

Atomic Firepower For Navy Predicted

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Capt. E. M. Zaharias, defending the navy's place in an atomic war, visualizes battleships firing "small atomic shells" which would destroy enemy aircraft within 50 miles of any ship or fleet.

"The application of atomic energy will make necessary the immediate interception of an enemy far from our shores. Only the sea-air power of your navy can accomplish this," he told the Los Angeles Advertising club.

He said the suddenness of future wars ruled out any thought of subordinating the navy in a merger with other branches.

"We ask for a navy of a strength only great enough to support national policy," he said. "Anything less than that can be extremely dangerous."

The naval officer, who led psychological warfare against Japan, said we would be fighting yet if the Japanese emperor's palace had been bombed.

"The orderly procedure attending General MacArthur's work in Japan is possible only through the influence of the emperor," he said.

U. S. troops will be withdrawn from Japan as soon as a Japanese government is elected by the free will of the people and the nation is so situated that it can never again menace world peace, he said.

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FORMER ACTRESS IS MOTHER.—Mrs. Torbert MacDonald (right), the former Phyllis Brooks of the films, holds her baby, Torbert, Jr., at her Cambridge, Mass., home for her admiring husband, a former Harvard grid star.

De Gaulle's Resignation Seen As Only A Temporary Situation

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
PARIS, France —(AP)—Gen. Charles De Gaulle's resignation as president of France and his "retirement" present an intensely interesting political situation, for there is widespread belief among observers that the general merely intends to lie doggo until the new constitution is adopted next June and then come out again for leadership of the republic.

Now that's not such an odd thing as it might seem at first glance. As a matter of fact, the general appears to be in process of trying to execute a grand coup of which his "retirement" is the strategic keystone. If this assumption is correct, then the reasons for it follow along naturally enough. On thumbnail the situation is this:

France's economic position is a matter of grave concern, for she has just about hit bottom. Her recovery calls for strong governmental action involving long-term policies. But these strong, long-term policies are denied to the present government by the fact that its life can run only to June, when a new constitution will be adopted and another government will come into power.

Troop Arrivals

Thirty ships were scheduled to arrive at east and west coast ports today with more than 21,000 troops.

DUE AT NEW YORK:
Kokomo Victory, from Marseille—333 troops, including 31st A. A. battalion; 402nd quartermaster truck company; 685th quartermaster base depot company.

Frostburg Victory, from Naples—1,511 undesignated troops.

Titan, from Calcutta—35 miscellaneous troops.

Penelope Victory, from Le Havre—1,106 troops, including companies E and H of the 2nd battalion, Companies I, L and M, of the 3rd battalion of 376th infantry regiment.

Vassar Victory, from Bremerhaven—1,444 troops, including Batteries C and D of the 2nd AAA gun battalions; headquarters and headquarters companies A, B, C, and D and service company of 756th armored tank battalion; headquarters and headquarters company of 860th D. D. battalion.

Montclair Victory, from Le Havre—634 undesignated troops.

La Crosse Victory, from Le Havre—1,181 troops, including headquarters company, 3rd battalion, and company K of the 376th infantry regiment; service company of the 302nd infantry regiment; company D of the 301st infantry regiment; military police platoon, headquarters and headquarters company special troops of the 34th division.

Chapel Hill Victory, from Le Havre—1,012 troops, including company F, 2nd battalion of 302nd infantry regiment, 94th division; and service company of 319th engineer construction battalion.

Nermark, from Iceland—234 miscellaneous troops.

DUE AT SAN FRANCISCO:
Bayfield, from Jinsen—2,119 army and navy personnel.

Due at San Francisco:
2,219 army, navy and marine personnel.

DUE AT LOS ANGELES:
Munday Bay, from Saipan—1,150 undesignated personnel.

Dickens, from Honolulu—1,778 undesignated personnel.

Milford Victory, from Yokohama—1,423 undesignated personnel.

Marine Wolf, from Manila—2,352 undesignated personnel.

DUE AT SEATTLE:
C. C. N. Y. Victory, from Yokohama—1,329 undesignated personnel.

Approximately 28,478 veterans were expected to debark at six U. S. ports from 21 vessels today (Thursday).

Ships and units arriving include:

SAN FRANCISCO:
Miscellaneous on following: Bland from Samar, 1,996 navy; Gen. W. G. Haan from Manila, 2,510 army; Horace A. Rase from Pearl Harbor, 159 army; Klaskanine from Pearl Harbor, 11 navy; Rigel from Manila, 38 navy; Robert H. Smith from Pearl Harbor, two navy; Winosky from Yokosuka, 10 navy and marines; Gen. H. W. Butler from Nagoya, 3,503 navy and army.

