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On the Occasion of the Columbia University Residency of Václav Havel

Barbara Masin and Jan Novák

Fighting the Totalitarian Juggernaut:

The Causa Mašín

Tuesday, 14 November, 6:30-8:30
Room 1219, International Affairs Building
420 West 118th Street

In October of 1953, five young Czech anti-communists, including two sons of the World War Two resistance leader General Josef Mašín, crossed the Czechoslovak-East German border. Bound for West Berlin with an explosive secret message for US authorities, their three-day journey turned into a month-long adventure of gun battles and narrow escapes that became the largest manhunt in Cold War history. Barbara Masin, author of Gauntlet: Five Friends, 20,000 Enemy Troops, and the Secret That Could Have Changed the Course of the Cold War, comes to tell the story of her father, her uncle and their friends. She is joined by celebrated novelist and filmmaker Jan Novák, whose most recent book, Zatím dobrý (So Far, So Good), is a biographical novel about the same events that won the coveted Magnesia Litera award for the Czech “Book of the Year” in 2005.

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