

Gen. De Gaulle Played Major Role In Uniting France Following War

Editor's note: This is the second of two dispatches by a veteran reporter of French affairs providing a close-up of Gen. Charles de Gaulle as he prepares for his election on Sunday as president of France with unprecedented powers.

By ARTHUR HIGBEE
 Paris—(UPI)—Last May 29 the highest personage of the French republic, President Rene Coty, stood before a palatial chamber full of deputies and invoked the name of Gen. Charles de Gaulle. There was a historic inevitability about it.

The mobs were loose in the streets of Algiers, restive in the streets of Paris. Police leaves had been cancelled; the Champs-Elysees was an armed camp. Rumors of paratroopers dropping from the skies flew thickly.

Choice for France
 For the National Assembly and for France the choice was between, on the one hand, revolution, anarchy or dictatorship—possibly all three—or the one man whose integrity nobody questioned, however much they might question his politics: De Gaulle.

The assembly gratefully chose De Gaulle and the nation ratified this choice months later, in De Gaulle's constitutional referendum of Sept. 28, 1957, by an 80 per cent vote for him.

Yet 18 years earlier when De Gaulle broadcast his appeal to a prostrate France on June 18, 1940, few Frenchmen had ever heard of him.

"This war is not over with the battle of France," De Gaulle said then. "This war is a world war."
 An anonymous but wide-awake publicist later changed this to "France has lost a battle; she has not lost the war."
Frenchmen Arise
 De Gaulle went on, "every Frenchman who still bears arms has the absolute duty of continuing resistance. Soldiers of France, wherever you are, arise!"

had stripped him of his French citizenship and condemned him in absentia to death.

But the same month British Prime Minister Winston Churchill recognized De Gaulle's free France. De Gaulle had his troubles. Having tried and failed to win other French administrators and military commanders around the French empire to his cause, he insisted on forming a full-fledged free French government.

He won though, with his single-mindedness, his obstinacy, and the fact that he was the only French leader of stature who at that moment wanted to fight on.

Inevitably there were clashes with Churchill, who later made his famous remark: "Of all the crosses I had to bear, the heaviest was the Cross of Lorraine."

De Gaulle returned to liberated French soil a week after D-day, 1944. On Aug. 25, he marched down the Champs-Elysees to delirious cheers and attended a Thanksgiving Mass in Notre Dame Cathedral. German snipers were still about; shots crashed within the cathedral. Others ducked but De Gaulle stood erect.

He was at the head of the provisional government. On Nov. 30, 1945, the constituent assembly confirmed De Gaulle as premier by a unanimous 555-0 vote. But the honeymoon was nearly over.

The following month the Communists were condemned.

Accordion Students At Chin Up Party
 Students of the Muzzioli School of the Accordion will entertain at the Chin Up club Christmas party tonight, it has been announced by George Distell, entertainment chairman. The program will feature Sharon Roberts, 1957 overall winner in the Disabled American Veterans talent contest.

Families of members and special guests will be honored at the meeting, club officers said.

ing De Gaulle for his refusal to entrust them with the decisive cabinet posts: Foreign Affairs, defense, interior.

The Socialists opposed him over the size of the defense budget. Other parties were chafing at De Gaulle's impatience with parliamentary procedure.

De Gaulle was more than impatient. He admitted later that he had considered—and rejected—a coup d'etat. In December he told the shocked deputies: "This will undoubtedly be the last time I will speak in this chamber. Therefore I want to tell you now: If you do not respect the necessary conditions for responsible and dignified government, you are heading for a time when you will bitterly regret the path you have chosen."

On April 7, 1947, he created his "rally of the French people."

The party had a great initial success. But it was not enough to bring De Gaulle back to power. The party began to splinter. In May, 1953, after heavy losses in the municipal elections, De Gaulle set his party at liberty and retired from politics, but not from other activity.

His return to power was characteristically dramatic. The morning after May 13, 1958, Frenchmen awoke to find that settlers and soldiers in Algiers had carried out a bloodless military coup to demonstrate their fealty to a French give-away of Algeria. They were defying the authority of Paris and demanding the return of De Gaulle.

The mutiny jumped to Corsica and threatened to spread to France itself.

On May 19 De Gaulle came to Paris and at a press conference surrounded by the greatest security precautions that security-conscious Paris had ever seen, announced, "if the people want it, as in the preceding national crisis, I am ready to take the leadership . . ."

Returns To Chamber
 On June 1, 1958, De Gaulle returned to the chamber he had so abruptly walked out of 12 years before.

De Gaulle appealed to the Moslem rebels to lay down their arms and help build a better Algeria—an appeal that went unheeded, if not unheard.
 But hope was rediscovered in Algeria.
 And order was restored in France, notably with the referendum of Sept. 28, 1958, which brought De Gaulle's long dreamed-of strong executive constitution—and the fifth French republic—into effect.
 In the campaign for the Nov. 23-30 parliamentary elections, the chief issue among the candidates was who favored De Gaulle most. The Communists suffered their first postwar defeat.

regret the path you have chosen."

