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Summary of Oral History — Mario Faivre — ENGLISH

Mario Faivre (né Marcel Henri), born on March 24, 1922; from an Algerian French family; family origins—La Franche-Comté in the Vesoul region (Vesoul-Bénian); a franc-comtoise family; speaking of his family—Régnier and Faivre; his grandfather Xavier Jules Faivre; his father born in Miliiana (Algeria), his mother from Blida; his father studying in Algiers (writer, poet, essayist, journalist, artist...); his mother studying literature; his parents living in Paris—La Revue de l'Époque; their return to Algiers; his father being anti-Nazi; his father being president of the Fédération africaine des travailleurs intellectuels (FATI); his brother being wounded in the Est of France in 1944/45; Mario parachuting in to the Épinal region, then London; his father's death in December 1945; speaking of the beginning of the Algerian and North African resistance; his mother's family—Germain; on his father's side—very strict education; lycée Ben Aknoun; the College Stanislas in Paris (1937/38); his parents having an extraordinary musical education; learning the solfège method; studying at a conservatory in Algiers; after Saint-Saëns' death, the founding of the conservatory of music in Algiers; speaking of his professors such as Becker; continuing his studies in Algiers—at a very high level in harmony, contre-point, fugue, composition, instrument, etc.; wanting to fight the Germans; anti-Jewish laws; the Pétainistes; Darlan; propaganda; his Jewish friends; recalling his math professor—Cohen; speaking of his trip by train from Algiers to Tlemcen; Sidi Bel Abbès; Oran; Mohamed Sayah; his friend Roger Rosfelder; Roger's arrest; René Guéraud; never being afraid; Gibraltar; his arrest; returning to lycée Bab-el-Oued and to the villa in Hydra; recalling the end of March, 1941; José Aboulker; espionage networks; collaborators; the brothers André and David Cohen; the Notre Dame d'Afrique group; Raphaël Aboulker; speaking of the resistance; Lafont; going to Marseille in July 1942; André Rosfelder; the Goupe des Cinq; Cherchell; Van Hecke; Barjot; Henri d'Astier de la Vigerie; Bernard Karsenty; General Mast; Colonel Jousse; General Clark; Raphaël Aboulker; Abbé Cordier; General Giraud; recalling the morning of November 7—26 rue Michelet where José Aboulker issued directives; René Vinciguerra; the Géo Gras Group; Pillafort; Jacques Brunei; the allied fleet; Bob Murphy; hiding arms, especially rifles, in the Géo Gras Salle; Libine; Jaïs; Temime; Edmond Benhamou; the rue La Fayette; Jean-Bernard d'Astier de la Vigerie; Darlan screaming insults; Marc Jacquet; the Vichy army; the occupation; Roger Morali; Robert Mock; Hotel Palais d'Été; never taking any photos; the rue Mogador; Bonnier de la Chapelle; impeding the German arrival; Cordier; Bonnier being too well known in Algiers; Mario being well known as well; Henri d'Astier; the British; the Demangeat farm; speaking of permits; speaking of the assassination of Admiral Darlan by Fernand Bonnier de la Chapelle...