

Fanatics Spawned By Algerian War Spread Terror And Death In Paris

By FRED SPARKS

PARIS (NEA)—Is President de Gaulle himself in physical danger as he struggles to end the killing in Algeria by compromise?

A Paris police inspector I've known for 12 years said: "Without question! I am fearful. Inside I am shaking whenever the President circulates in public. He is so brave, so careless. He walks into strange crowds shaking hands freely."

Who might want to bump off General de Gaulle, the Frenchman with the highest personal prestige since Napoleon?

1. The extreme right who want Algeria continued as a colony — real estate for profit.

2. Fanatical Moslems who think that de Gaulle's offer of a plebiscite is a trick to make them surrender their weapons. They believe independence will be achieved only by continued pressure against France, terror in Algeria, terror in Paris.

Recall how Puerto Rican terrorists shot up Washington side-walks in an attempt to assassinate President Truman? Later they sprayed bullets around Congress. And Puerto Rico was never in true revolt.

But since the Algerian insurrection began on All Saints' Day,

1954, Paris, like Chicago in the Capone days, has become accustomed to small arms fire.

For example, the other morning, two policemen — "flies"—strolled together among the housewives leisurely shopping the outdoor stalls of the Foubourg Temple.

Behind them, equally casual, walked three darker men, Algerians. Suddenly they produced pistols and shot the policemen in the back.

One fell dead on his stomach, his white club clattering on the pavement, his black cape covering his head like a shroud. The second, torn and bleeding, fell wildly. The housewives scattered, their vegetables and fruits spilling in the gutters as the murderers vanished, mission accomplished. Mission? Impersonal terror. The "flies" buffeted as if they had been ambushed outside Algiers. It is the same war.

Terror strikes at every level. Before Jacques Soustelle, Minister of the Sahara and de Gaulle supporter, leaves his office aides handclap for his alert machine gun — carrying guards. Minister Soustelle is delivered to his bullet proof Citroen like a payroll to an armored car. Slightly wounded in an assassination attempt last year, he is not a good insurance risk.

Moslem violence is not directly only against the French. Every day an Algerian resident of France is knifed, for failing to pay cash tribute, to the underground, Mohammed X., an old friend who runs an Algerian cafe in Paris—featuring sticky mint tea—shrugged and said:

"I pay the French taxes through the front door. I pay the Algerian national taxes through the back window. If I miss paying the French they send a strong letter. If I miss paying the nationalists they send a strong grenade."

Recently, Europe's front pages have been decorated with stories about "La Main Rouge"—The Red Hand—a counter-terrorist organization, dedicated, we are told, to eliminating any Frenchman or foreigner assisting the rebels.

A German district attorney says Red Hand roughs took five lives in Frankfurt alone. One victim was George Puchert, who smuggled arms to Algeria. Herr Puchert stepped on the starter of his car and was blown through the roof.

Last winter, the German freighter "Atlas" sailed out of her Hamburg pier—supposedly to dump arms on a rebel-held Algerian beach—and went up like a Cape Canaveral experiment. Police blamed the Red Hand.

The other day three Algerian nationalists walked into Cologne's railroad station to rendezvous with three men posing as friendly "agents." Each "agent" greeted a nationalist with the traditional two-check kiss and at the same time shot him. The Red Hand.

Tourists circulating through the serene richness of this winter's Paris don't see the violence, ugliness. A right wing deputy says "France is on the verge of the next stage of the revolution!" "Patriotic" groups are formed and in mystic rites swear to keep Algeria a French province, de Gaulle or no!

The lunatic fringe could cause yet further miseries. Bullets are cheap; political assassins become martyrs. But any attempt at all-out civil war now seems remote. That's up to the army, busy in Algeria.

De Gaulle has stumped army posts like a presidential candidate seeking delegates — telling sergeants and generals that his favorite prayer is "Please, God, give us this day our daily compromise." That is: In order to hold something in Algeria we must give up something—or spend the rest of this century chasing guerrillas.

If the 69-year-old general should go — through brutality, natural causes or political upset—France would return to dangerous confusion.

"BG (before de Gaulle) the Republic was going down," wrote the French novelist Romain Gary, "with a lifeless figure at the helm while 60 captains quarrelled on the bridge."