France was close to starvation. Her industry was wrecked. France was free, yes, but her troubles were just beginning. Within two years Communist strikes and riots led France to the edge of civil insurrection, Indochina was in rebellion, the currency had embarked on the non-stop spiral of inflation that within a decade reduced the franc to one quarter of its immediate postwar value.

But Frenchmen did not forget De Gaulle. And with the degeneration of democracy into a political game, they remembered his warning to the deputies: "You are heading for a time when you will bitterly regret the path you have chosen."

On April 7, 1947, he created his "rally of the French people."

The party had a great initial success. But it was not enough to bring De Gaulle back to power. The party began to splinter. In May, 1953, after heavy losses in the municipal elections, De Gaulle set his party at liberty and retired from politics, but not from other activity.

His return to power was characteristically dramatic. The morning after May 13, 1958, Frenchmen awoke to find that settlers and soldiers in Algiers had carried out a bloodless military coup to demonstrate their fealty to a French give-away of Algeria. They were defying the authority of Paris and demanding the return of De Gaulle.

The mutiny jumped to Corsica and threatened to spread to France itself.

On May 19 De Gaulle came to Paris and at a press conference surrounded by the greatest security precautions that security-conscious Paris had ever seen, announced, "if the people want it, as in the preceding national crisis, I am ready to take the leadership . . ."

Returns To Chamber
 On June 1, 1958, De Gaulle returned to the chamber he had so abruptly walked out of 12 years before.

De Gaulle appealed to the Moslem rebels to lay down their arms and help build a better Algeria—an appeal that went unheeded, if not unheard.
 But hope was rediscovered in Algeria.
 And order was restored in France, notably with the referendum of Sept. 28, 1958, which brought De Gaulle's long dreamed-of strong executive constitution—and the fifth French republic—into effect.
 In the campaign for the Nov. 23-30 parliamentary elections, the chief issue among the candidates was who favored De Gaulle most. The Communists suffered their first postwar defeat.



"DON'T SHOOT"—Philbert Stevens, 18, was trapped in a Los Angeles liquor store after he and his accomplice triggered a burglar alarm. Here he has just been commanded "Hands up!" by the photographer who shot this picture.

Springfield Woman To Miss Christmas at Home For Good Samaritan Role

Springfield, Ore. — (UPI) — A Springfield woman will miss Christmas at home for the first time in 53 years of married life to help out an elderly lady from Boston who only a few days ago was a perfect stranger.

Mrs. F. M. Clow was en route to Boston by train today with Louise L. Hilpert, 76, who came west to visit relatives but found they had gone on a trip.

They were due in Boston Saturday where they will be met by a niece of the Boston woman, Mrs. George A. McLaughlin of Edgewood, R.I.

Mrs. Clow's husband, 70, is a retired railroad employee. When he arrived here by train from a trip to San Francisco recently the conductor called his attention to Mrs. Hilpert whom he said was ill.

When no one met the woman, Clow talked to her and he and his wife took her to the address she had given. Neighbors said the woman's relatives had left on a trip and would be gone several weeks.

The Clows took her into their home and called their doctor who recommended she

be hospitalized. She was released from the hospital this week.
 They talked several times on the telephone to the niece in Rhode Island and the niece and are scheduled to arrive in Boston at 10:30 a.m. Saturday where Mrs. McLoughlin will meet them.
 Clow, who remained behind, said "we felt we were only doing what we should."

LIKE MAGIC!

Folks say our special service on Holiday loans is almost like magic—We invite you to take advantage of this pleasant, prompt service . . . For HOLIDAY CASH or for any worthwhile purpose—come in or phone us today.

STARK

FINANCE CO.
 2739 North Pacific Hiway
 SP 3-1817 — Medford

California Brush Fire Takes Life Of Forest Ranger

San Juan Capistrano, Calif. — (UPI) — Southern California's worst brush fire of the year claimed its first victim Thursday night when a forest ranger was enveloped by flames in a brief flare up along the southeast corner. The fire still was not under control today.

Joe Adams, 34, district ranger for Prescott National Forest, Ariz., was leading a Hopi Indian "hotshot" crew along the fire's perimeter on a scouting mission. He climbed atop a rock for a better view when the wind made a sudden shift, surrounding him with flames. Forest Service officials said he apparently died instantly.

100 Square Miles Burned
 The gigantic blaze has swept over some 100 square miles of heavy brush, and destroyed 19 homes and summer cabins since it broke out Sunday between this historic mission town and Lake Elsinore.

Richard Johnson, U. S. Forest Service fire prevention officer, said control was expected late this evening. He said about "70 or 80 per cent" was presently under control.

