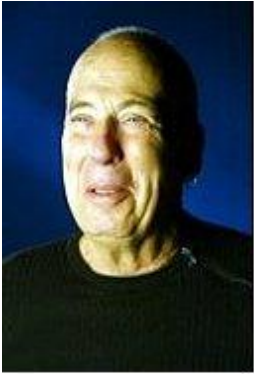


1953: Class Notes Archives

Yearbook photo: Class of '53 in Terminale:

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- **Irène Kowarski**: See [Alumni Creative](#) section of this newsletter (or click on link below) for a story of two renowned physicists (the fathers of Irène and **Catherine Maulde Van Halban ['57]**) who were responsible for smuggling out of France the entire European supply of 'heavy water' in advance of the German invasion of France during World War II.

- **Peter Herford** wrote: "I am still in China, ten years after coming to teach journalism. It is too early to tell where the new administration will take China beyond the obvious economic growth. If ever there was a "work in progress", China is it." He added: "As one of the truly anciens anciens, I throw out a plea and a challenge to those who may see this: Remember a colleague or the fate of colleagues no longer with us."

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In Memoriam:

- **Pierre Treuil** (†2000)

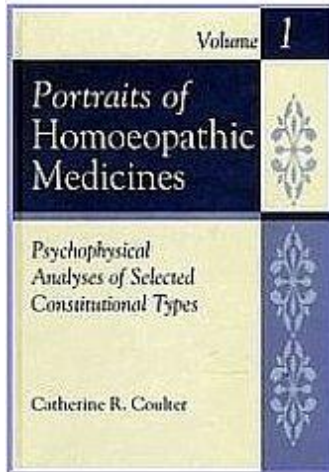
- **Peter Herford** wrote: "I would enjoy hearing from anyone of the ancient tribe. My life in China continues, nine years and still teaching and living in Shantou about 300 kilometers up the South China coast from Hong Kong. If anyone from any class finds themselves in the vicinity, let me know and come spend a day or two in what I call "the real China" not the mega-cities of Beijing and Shanghai. If you are in the fields of journalism, advertising or marketing, all the better, I'll pay your way in from anywhere in China and put you to work with a lecture or two to an exciting generation of students."

- De la part de **Nadine (Oppert) Bicher**: "J'ai écrit un livre au sujet de ma famille (très spéciale) qui s'intitule *De Babylone à Boston*. Ce livre est aussi traduit en anglais. On peut le commander en m'écrivant un courriel."

(Editor's note: The parents of Nadine and of her sister Francelyne (Oppert) Lurie ('57) --Yves and Pauline Oppert-- were members of the French resistance during WWII who worked "with a network of Catholic and Protestant volunteers to hide, and save Jewish children left behind by Polish, Hungarian, Romanian and French Jews when they were deported to the concentration camps.....while [their] two

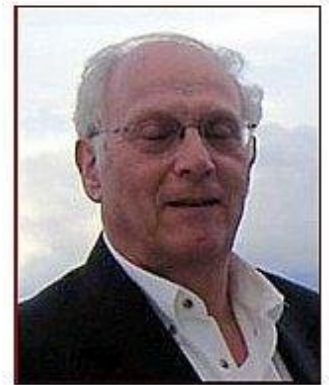


TOP: Sylvie de Panafieu ('53);
BOTTOM: Patrick de Koenigswarter ('53)



TOP: Peter Herford ('53);
BOTTOM: by Catherine (Nebolsine) Coulter ('53)

daughters were being cared for by Pastor André Trocmé in Le Chambon-Sur-Lignon." At that same time, the parents of another LFNY alum' --Pierre Sauvage ('62)-- were being sheltered in the same town, where Pierre was born towards the end of the war. Read more about the Opperts here: <http://jwa.org/encyclopedia/article/fink-paulette-weill-oppert>, and about Pierre Sauvage's award-winning documentary about Chambon, *Weapons of the Spirit*, here: <http://chambon.org/>)



TOP: Solange (Leven) Landau ('53);
BOTTOM: John Rinde ('53)

- **Catherine (Nebolsine) Coulter** "was born on January 21st 1934 in London, England. [She] practices classical homeopathy half time since 1961, full time since 1974. She has taught since 1975, mainly in the United States. She teaches homeopathic doctors through the preceptorship method. She only works in conjunction with licensed practitioners. She is affiliated with the National Center of Homoeopathy and the Summer School Course for Physicians. (Lecturer on Materia Medica 1977 - 1988) Ms. Coulter is the author of: *Portraits of Homoeopathic Medicines* (3 Volumes)."



