

De Gaulle's Aims in Europe, Africa Are Outlined

Five Controversial Projects Expected To Be Considered

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Paris—(UPI)—President Charles de Gaulle of France, long the stormy odd-man-out of the Western alliance, is likely to provide some troublesome headaches for President Kennedy and the new U.S. administration in 1961.

Controversial De Gaulle projects which he plans to push this year include:

—Demands for a greater say-so for France in free world global policy-making.

—A European unity blueprint which most of France's neighbors have found objectionable.

—Plans for revamping both the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the United Nations.

—A drive to retain a strong foothold for France in an Africa torn by nationalism and mounting pressure from the Communists.

—Moves to gain full nuclear club membership for France. De Gaulle is expected to explode more nuclear devices, regardless of criticism by his allies, the Communists and

the uncommitted countries. He also will press his plans to give France an independent nuclear striking force of her own.

No Kennedy Meeting

De Gaulle, according to aides, has no plans to meet with President Kennedy. In fact, he is said to feel it is up to the new U.S. President to come to Paris if he wants to see De Gaulle.

But he will give these issues another go-around with his European neighbors soon.

De Gaulle, according to French officials, has some very strong personal ideas which he is likely to expound at length to the other European summit leaders.

He is said to feel that in recent months Western disunity has reached catastrophic proportions, particularly over the Congo crisis, the fighting in Laos and the handling of the Algerian issue in the United Nations.

The French leader is said to be more anxious than ever to push through the plan he put up to former President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan in personal letters on Sept. 25, 1958, for constant global policy consultation between the United States, Britain and France.

The United States and Brit-

ain pointedly ignored the proposal and the smaller NATO nations denounced it as a De Gaulle plan for a 3-power NATO "directoriate."

Denies Power Domination

French officials deny that De Gaulle wants to impose big power domination on the Western alliance. But they say he is more than ever convinced that continuous close consultation is necessary between these three countries, which have global interests not shared by the smaller NATO powers.

The French argue that West Germany or Norway, for example, have no interests in Laos, and Italy or Iceland are not affected by the Congo crisis. But the United States, Britain and France are vitally and directly interested in all such matters, they claim.

As a stepping stone toward closer consultation among the Western Allies as a whole De Gaulle is said to feel a new push should be given to plans for European unity.

But here De Gaulle is up against sharp disagreement with his European neighbors. Adenauer and the other leaders of the "little six" who signed the treaty of Rome March 25, 1957, setting up the European economic community, believe the six nations should set their sights at ultimate close political integration, in the same way they have agreed to merge their economies. They want an elected six-nation parliament and, perhaps, ultimately a federal government of the "little six."

De Gaulle has rejected this in favor of what he calls a "Europe of fatherlands" (Europe des patries). He wants each country to retain its full national sovereignty and political institutions. Instead of a European government he wants frequent meetings of European government heads. Instead of elections for a European parliament he wants a vague six-nation referendum on the question of European unity.

No Sign of Agreement

So far there is no sign of agreement between De Gaulle and his neighbors on this issue.

The French president remains equally adamant on the question of the trade rift between the six European common market nations and the rival "outer seven" sponsored and led by Britain.

His attitude is that "the six" are well on their way to setting up a European economic community, that Britain and the other members



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of the "outer seven" know the conditions for joining and it is up to them to make the first move to do so. But any idea of scrapping the European Economic Community or watering it down is out of the question, in De Gaulle's eyes.

As far as NATO is concerned, De Gaulle wants to revamp it not only to give France a bigger say in policy-making but also to provide for United Western economic and political action in the uncommitted countries—particularly in Africa, and perhaps later in Latin America.

The French leader never has disclosed what changes he wants to make in the United Nations. But he has denounced it publicly in scathing terms as little better than a talking shop.

De Gaulle is expected to make it clear to his allies that he is determined to settle the Algerian problem his own way and that he will tolerate no outside interference—even from France's friends. In the former French colonies of "black" Africa his chief aim is to work out a series of agreements linking these newly independent states with France for purposes of defense, diplomatic relations, finance, economic aid, curren-

cy, education and technical assistance.

Harbors Commonwealth Idea
De Gaulle's earlier project for a "French community" in Africa collapsed when, one after another, its members demanded full independence. His aim now is to conclude agreements with these independent states that would link them loosely to France on the pattern of the British Commonwealth.

Such agreements already have been concluded with the former Equatorial African colonies, the Mali Federation and Madagascar. Talks are beginning soon with the Ivory Coast, Dahomey, Niger and Upper Volta.

De Gaulle's determination to make France a nuclear power was underlined when he rammed a nuclear striking force bill through a reluctant parliament in December and exploded France's third atomic device Dec. 27.

Aides said his purpose behind this is not to attempt to catch up to the 15-year nuclear lead of the United

38 Influenza Cases Reported in County

Thirty-eight cases of influenza and nine cases of mumps were among the communicable diseases reported to the Jackson county health department last week, according to Public Health Physician Dr. A. Erin Merkel.

A breakdown of the influenza cases includes 23 cases in Shady Cove; 6 in Ashland; 4 in Central Point; 3 in Medford; and 2 in Jacksonville. Other communicable diseases reported during the month include one case of gonorrhea; one case of rheumatic fever; one case of strep throat; two cases of chicken pox; three cases of measles; and four cases of German measles.

States and Russia, but to put France on a power quality with Britain and to force the United States to share its nuclear secrets with her as it does with Britain.

Retired Federal Workers To Meet

James R. Beck Jr., Seattle, of the 11th civil service regional office, will discuss the retired federal employees health benefits act which becomes effective July 1 at a meeting of retired federal employees at noon at the community building in Grants Pass March 8.

A potluck luncheon will be served, and those attending are asked to take their own table service.

The new act will provide about 415,000 eligible retired federal employees and their survivors with a voluntary-contributory health care program, according to the civil service commission.

Under the program, eligible persons will be given an opportunity through the Aetna Life Insurance company, Hartford, or they may retain their present coverage and receive contributions from the government to help defray the cost of coverage.

Beck will discuss the benefits provided by the plan, enrollment procedures, and the civil service commission regulations governing the program.

The Grants Pass chapter will be hosts for the meeting. All retired federal employees in southern Oregon are invited to attend.

Flue Fires Here Cause No Damage

Medford fire department trucks were called to two flue fires Friday afternoon. No damage resulted.

Hot cinders were flushed from the roof of the Larry Shade Sr. residence at 2473 Barnett rd. Harold Brewster, 1116 Murray st., Medford, reported a flue fire later in the afternoon. Firemen checked the chimney and roof, but reported no damage.



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County OEA Meets In Central Point

Central Point—The Jackson county division of the Oregon Education association recently met at Jewett Elementary school here.

Zelma Foote, president, conducted a business meeting, during which officers were nominated. Dr. Dorothy Stolp, director of the Southern Oregon college Drama club, presented a costume program. Several teachers and administrators modeled the costumes.

Three members of the OEA ethics commission presented a panel discussion on "Duties of the State Ethics Commission," and "What Is a Competent Teacher?"

Representing the ethics commission were Mrs. Beulah Elliott, Klamath Falls, Harold Dishaw, superintendent of Sweet Home schools; and Tom Heubner, superintendent of Reedsport schools. About 135 persons attended the meeting.

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