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Same General Norlain involved with COMETA.

I have a thing with UNESCO being more in control than everyone else thinks. They refer a lot to 'temples'. It might make you go hmmm or it may not.

Sue

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UNESCO Director-General Awards Gold Mahatma Gandhi Medal To French General Norlain - [18 March 1999]

Paris, March 18 {No.99-54} - UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayor today attributed the gold Mahatma Gandhi medal to retired French General Bernard Norlain in recognition of his leading role in conflict prevention and in the promotion of a culture of peace.

General Norlain has held senior positions during his 36 years in the French Air Force. Between 1986 and 1989, he was chief military assistant to French prime ministers Jacques Chirac and Michel Rocard. He then commanded France's defence and tactical air forces, and directed the French Institute for Advanced Studies on National Defence, the Institut des hautes études de défense nationale (IHEDN). In 1995, UNESCO and IHEDN jointly organised the International Symposium From Partial Insecurity to Global Security which brought together representatives of many defence institutes and made possible the promotion of a new approach to security, based on the needs of populations.

In awarding the medal, Mr Mayor said it should be viewed as a sixth star to be added to the general's five: "a very special star spreading the light of peace, dialogue and tolerance, of non-violence, the star of the culture of peace." He thanked him for his contribution to the dialogue between UNESCO and defence institutes and through them "with the armed forces which are destined to become active partners in the promotion of the culture of peace."

After praising the brave idea which enabled military to co-operate with the "temple of education and culture which is UNESCO," General Norlain recalled that "peace, like a medal, has two sides: the humanistic and cultural project and security." He added: "There can be no democracy without peace and no peace without security, or stability. Civil society must not be

pitched against military society. There is one society and it must take part in the same democratic project."

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