

# Administration Takes 'Come to Senses' Attitude

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 Washington - (UPI) - Walter Hallstein, chief of the "Eurocrats," was fresh from a session with President Kennedy.

Was Kennedy bitter about French President Charles de Gaulle's go-it-alone course in Europe?

The president of the high commission of the European economic community hesitated only an instant. "Not to any degree," Hallstein replied. "I did not feel disappointed."

Two months after de Gaulle's Jan. 14 Paris press conference which was marked by the French leader's stubborn opposition to Kennedy's Western defense plans and British entry into the European Common Market, the administration is taking the attitude that de Gaulle eventually will "come to his senses." In the meantime the policies to which de Gaulle objected will be continued, with no apparent attempt to accommodate them to his objections.

**Works on Assumption**  
 The United States continues to work on the assumption Britain will some day enter the Common Market, despite de Gaulle's veto. And Kennedy has pushed ahead with plans to create a multilateral nuclear force within NATO, also despite de Gaulle's forthright rejection.

But the initial anger de Gaulle has begun to wear off and even to be directed against the Germans.

Isolationism so far has not undergone a revival, although Kennedy has made a subtle switch. Before Jan. 14, the President always

spoke of the "American presence" in Western Europe as something permanent.

**Could Pull Out**  
 Since Jan. 14, he has said that if the West Europeans ever built up their forces to the point at which they felt they could defend themselves, and if the Europeans then wanted the Americans to pull out, they would do so. But he always adds that he doubts the majority of Europeans ever will want the Americans to depart.

In January and early February, the attitude of the average American was anger that de Gaulle should have opposed something the United States wanted after all this country had done for France.

Even leaders of the Kennedy administration, which publicly says it is a mistake to believe you can always and immediately buy votes with economic aid, took this attitude.

Taxi drivers, businessmen, secretaries and newspaper reporters were mouthing a refrain that usually ran something like this:

**Save France Twice**  
 "Twice we had to go over there to save France and as soon as de Gaulle gets in trouble he'll want us to get him out again. So what business does he have not going along with our policies?"

Kennedy himself called in the West German ambassador, a large gentleman named Karl Heinrich Knapstein, and demanded to know why, after all the United States had done for postwar Germany, German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer had been unable or unwilling to keep de Gaulle in line.

Undersecretary of State George Ball, the administration's most enthusiastic supporter of the theory that Britain and European Free Trade association partners should and could be coerced into the Common Market, loosed some verbal blasts at de Gaulle. The French leader's ideas were out of date, Ball declared.

**Begins Dialectic Switch**  
 Ball then began one of Washington's quickest dialectic switches.

The Reciprocal Trade Expansion act which he and Kennedy pushed through Congress on the promise Britain would shortly be

inside the Common Market, was actually unaffected by de Gaulle's act, Ball argued.

The Latin Americans ought to be pleased also. They would continue to compete inside the Common Market on an equal basis with the British Commonwealth.

Ball preached that line all over the capital at background briefings for the press and politicians.

Kennedy and all his principal advisers insisted Britain will one day be permitted inside the Common Market. They also insist that the creation of some form of multilateral nuclear force for NATO is inevitable and that, once it is successful, de Gaulle will meld France's independent nuclear force into it.

**Nothing Basically Changed**  
 In brief, the administration is proceeding as if nothing has changed basically.

"This course evolved by the United States and Western Europe after World War II," Assistant Secretary of Defense Paul H. Nitze explained, "continues to be valid. We each need the other."

In line with that belief, the President sent old diplomat hand Livingston Merchant around Europe to sell the multilateral nuclear force idea. He even tried to sell French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville on the plan, though there was no reason to believe the French were any more willing to accept this than the very similar European defense community scheme a decade ago.

West German Defense Minister Kai-Uwe von Hassel came to Washington, promised his government would support the multilateral nuclear force scheme, and added that France had no objection to this German decision.

**Tries to Still Fears**  
 But Hassel apparently spent much of his time simply trying to still American fears that Germany, under its new treaty of cooperation with de Gaulle, would now become so closely tied to Paris that it would also take its arms business to France.

Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee and one of Washington's leading liberals, except on racial issues,

was angry at de Gaulle. He said the Frenchman cherishes romantic illusions of being another Napoleon. He also warned him against trying to make Europe inaccessible to American farm products. He said that if the United States was to keep 400,000 soldiers in Europe, it had to be permitted to sell its farm produce there to help pay the bill.

But Philip L. Graham, president and chief executive officer of the Washington Post, every inch as liberal as Sen. Fulbright, and able to get Kennedy on the phone at least as quickly, took just the opposite line.

**Stand in Editorial**  
 "De Gaulle," Graham declared in an editorial, "may be making a decent stand for the creation of a strong and independent Europe. Not a Europe opposing the United States. But a Europe strong enough, free enough and dignified enough to make a voluntary partnership with the United States toward the beginning of an Atlantic community."

