

FMB LIBRARY OF REMEMBRANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

“Resistance entails criticism and opposition in speech and writing. Resistance was and is the strike. The plebeians of ancient Rome went on strike, Gandhi created a movement of civil disobedience, and the blacks in the southern states of America are aligning themselves with Gandhi and his successor Martin Luther King. Emigration from tyrannical countries is resistance. Emigration has always been a form of self-sacrificing disobedience. Resistance is the refusal to obey an unjust command or law. It is the help given to the victims of an evil state. What all of these actions have in common is the love of truth, justice and humanity. Their goal is a dignified existence for all.”

Fritz M. Bauer

The FRITZ M. BAUER LIBRARY OF REMEMBRANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS collects and recounts stories of people who have shown remarkable resilience and independence, even in extreme conditions. They have shown courage where others, often too many others, have remained silent and compliant.

These stories are often overlooked and frequently remain unknown. The associated tragedies lie buried beneath government-sanctioned injustice, a destroyed environment, and weakened social structures. But the stories can have extraordinary consequences. They focus on survivors and victims who have refused to yield. What led them to resist? What is the source of their strength and independence?

The FMB LIBRARY OF REMEMBRANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS is dedicated to the struggle for human rights.

It recounts stories of people who have escaped from tyrannical countries – itself an act of resistance – stories of courageous efforts to preserve our natural resources, of action that is borne by a love of justice and humanity.

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