The American attitude was summed up by a diplomat who thinks politics even while eating snails:

"De Gaulle can be a headache, a prize prima donna. When President Roosevelt said de Gaulle liked to play Joan of Arc, "Winston Churchill added: 'Yes, but my bloody bishops won't let me burn him.'"

FANCY MEETING YOU HERE MOUNT VERNON, Ill. (UPI)—Edward L. Zint and Charles F. Ebnulat, both of whom live in Evansville, Indiana, recently ran into each other here far from home. Their cars collided.



CLOUD-HOPPING COUPLE—These two pilots have 61 years of flying experience between them. They're Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson of Palm Beach, Fla. Thompson, 67, has been flying since World War I, adding about 300 hours a year supervising his ranching interests in five states. Mrs. Thompson, 62, learned to fly in 1940 in order to be with her husband more and has been his copilot and business manager ever since. Until this year, that is, when she decided she needed a plane of her own. They still fly together, both in their own twin-engine plane.

Weather Table

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

	High	Low	Pr.
Albany, cloudy	19	11	.04
Albuquerque, cloudy	43	36	
Anchorage, snow	38	26	T
Atlanta, clear	54	33	
Bismarck, cloudy	27	21	
Boston, snow	29	18	.02
Buffalo, snow	20	13	.09
Chicago, clear	32	22	
Cleveland, cloudy	31	20	.02
Denver, cloudy	43	29	
Des Moines, cloudy	32	29	
Detroit, cloudy	28	13	.07
Fort Worth, cloudy	58	42	
Helena, clear	53	12	
Indianapolis, cloudy	79	67	.02
Indianapolis, clear	31	18	.01
Indianapolis, cloudy	36	32	
Los Angeles, cloudy	66	52	.03
Louisville, clear	37	23	
Memphis, cloudy	54	33	
Miami, cloudy	80	63	.04
Milwaukee, clear	32	15	
Mpls.-St. Paul, rain	39	25	T
New Orleans, clear	62	46	
New York, snow	35	23	.65
Oklahoma City, cloudy	53	42	
Omaha, rain	34	29	.01
Philadelphia, snow	37	24	.27
Phoenix, cloudy	65	52	.01
Pittsburgh, snow	29	15	.33
Portland, Me., cloudy	20	9	
Portland, Ore., cloudy	43	33	
Rapid City, cloudy	35	22	
Richmond, clear	41	24	
St. Louis, clear	36	27	
San Diego, clear	65	54	.14
Salt Lake City, snow	34	30	.04
San Francisco, cloudy	58	51	
Seattle, clear	38	31	
Tampa, cloudy	65	52	
Washington, clear	40	28	.04
(T—Trace)			

Burlesquer, Minsky, Dies

NEW YORK (AP)—Herbert Kay Minsky, 68, one of the Minsky brothers who once owned a coast-to-coast chain of burlesque houses, died Monday night.

Minsky, who had been ill several months with a heart ailment, died shortly after being admitted to University Hospital.

A graduate of the Columbia University Law School, Minsky in 1912 joined his brothers Abe, Billy and Morton in building a nationwide chain of 14 burlesque houses.

The last of the Minsky strip-tease theaters was closed here by New York Mayor Fiorello La Guardia in 1937.

The Minskys were credited with the discovery of such stars as Gypsy Rose Lee, Phil Silvers, Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, Red Buttons and Pinky Lee.

SAFE CRACKERS

HARTFORD, Conn. (UPI)—It was firemen, not police, who routed some safe crackers. The latter fled after their acetylene torch had set fire to the building in which they were "working."

Cargo space of the Boeing 707 jetliner is equal in size to the entire fuselage of a DC-4.

Mental Illness Possible If Johnny Can't Read

By JERRY BENNETT

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Doctors hope some day to be able to predict whether your child will suffer a mental ailment by simply giving the youngster a reading test.

And if they know a child is susceptible to mental illness scientists have a better chance of preventing its occurrence.

The idea of using a reading test, a common educational tool, to find mental disease is being studied by psychiatrists at the U.S. Public Health Service's Institute of Mental Health. It stems from two discoveries which point to a connection between an unstable mind and trouble in understanding the printed word.

The first is that juvenile delinquents, many of whom are mentally disturbed, often have trouble reading. The difficulty usually is apparent before a child turns bad.

