



"Don't disturb your father now, Meg. He's negotiating a new contract on Bud's allowance!"

De Gaulle Attempts To Boost France Back Into Top Echelon Of Nations

By FRED SPARKS

PARIS (NEA)—What kind of a man—and what kind of a nation—will President Eisenhower find when he visits President de Gaulle? Allow me some personal observations. . . .

The last time I saw Gen. de Gaulle he— and France — seemed has-beens. De Gaulle seemed a relic with medals. France was a charity case. The Marshall Plan picked up her dinner check.

It was 10 years ago and I had gone to Lille where his few yet loyal followers met in a drafty hall built for high school basketball. But De Gaulle, unbowed, was still "Le Grand Charlie." He lectured on the flabby Fourth Republic.

The French changed cabinets so often the American ambassador supposedly asked his secretary, while donning his overcoat:

"I have an appointment to see the Premier. Please find out who it is this afternoon."

De Gaulle predicted with IBM accuracy how things would hit bottom and then the nation would call him, a fireman summoned only on five alarms. Every fourth voters was then supporting Red leader Maurice Thorez, who said Paris would rather see the Red Army than American tourists.

Paris wasn't much to see. The ladies on the Champs Elysee wore shawls, not Dior creations. Fuel and tires were short and classic monuments were dark except for Notre Dame Cathedral, flood-lit through the courtesy of a tourist restaurant nearby.

Every Sunday there was a political riot and at a sidewalk cafe you were as likely to get a chair on the head as a pernot on the table. Communists chalked "Americans Go Home" on the walls and underneath advertising agencies chalked "Via Air France."

When I saw De Gaulle the other day it was not on a basketball court but in the richly carpeted and tapestried reception room of Elysee Palace where France houses her Presidents in a style that makes the White House look like a motel.

But Gen. de Gaulle had not changed. Majestic in the shadows, he is majestic in the glory. And still lecturing! Through us, reporters, he lectured Comrade Khrushchev.

It was like a minnow looking a shark in the eye and saying: "Watch out where you're going, Bud!" For those of us in attendance were quite aware that De Gaulle does not yet have one workable atomic bomb, that most of

his military is bogged down in Algeria, unable to capture or kill the ragged guerrillas.

De Gaulle told Khrushchev that he, De Gaulle, would come to an East-West summit only if the Communists minded their manners—no fresh crisis like Berlin, no more armed nibbles at Laos and India, no more waving missiles and yelling "Boo!"

De Gaulle told Khrushchev to watch out for Red China "and her great yellow masses . . . who is casting an eye on open spaces over which she must someday spread," a reference to neighboring Russia's many empty lots.

De Gaulle's biting lecture certainly pained Prime Minister Macmillan, who has been dressed and waiting for an East-West summit so long he's lost the crease in his striped trousers. But De Gaulle, determined to show France is still

independent, made his point, even if he spoiled Mao Tse-tung's evening appetite for bird's nest soup. President Eisenhower, Macmillan and Chancellor Adenauer can expect similar lectures. De Gaulle means to walk, not run, to the nearest East-West conference.

He's got more nerve and bluff than a Mississippi river boat gambler. He'll raise and re-raise on a pair of threes. In 1940, when the German Wehrmacht kicked in the Maginot Line, De Gaulle fled to London. He had little visible support back home and not enough fully equipped soldiers to conquer a Piccadilly pub.

But he stood straight, six feet five, "The Big Asparagus," and lectured Winston Churchill on the proper conduct of the war. He demanded that France be accepted as an undefeated equal and he as her leader. Winston, who loves Gauls and gall, nodded. It was the first time a man was "elected" chief of

10,000,000 people with only one vote cast—by himself. He is an old-fashioned gentleman who likes the trappings of power, circuses as well as bread. Paris has captured his royal spirit and today I find it the dressiest, showiest capital in Europe. And no one is telling Americans to go home—until the joint closes at five a.m.

De Gaulle himself has joined the social swim that recalls Paris before Waterloo. At a production of "Carmen" the other night, white breasted lackeys sounded fanfares and wiggled footmen in red and blue livery welcomed the General as he arrived with Mme. de Gaulle. Her mink stole was worth more than Madagascar. Many men sported high hats and satin lined black opera capes.

The only thing I found out of place was the President's black limousine. More in order would have been a horse drawn carriage with spotted coach dogs trotting alongside.



DE GAULLE 1949-1959 is illustrated in these two pictures. The lines are etched deeper, the hair is grayer, but the general still lectures his people on achieving the greatness he sees as France's inherent right.

Ike Faces Toughest Test In Meets With De Gaulle

By WILLIAM L. Ryan

PARIS (AP) — Fresh from triumphs among peoples and leaders of eight nations on three continents, President Eisenhower now faces his biggest test in France.

