

Nurtured by Humiliation, Frustration and Defeat

Calamitous Seeds of OAS Planted in Indochina

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PARIS (AP)—The terrorist Secret Army Organization of France is a product of humiliation, frustration and defeat. Its seeds were sown in the rice paddies of Indochina, where the little brown men of the Communist Viet Minh triumphed. It was nurtured in the humiliating disaster of the Suez venture. It flowered bloodily in the red soil of Algeria.

These items of history are responsible, too, for attracting to its ranks names once venerable in the proud military history of France. These men believe that they are patriots and President Charles de Gaulle the traitor.

For them, Algeria was the last straw. They had seen their armies defeated and thwarted elsewhere and they were determined to keep Algeria French by any means. History had passed them by, but in their fanatic determination they wanted to make it stand still. They could not realize that when the first band of rebels raced out of the Aures Mountains in 1954 Algeria was already lost.

De Gaulle, with his eye sharply upon the march of events, realized the hard fact of Algerian independence and said so. The men who created the secret army heard him with astonishment and rage.

So, in April 1961, the secret army became an organization with a name and an aim.

It was in that month that Gen. Raoul Salan, France's most decorated soldier, led the disastrous push of the generals in Algiers which crumbled in four days. Two generals became prisoners. Air force Gen. Maurice Challe quickly gave himself up. On May 6, Gen. Andre Zeller surrendered. Salan and Gen. Edmond Jouhaud fled Algiers in a truck loaded with parachutists.

From then until independence came to Algeria the secret army and its killers swaggered bloodily through that land. They established networks in France and the roar of plastic bombs shattered the calm of Paris and of other cities. They were exploded in warning, in retribution and in savage blackmail to obtain funds.

In Algeria it was easier to get money. Borrowing from the tactics of the old Bolsheviks in Russia, they robbed Algerian banks recklessly.

It was not the first strategy borrowed from the Communists. Some secret army men, veterans of Indochina, adapted

Viet Minh methods in their own cause: terrorism and propaganda, liberally mixed, were served up to the public.

The independence of Algeria forced a change in their strategy. So did the arrests of Salan and Jouhaud. Headquarters were set up elsewhere. It has been rumored that they have administrative cells in Belgium, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Spain and in France.

Spain is cleaning them out. Belgium swooped down on a handful of plotters some time ago. The Swiss reportedly are keeping an eye on men believed involved with the secret army. In France police are swift, vigilant and tough.

One by one the secret army leaders are being picked off. Gen. Paul Gardy, the last secret army high officer, is still a fugitive. Tough, wiry Col. Yves Godard, former intelligence chief of Algiers, has not been heard of for months. Some say

he is dead. Col. Antoine Argoud was netted in a bizarre operation less than two weeks ago.

Today the two men whose names appear most as secret army chieftains are Col. Pierre Chateau-Jobert, who deserted the army in January last year, and Capt. Rene Sergent. It is said that Sergent has taken over as terrorist director for France.

The mystery man among those who head the resistance group is Jacques Soustelle, brilliant former Gaullist minister. His name has almost dropped from the news but he may well be helping to direct activities from some nearby country.

The secret army has its political arm, called the Council of National Resistance (CNR). It is headed by former Premier Georges Bidault, who was detained in Munich over the weekend. It appeared unlikely the West Germans would hand him over to the French government.

The CNR's aim, like that of the secret army operational wing, is removal of President de Gaulle from the scene. Attempts have been made on his life and the secret army still is pledged to get him.

Despite the announced program to remove De Gaulle from office, there has been no explanation of what the political aims would be if this ever were achieved. Some secret army men brutally declare that De Gaulle "morally deserves" to be assassinated. Beyond that, they offer no program, no goal, no plans for government.

This lack of objective would indicate that the plottings, the frustrated desire to strike down the president of France springs from savage vengeance, immediately born of the loss of Algeria but all part of a pattern that began at Dien Bien Phu in Indochina.

New Superintendent Due at Sunset Home

A man with 16 years of experience as a hospital and rest home administrator, Alvin Langehaug of Whittier, Calif., has been named the new superintendent of Sunset Home at 3500 Hilyard St., Eugene.

Langehaug, 57, will arrive in Eugene Thursday to begin his duties at the Lutheran retirement and rest home on Friday morning.

He fills a post now held by William Tweed of Eugene, who was named interim superintendent one and a half years ago.

Tuesday A. P. Junker of Junction City, chairman of Sunset Home's board of directors, said the residents of the home and the board of directors "sincerely appreciate the fine services" of Tweed during his interim service.

On announcing the appointment, Junker said, "Sunset Home and the community are fortunate to have a man with such high professional qualifications as superintendent Langehaug."

the Lutheran Hospital Assn. of America and a fellow in the American College of Hospital Administrators, was administrator of Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn., from 1947 to 1952.

He went from that hospital, a 200-bed facility, to Milwaukee Hospital in Milwaukee, Wis. This 350-bed hospital included a convalescent wing for senior citizens. In 1957, he took a post as director of public relations for the Lutheran Hospital Society, the administrative group for three hospitals, in Los Angeles, and in 1960, went to Whittier, Calif., as administrator of Murphy Hospital.

Langehaug majored in social science and administration at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., and then took graduate work in the same two fields at the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis. He also did graduate work in public relations at the University of California at Los Angeles.

He is married, and has two sons, both college students.

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