

In The
Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As this is written, events in France are rushing toward a showdown. The showdown, if it comes, will be on the Algerian question. This is the Algerian question: Shall France KEEP Algeria — at whatever cost?

In our minds, that raises this question: How did France GET Algeria in the first place?

Roughly and sketchily, it came about like this: An Algerian chieftain made insulting gestures toward France. His gestures included the seizing of some French property. The French went to war about it. They TOOK Algeria. Not only did they take Algeria. They made it an integral and in their minds PERMANENT part of France.

All this happened back in the 1830's—more than a century ago.

Pretty rough stuff, we are inclined to say. But we are inclined to say that.

France ought to be ashamed of herself.

She ought to give Algeria back to the Algerians.

Wait a minute.

Before going off the deep end, let's take a look at a chapter in our own history.

Back in the 1840's New Mexico and Arizona, along with considerable other areas of what is now the American Southwest, belonged to Mexico. We were beginning to covet this territory. We felt that we needed it in our business, but we didn't know exactly how to go about taking it.

At this psychological moment, a Mexican general crossed the Rio Grande and made a pass at us and we chose to construe this pass as an insult. We declared war, and as a result of our victory in the Mexican War we took New Mexico and Arizona and quite a lot of other territory, including California (as a side issue) and eventually integrated them into the United States.

So, you see, we aren't altogether blameless, and we shouldn't be TOO caustic about France's record in Algeria.

There is a difference, of course. Arizona and New Mexico (and California) DON'T WANT OUT OF THE U.S.

Algeria DOES want out of France.

That changes the situation materially.

Why are we so concerned about this Algerian business?

That's a long story, and this piece is long enough already. The nub of it is that we are up to our ears in a cold war, and France is an ALLY of ours. She is a very valuable ally, as you can see for yourself if you will take a look at the map.

France lies in the very heart of the NATO alliance, and maintaining the NATO alliance is an essential part of our strategy of defense against communist Russia.

Boxer Adopts Family; Refuses To Quit House

A good-looking brindle boxer dog has been the invited guest at the George R. Meyers residence at 705 Owens since last Friday night, Meyers reported this morning. The owner may have his dog by calling TU 2-2704 after 6 p.m.

The dog, a male between two and four years of age, jumped into Meyers' car Friday about 6 p.m. when he and his small daughter had driven to the Twin Girls Grocery. He could not be coaxed out of the back of the car so Meyers took him home as he lives only a few blocks away and he thought the dog was probably from the neighborhood.

A mark on the hair around the dog's neck indicates he has worn a collar but he carries no identification now.

"He found surprisingly well," Meyers commented, "and is wonderful around the children. However, we feel that a small city lot is no place for a big dog and if he is unclaimed we must find a home for him because we can't keep him. Somebody has lost a fine dog."

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Soldiers Guard Baccalaureate In Little Rock

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—An historic baccalaureate was held at Central High School last night against a backdrop that resembled an armed camp. There was at least one racial incident. About 120 armed National Guardsmen and some 100 policemen rolled into the school area shortly before the first racially integrated baccalaureate began.

The service went smoothly on the floodlit field. But before it started seven Negroes were arrested in a car a few blocks away. And afterwards a white youth was arrested for spitting at a Negro visitor.

Among the 600 seniors to be graduated tomorrow is Ernest Green, a 16-year-old Negro. He is the first of his race to get a diploma from Central High, the scene of rioting last September when Green and eight other Negroes entered the school.

Green stood calmly outside the stadium before services. Asked if he were nervous, he said: "Sure I'm nervous. It's baccalaureate."

No one molested Green. He waited outside the stadium while

after the ceremony, apparently for relatives. Then three detectives escorted him to a gate.

As some 1,500 visitors, including 23 Negro visitors, filled outside the stadium, a white youth spat at one of the Negroes. He was arrested by city police, charged with disturbing the peace and released on \$200 bond.

A photographer for the Arkansas Democrat who tried to take pictures of the incident was almost slugged with a board by a white woman. Officers took him away from other hostile whites.

Nearly an hour before the baccalaureate seven Negroes were arrested in a car a few blocks from the stadium. All were booked for disturbing the peace and two were charged with carrying a concealed weapon—a gun and a knife. All were released under bond.

Police said the chase actually started far from the school area. They declined to say whether the incident had any racial connection.

A newsman on the scene said he heard one of the Negroes say that all were on the way to the stadium to protect Green.

The Negro student seemed to need no further protection. Uniformed police and plainclothesmen mingled with the crowd and watched for signs of trouble. Soldiers in battle dress entrenched themselves inside the school while jeeps patrolled around the massive building.