Clare Boothe Luce, high in Republican councils, former ambassador to Italy, and wife of the owner of the Time-Life empire, laced into Kennedy, and Fulbright.

"De Gaulle's image," Mrs. Luce wrote, "is being rapidly worked over, with the enthusiastic help of the American left, to resemble

a half-mad Napoleon, or an abominable no-man."

"But," she went on, "militarily, Europe is Germany and France. Their choice today is as plain as the nose on Gen. de Gaulle's face. 'It is to get their own nuclear umbrella, or to trust the United States, if they are attacked by Russian conventional weapons, to launch her missiles at Russia, knowing that she would get Russia's 100-megaton bombs right back. Gen. de Gaulle has made the only choice a patriotic Frenchman could possibly make.'"

**Defends Position**  
 Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.), spokesman of America's conservatives, had Mrs. Luce's article placed in the Congressional Record. Doing so, he explained: "I, for one American, defend de Gaulle's position on nuclear power."

Kennedy told one of his post-Jan. 14 press conferences that "We don't want to see this great (Atlantic) partnership dissolved." But clearly, there were many who felt the President was doing little to crystallize the partnership.

At a press conference on March 6, the President said that while the nation's present difficulties in Europe "are annoying in a sense, or burdensome, they are not nearly as dangerous as they were in the summer of 1961." This was when he called out troops in the Berlin crisis.

The President was replying to a suggestion that his administration "had lost its

momentum and was moving on the defensive."

He said "Some of the difficulties in Europe have come because the military threat to Europe is less than it has been in the past." In other words, he added, "Whatever successes we may have had in reducing the military threat brought

with it in its wake other problems."

But he said that if he were asked whether he would say the United States was doing as well this winter as it was doing last fall, he would say "No. There is a rhythm to personal and national and international life as it flows and ebbs."


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## The Collector's Corner

How many islands have U. S. post offices? There are many, and a collection of covers with a cancel from each island makes a beautiful, educational and interesting collection.

The research for these islands is an education in itself. How many of us know where these islands are located, and when and how our government happened to take control of them? Corn Island, U. S. possession under foreign rule, Truk Island, Yap, Wake, Palau, Midway, Carolines, Virgin, Saipan, and Guam. There are almost 50 American possessions and islands under our mandate, where one can receive a U. S. post office cancellation. And we have many islands administered by the U. S. Howland, Baker, Canton, Johnston, Kingman Reef, Palmyra, Jarvis, and Enderbury but a few. There are many more and the research for them will take you into many parts of the ocean.

My letters from all over the world are fringed with such pretty stamps lately. Japan celebrates each of its four seasons with a festival, and always a new issue of stamps. Spring is welcomed with the Bean Scattering Festival. The stamp shows a small boy scattering his parched soybeans. This stamp carries no identification of Japan at all.

Israel has issued three bird stamps, very colorful and interesting. The Hibara Bustard is a game bird and has handsome plumage, is proud and likes to strut, my pen friend in Israel writes. The Scops Owl of Galilee is pictured on one stamp and the Purple Heron on the third stamp. Letters from my pen-friends in Viet Nam, Ghana, Malaya, and Nepal are all fringed with such colorful stamps. The Iron Curtain countries are printing stamps galore.

Collectors should back A. P. A. 100 per cent where there "Black Blot" program is concerned. They have just issued a splendid leaflet. All stamp collectors should have it. The price is only 10 cents. Yemen is over printing her stamps. My letter from Iraq today is fringed with beautiful stamps. I wonder if they will print their stamps now, since the government has been overthrown.

Our stamp club members are fine workers in promoting former President Eisenhower's "People to People Program," as we all know "Communication may not lead to understanding, but understanding cannot come without communication." Anyone interested in helping to promote this project should become affiliated with C. C. C. Their membership is well over 58,000 people throughout the world.

It is wonderful to know our new one cent stamp of President Jackson, issued March 22, will picture a much younger man, in 1863. Our first stamp to picture Jackson showed a tired old man with pure white hair. This stamp was nicknamed "Black Jack." Our 1937 stamp showed a younger man, but the 1938 issue showed an older man again. Our 1946 issue showed him quite old once again.

The entire world will issue "Red Cross" stamps in honor of 100 years of service. This collection alone would be beautiful, educational and interesting.

March 22, the United Nations will issue the first "Freedom from Hunger" stamps, a 5-cent and 11-cent issue. Then in rapid succession each country throughout the world will issue Freedom from Hunger stamps. This collection under "Topical" would be outstanding.

Why not try this fascinating hobby? Attend our stamp club meeting at 7:30 p.m. each first Thursday in the month, at the Girls Community club. Mrs. W. H. Walwyn Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, Medford.

**Poison Prevention Week Is Proclaimed**  
 Medford Mayor James Dunlevy has proclaimed the week March 17 through 23 as National Poison Prevention week in the area.

The announcement was made after Congress passed a joint resolution encouraging the American people to learn of the dangers of accidental poisoning and to take such preventive measures as are warranted by the seriousness of the danger.

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