

De Gaulle Has Returned to Lonely Vigil Under Threat of Death

By JOSEPH W. GRIGG
Paris — (UPI) — When the last ballot boxes were emptied and the final votes counted Oct. 28 in France's constitutional referendum, President Charles De Gaulle returned to the lonely vigil he keeps each day under threat of sudden death.

This threat was a major reason for the nationwide voting, and one of the issues in it. De Gaulle asked France to amend the constitution to provide for a strong successor in case the assassins who haunt him should finally hit their target. He wanted the nation, and not an electoral college, to choose the successor.

With ironic generosity, the terrorists who marked De Gaulle for death because of his Algeria policies decreed a two-week "reprieve" during the referendum campaign. The unsought respite expired after the elections.

This is the story of the underground campaign to kill De Gaulle—an offensive that is likely to result in constitutional history.

A mimeographed letter received in Paris newspaper offices announced that the terrorists would not try to kill De Gaulle during the campaign. It purported to have been written by renegade ex-Col. Antoine Argoud, boss of metropolitan France of the so-called National Resistance Council (CNR). The CNR took over the pledge to kill De Gaulle after the outlawed Secret Army Organization (OAS) went out of business when Algeria became independent last July.

Not that the end of the "reprieve" makes any difference to De Gaulle's way of life. In Shadow

He has walked too long in the shadow of the killer and had too many narrow brushes with death to let it make any dent in his icy, Olympian aloofness.

At least six times in a little more than a year De Gaulle—who will be 72 on Nov. 22—has narrowly escaped assassination by bomb or machinegun. Aides say he has no fear of death at all—only of the chaos and civil war into which his assassination might plunge France.

The first spectacular attempt to kill De Gaulle took place at 8:45 p.m., on the night of Sept. 8, 1961.

The President was heading for his country home at Colombey-les-Deux-Eglises some 120 miles east of Paris. His five-car motorcade, flanked by police motorcycle outriders, was traveling at a 90 mph clip. De Gaulle was in the second car, with his wife Yvonne and Lt. Col. Philippe Teissere, one of his aides de camp. The first car carried three of his bodyguards or "gorillas," as they are commonly known.

Explosives

At a point near Pont-Sur-Seine 70 miles east of Paris the would-be killers had concealed 25 pounds of plastic explosive in a butane gas container buried under a heap of sand by the roadside. Attached to the explosive was a jerrycan containing either gasoline or napalm.

As the motorcade hurtled past, one of the terrorists rammed home the plunger of a detonator on a nearby hill. Flames 15 feet high shot from the jerrycan, scorching De Gaulle's car.

By chance, the plastic failed to explode and the motorcade passed.

It was only because Martial de Villemandy, one of the gang, returned later to the scene that police quickly rounded up the terrorists.

Villemandy and five accomplices were sentenced on Sept. 7 to jail terms ranging from 10 years to life.

More Plots

Two more abortive plots to kill De Gaulle were discovered during presidential grass roots "meet-the-people" tours of the provinces early this summer. One was to have taken place while he was touring southern central France in May. Another was timed for a three-day tour of eastern France in June.

In both cases police learned of the plots in advance and scores of terrorists were arrested.

The planned methods of killing De Gaulle were both elaborate and ingenious.

One was that a sharpshooter armed with a rifle and telescopic sights should kill him from a window of a building facing the Elysee Palace as he left for the provinces.

Another plan was to run a car loaded with explosives across a grade crossing just before the arrival of De Gaulle's motorcade.

A third idea was to send dogs booby-trapped with explosives into the crowds surrounding De Gaulle.

Next Known Plot

The next known plot to kill De Gaulle was on Aug. 8 when he returned from vacation at Colombey to Paris to entertain former president Dwight D. Eisenhower at lunch.

Members of the killer squad later told police they had abandoned the plan because De Gaulle was too heavily guarded.

Still another attempt was planned for the morning of Aug. 22 when De Gaulle flew from an airfield near Colombey to preside over a cabinet meeting at the Elysee Palace in Paris. But the president's motorcade was a head of schedule and the attack was abandoned.

That evening, a dozen killers ambushed his speeding, lightly guarded motorcade in the deepening dusk at suburban Petit-Cliamart, about two miles short of Villacoublay.

The assassins machine-gunned the president's convoy. Two shots pierced the rear window of De Gaulle's car and came within inches of killing him and his wife. Two tires were punctured.