Several Negro newsmen charged that Supt. Virgil Blossom had barred them from covering the services. Asked for comment Blossom said before the ceremony: "You didn't ask me that. Ask me tomorrow. You didn't see me tonight."

White newsmen had been restricted earlier by Blossom in various phases of coverage. Last night some officers eyed them suspiciously. A photographer was ordered to stop taking pictures. Several newsmen were told to go inside the stadium. All were herded into a roped-off area and told by police to stay there.

A segregationist spokesman called for a public protest against attendance restrictions. The Rev. Wesley Fulton, a Baptist minister and president of the Capital Citizens Council, said: "Could it be that Supt. Blossom and the school board are so obsessed with (news) coverage that they are ashamed for the people to witness that it has been rigged on behalf of one Negro graduate?"

Although admission last night was supposed to be by ticket, none was required. Passes will be needed by all visitors and newsmen for commencement tomorrow, school officials said.

The 400 National Guardsmen who are enforcing court-ordered integration at Central High School will be unofficially disbanded after the last Negro leaves the stadium tomorrow night. They will leave nearby Camp Robinson by Thursday.

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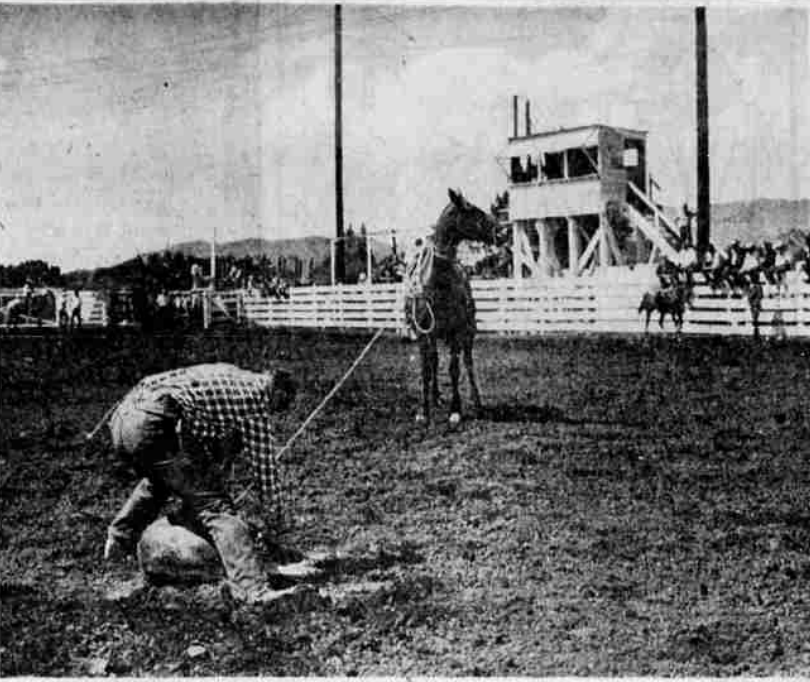
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QUICK WITH THE STRING — Biff Davis of Pierce Junior College turns in a fast time Saturday, the first day of the Intercollegiate Rodeo held in Klamath Falls. OTI cowboys annexed the team title to run their string of West Coast championships to three.

—Photo by Kettler



THE CAMERA STOPPED this Arizona State cowpoke's progress in mid-air and kept him on the wildly bucking horse during the weekend collegiate rodeo at the fairgrounds. However that's all the camera could do. The cowboy was on his way off and hit the ground on the back of his neck a split second after this picture was taken.

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Oregon Hit By Storms

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The mercury soared again in Oregon Monday after a weekend of slightly more moderate temperatures but some weather violence.

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Weather

FORECAST — Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy through Tuesday with occasional showers and a few rain showers. Low tonight 47-53. High Tuesday 80-85.

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OTI Cowboys Win Trophy

The cowboys from Oregon Technical Institute earned a total of 610 points in the big two-day West Coast Intercollegiate Rodeo Saturday and Sunday to win the team trophy for the meet and run their string of West Coast regional championships to three.

Four OTI horsemen won berths in the upcoming nationals. Gary Miller qualified in the saddle bronc event, bareback riding and brought his total of points towards the national all-around championship to 1,631.

Bill Duffy qualified in both the saddle bronc and roping events while Gary Gregg became bareback champion of the West Coast and also qualified for the saddle bronc riding.