- "A graduate of Columbia University, **Dr. Marie-Lise Gazarian** is Professor of Spanish and Latin American Literature, and Director of the Graduate Program in Spanish at St. John's University.....Dr. Gazarian has had a long-standing experience in the promotion of Hispanic culture in the United States, for which she received the Al Mérito Cultural award from the Government of Spain, in 1981, and a Citation of Honor from the Honorable Claire Shulman, President of the Borough of Queens, in 1991 and 2000. She was awarded a Certificate of Special Recognition from the United States Congress in 1997 and a Certificate of Congressional Recognition from the Government of Ecuador in 2000.....Dr. Gazarian is the author of countless articles and over 14 books.....[and] a specialist in the works of Gabriela Mistral, Camilo José Cela, Carmen Conde , Ana María Matute, and Elena Poniatowska. An expert in the art of the interview, she has interviewed some of the most famous writers from both Spain and Latin America on CBS, ABC and Channel 47. She has also published interviews in books and literary journals....."



TOP: Catherine (Nebolsine) Coulter ('53);
BOTTOM: Marie-Lise Gazarian ('53)

----- From November 2010 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Irène Kowarski** nous a écrit: " A l'occasion de la réunion des anciens élèves du LFNY à Paris, cinq élèves de la promotion '53 se sont retrouvés, ayant à peine changé depuis 57 ans !"

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

- **Peter Herford** co-hosted a war correspondents conference in Shantou.

Class of 1953, at LFNY 75th anniversary celebration, Paris, October 2010



De gauche à droite : Irène Kowarski, Annick Szendroi, Jean-Paul
Quinson, Jocelyne Benoît-Barné et Irène Monel

----- From December 2009 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Peter Herford** wrote: "Seven years at Shantou teaching journalism and Exec Director of the International Media Institute; after 27 years at CBS News, 6 years teaching at the Grad School of Journalism at Columbia, Director of the Benton Fellowships for Broadcast Journalists at the University of Chicago for 3 years, 3 years as Executive in charge of Production for Public Radio International in Minneapolis/StPaul; 3 years as consultant to TV Cabo in Lisbon Portugal creating an all-news cable channel; country director for IREX in Croatia assisting independent journalists in the waning years of the Tudjman regime, Communications Director for the late Senator Broack Adams (D WA)."

- **Patrick de Koenigswarter** shared this with us: "Patrick de Koenigswarter, twice attended LFNY, initially during WWII as an adopted refugee from occupied France (while both his parents volunteered

and fought from 1940 to 1945 as officers in the 1ere Division Francaise Libre), later passing his 2nd, bachot at LFNY in 1953 when his by then diplomat father was stationed in New York by the French government.

He has lived in many countries around the world including Norway, Mexico, Indonesia, Peru (all places where his father was given diplomatic postings), as well as in the U.K. and the U.S. where he studied - respectively Oundle School (Peterborough, England), Lycee Franco-Mexicain (Mexico City), Northeastern University and Columbia Graduate School of Business (Boston and NYC, USA), where he completed his studies in 1963). Since that time he has lived and worked at one time or another in the U.S., Spain, the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Japan and the People's Republic of China, among others.

Since 1970 he has been principally based in Manila and became a permanent resident of the Philippines in 1984 upon retirement from business. He married a Filipina model and fashion designer in 1987, from whom he is now divorced. They are parents of David, a 19 yr old Manila university student and tennis scholar.

A lifelong aficionado of photography, in which he took a 6-month professional course in New York after graduating from Columbia, Patrick has, since retirement, devoted himself to it, and in the process has held numerous exhibits as well as having his work, consisting mainly of nature, portraits, tribal, museum and fashion photos, published in many, newspapers, magazines and coffee table books. He is currently in the process of attempting to learn to operate a digital camera."

