage Prize Medal was awarded to Denis Mukwege, a physician from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, at Harold Pratt House in New York on October 15, 2013. Dr. Mukwege, who is the founder of the Panzi Hospital in Bukavu in Eastern Congo, described how his profession had led him "to become a direct witness to a mass crime that is hard to fully understand." He went on to say how "the bodies of women of the Congo have become the battlefield of the worst atrocities" and that rape is used in his country "as a strategy of war...even more destructive than military weapons". He stated that sexual violence knows no social or cultural barriers and "targets our most precious resources: our mothers, our wives and our daughters."

Dr. Mukwege spoke of his purpose in

attempting to bring attention to the human tragedy that was unfolding in the DRC and of the need for the focus and commitment of the international community to bring peace, justice and the rule of law to his country. He described how the fifteen year war there is mostly driven by those wishing to control the multi-million dollar mineral business that has exploded in profitability with the expansion of the demand for tin, tungsten and tantalum used in cell phones and other similar appliances. He mentioned that the international community could use its influence and pressure to ensure compliance with an existing agreement for peace, the Addis Ababa Framework Agreement. Dr. Mukwege spoke of his belief that it is a moral obligation to stand up for human rights and said he was "counting on civil society to speak out to hold all the relevant *continued on page 2*

Letter from the Chairman

The winners of the Civil Courage Prize are persons of the highest world distinction, whom it is an honor to recognize. We provide them with a medal and a cash award, but, equally important, we also try to help advance their work in other ways. This is made possible in part by the Richard Gilder Foundation, our generous patron, and organized by our long-time PR advisor Barbara Becker. (The Clay Foundation, our other patron, provides us with a general purposes grant.)

Thus, on this occasion, in addition to his contact with the 150-odd attendees at the award ceremony itself, Dr. Denis Mukwege was taken to meet select audiences at Columbia and Georgetown Universities and the New York University School of Business.

He was taken to meet with former Assistant Secretary of State Michael Posner, now co-director of the Center for Business and Human Rights, and nominator of the 2012 prize winner.

Dr. Mukwege also attended an event at the World Bank on ending sexual violence, and met with World Bank officers.

He visited many other organizations: the Committee to Protect Journalists, Human Rights First, Bloomberg Philanthropies, and the King Baudoin Foundation. One of our own trustees, Louis Bickford, is currently a program officer at the Ford Foundation, where he received Dr. Mukwege. At the United Nations, Dr. Mukwege conferred with Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, Under Secretary Zainab Bangura, Under Secretary-General Zerrougui,

Special advisor Adama Dieng, Assistant Secretaries-General Kang and Simonovic, and the Permanent Representatives of France, Canada, Belgium and the Netherlands.

He visited the Council on Foreign Relations, and participated in a panel presentation for 115 persons at the Brookings Institution.

In Washington, Dr. Mukwege conferred with Secretary of State Kerry, US Ambassador to the UN Samantha Power, several US senators, and several deputy administrators of the US Agency for International Development.

Gloria Steinem of Donor Direct Action led a fundraising event for Dr. Mukwege's hospital, as did Eve Ensler of V-Day.

The Associated Press released a story on the Civil Courage Prize award to Dr. Mukwege, which ran in the Washington Post, the Montreal Gazette, Fox News, and many other publications, here and abroad. We understand that in these meetings he made a particular point of mentioning that he was in America to receive the Civil Courage Prize.

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Subsequent to Dr. Mukwege's award, President Kagame of Rwanda, pushed by the U.S. and the U.N., halted Rwanda's support for the M23 rebel group in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. M23, in turn, said it would stop fighting. If this actually comes about, it will be good news for Dr. Mukwege's hospital, which is in the eastern region, and has been greatly affected.

John Train

Mukwege Calls for Peace in DRC

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governments accountable”.

Dr. Mukwege dedicated his Civil Courage Prize to his patients and to all survivors of sexual violence. He described the joy of seeing his patients heal and said that it was their fierce determination and courage that fuelled hope and inspired his own determination to continue his work in South Kivu.

In summation, Dr. Mukwege thanked The Train Foundation for its choice to “speak out for human dignity, to promote justice and peace, and to support the voice of the voiceless”. He repeated that the status quo was untenable, and called for all present to “break the silence,...combat impunity and make peace.”



Dr. Mukwege Receives CCP Medal

Keller Urges End to Isolationist Mood

continued from page 1 that evil was often found, not just in far-flung countries, but closer to home.