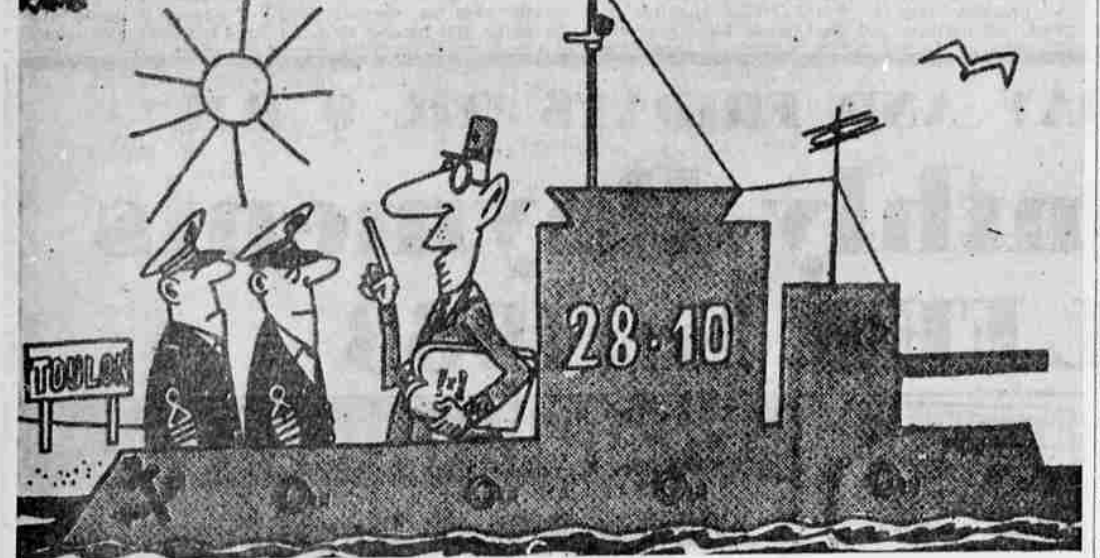
Unscathed

But again the president was unscathed. One of the motorcycle police escorts and the driver of a passing car were slightly wounded.

De Gaulle's comment on alighting at Villacoublay was "bad shooting." Mrs. De Gaulle was pale and shaken; De Gaulle imperturbable as always.

Eight of the commando members of that latest ambush were captured and are awaiting trial. One committed suicide. A half-dozen other known and identified suspects still are hunted.

De Gaulle is convinced there will be other attempts on his life. He takes the fatalistic view that one might succeed, and that is why he is so anxious to leave France with a "strong man" president to replace him.



INSPECTS NAVY—Recent excursion by Charles de Gaulle to inspect French Navy maneuvers gave cartoonist of Humanite, official organ of French Communist Party, this opportunity to lampoon the French Chief Executive. The

caption for the cartoon, released from Paris, reads: "The sole master on board holds the tiller alone, keeps radio messages to himself, modifies the log book as he wants—in short, runs the ship as he sees fit." (UPI photo)

By United Press International
De Gaulle insisted that election of his successors by direct popular vote of the whole nation was essential in order to give them the authority and prestige he himself enjoys anyhow as World War II Free French leader and as the man who saved France from civil war in May 1958.

He argued that the constant threat that he may be assassinated made this more urgent than ever.

In a radio-television address to the nation Oct. 18 he warned "the assassination attempts which have been perpetrated and those which are being prepared make it clear that my disappearance would carry with it the risk of plunging France into its former confusion and, soon, into disaster."

But some of France's most respected political leaders are violently against the plan. They charge De Gaulle violated the constitution he gave France in 1958 by bypassing Parliament when he appealed direct to the nation in a referendum vote. They also charged that he opened the way to dictatorship.

World War II Premier Paul Reynaud, 84, charged on Oct. 4 that De Gaulle "wants to be both George VI and (Winston) Churchill" and sought to confer "absolute and uncontrolled power" on his successors.

"The constitution has been violated, Parliament has been despoiled," he cried amid wild applause in the National Assembly.

Gaston Monnerville, president of the Senate for the past 15 years (and the man who automatically would have taken over temporarily from De Gaulle until a new president could have been elected), charged De Gaulle with "openly and deliberately violating the constitution" in appealing direct to the nation in a referendum vote.

"It is the republican form of government that was attacked. What we were offered was not a republic. At best it is a sort of enlightened bonapartism," Monnerville said.

Technique Reveals Difference Between Human, Mouse Cells

By DELOS SMITH
UPI Science Editor
New York — (UPI) — In at least one circumstance it is very difficult to tell people from mice. That circumstance is when both man and mouse are down to their smallest working parts and those parts are living in dishes. This part is the cell. Human cells and mouse cells are cultivated in dishes of nutritional broth in the same laboratories around the world. Unhappily cell cultures get contaminated by cells from another dish which may be nearby or in another room.

Contamination shouldn't happen but it does despite the most stringent precautions, and when it does the results of months of scientific experimentation with cultured cells become questionable.

That's why the science of cytology (which is the study of the cell) is newly attuned to Dr. S. Fedoroff, cytologist of the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada. His better mouse-trap is an easy technique for telling the difference between man and mouse at the cellular level.