----- From January 2009 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● **Patrick de Koenigswarter** wrote: "By sheer coincidence, I came across the AALFNY website on the net, and saw- under the "class of 1953" the photograph of the cover of one of my books [*"In the Gardens of the Philippines"*] with "*photography by Patrick de Koenigswarter '53*" under it. If memory serves me correctly, I was a student at the Lycee Francais from around 1940-1941 through the "*Annee Scolaire 1945-1946*". In fact the only concrete souvenir or relic I still have of the school in my possession is a photocopy of my "*Bulletin Trimestriel- Classe de 7e, 1er Trimestre, 1945-1946*". After WWII ended, my father, who had spent the war as an officer fighting in the Premiere DFL was demobilized, fetched me in N.Y. and we returned to Europe. I came back to N.Y. briefly in 1953 to pass my bachot at the Lycee. After several years of university studies in the U.S. (culminating in obtaining my MBA at Columbia University in 1963) followed by working in a number of different countries, I have resided in the Philippines for the past 3 decades. I would be very interested in any information or records that might still be available about my studies at the Lycee, as well as ascertaining the whereabouts of any of my still living classmates."

----- From July 2008 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Peter Herford** wrote: "I left the Lycee in 52 short of the bacho...I remain working and living in Shantou China at Shantou University where we recently concluded both a film festival for American and Chinese Directors, plus a War Reporter's Conference led by our newest faculty member Peter Arnett who has decided to end 50 years of war reporting in a more peaceful setting."

----- From December 2007 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- "**Philippe Schreiber** is a US attorney and business consultant with nearly 35 years experience in the domestic US and international oil industry. Philippe graduated from Columbia University in New York with a Juris Doctor degree and practised law with Coudert Brothers, a large international law firm, in New York and London for several years before becoming Vice President and General Counsel of Weeks Petroleum Limited, an independent international oil company, in the 1970s. He also worked for 18 months as Assistant General Counsel for Boise Cascade Corporation, advising the companies in their international engineering and construction division until the component companies were sold to Halliburton and other purchasers. Since 1979, Philippe has practised law, both independently and as partner and Counsel to a New York law firm (now merged into Alston & Bird) from 1985 to 1998, with his practice emphasising oil and gas matters and other European investment in the United States. Philippe has served on various occasions as the chief executive officer of independent oil and gas companies with direct involvement in oil and gas exploration and production in the United States, including Intrepid Oil Company, a joint venture of America and British companies.....Philippe is currently a nonexecutive director of Bill Barrett Corporation, which completed a highly successful IPO in December 2004 and is now publicly traded on the NYSE....."



Philippe Radley ('53)

----- From December 2006 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- "**Philippe Radley** has been an attorney in private practice since 1980. He is now with Rand Rosenzweig Radley & Gordon LLP, specializing in corporate law, intellectual property, and immigration law. Before his law career, Philippe was a professor of Russian language and literature at Amherst College (1969-79), SUNY at Stonybrook (1969-79), and a teaching fellow at Harvard University (1959-62). Philippe received his Ph.D from Harvard University in Slavic Languages and Literature. His translation of *The Italics are Mine* (Harcourt Brace, 1969) received a National Book Award nomination in 1969. Philippe has been on the American Jewish Committee New York Chapter Board for the past decade and has been the chair and cochair of the City Advocacy Task Force. He was President of Temple Emanuel Men's Club, 1999-2001, and is presently a board member." (*From American Jewish Committee program, First National Conference of Russian-American Jewish Lay Leadership*)

----- From Winter 2003-2004 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Irène Kowarski** est retraitée depuis 1998.

-----From Winter 2002/2003 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Peter Herford** filled us in on a distinguished career in journalism: “After graduation: 3 years in Alaska as a reporter and anchor for KTVA-TV - CBS News Fellowship, Columbia University - 27 years with CBS News; Writer for Walter Cronkite first half hour network newscast, Bureau Chief Midwest, Paris, European Producer, Bureau Chief Vietnam, Producers CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite, Producer 60 Minutes, VP News, Producer CBS News Sunday Morning with Charles Kuralt. - Director William Benton Fellowships for Broadcast Journalists University of Chicago - Director of Communications Senator Brock Adams (D Washington) - Associate Professor Graduate School of Journalism Columbia University - Resident Advisor ProMedia Zagred, Croatia - Consultant TV Cabo first all-news cable channel in Portugal.” At present, Peter is the Senior Executive Producer of Public Radio International.

----- From July/August 2001 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **John Rinde** emailed: “After working for a few years as an engineer, I decided that I would be happier being a physician and went back to school and earned an MD degree. After completing my internal medicine residency, I have established my solo practice in Florida, where I have resided ever since. I am looking toward retirement or at least partial retirement soon.”

----- From November/December 2000 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Jean-Pierre Cauvin** organized a '52-'54 reunion at the home of Guy de Catalogne in France on June 24th