Larry Fanning of Cal Poly won the all-around cowboy trophy of the contest while Larry Fincher paced Arizona State to wins in both the bull riding and calf roping events.

Don Aulof, of Pierce Junior College, became saddle bronc champion and Cal Poly's Greg Ward was king of the steer wrestlers.

Awarded the trophy for best behavior and best horsemanship in the grand entry parade held Saturday morning were the 4-H Bronzes, a junior saddle club from Klamath Falls.

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Gaulist Threat Mounting Today; Civil War Feared

PARIS (AP)—French deputies struggled Monday to find emergency measure to stop the Gaulist insurrection which threatens by the hour to sweep over France itself.

As the deputies debated in the National Assembly the best way to deal with insurrections in Corsica and Algeria, a big Communist labor union called a general strike for Tuesday in protest against any return to power of Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

Pfllimin, with new worries piling up on him hour after hour, went before the assembly Monday morning to warn that civil war is threatening. He called on all Frenchmen to defend their liberties.

Among Pfllimin's latest troubles was the French Mediterranean fleet. Commanded by an admiral siding with the Algerian insurgents, the fleet steamed out of Malta Sunday night headed for destinations unknown.

The Defense Ministry in Paris said the fleet was under government orders. But in Algeria, Navy headquarters said it was headed for Algerian ports. Loss of the French Navy to the government would be a severe blow to Pfllimin.

The situation in Tunisia eased off. Tunisian demonstrators marched into the streets of that North African country demanding the ouster of French forces but fighting in Remada stopped. French troops battled with Tunisians there over the weekend in a flareup that threatened to fling the entire internal crisis onto a world stage.

In Algiers, the insurgent government imposed controls on Frenchmen and foreigners trying to leave Algeria. The junta started sending food and supplies to isolated Corsica.

The Communist-controlled General Confederation of Labor, which has several hundred thousand members in France, called on its members to strike Tuesday.

Insurgents in Algeria claimed their revolt had spread to French equatorial and West Africa, and New Caledonia and Tahiti in the Pacific.

Pfllimin told the Assembly there had been "no justification and no excuse" for the military-led seizure of power in Corsica.

He said the government has already increased its security measures to prevent spread of the pro-Gaulist insurgency to the French mainland.

"The government will use with inflexible vigor all the means it has against any who rise from any side against the law," he declared. "But security forces are not enough to save our threatened freedoms. The nation as a whole must do its duty."

Striving to stem the tide of revolt, the government:

1. Cut off communications and supplies to the insurrectionists who consolidated their control of Corsica with Algeria-type public safety committees. Rebel leaders in Algiers said they would funnel supplies to the Mediterranean island's 140,000 people.

2. Extended censorship to all news distributed in France—whether from French territories or from abroad. The French police seized today's issue of the European edition of the New York Herald Tribune for publishing a declaration of support for the rebel generals in Algeria by Adm. Philippe Auboueyne, the navy commander in the Mediterranean.

3. Announced government officials and military personnel who took part in the Corsica uprising would be fined and jailed.

The Corsica coup inspired more mournful prophecies.

"It is to be feared," Andre Francois-Poncet, former high commissioner in West Germany wrote in the newspaper Figaro, "that the coup will not remain isolated and similar attempts may take place in mainland France. One can no longer doubt, in any case, existence of a concerted plan intended to put De Gaulle in power without waiting any longer, and if necessary, by force."

De Gaulle himself continued to wait quietly at his village home 150 miles from Paris. He went to Mass yesterday with his family but made no statement to newsmen.

The rebellion spread to Corsica Saturday. Mobs led by paratroopers marched into the Plaza of Ajaccio, capital of the mountainous island, seized public buildings and installed their own junta. Insurgent military-civilian committees of public safety also were reported set up in the Corsican cities of Bastia, Corte and Calvi, although Pfllimin said the Municipal Council of Bastia had affirmed its fidelity to the republic.

There was no word of bloodshed.

The Corsican junta pledged support to Gen. Raoul Salan, French military commander in Algeria, and demanded installation in Paris of a De Gaulle government.

Pfllimin and his moderate backers tried doggedly to stay in the saddle and preserve the facade at least of parliamentary government. The Premier in a radio speech denounced the revolt in Corsica but said there was some emotional justification for the upheaval in Algiers.

Believing this hedged position was eroding the government's already shaky position, many diplomatic observers were betting that De Gaulle would soon be in power.

ROCKPORT, Tex. (AP)—Struggles of a drowning child drew 10 rescuers off a sunny beach late yesterday and seven persons perished, including the little girl the others tried to save.

Also