

The Blood Telegram Wins the 2014 Lionel Gelber Prize: Gary J. Bass to Speak About his Winning Book at a Free Public Event in April

For Immediate Release: March 31, 2014 (Toronto and Washington): Patricia Rubin, President of the Lionel Gelber Prize Board and niece of Lionel Gelber, today announced that the winner of the 2014 Prize is **Gary J. Bass for *The Blood Telegram: Nixon, Kissinger, and a Forgotten Genocide***, published by Alfred A. Knopf.

The Prize jury chose the book from a shortlist of five titles, which also included *Those Angry Days: Roosevelt, Lindbergh, and America's Fight Over World War II, 1939 – 1941* by Lynne Olson, published by Random House; *Command and Control: Nuclear Weapons, the Damascus Accident, and the Illusion of Safety* by Eric Schlosser, published by The Penguin Press; *Europe: The Struggle for Supremacy, from 1453 to the Present* by Brendan Simms, published by Basic Books; and *The Battle of Bretton Woods: John Maynard Keynes, Harry Dexter White, and the Making of a New World Order* by Benn Steil, published by Princeton University Press.

Jury Chair William Thorsell remarked: “Gary Bass draws a brilliant portrait of the tragic birth of Bangladesh. He produces shocking revelations about the role of Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger in backing Pakistan's genocidal suppression of democracy in Bangladesh, even as American diplomats on the ground described the horrors around them. This is an epic tale told with verve and authority about war and diplomacy in toxic embrace.”

Gary J. Bass will accept his award and give a free public lecture at the Campbell Conference Facility, at the Munk School of Global Affairs, at the University of Toronto, on Thursday, April 24, 2014.

About the Jury: Jury Chair William Thorsell (Canada), was joined by Jurors Timothy Garton Ash (Oxford, England), Daniel W. Drezner (Massachusetts, USA), the 2013 Lionel Gelber Prize winner Chrystia Freeland (Toronto, Canada), and *Matias Spektor* (Brazil) in choosing their longlist, shortlist, and winner.

About the Prize: The Lionel Gelber Prize, a literary award for the world's best non-fiction book in English on foreign affairs that seeks to deepen public debate on significant international issues, was founded in 1989 by Canadian diplomat Lionel Gelber. A prize of \$15,000 is awarded to the winner. The award is presented annually by the Lionel Gelber Foundation, in partnership with *Foreign Policy* magazine and the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto.

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