Can the Eisenhower personality enchant stubborn President Charles de Gaulle into easing his resistance to the wishes of the rest of the partners in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization?

France's refusal to put more of her forces under control of the central NATO command presents Eisenhower with a real problem. At the Western alliance's ministerial meeting this week, the French gave not an inch on an issue which the Americans made clear they feel is supremely important to the alliance.

There were even hints that the United States might pull its forces out of Europe if the French didn't come around.

French officialdom has been hurt by what it obviously considers a lack of American support for France's efforts to end the Algerian rebellion. The French also appear to suspect that their British allies, in joining a European trade bloc outside the six-nation common market to which France belongs, are trying to repeat the old tactic of dividing the European continent to maintain Britain's position.

De Gaulle also is determined to re-establish the age-old glory of France. He wants France to have a voice in setting NATO policy equal to that of the United States and Britain, heretofore the dominant members of the alliance.

The Soviet leadership, of course, is highly pleased with the crisis facing the Western alliance.

Despite Eisenhower's triumphs abroad, there has been no serious attempt by the Soviets to steal the show. Moscow seems to have been waiting with smug satisfaction for what it hopes may happen in Paris.

Pravda, the voice of the Kremlin, has pictured NATO as facing an insoluble problem. It has called NATO's troubles a crisis of "the line toward maintaining international tension."

It seems likely that Moscow hopes to extract some gain from Eisenhower's tour, in this fashion.

The Soviets claim that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev took the initiative in relaxing world tensions. They purport to welcome Eisenhower's world peace mission as a result of Khrushchev's initiative. But they are claiming that, because of the Soviet peace initiative, NATO finds itself in a military crisis. Possibly the Soviets even believe this and are waiting eagerly for a gradual disintegration of Western solidarity.

So the Soviet propaganda tone is soft almost to the point of tolerance. This, in the Muscovite view, would hardly be the time for noisy threats or boasting when the soft approach has given them some promise of pulling the Western alliance to pieces.

Instead, the Soviets continue to picture Eisenhower as a man in search of peace, and by inference tell the Asians that the Soviet

Union is the source of that promise of peace.

But at the same time, U.S. insistence that NATO strengthen its defenses permits the Soviets, despite Eisenhower's successes, to picture the rest of U.S. leadership as dedicated to a policy of tension which now, in the Soviet view, threatens to boomerang.

The Soviets are not rocking the boat at this moment. They still want an East-West summit meeting and probably still want Eisenhower to visit Moscow. But Eisenhower's term ends in January 1961. The man the Soviets have portrayed as an earnest seeker for peace will be out of office then. They have no such commitment toward any incoming administration. Should it become advisable or necessary for the Soviets to pull the rug from under those who took the promise of peace seriously, any new administration without Eisenhower could fill the bill as an alleged new champion of continued cold war.

France is a keystone of NATO, and some evidence of renewed solidarity between her and her allies seems necessary if Soviet calculations are to be upset. But it will take considerably more than the famed Ike grin to warm the chill which has descended on the Allied talks in Paris this week.

Truck Crash Snags Traffic

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP)—Traffic was disrupted on busy U.S. 17 for several hours Thursday night after a truck loaded with butane and propane gas crashed into a tree.

The truck driver, Robert L. Burned, 17, of Bloomingdale, said he halted traffic immediately because he feared a spark from an exhaust pipe might ignite escaping fumes.

A favorable wind slowly wafted the fumes into an open field adjacent to the highway, firemen reported.

The accident occurred on the north-south artery about 10 miles south of Savannah. Burned said his truck hit a tree after he swerved from the road to avoid a head-on crash.

Natural Gas Seems Certain

SALEM (AP) — Natural gas service for Central and Southern Oregon was assured Thursday in an agreement made by Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp. and Pacific Gas Transmission Co., Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill announced.

He said the agreement was made at Washington, D. C., at a hearing by the Federal Power Commission on the Pacific Gas application for a permit to build a line from Canada to California. The line will pass near Bend, Redmond and Klamath Falls.

Hill said the two companies agreed to amend their applications to provide local service at Bend and Klamath Falls, and to construct an extension from Klamath Falls to Medford.

Northwest Natural Gas Co. intends to extend its line from Salem to Eugene, and probably into Southern Oregon to meet the Medford-Klamath Falls extension.

Stricken Lad Receives Mail

PORTSMOUTH, Va. (AP) — Postal workers have been making special trips to deliver Christmas cards to Jeffrey Bazuk, 6.

Jeffrey, a leukemia victim, is on the critical list at the Navy Hospital here. A newspaper story about him was published this week.

