

# Marseilles Mayor May Be Dark Horse Against Charles De Gaulle

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 PARIS (UPI)—A hero of the French resistance in World War II—a man honored after the war by General Charles de Gaulle himself—may be a dark horse candidate to run for president against De Gaulle in the next election, expected in 1965.  
 He is Gaston Deferre, mayor of Marseilles and socialist deputy in the French National Assembly. The French call him a "petardier," or firecracker. It describes a lively, explosive personality.  
 At 53, and thus 20 years younger than De Gaulle, Deferre has a fine record administratively and politically.  
 Although the nearest he has ever gotten to admitting he would stand for the presidency is a non-committal "That would take a lot of thinking about," he is already acting like a candidate.  
 There is no doubt that he could easily obtain the nominal approval required to become a candidate. With every week that passes there seems to be more indication that the combined opposition parties would support him at the polls.

**Has Two Years**  
 De Gaulle still has two years in office and is expected to remain until the last moment before submitting his post to elections, which it is anticipated will be late in 1965.  
 But the opposition parties realize that they must begin now to build the image of a strong opponent to answer De Gaulle's own question, "If I go, who would take my place?"  
 The image of Deferre is already a good one: Fine resistance record in World War II, successful attorney, a good political record that kept him big new apartment buildings, aloof from the antics of the Fourth Republic, fine administrator and good television personality.

Deferre was born in the Herault department and was educated at Nîmes. After a few years in colonial Africa he became an attorney in Marseilles.

**Heads Underground**  
 During the war he directed the "Brutus" underground network. De Gaulle's keen eye picked him out and Deferre was named to the No. 2 post in the Overseas Territories Ministry in 1945. He also became a member of the constituent assembly and an important voice in the Socialist party.

He became merchant marine minister in 1950 but, above all, his chosen work was running the city of Marseilles as mayor. It was here that his qualities as an administrator became really apparent.

In 1953 the port city, second only to Paris in size, was dying, economically poor and riddled with graft. Deferre, after 10 years, has turned it into a flourishing modern city with big new apartment buildings, many schools and no corruption. He was even able, when the French poured out of Algeria last year, to assimilate 100,000 of them into the area.  
 One of Deferre's interests is directing the daily newspaper *Le Provençal*, and despite his



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long day's involvement in city and state affairs, he still calls frequent editorial conferences and even works as a reporter or editor at times.

**Distinguished Looking Man**  
 For 19 years Deferre has lived his life at a pace that astonishes most citizens in Marseilles. He does not resemble the average southern Frenchman but is a tall, distinguished-looking man with piercing eyes and white, thinning hair. His dress is conservative British style.

He is one of the best customers on the airlines from Marseilles to Paris, where he visits weekly and where, in the National Assembly, his remarks are listened to with great attention.  
 His home, where he lives with his wife overlooking the Marseilles shipping lanes, does not see much of him. The couple have no children.  
 He rises early, reads the *Marseilles* and Paris newspapers

and drives his black Peugeot car to the mayor's office to spend the morning working for the 900,000 inhabitants of his city. Afternoons and evenings are divided between his work for his newspaper and the National Assembly.

**Keeps Himself Informed**  
 Strictly brought up as a Protestant, Deferre is serious, even severe, but likes to keep himself informed on the nation's literary and artistic life, the theater and the movies.

Deferre, despite his innocent disclaimers, looks like a candidate and has been making more and more attacks on De Gaulle's policies. On the French principle that no one could be a serious contender without having visited the world's capitals, Deferre fits that picture, too. He has already been to Moscow and talked with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. He had planned a Washington visit before the death of President Kennedy.

## Ways To Reduce Danger Of Fire Hazards Noted

CORVALLIS—Ways to reduce Christmas fire hazards and make it a "safe Christmas" have been outlined by Charles R. Ross, Oregon State University extension forestry specialist.

One of the most important steps is obtaining a fresh-cut Christmas tree and keeping it fresh, Ross emphasized. Mount the tree in water and make sure it has all the water it needs, he said.

Be sure the tree is well supported and placed away from fireplaces, radiators, television sets and other sources of heat, he continued. Place the tree so

it will not block exits in case of fire and do not use flammable decorations.

Standing in plain water is as good or better than any chemical fire retardants tested to date, the specialist noted. A fresh cut on a slant, about one inch from the butt end, will increase the tree's water intake.

**Bad Combination**  
 The new metal and plastic trees have their fire dangers too, Ross pointed out. Metal trees and strings of colored lights are a bad combination. The state fire marshal recommends indirect lighting, such as a spotlight, for metal trees. If choosing a plastic tree, make sure the plastic is of the slow burning type and a nonconductor of electricity, he added.

If using a flocked Christmas tree, Ross urges checking it to make sure the flocking has been properly treated to make it flameproof. Without such treatment, flocking could be more dangerous than a plain green tree.

The specialist also cautioned against using open-flame candles on or near the tree where there is a chance for the flame to touch off the tree or presents. In lighting the tree, use only electric lighting sets that bear the UL (Underwriters' Laboratories) label and do not plug too many cords into one outlet. Place the lights on the tree or other decorated greens so that bulbs will not rest against surrounding foliage or other material the house or retire for leave, Ross stressed. Never leave the house or retire for the evening without turning off all lighting.

## Tongue Point Seen As Indian School

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., said Friday the old Tongue Point Naval Base near Astoria, Ore., would be used for a Bureau of Indian Affairs vocational educational school for Indian students of high school age.

Morse said conversion cost was estimated at \$5 million with an operating budget of \$1.5 to \$1.7 million.

He said Interior Secretary Stewart Udall has approved the plans and was sending a request for funds to the Senate and House Appropriations Committees.

Morse said the students would come primarily from the Pacific Northwest. The proposed school would house 1,000 students and about 165 faculty members and supporting staff.

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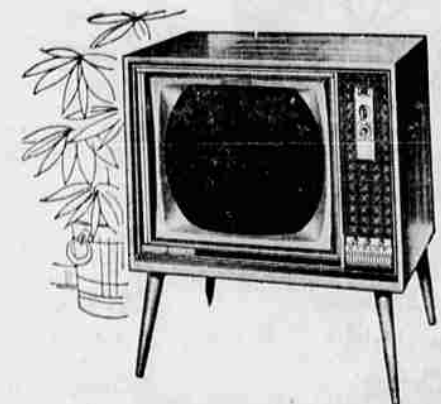
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