

Frenchmen Look Into Future in Event De Gaulle Government Fails

Majority Said Not Major Challenge Due in Assembly

Editor's note: General Charles de Gaulle's rise to power seemed so inexorable in the past week that the National Assembly vote making him premier was almost anticlimactic. But is De Gaulle the end of a crisis—or the beginning of a greater one? Thomas R. Curran, vice president and general European manager of United Press International, analyzes it in the following dispatch.

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Paris — (UPI) — The government of Charles de Gaulle is only a few hours old but already Frenchmen look beyond and ask: "What next?"

The general has welded himself a majority in the National Assembly. But that is not his major challenge.

It is a constitution that does not work. A war without solution. An economy off the rails.

De Gaulle asked for six months to settle these problems — grave problems that have vexed France for years.

Deputies will tell you they are not afraid of De Gaulle. "What worries us," they say, "is what happens if he fails."

Gravest Challenge
This is the mazes-nest of trouble that De Gaulle would cure in six months:

—Reform the constitution. De Gaulle feels the present system of government is impossibly weak. His government is the 27th since the war. De Gaulle wants the executive to have full powers (more on the American pattern), and he thinks the people should vote directly on the reform.

—End the war in Algeria. This may be the gravest challenge. Can even De Gaulle stand firm when two runaway trains collide with him in the middle — resurgent French colonialism on one side and Moslem determination for freedom on the other?

—Get France's economy back on the rails. The war in Algeria has been a fearful drain, costing some \$650 million to date, with the Algerian nationalist movement now stronger than ever. There are other chronic ills — high imports and low exports among them.

De Gaulle is said to know what he wants and to be inflexible in getting it.

Feeling of Relief
He was the proud symbol of France when the country was entirely overrun by Hitler's legions. He feels he helped save France's integrity in 1940 and he can do it again today.

If he succeeds, the Fourth Republic, chastened and purified by the constitutional reform, can carry on with greater stability and few government upheavals.

And — if he fails?
The pessimists fear the Communists will have a golden opportunity to take over the controls with a "popular front" government.

Whatever comes next, the immediate feeling in France today was one of relief. Many Frenchmen who normally might have been against De Gaulle prayed for his success. They feared failure would mean the horror of civil war and the triumph of a communist-dominated popular front.

Washington Views De Gaulle Approval With Confidence

By LEE NICHOLS
United Press International
Washington — (UPI) — The chief Washington reaction today to Gen. Charles de Gaulle's approval as the new French premier was one of relief that France apparently has emerged from its "hour of peril" without civil war.

Officials from the President down expressed hopeful confidence that De Gaulle's new government would continue to work closely with this country and Britain in moves aimed at bolstering the West against the Soviet military, economic and political challenge.

Meeting Scheduled
President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles scheduled a meeting today, mainly to discuss Russian concessions on arms.

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aimed at a nuclear test ban, but the French situation was certain to be brought up. Despite the official optimistic "line" however, high-ranking authorities emphasized De Gaulle is still a largely unknown quantity. They made it plain any real assessment of his role must await his future moves.

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The mixed-blood orphans will travel from Seoul to Portland, Ore., aboard a chartered Korean National Airlines plane.

Most of the children in the new group, ranging from 3 years to three weeks in age, will go to American families in Oregon and California.

Holt and his daughter, Molly, will escort the tots. A spokesman said the Holt agency will continue its service as adoption proxy for mixed-blood orphans in Korea until a special immigration act expires in September, next year.

The agency has so far placed 817 children in American homes.

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French Communists Gain Information On Police Tactics

By ROBERT MUSKIE
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Paris — (UPI) — The Communists had a lot of valuable information today on police tactics in case they went to the word to slug it out with the new regime of Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

They amassed it Sunday at very small cost — a few dozen cracked heads and a few expendable young proletarians in jail.

Purpose of Riots
The apparently was the purpose of the small riots that erupted all over Paris so unpredictably on the hot sunny Sunday afternoon. The riots rushed from march to riot like volunteer fire brigades.

Officially, the heads of the Communist Party were almost clean. It sent out handbills for an organized protest against a De Gaulle "dictatorship." But its well-trained apparatus for street fighting was not sent to the firing line.

The Communists instead counted on idealists from the district councils to carry placards and shout slogans.

This gave the demonstrations a somewhat "unorganized" nature, that forced the police hand. Police never could be sure when a fight was not going to mushroom into a full scale riot and had to move in major reinforcements.

These movements did not pass unnoticed.

Policemen Injured
By the end of the day, 25 policemen had been injured. Nearly 200 rioters were jailed.

One lesson the Communists learned: Police swing their clubs early and often these wussy days.

One lesson the police learned: If the Communists, who make up the nation's biggest single political party, ever decide to fight it will take and they will hold them.



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Dead were Capt. Bruce Deeter, formerly of Seattle, and Sherman Krause, copilot, whose family also lived in Seattle.

The C-46, loaded with bags of cement went out of control as it took off from Driftwood Bay, bound for Nikolsi. Witnesses theorized the cargo may have slipped and forced the two-engine craft out of control.

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