

Indonesia Loyalist Forces Advance on Two Fronts; Enter West Sumatra

De Gaulle Expected To Get Call To Head France Again

Paris — A man of silence is looming again today as France's man of destiny.

Nearly 18 years have elapsed since Gen. Charles De Gaulle's historic call to a beaten France on July 18, 1940, to fight on.

Today, as France heads toward a new crisis that many Frenchmen fear could mean the end of the Fourth Republic, the tall figure of De Gaulle is marching again toward the front of the nation's stage.

De Gaulle, now 67, is doing nothing to hasten his return.

For nearly five years he has maintained a strict silence watching from his retreat at Colombey-les-Deux-Églises, 100 miles east of Paris, while one weak middle-of-the-road coalition gov-

ernment after another has fallen.

"De Gaulle's great strength today is his silence," commented one astute French politician.

Comeback Talk Widespread

But talk of a De Gaulle comeback is more widespread today than at any time since he quit as government chief in 1945 frustrated and angered by the refusal of French politicians to accept his ideas of a "strong" French regime headed by a chief of state with powers as sweeping as those of the President of the United States.

Many French politicians today fear a return of De Gaulle to power. They regard him as too "autocratic."

Some also fear that De Gaulle could not pull France out of its Algerian and

other troubles and that then the country would end up with a Communist-dominated popular front regime.

As one French deputy said: **Majority Against De Gaulle**

"In a vote today for or against De Gaulle, not 20 per cent of the National Assembly would vote for him as government chief."

But ask what would happen if France is plunged into a prolonged, insoluble government crisis, or if the Algerian war drags on another six months, or if there is Communist or extreme rightist rioting — and you get a different answer.

Those who know the World War II resistance leader best say he himself is more and more convinced his hour is approaching again. But, above all, they say he will return only if he is invited by an overwhelming majority of French political leaders and in no case as the result of a military coup.

Loyal Column Cuts Oil Route To Palembang

Singapore — Indonesian Loyalists advancing on two fronts have entered West Sumatra, driving within 65 miles of the rebel strongholds of Padang and Bukittinggi, the Jakarta government said today.

An Army announcement said loyalists moving southwestward from Pekanbaru marched unopposed Saturday into Bangkinang, 60 miles northeast of Bukittinggi.

At the same time, Jakarta said, a loyal column driving west from Rengat seized Sungailang, 65 miles west of Padang, and cut the oil route leading southeastward across Sumatra to neutral Palembang.

Late Monday night, high rebel officials in Bukittinggi told the United Press that insurgent counterattacks in the Taluk-Lubuk Djambli area east of Sungailang, were holding the loyalists back from the Palembang road.

Reports Denied

Reports that Jakarta was receiving arms from the Communist world continued to circulate here despite consistent loyalist denials.

One usually reliable source said today President Sukarno's regime has signed munitions contracts with Czechoslovakia.

Radio reports from the U. S.-operated oil fields of central Sumatra said that a "wave of lawlessness and thievery" is sweeping Caltex Company installations.

An unidentified American official was quoted as saying that armed bands moved into offices and other installations Sunday and "intimidated the guards, broke down doors and look what they pleased." All Americans have been evacuated from the installation.

Rogue River Boy Struck by Automobile

Rogue River — Garry Moore, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore, route 1, Rogue River, suffered bruises when he ran in front of moving car in downtown Rogue River Saturday, according to Police Chief Wes Peters.

Moore was taken to Josephine General hospital in Grants Pass.

Driver of the car was A. Allen Eastgate, 612 Farragut st., Medford, police said. The boy ran out from between parked cars, they added.

Baruch Claims Tax Reduction 'Folly'

Washington — Financier Bernard M. Baruch warned today that a federal tax cut would be "folly" and urged labor and management to pledge a freeze on wages and prices.

The famed adviser to presidents advised the Senate Finance committee:

"Inflation, gentlemen, is the most important economic fact of our time—the single greatest peril to our economic health."

In a prepared statement, Baruch said the road to national economic health includes these steps:

—"Determining the requirements of national security and doing all that is needed to meet them."

—"Barring new inflationary adventures. Foregoing tax reductions. Avoiding deficit spending."

—"Strengthening the credit of government by refusing the debt on a long-term basis and planning definite amortization."

—"Stopping the price-wage spiral and the abuse of credit."

Baruch said the recession "is the inevitable aftermath of a period of inflation that could at least have been mitigated, if not prevented."

"There is no cause for alarm if we will learn from our mistakes and call a halt to the practices which are responsible for this situation," the elder statesman said.

A tax reduction, said Baruch, "will increase the deficit, add to the debt, and further weaken the government's credit. To reduce revenues before our defenses are secure and our debt manageable is un-economic and immoral."

Any new public works program to fight the recession should be placed on a self-liquidating basis, Baruch urged. Local action would be more effective than federal steps in such projects, he added. "Local governments can best survey their own situations."

"It would be an inspiring and salutary thing if the leaders of our great labor unions and businesses would jointly pledge to the President that for one year there will be no increase in wages or prices and that profit margins would at least be frozen," he said.

Baruch called for individual self-restraint in private

credit. "Its excessive growth," he said, "has been one of the major factors in our present difficulties and is one of the weak links in our economic chain."

"I have often been shocked by the lengths to which banks, merchants and advertisers go to press credit upon the consumer with which to buy things they can be persuaded

to want, but do not need," the financier said.

Discussing inflation, Baruch said the problem "follows from the selfish struggle for special advantage among pressure groups. Each seeks tax cuts or price increases or age raises for itself while urging the other to make the sacrifices and with little regard for the national interest."

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About 150 Attend Chrome Mining Industry Meeting

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With two objectives in mind, (1) getting a temporary extension of the government's chrome buying program for the stockpile; and (2) discussing plans for the establishment of a ferro-chrome refining plant in southern Oregon, the group elected six members to an interim or fact finding committee, and ten members to a committee which will lay the groundwork for a permanent miners' organization in this area.

On the interim committee are Fayette Bristol of Grants Pass, owner of the Rogue Silica plant, and state representative from Josephine county; Eugene Brown, O'Brien, and E. V. Cooke, Cave Junction. Illinois Valley chrome miners; Manley, Colin McClendon, Crescent City and J. W. Pressler.

Members of the organization committee are Elwood Hussey, owner of Brown town, a gold mining area near Holland; Manley, J. W. Pressler, Les Childs, Grants Pass, a member of the State Board of geology; Dorothy Kartes, Canyonville; Roy Gardner, Eureka; A. L. Roy, Gold Beach; J. Hogue, Yreka; Walter Freeman, Cave Junction and Frank Grover, Grants Pass.

Committee reports, and the formation of a permanent organization will be made at the next miners' meeting at the Cave Junction American Legion hall, Saturday, April 26, at 2 p.m.

At the suggestion of Les Childs, a petition asked the U. S. government to retain a program which will enable chrome mining to continue as a profitable industry in the west, was formulated at the meeting and signed by those present. The petition has been sent to the executive department of congress.

Factory Workers Sticking To Jobs

Washington — The Labor Department reports that fewer factory workers quit their jobs in February than in any month since World War II.

The "quit rate" dropped to 6 per 1,000 in February, reflecting the limited number of job opportunities.

Factory layoffs declined "substantially" last month from high January levels, the department said. They skidded from 38 per 1,000 in January to 27 per 1,000 last month. Hires also dropped slightly last month.

The department said layoffs dropped most in the previously hard-hit heavy manufacturing plants. Aircraft plants reported a pickup in hiring and some decline in layoffs.

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