

# Soustelle Must Find Way To Make Cabinets Stable

PARIS (AP)—Jacques Soustelle, a hatched man who delighted in collecting scraps of governments under the Fourth Republic, now must find ways to make French cabinets more durable.

Soustelle is looming as one of the big men of the new National Assembly as a result of the extraordinary success of his new party, the Union for a New Republic (UNR), in the first round last Sunday of elections for a new Assembly.

The UNR got 17.6 per cent of the votes and elected 10 deputies. In runoff balloting next Sunday, the party is expected to roll its Assembly strength to well above 100 and perhaps as high as 150 deputies. It may well emerge as the biggest single group among the 546 Assembly members.

The UNR actually is a jerry-built coordinating committee for three separate smaller parties. It was put together for the elections and may fall apart after the voting is over. The only cohesive element is that all the founders are old-time supporters of Premier de Gaulle.

Some reports have said De Gaulle found the UNR surge a little embarrassing because of the faction's rightist tinge, especially on the critical Algerian issue. Soustelle and his cohorts are closely allied with the European settlers in Algeria, who are clamoring for all-out integration with France. De Gaulle has refused so far to endorse this idea and is reported to favor a solution linking the two areas on a federal basis.

One report is published that if De Gaulle is elected president — as is generally expected — he would prefer to avoid naming Soustelle premier. This report said the general might turn instead to Michel Debre, now justice minister, who had a big part in framing the new constitution. Debre is also a veteran Gaullist.

Soustelle is charged with tons of political dynamite. He was one of the main plotters against the Fourth Republic and a leader of the uprising in Algeria which brought the republic down. Political leaders of the center and left, particularly the Socialists, have not forgotten this.

Whether or not he is premier, Soustelle must work hard to preserve the Fifth Republic, which he did so much to create. He must help to keep the new regime from being hamstringed by the ever-changing governments of former years.

It is a complete reversal for Soustelle. He personally forced the downfall of Premiers Maurice Bourges-Maunoury and Felix Gaillard and his scheming tumbled Premier Pierre Pflimlin and the republic itself.

# Doctors Must Not Forget Patients Are Human Beings

By DELOS SMITH  
UPI Science Editor

NEW YORK (UPI)—In this day of wonderful scientific know-how physicians can become so enraptured with their knowledge of diseases and of fancy medications with which to cure them, that they forget their patients are human beings.

Thus spoke Dr. David Woolfolk Barrow of the Kaiser Foundation Hospital, San Francisco, in lecturing his fellows on the values of humility and the human touch in the practice of a highly scientific medicine.

"The human body has a prodigious capacity for recovery," he told them. "This, added to the self-limited nature of many diseases, means that almost any therapeutic regime—in fact none at all—will often eventuate in the patient's recovery."

As a matter of fact, he continued, there is "a real danger in the administration of some generally harmless agent (drug) alleged to shorten morbidity or prevent complications to which any specific patient may be unduly sensitive."

He cited some of the grave "side effects" which can be caused by some of medical science's potent new drugs in the "unduly sensitive," and added: "The number of such tragedies is small, but if the agent is not really needed, why use any? When the patient's comfort is the sole consideration, simple medications suffice."

Scientific doctors were also warned against "the little joke." It is all very well to put patients at their ease with a joke, but jokes go astray. "Interest, concern and kindness can all be expressed with some formality and are then less apt to be misinterpreted," he said.

He took no positive stand on the question of what a doctor should tell a patient about the patient's condition. "Where the disease is a simple one and the patient's reasonable cooperation can be anticipated, it doesn't make very much difference what the patient is told—except that every patient likes to be told something," he said.

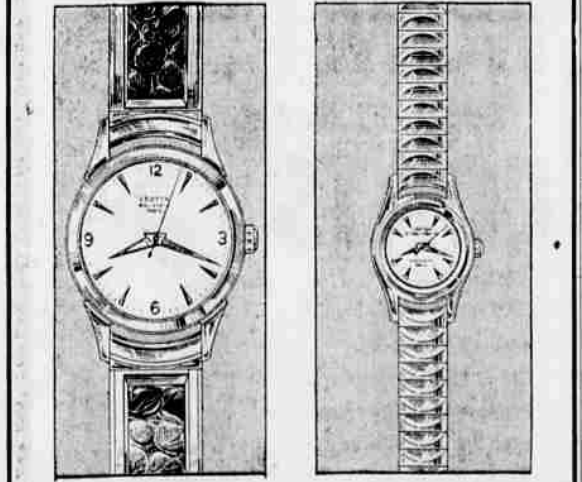
"When relief of the condition requires the patient's cooperation, it is impossible to know whether this can be obtained better by a detailed explanation of the disease and all its complications, or by a direct order."

But when any patient refuses treatment for a condition that could be fatal without treatment, that patient "should be told the truth as the physician believes it to be." And the doctor should keep after him until he does accept treatment, and "not leave him derelict."

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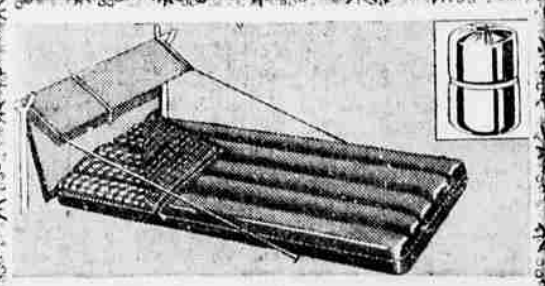
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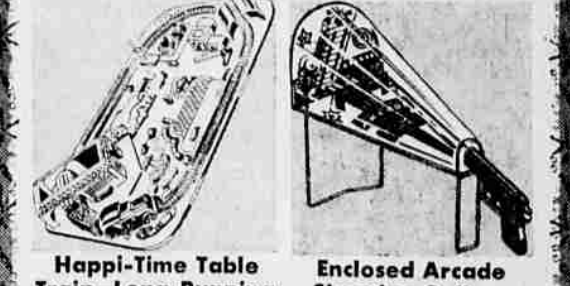
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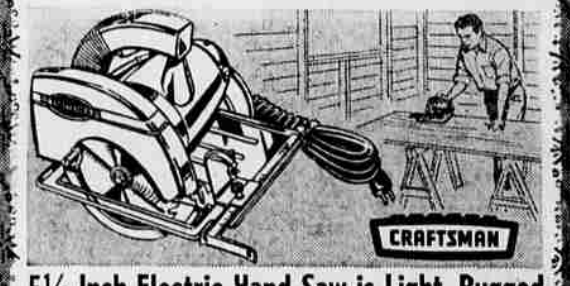


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