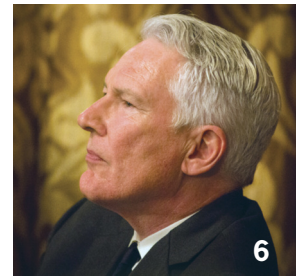
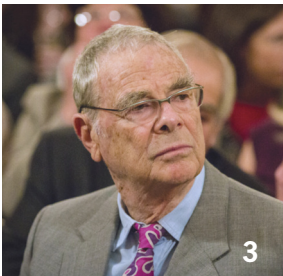
Keller stated that he had been considering what would be a fitting tribute to Dr. Mukwege and that he had come up with two answers. In describing the first, “to pay attention”, he spoke of the dangers of the isolationist mood that he detected in this country. Keller described not just a fatigue brought on from wars in Afghanistan and Iraq but “a broader reluctance to engage, to assert responsibility, to be bothered”. He described it as inward-looking, ungenerous and amoral, and declared that “it is more important than ever to stay informed, stay engaged, to speak up”. The second tribute Keller called for was “to show up where we are needed”. He spoke of the complacency in the belief that evil was elsewhere, whereas the reality is that it is everywhere around us and he called on the audience to do what they can in their own communities.

Keller concluded by saying, “Very few of us will be called upon to practice ‘steadfast resistance to evil at great personal risk’. But that perhaps we can all manage ‘occasional resistance to misfortune at a little personal inconvenience.’” He ended by concurring with a quote from The Train Foundation website: “If everyone says, ‘the devil take the hindmost,’ the devil soon works his way to the head of the line.”

For further information and updates on current and previous prizewinners, please go to:

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Reception and Ceremony for 2013 Civil Courage Prize



- 1** Ambassador John Menzies, Hon. John Train, Dr. Mukwege, Bill Keller, Nancy Prager Kamel, Ariadne Calvo-Platero
- 2** James Hunt, Alex Farman-Farmaian, Hon John Train
- 3** Tom Gimbel
- 4** Lily O'Boyle, Simon Adeg, Nancy Prager Kamel, Renee Landegger
- 5** U.N. Assistant Secretary-General Kyung-Wha Kang
- 6** Professor Philip Bobbitt

- 7** Raluca Allison, Ariadne Calvo-Platero, HRH Princess Sarah Zeid, HRH Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al Hussein, Jordanian Ambassador to the UN
- 8** Ambassador John Menzies addressing the audience at Harold Pratt House
- 9** Henry Train Choa, Nick Train Choa, Kim Watson
- 10** Freddy Allen, Hon John Train
- 11** Donna Zilkha, Nadia Zilkha

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Physician and advocate for victims of violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

2012 Yu Jie
Author and advocate for reform in China

2011 Triveni Acharya
Defender of victims of human trafficking in India
Lydia Cacho Ribeiro
Champion of abused women and children in Mexico

2010 Andrew White
Steadfast advocate for peace in the Middle East

2009 Aminatou Haidar
Champion of the non-violent campaign for self-determination in Western Sahara

2008 Ali Salem
Egyptian author and journalist. Voice for peace and reason in the Middle East

2007 Phillip Buck
Imprisoned in China for guiding North Korean refugees in their escape to freedom

2006 Rafael Marques de Morais
Journalist who exposed the slaughter of Angolans and the plundering of national assets

2005 Min Ko Naing
Long-imprisoned campaigner for democracy in Burma
Anna Politkovskaya
Fearless reporter on atrocities in Chechnya, assassinated

Munir Said Thalib†
Exposed disappearances and corruption in Indonesia, assassinated

2004 Emadeddin Baghi
Imprisoned for exposing assassinations of Iranian intellectuals

Lovemore Madhuku
Lawyer persecuted for demanding constitutional reform in Zimbabwe

Abdul al-Latif al-Mayah†
Iraqi political scientist and human rights advocate, assassinated

2003 Shahnaz Bukhari
Battler against the burning and other abuse of Pakistani women

2002 Vladimiro Roca Antunez
Champion of freedom, Cuba

Gustavo Arcos Bergnes
(Honorable Mention)
Early democracy activist, Cuba

2001 Paul Kamara
Editor and journalist fighting tyranny in Sierra Leone

2000 Natasa Kandic
Persecuted journalist and activist, Belgrade

Sergei Khodorovich
(Honorable Mention)
Solzhenitsyn collaborator exiled to hard labor in Siberia

Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer†
Anti-Nazi martyr

Judge Giovanni Falcone†
Assassinated while prosecuting the Sicilian Mafia

Rosemary Nelson†
Civil rights lawyer, assassinated while defending accused persons in Northern Ireland

Neelan Tiruchelvam†
Lawyer and educator, killed by a suicide bomber while working for solutions to Tamil-Sri Lankan conflict

Raoul Wallenberg†
Saved thousands of Jews from extermination

† = posthumous

The Civil Courage Prize honors civil courage—steadfast resistance to evil at great personal risk—rather than military valor. The acts so recognized should have taken place deliberately, over time.

Nominations for the Prize are solicited primarily from non-profit, non-governmental organizations worldwide. Further information may be obtained from our website: www.civildcouragprize.org.

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

—Edmund Burke



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