SEATTLE:
Miscellaneous on following vessels: Cape Clear from Okinawa, 1,828; two LCI's and two LCA's, 49 navy.

SAN DIEGO:
Submarine Beardfish, 91 miscellaneous navy personnel.

LOS ANGELES:
Miscellaneous on following: Banner from Saipan, 1,131; Fergus from Maui, 812; Geneva from Maui, 399; Facility from Pearl Harbor, 48.

A Small Chance
The corollary to this is that the present government has small chance of achieving the sweeping economic betterment for which the heart of every Frenchman is crying. This being so, the leader of the government may arrive at election time with a heavy black mark against his name in the public mind.

The man in the street will be inclined to overlook the handicaps, and will see only the fact that life for him and his family is the same grim struggle it was when the government assumed control. So he will look for new leadership.

General De Gaulle is keeping discreetly silent, but I believe it's far speculation that these thoughts passed through his mind as he tossed his presidency back into the assembly after holding it for some two and a half months. One of his fundamental policies—that of a strong army—had met with powerful opposition in the assembly, and his views on foreign affairs clashed with the extreme left in many respects.

No Competition
Actually, while there is not competition for power among the three major parties—the communists, the socialists and the movement republicaine populaire—none seem particularly anxious to shoulder sole responsibility for the next few months before the new election. Thus a great fight for leadership is brewing and is likely to break at that time.

The general belief among observers is that De Gaulle then will emerge from "retirement" and, with a party of his own or perhaps a moderately conservative coalition, make his bid for the captaincy of the ship of state. Whoever comes to power then will have a far better chance to achieve great things.

That period, too, is likely to determine the political complexion of France for a long time to come. The question is how far to the left the country will swing. The situation now is too confused to make speculation profitable on this score.

SEES BUILDING BOOM
PORTLAND—(AP)—Mayor Earl Riley predicted that lumber would soon begin moving freely to market and construction start "in a big way." The Portland official said he was informed by Wilson Wyatt, housing expediter at Washington, D. C., that the OPA will release a revised Douglas fir schedule soon, and is making a cost study for possible immediate upward revision of Douglas fir prices.

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U. S. Traffic Deaths Soared After Peace

CHICAGO —(AP)— Traffic deaths took 28,500 lives in 1945 and the rate of such fatalities shot up 36 per cent after V-J day, the national safety council has reported.

The toll from all types of accidents last year, the council said, was 96,000 killed, 10,300,000 injured and financial loss of \$5,200,000,000.

Although 1945 saw an end to death on the battlefield, there was a postwar upsurge of accidental deaths on the homefront.

The 1945 accident toll was only one per cent above 1944. But, the council said, the percentage increase was small only because of a reduction in accidents to military personnel.

"Actually," the report said, "figures show that the nation celebrated V-J day by going on a prolonged traffic spree that hasn't ended yet."

As evidence of this, the council pointed out that in the seven final months of war in 1945 traffic deaths rose only 1.3 per cent over the same period of 1944 but from V-J day until the end of the year they jumped 36 per cent.

The 1945 death toll still was 11,500 under the all-time high of 39,969 set in 1941.

'Mac' Fulfills His Redeployment Pledge

TOKYO —(AP)—In less than the six months he had set, General MacArthur has made good his plan to cut United States occupation forces in Japan to 200,000 men.

There are only 203,817 American officers and enlisted men in Nippon today, and that includes the air force, headquarters figures show.

Since the surrender five months ago, MacArthur has sent home under the discharge point system, 324,829 Pacific veterans from forces in Japan.

The maximum occupation strength probably was 450,000—when troops were pouring in from the Philippines and other Pacific island bases—but the exact figure is not available.

MacArthur's Sept. 17 announcement that he expected to reduce the occupation force to 200,000 men within six months surprised Washington. President Truman said he had not known of it, but hoped it would speed discharges. The state department noted that such a cut must not interfere with the army acting as an instrument to carry out occupation policy—destruction of Japan's will to make war.

Five months of the occupation have passed without a single incident of resistance. Except for scattered military policemen, both officers and men go about unarmed.

New Radio Arrives At Eugene Store

The Graves Music company announced Thursday that the new Magnavox radio-phonograph combination, the "Contemporary," has arrived in Eugene. The tone quality is even better than in that company's prewar models, Proprietor George D. Graves said.

Also featured in the new combinations are powerful radio receivers with unusually strong shortwave, 12 inch duosonic speakers, improved fully automatic record changers, pianissimo pickup, and built-in loop antennae, said Graves. These combinations are housed in cabinets of authentic furniture designs, he said. He also stated that a powerful two-band FM receiver will be produced by Magnavox for installation in the radio-phonographs.

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