

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

SALUTE TO DE GAULLE

Having been one of his American admirers since June of 1940, when he raised his flag in Britain and summoned the French to go on with the war, I cannot pretend to write disparagingly about Gen. de Gaulle. But now that he is coming back to Washington in triumph, I have been asking myself what is the secret of this famous man?

The secret is that he is more than a great man. He is a great man in the sense that he has taken a great part in historic events. But there were other great men in the war days. In addition to being an historic man, he is also, which is rarer than greatness, a genius. This is the special quality which he, and I think only he, shares with Churchill.

His genius consists in the capacity to see beneath the surface of events, to see through the obvious and conventional and stereotyped appearance of events to the significant realities, to the obscured facts and forces which will prevail. This gift, which is more than leadership as such, is second sight into the nature of history. It brings with it the gift of prophesying what is going to happen because to the seeing eye it is already there.

The ability to see truly the significant reality carries with it the ability to convey what his vision brings him. Men like Churchill and de Gaulle do not sign ghost-written books and they do not read ghost-written speeches. For the vision is their own and they alone can communicate it.

THUS, in the bitter days of 1940 when France had fallen and Britain stood alone, it called for a great man, for a brave man, for a resolute and faithful man, to go into exile and from there to organize the French resistance. But it took genius to see how this noble but desperate venture would end, and to see that France, defeated, demoralized and prostrate, remained one of the great powers, to see that in the end she would be as is now the fact—among the principal shapers of the settlement with Germany.

I learned to say that only from Gen. de Gaulle. (c) 1960 New York Herald Tribune Inc.

Public May Take Part in Program

The public will be invited to participate in "Adventures in Medicine" over station KBES-TV at 3 o'clock this afternoon, according to Mrs. C. Ivan Burton moderator of the bi-weekly program.

The series of programs on health is produced by the Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health Association in cooperation with the Jackson County Medical Society. "Cancer—Fact and Fiction" will be the topic for discussion by a medical panel composed of Dr. Robert H. Buck, pathologist; Dr. Brian D. Stringer, general surgeon; Dr. Duane L. Gillum, radiologist, all Medford; and Dr. R. Ray Johnson, general practitioner, Grants Pass.

Dr. Aubrey M. Hill, Ashland, will assist members of the Jackson County Unit of the American Cancer Society in taking and relaying telephoned questions to the panel. Persons wishing to ask questions about cancer may telephone station KBES-TV, Spring, 3-4581, beginning at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Mrs. Burton said. The physicians will answer as many as possible in the order in which they are received.

Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 4, Oak Grove and West Side schools, will hold their monthly pack meeting Thursday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Oak Grove gymnasium.

Den 2 will conduct the flag ceremony and a skit will be presented by Den 6. An inspection of all Cubs will be held, awards will be presented, and other business conducted.

whether or not my memory was deceiving me. Was it true, as ever since I have believed, that in the darkest days of the most desperate of modern wars, Gen. de Gaulle had communicated his vision of an enduring and an undefeated France?

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Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

NIXON AND THE "CONSERVATIVES"

Washington - Vice President Richard M. Nixon and his campaign staff are visibly delighted by the result of the New Jersey primary contest between Sen. Clifford Case and Robert Morris, the former associate of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy and self-styled conservative Republican candidate for Case's seat.

Although little noticed, this New Jersey primary was nearly as important for the Republicans as the West Virginia primary is for the Democrats. It was the major effort by the extreme right wing of the Republican party to prove the existence of a "powerful conservative ground swell."

The Vice President is being daily warned of this ground swell by his party's right wingers. But the warnings can be ignored, now that the Morris effort in New Jersey has proved a flat, humiliating bust. A vegetarian greenbacker with leanings to the views of Henry George ought to have done better than Morris, if he had made a comparable investment of time and money against as languid an opponent as Sen. Case.

MORRIS literally devoted two entire years to an active, continuous drive for votes. His personal bills were apparently paid for him during all this time, judging by his own statement on this point to a friendly New Jersey newspaper. Certainly his campaign bills were paid on the most lavish scale.

Contributions were collected from all over the country, from the kind of Republican who thinks the only salvation is to repeal the income tax amendment. Morris was able to use every expedient of modern campaigning, down to and including the costly expedient of telephoning short, recorded appeals to individual voters.

