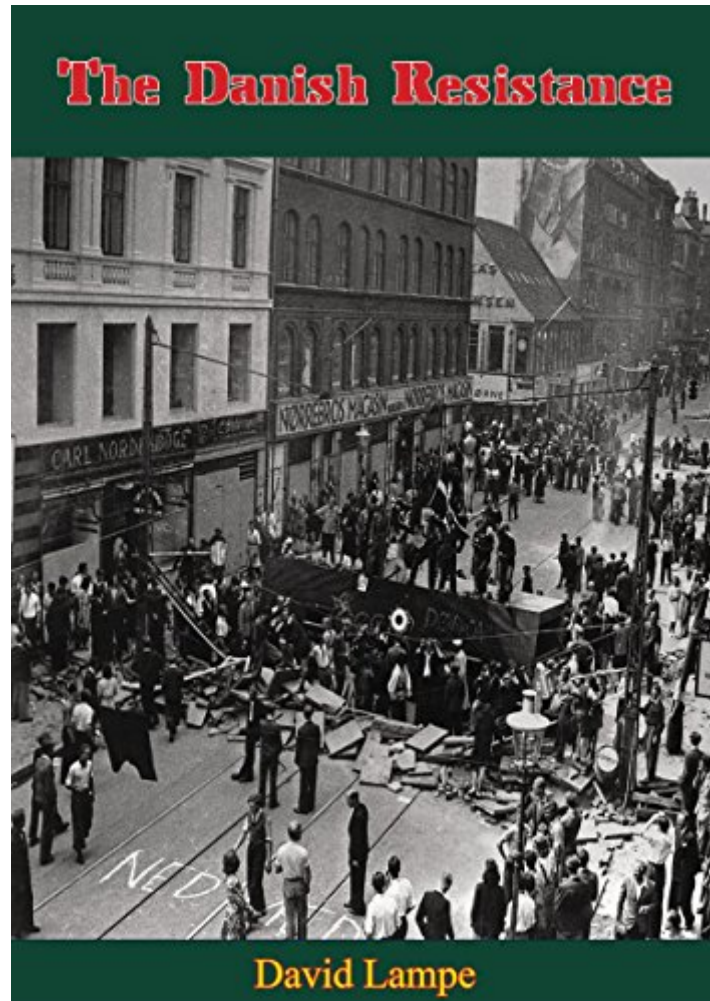




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The Danish Resistance



Synopsis

A HISTORY OF FIVE YEARS OF SECRET WARFARE AGAINST THE NAZI

OCCUPATION Students were the first to resist Entire cities went on strike All the Danish population worked to save their Jewish countrymen V-2 component factories were destroyed in pitched battles General Montgomery described the Danish Resistance as "second to none." By the end of the war, illegal newspapers had published a total of about 26 million issues; radio guides for Allied aircraft had been set up on the coasts; boats were running timetable services between Britain, Sweden and Denmark; illegal broadcasts were transmitted regularly; German ships were unable to move from Danish harbors; and vast numbers of German troops were kept from the main fighting points by Danish sabotage of the railways and airfields, and of the factories that the Nazis thought would be invulnerable sources of vital air force and military components. It is a fantastic story, full of tales of impudent, almost foolhardy heroism. With every reason to collaborate in safety, the Danes established an international news bureau that provided the Allies with a continuous service of inside information; they shipped seven thousand Jews to safety; they organized strikes; they spirited away most of Denmark's tug fleet; they even established an office of the British Ministry of Food in Copenhagen. A quarter of a million feet of film recording their activities were shot by the Resistance under the eyes of the Gestapo, including photographs of many of their sabotage raids, which were meticulously planned. To the Danish Resistance the Nazis were not all-conquering supermen but dangerous fools to be parried at every turn. Their story is one of which any nation would be proud. Illustrated with 19 photographs.

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My wife of almost 55 years is a native of Denmark born in 1930. During the occupation from 1939 to 1945 she was a schoolgirl in her hometown Haslev about 60 KM South of Copenhagen. She was also a student nurse in the 1950's at the hospital mentioned in the book and also knew the Doctor mentioned who organized the secret transport of many jewish people over to Sweden. My wife Birthe (Siggaard-Jensen) Clarke and I met at a weekly Social in 1958 when she was an RN at a major hospital in Boston. At that time I was an Electronic Senior Engineer and Group Leader at a major Defense Company in the Boston area .I was brought in from Ontario, Canada in 1957 at age 30 because of a critical shortage of senior electronic engineers in the USA in my field. Several of my wife's uncles were active in the Danish Resistance and she is very familiar with a lot of the information provided in the book. John Clarke

I had read this book some 50 years ago when I was a teenager and was fasinated by the things done by the Danish people during the Nazi occupation. I have looked for this in any number of bookstores without any success and I should have started withTHANX

Praise the Danes who didn't think of the Jews as being different. No the Jews were their neighbors, family & friends & had to be helped in their time of trouble!

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