The second involves a Mental Health Institute study of poor readers who live in a nearby Maryland county. It shows that instead of being scattered throughout the area, these youngsters are clustered in specific neighborhoods. Psychiatrists say this indicates that there might be some unknown factor about life in these communities that triggers the reading difficulties.

They explain, however, that before they can spend time tracking down this unknown villain, they must first make sure that reading disability is a symptom of an impending mental affliction. They explain that reports which show most disturbed kids are poor readers don't prove that most poor readers will turn out to be mentally disturbed or delinquents.

To get the answer, a team of specialists, directed by U.S. Public Health Service psychiatrist Dr. Stanley F. Yolles, is keeping track of the school careers of 5,000 Maryland youngsters. These kids live in the same county where PHS officials mapped the location of poor readers. They will be graduated from high school in 1961.

At that time scores on the reading tests they have taken throughout their school careers will be compared with their behavior records. If the majority of poor readers are delinquents or have mental afflictions, doctors plan to launch a community investigation in an effort to find and eliminate the hidden cause.

When applied on a nationwide basis, such action could have a tremendous effect in reducing the number of disturbed children. It should give psychiatrists more time to treat patients whose afflictions stem from other causes. For finding enough time to treat the thousands of patients seeking help is one of the biggest problems of psychiatrists.

A PHS estimate of the number

of mentally disturbed kids alone who receive hospital care each year totals more than 270,000. In addition are unknown numbers who receive therapy in a doctor's office.

Dr. Yolles explains, "I don't think there is more mental illness among kids today than there was in the past. It's just that we're paying more attention to the problem than we did years ago. Therefore, you see more kids in clinical centers."

What troubles Dr. Yolles most about this situation is that doctors are having to spend valuable time with kids who don't need a psychiatrist.

"We get a lot of kids these days," he says, "who are not disturbed but disturbing. When you examine them, it's hard to find evidence of a clear cut mental disease."

He believes many of these children could be handled just as effectively by social workers and child welfare experts who specialize in helping problem kids.

"Sometimes it's their parents who need the treatment," Dr. Yolles says.

He explains that a child's troublesome behavior often stems from an unhappy situation at home. And in many cases, this situation is caused by misguided or neurotic parents. Once the parents are straightened out, he explains, the kids usually start to behave.

That's why Dr. Yolles and his staff have a clinic rule that parents always attend psychiatric sessions with their kids.

"You'd be surprised how much good this can do," he explains. "When the family members start talking to each other frankly, they often realize the mistakes they are making. Once this happens, the problem is often straightened out in a short amount of time."

Sometimes, however, doctors discover that a child is so confused or upset that he should be classified as mentally ill. These patients usually require long-term individual sessions.

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Jet Fighter Perils Traffic

SAN JOSE (UPI)—A Navy jet fighter exploded over the San Jose-Los Gatos Freeway Monday and plummeted to the ground only 100 yards from a tennis club and 20 yards from the crowded highway.

The pilot, Lt. Charles E. Southwick, 28, San Jose, ejected himself just before the craft exploded.

He parachuted to safety 100 yards from the wreckage.

Southwick said he was flying the F4U Crusader jet at 5,500 feet when he heard a muffled explosion beneath him and then a second blast. He said he triggered

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FBI Probing MD's Murder

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—The FBI has taken over the investigation of the murder of Dr. Raymond Dyer Higgins Jr., who was found bludgeoned to death Sunday near Ocean Beach here.

The FBI entered the case because the slaying took place on federal land.

Richard Auerbach, FBI special agent in charge here, said a sheet metal worker's hammer found near the body will be sent to the agency's laboratory in Washington, D. C., for processing.

Higgins, 40, died Sunday night at Mission Emergency Hospital. He had been hit eight times on the head, presumably with the hammer. His wallet and wrist watch were missing.

Higgins' wife, Lucy, 32, said her husband was in the habit of taking long walks along the seashore, usually alone.

Higgins was chief deputy public medical officer of the U. S. Public Health Hospital here.

Eureka Jolted By Mild Quake

EUREKA, Calif. (UPI)—An earthquake of moderate intensity jolted this city Monday, recalling memories of a much stronger quake five years ago which wrecked the courthouse and severely damaged the city hall.

Ironically, the new city hall was used for the first time Monday.

The University of California seismograph at Berkeley reported the quake had a Richter magnitude of 4.75 and lasted 10 minutes.

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