In contrast, while Case was not pinched for funds, he only campaigned for two months. Even in those two months, his campaigning was intermittent at best, because of the demands of Senate business. Through an incumbent, Case also failed to secure the positive endorsement of many of the New Jersey county organizations. Yet on a relatively low poll of about only 350,000 votes, Case beat Morris close to two to one.

THE MORRIS vote was not much above 110,000, in a state which cast 2,456,000



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Column Writer Writes 'Home Town' Letter to Radio Station; Gets Reply

White City - Walter Townsend, who writes the "Pickin' Pears" column in the Mail Tribune, has discovered there is more than one way to tell his story.

Townsend at one time was a successful attorney, but now he has ambitions to do something worth while as a writer. He has already won several prizes in the national Veterans Writers project.

Troubled with insomnia, he has become one of the fans who tune in after midnight to listen to Ben Hunter with his homespun philosophy over radio station KFI, Los Angeles.

He decided to write a "Home Town Letter" which he says in his introduction, "probably you won't want to read to the other 'night owls' since I do not live in a regular town or city, but stay in a strange sort of place, a domicile of a thousand men."

Struggles at Writing He then recites his struggles at the writing game and tells of his experiences as a columnist for the Medford Mail Tribune.

Not many nights ago, Ben Hunter read his letter to the thousands of listeners troubled with sleeplessness, who listen in as he does. Then the letters began to come to him from quite a number of those listeners who sought to encourage him in his efforts and to tell of their own difficulties in the mastery of English composition, suitable for publication.

Several were anxious to subscribe to the Mail Tribune so that they could read his column "Pickin' Pears." Another was interested in what he had to say about the famous Rogue valley pears.

"I've been a night owl for a long time. It is my only hope," Townsend's letter reads.

Sleepless Nights "I spend most of my sleepless nights listening to Ben Hunter. I love to hear him read Home Town Letters in the wee small hours. It gives me a sort of relief, or maybe you might say joy. I suppose it is because I do not have a 'real' home to write about. Anyhow, I love to hear about people who do have home towns.

"This domiciliary where I sleep and eat good food and have a little bed room of my own, is a little world to itself. There are some very wonderful and great people here. One is our librarian. She is highly educated and downright brilliant, and is dedicated to her work.

"She conducts a literary class once a week in the afternoon. Those of us who attend, discuss almost everything from abstract art to Dickens and Victor Hugo.

"I came here in 1950 and have been here ever since. We are situated on a sort of flat plain, with tall mountains all around. Mt. Pitt and huge Shasta in northern California at my back door. In fact, I can look out of my window in Oregon as I write this letter and see 9,000 feet of ice and snow jutting up like an inverted ice cream cone.

Famous River "In the distance there is a gleam of water in the bright sun. It is the reflection of the famous Rogue river flowing across the plain. Everything is silent. The numerous long buildings are brick.

"I am a veteran of World War I and once saw Paris. Somehow, these buildings remind me of Paris; long with many little white windows, they stand like something from the Middle Ages, with red sides and steep roofs. Maybe it is because of the buildings, I never go anywhere. I look at the roofs and start my work again.

"I write most of the time. Still I would like to go and see the great outside world. There is nothing to stop me except, I do not earn enough money at writing to pay my train fare. I teach a class in literature, too, and for years have wanted to go to Hollywood. Some day my ship will

myself, it is worthless. I think, on earth, the beauty of this valley in pear blossom time. Adios! This is not much of a letter about a Home Town, but being a night owl of long standing, I'll be listening to hear if Ben Hunter reads it to the other night owls."

Townsend, at present, is writing his reactions as registrar of voters for his forthcoming column "Pickin' Pears."

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Marines to Explain Program at College

Ashland—Opportunities for officer commissions in the Marine corps will be explained to interested students April 27 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Britt lounge at Southern Oregon college, Ashland.

Both aviation and line officer programs will be explained and interviews will be conducted by Capt. Richard C. Schulze. Training is conducted during the summer at two six-week instruction periods, and graduation from college is required before a candidate may be commissioned.

Also offered by the Marine corps is an officer candidate course and aviation officer candidate course for senior students. College graduates also may apply for a commission under the programs.