NATO Representative Has Jewels Stolen

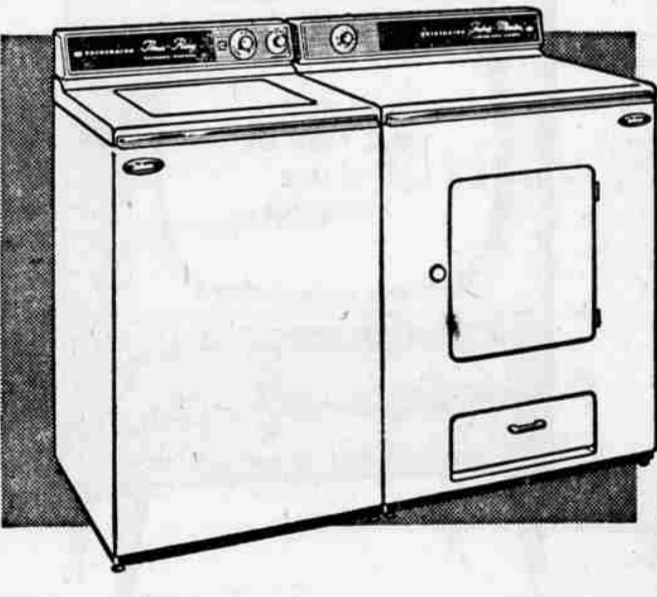
Paris—(UPI)—Police today sought thieves who entered the town house of W. Randolph Burgess through a bathroom window and made off with \$9,524 worth of jewels.

Burgess is permanent U.S. representative to NATO. Occupants of the house said there wasn't a sound from the Burgess watchdog, a German shepherd.



BEST LOVED SANTAS

. . . Will Choose—



FRIGIDAIRE BEST VALUE PAIR!

\$389.

With your old Automatic Washer & Dryer well known make, not more than five years old in good running order.

Low Priced... Yet Proved Best!*

- Proved Best by U.S. Testing Co., Inc. —for cleanest clothes; for least lint formed and most removed; and for driest spin!
- Patented 3-Ring "Pump" Agitator... bathes deep dirt out without beating! No blades—no harsh rubbing—no lint to empty, ever!
- Save up to 25 Gallons of hot water per load! Suds-Water-Saver cuts washday costs up to 50%—can save you up to 6,250 gallons of hot water... up to 50 boxes of detergent per year compared with other washers without suds savers!

*Based on identical tests, under controlled laboratory conditions, of 6 leading automatic washers. Reports No. 40996 and 40996-A, dated May 6 and June 11, 1958.

Only **\$4.43** A Week
NOTHING DOWN

—on approved credit—Use Our Convenient Christmas Lay-Away Plan! We carry our own contract!

Low Priced... Yet with "Wrinkles away"!

- Saves hours of ironing every week! Just dial "Wrinkles Away," and your Wash & Wear dresses, suits, shirts come out ready to wear! No more drip drying! Even smooths clothes mused in storage!
- Automatic Time Control! One dial does it all! Just dial to order—billow soft for storage, or damp dry for ironing. Anywhere from 15 to 145 minutes. 10-minute no-heat cool-off period in every cycle for extra-fluffy drying!
- Nylon Mesh Lint Trap! Filters out lint and holds it inside dryer for fast, easy removal! No flying lint problem in your drying room!

Broadest Protection Ever! One Year Warranty on entire washer plus 4-year Protection Plan on Complete Transmission.

Leonard Electric Co.

309 EAST MAIN • Medford's Leading Appliance Dealer for the Past 26 Years • PHONE SP 2-4427



A great moment in Kentucky bourbon history is here!

The rich bourbon flavor and luxurious satisfaction of Old Grand-Dad in

Lighter, milder 86 proof

Now, from the Old Grand-Dad distillery, comes the perfect balance between rich bourbon flavor and subtle mildness. Old Grand-Dad 86 is the same whiskey as our 100 proof bonded bourbon, in 86 proof. That is why—so light and gentle—it is so luxurious in satisfaction. Try it.

OLD GRAND-DAD
 "Head of the Bourbon Family"

The Sensational New
EUREKA
 Mobile Care Model 1010

SLEEK—SLIM Easy To Carry
 ONLY 8 1/2" HIGH ROLLS EASY Can't Tip
Vibra-Beat CLEANING ACTION
 CLEANS 3 TIMES FASTER

Boats! Sweeps! Suction Cleans!
 For the first time, powerful air-driven "Vibra-Beaters" shake the rug—loosen, dislodge embedded dirt. Cleans 3 times faster.
 DELUXE 10-PIECE SET CLEANING TOOLS NEW UNBREAKABLE HOSE

SPECIAL THIS WEEK!
EUREKA Model 860-A with tools
\$48.88 Mfr's original \$79.95

SMALL DEPOSIT **\$1.25** per week MONEY BACK GUARANTEE
 See live demonstration in our store at once or

LEONARD ELECTRIC CO.
 309 EAST MAIN • PHONE SP 2-4427