LEGENDARY POPULIST HISTORIAN EUSTACE MULLINS DIES

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Eustace Mullins, the legendary author of hundreds of books and pamphlets demolishing the lies of the war-making mainstream media, died Tuesday, February 2nd, in a small Texas town at the home of his caretaker, Jesse Lee. Considered by many to be the greatest political historian of the 20th Century, Mullins's meticulous research uncovered far more political secrets of government shenanigans than anyone else dared to touch.

Mullins, who would have been 87 in March, suffered a stroke in early January in Columbus, Ohio. He had been on an extended tour of his admirers for much of the past year, visiting and chatting with many of his thousands of fans who jumped at the chance to buy his books from him in person. It was during that sojourn that he stopped at the AFP offices for an afternoon's visit in mid-July 2009, which was detailed in the July 29, 2009, edition of AFP.

Eustace was born in Roanoke, Virginia, in 1923 but spent most of his life in nearby Staunton, Virginia, the home of President Woodrow Wilson, for whom he took an early investigative dislike. Wilson, of course, was president at the time the Federal Reserve Act was sneaked through in 1913, and Mullins's classic work, *Secrets of the Federal Reserve*, exposed the duplicity between the bankers and the politicians. Here Mullins notes that World War I, the Agricultural Depression of 1920, and the Great Depression of 1929 were brought about by international banking interests in order to profit from conflict and economic instability.

"Wilson later claimed he was deceived," Eustace once said, "but I never believed it. The facts showed he couldn't have been that blind."

Mullins's rise to notoriety began with his discovery of the political railroading and imprisonment without conviction in 1946 of America's most famous poet of the age, Ezra Pound. Pound had become an outspoken antiwar critic, made several broadcasts from Italy, which FDR deemed "treasonous," and spent 12 years as "the sanest

person" incarcerated at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the mentally ill in Washington, D.C. He had been held without trial.

Following his release in 1958, Pound said that the pamphlets and books written by Mullins during those years on Pound's plight were the most influential in gaining his freedom. This meant a great deal coming from Pound, who, after first educating his young protégé on the subject, actually commissioned Mullins to write the first critical work on the Federal Reserve.

This project cost Mullins his job at the Library of Congress in 1952, when his first book appeared in print. In 1950, Mullins struck another establishment nerve when Senator Joe McCarthy asked him to look into who was financing the Communist Party, the results of which eventually shipwrecked the Senator's career and coined the term "McCarthyism," now in the dictionary. Mullins spent the rest of his life being followed, harassed and wiretapped by the FBI. He retaliated by writing a book about these experiences.

Never has such a soft-spoken man screamed so loudly with his pen as has Mullins; and of course that oft-defaming group known as the ADL smeared him with that easy-to-fling, but hard-to-define term "anti-Semite."

His book *Murder by Injection* exposed the medical fraud of vaccinations 20 years before the current flap. While a lifelong enemy of the establishment, Mullins constantly searched for more truth than could be found in the halls of education. This thirst for knowledge made him an icon among the living; and his classic collection of books will cement his immortality through the ages. We will all miss him.

Editor's Note: Eustace Mullins was a common fixture at the Federation's many health conventions, which is where I first met him in 1991, at his booth where he was talking with others and selling his books. He was a good friend of former NHF president Maureen Salaman.