

## **Shake Hands with the Devil: The Journey of Roméo Dallaire**

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Satan shows his real face in Peter Raymont's chilling documentary *Shake Hands with the Devil: The Journey of Roméo Dallaire*, in which the courageous Canadian general returns to Rwanda a decade after he was abandoned by the world to command a wholly inadequate UN force during the 1994 massacre. Only Dallaire (who ended up guilt-ridden and traumatised), his men, a handful of Rwandans, journalists and doctors emerge creditably from this film.

The principal villains of the piece include the United Nations (which lacked will and resolution); the US Government (Bill Clinton later pleaded ignorance); the French (who trained and backed the Hutu killers); the Catholic Church (which did nothing to restrain its followers); and above all the Belgians who created the lethally divisive situation in the first place, withdrew its military contingent on the eve of the atrocities, and a decade later sent a senator to insult Dallaire at the 2004 Kigali conference. But we should all hang our heads in shame.