He has received about 450 messages so far. His mother, Mrs. John Bazuk, says she's "amazed that so many people would take time out during this busy season to write to a little boy they don't even know."

"His father and I read every card to him. He's so thrilled. He says he feels the cards and prayers will help him get home again for Christmas, but of course he's not sure."

Neither are Jeffrey's doctors. They have told his parents not to count on his return.

Seattle Pair Winds Clock

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP) — Why would anybody want to own a 52-year-old clock standing on a 20-foot pedestal in front of a downtown store?

Jeweler Homer L. Carroll, who owns the store, would like to know. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Black, who own the clock, say they just like owning it—that's all.

The three took their dispute before the Board of Public Works here Thursday.

"That clock is just an old junker," said Carroll. He demanded it be removed because it doesn't fit in with his shiny new optical store.

"I've tried," said Carroll, "but I can't understand why he likes the clock so well. And why does it have to be on the street? Why doesn't he take it home and put it up in his back yard?"

Said Black: "Different people put values on different things." Black, an electronics firm worker, said he and his wife bought the clock six months ago "for the simple pleasure of owning it." They paid \$25 to a former jeweler, who had tried earlier to sell it to Carroll. Carroll wouldn't buy.

Once a week, the Blacks pack their two children into the car, pick up a friend, and drive downtown to wind their clock.

"We're just sentimentalists," said Mrs. Black. "It's a lot of fun."

Ailing Medic Heads Back To Jungle

LONDON (AP) — Dr. Thomas Dooley believes a chest cancer makes his chances for a long life, bleak, but he is heading back to jungle hospital work in Laos avowedly "the happiest man alive."

"I'm not worried about dying," the boyishly handsome St. Louis physician, 32, told reporters at London airport Thursday night. "I figure what I have crammed into my life makes me really 65. I aim to die quietly in my home town."

Dr. Dooley left his Laotian work last August to go to the United States for removal of a tumor on the chest wall and a lecture tour that raised \$400,000 for ailing Laotian children.

"Not long ago I was given 18 months to live," he said. "I recently underwent surgery (in New York) and the results showed the cancer has not spread further. That's why I am going back to the jungle."

"But I am afraid that records of people who have suffered from this type of cancer make my prospects very bleak. It's the fastest growing cancer there is."

Five years ago Dr. Dooley was a medical officer on a U.S. naval ship assigned to help hundreds of refugees fleeing from Communist North Viet Nam. Touched by their sufferings, he resolved to do something more to help after leaving the Navy.

He helped to found Medico (Medical International Cooperation) and established a three building hospital at Muong Sing, near the China-Laos border. The 30-bed hospital ("we don't have any beds") handles 100 patients a day "and babies day and night."

Dr. Dooley has published two best-selling books and his life is being made into a movie.

Papers Issue Challenge

DETROIT (AP)—The Detroit News today challenged U.S. District Court judges to hold its editor in contempt by disclosing details of a suit four of six judges ordered suppressed. The Detroit Times and the Detroit Free Press, in effect, did the same thing.

All three Detroit dailies printed names and some other details in the suit. The News challenged contempt action in a page-one editorial entitled "A Freedom Test."

Chief Judge Theodore Levin of the Eastern District of Michigan and three associates joined Wednesday in signing a formal order authorizing suppression of details in pending civil lawsuits.

Judge Levin said the judges acted under what he termed "the inherent power" of the court. The rule provides that attorneys may ask the court to suppress a suit and that if any judge so orders, the clerk: "Shall prevent all persons from having access to any of the papers in the suit, except these persons designated in the suit."

The newspapers reported the suit involves an architectural and engineering firm, differences among its top executives and division of funds. A former bookkeeper faces embezzlement charges in state courts.

The suit had been ordered suppressed when it was filed last Feb. 28. The court then had no written rule. The News said it had been seeking details.

Jet Prop Lands Safely

DETROIT (AP) — An Eastern Airlines four-engine jet prop Electra with 75 persons aboard circled over Lake Erie for half an hour in dumping its fuel before making a safe landing at Willow Run Airport Thursday night.

The plane's wing flaps failed to retract shortly after it took off on flight No. 757 for Miami, Fla. No one was injured.

The pilot, Capt. Edward Rodam of Miami, radioed the tower that he was returning to the airport when he was about 40 miles out. He said he was dumping 10,000 pounds of fuel.

Coming in for a landing, the pilot radioed that emergency vehicles were not needed because he could make a normal landing with the wing flaps in their set position. Rodam retained just enough fuel to return and land.

Ground crews repaired the wing flap trouble, the plane was refueled and it took off again at midnight on the less-than-three-hour flight to Miami.

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