

Letter to World Citizens

Garry Davis

Vol. XI/3, Jun/Jul 97

I asked Wendy Reves to comment on the last issue of World Citizen News in which we featured Emery Reve's life and work. I am highly appreciative of her response reprinted in its entirety below. Her support, fully 18 years after the untimely death of her lifemate, is indeed providential coming as it does at the advent of the World Citizen Foundation which incorporates the global vision and educational principles that Emery Rcvcs worked so long and hard for.

Her recogniton of my personal efforts through the years to practice Emery's theories is encouragement indeed. Then to be called "teacher" is both a sacred and daunting trust. For my part, the righteous power of women channeled into the political avenue oif world government is today of historic importance since, as I have always maintained, the patriarchy of war-making which dominated the 20th century, must give way to the matriarchy of world peace through law as well as to the wise management and sharing of planetary resources.

Finality to be titled "friend" is a tender both of mutual understanding and affection. The blessing of friendship is always reciprocal.

Wendy Reves, whose life is also a "saga," has become herself an icon whose earthly mission, in my humble view, is, as was her husband's, to help fulfil the majestic vision of humanity's sovereign purpose as it evolves toward awareness, unity and peace.

WENDY REVES RESPONDS

I was profoundly appreciative of Garry Davis devoting his World Citizen News to my husband, Emery Reves. I even thought that his title, The Saga of Emery Reves' was perfect, as indeed Emery lived a saga from the beginning to the end. Garry Davis has always been a supporter, indeed, a disciple of Emery as he says—as he always said— "He was my hero." Garry had certainly proven his devotion and I am so grateful.

The two men should have come together in the 1940s. The time was perfect, and they were closely related in thoughts and beliefs. In fact, they were extremely alike except that Emery was then 41 and Garry was a young first world citizen.

I was in Paris with Emery whcn Garry Davis was holding the giant meetings and becoming a living icon. And I still do not understand why the two did not come together. I feel certain that if they had we would already have world government today, as those two men with their qualities would have overcome all obstacles especially in those years.

The saga is more than true. Emery became world famous and was backed by all the heads of state and all of the greats of that epoch. As Davis stated, *The Anatomy of Peace* was published in 25 languages and in more than 30 countries. He also told of Emery's belief that only global thinking and action could bring world peace.

After Hiroshima, Emery's words about world government were , "*There is no first step to world government. World government is the first step. We must get to work at once.*" And I think he did; I know Garry did.

The article on Emery was so concise and filled with important facts that I wondered—and still do—how Davis could have put it so perfectly together in so few magical words,

The nation-state was Emery's demon. He lived with the horrors wrought by the nation-states daily and slept with them, I am certain.

Davis, toward the end of his article, wondered why Emery did not do certain things that Davis felt were necessary. When I said they were alike, they were. But Emery, as an older man, had had some second thoughts in his mind and had made concessions. Emery was living in a world of great and older, wiser politicians, greater men, he thought, than himself.

He said to me once, "I told them the way to go. I think they will, but it is not for me to decide for them what must be done, They are the ones in power, And I will not interfere until I find that it is absolutely necessary." Frank Shatz, in his letter to Davis, repeated the same. Certainly this was told to him by Emery as Shatz was one of Emery's ardent followers.

Emery's guidance and his influence are more needed today than ever. The world is more chaotic and there are many more very serious problems. There is, of course, only one answer. Emery knew it and Garry Davis knows it: world government. However, there is no Emery to help Davis. He is alone, fighting to achieve his dream, in a way, the dream of the world to bring the world to peace through world government.

I, Wendy Reves, pray that he will succeed, but I hate that he is so alone. I, today, am blessed to have Garry Davis in my life as a friend. He should have always been. He is now my teacher, my counselor; I'm following him and he's so much like Emery was for me. They were more alike for me in many personal ways, It wasn't always politics between the two of them, or between the three of us. The two men were twins of greatness.

Thank you, Garry, for your devotion to Emery, the wonderful way you write about him, even make him live, and I am blessed by your friendship..