Tedious Work

Hitherto it took elaborate methods and tedious work. Now, by the Fedoroff technique, it can be done in a few minutes. It is based on the assumption that the serum of blood contains a chemical "system" which is poisonous to cells of any species other than the species from which the blood came.

This system, Fedoroff reasoned, is antibody, antibody's chemical adjuncts and antibody's positive electric charges. To test this idea, he put four different strains of mouse cells into the same culture with six strains of human cells.

When all one million of them were flourishing, indistinguishable human from the mouse, he added a little human blood serum. After only one hour of incubation all the cells of all the mouse strains were dead but the cells of all six human strains kept right on flourishing.

He experimented to find out what happened. He found what happened was that human serum containing the "cytotoxic system" adhered to mouse cells from where it did its poisonous work but could not stick to human cells.

Reason Unknown

He went on to discover that human serum was invariably poisonous to cells of a number of species other than mice. Confusingly, however, he found that human cells were not the only cells which were undisturbed by human serum. The reason why that is so he doesn't know yet.

But in tissue culture laboratories everywhere the cells under cultivation are almost all either human or mouse. This means the human cultures can be kept in an uncontaminated state by the routine addition of a little human serum now and then.

Fedoroff warned that freshly drawn human blood should be used because antibody's chemical adjuncts are quickly lost in storage. If one person's blood doesn't work, the cytologist should draw blood from another person. The blood of some people may be too low in cytotoxic antibody to be effective, he said.

Agricultural Research Work Helps Consumer

Washington — (UPI) — The Agricultural Research Service and the land-grant school system complement each other in their work of bettering American agriculture.

The state agricultural experiment stations, which work with ARS in state-federal projects, are located at land-grant colleges and universities.

Considerable praise was accorded both to the state experiment stations and to ARS at the 44th annual convention of the International Crop Improvement Association at Hershey, Pa., this week.

Dr. Henry B. Fortmann, assistant director of the agricultural experiment station at Penn State university, University Park, said agricultural research has resulted in "great savings to producers, consumers, and to other industry."

Fortmann said agricultural research is saving American consumers \$13 billion a year — \$238 per family — over what they would be paying if farm practices had undergone no changes in the last 20 years.

Food costs, he said, now claim only 20 per cent of the family income as compared to 26 per cent in 1947, and an even higher ratio in earlier years.

Improved nutrition from infancy to death and a resulting longer life span were attributed to research, Fortmann said. He added that for every dollar invested in hybrid corn, a \$7 return per year is being realized.

Fortmann said state and federal agricultural research costs an average of \$1.35 per capita "yet research is life, and eventually produces benefits for all people."

Fortmann appealed for consistent, continued support of such studies.

Baton Rouge, La. — (UPI) — Louisiana's annual sweetpotato growth is more than 2,800,000,000 (b) board feet, equally divided between pine and hardwood.

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- MEDFORD MUNICIPAL COURT**
Paul Bernard Wilson, expired vehicle license, \$2.50
Jesse Martin Chancellor, improper left turn, \$10
Verna Anna Day, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10
Gary Ray Dahlstrom, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10
Jack Marjory Day, violation of basic rule, \$30
Lloyd Lamar Marple, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10
Robert James Lockwood, no operator's license in possession, \$5
Earlene Ellen Welburn, violation of basic rule, \$25
Henry Walter LeMarr, violation of basic rule, \$25
Dennis Eugene Perkins, violation of basic rule, \$25
Herbert Houston Colley, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10
Warren Carley Bayless, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10
Douglas Lee Williams, violation of basic rule, \$10
- DISTRICT COURT**
Ernie Burdette, overload, \$10
Perry Eugene Whitlock, violation of basic rule, \$10
Leo Bryant, no operator's license, \$5
Bernard Alfred Strangier, violation of basic rule, \$10
Eugene Ray Arnold, no vehicle license, \$5
Merlynn Vaughn, violation of basic rule, \$25
Barry Frank Parsons, violation of basic rule, \$10
Monter Jackson Hyton, no safety chain, \$10
Gerald Earl Smith, no vehicle license, \$5
Ronald John Tepovac, no safety chain, \$5
- CRIMINAL COURT**
Gerald Lee Winger vs. Gerald LaRue Winger, divorce complaint

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By Jimmy Hatlo

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4-H News

Medford Livestock Club
The first meeting of the Medford Livestock 4-H club was held at the home of the leader, Mrs. Jones. Officers elected were Karen Perkins, president; Jerry Jones, vice president; Larry Dusen, secretary; Kent Dusen, treasurer; Patricia Jones, reporter; and Hubert Cowan, recreation director.

Mrs. Jones distributed materials needed for the following year. She asked Larry Dusen to give a talk on mucoid enteritis as a disease most common in fryers.

Patricia Jones, Reporter

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