



"Oh, no, sir, I'm not in a hurry. This just happens to be my after-five costume!"

Apprehension Is Growing Under Indifference Screen

PARIS (UPI) — The taxi-driver shrugged his shoulders in typical Gallic fashion and said: "It doesn't look good, but somehow things will get straightened out—we hope."

Then, as an afterthought, he added a French expletive which translated into a four-letter Anglo-Saxon word.

He was commenting on the explosive situation in Algeria.

The comment was typical of the reaction of the man-in-the-street today to the sharpening crisis between President Charles de Gaulle and the French insurgent "colon" in Algiers.

Paris itself was calm — there was none of the turmoil as in the 1958 revolt which overthrew the Fourth Republic and catapulted De Gaulle into power. On the surface, life in Paris appeared unchanged.

But under this screen of near indifference, apprehension was growing. For days, the man-in-the-street had been left guessing at the possible outcome of the Algerian settlers' revolt. Until Thursday night, nobody in authority here had even hinted at what De Gaulle might do.

But the sudden and dramatic developments Thursday confronted the French people with the realization that a showdown could trigger a civil war.

De Gaulle has been playing his cards close to his chest, with only a few of his most trusted lieutenants in the know. It is apparent that the overwhelming majority of the people of France are solidly behind De Gaulle and have no sympathy for the insurgent Algerian settlers and resent the wavering attitude of the army in Algeria.

Good Advice

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Rt. Rev. James A. Pike, Episcopal bishop of the diocese of California, has given a ministers' conference this advice: "Thou shalt read thy newspaper carefully every day." "This plus general reading, individual pastoral care and continued study of the Bible and theological works are the best preparation for preaching," Bishop Pike said Thursday.

Car Finance Investigation Slated By Assembly Group

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — An Assembly committee has agreed to investigate auto financing in the state after hearing the story of a young man who wanted a convertible so badly that he didn't look at the sales contract until he got home.

SW Meet Set By Demos

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (AP)—That old Western pastime — the horse trade — comes into its own in Albuquerque this week.

Top Democrats from the 13 Western states, including Hawaii and Alaska, gather Feb. 5-7 to rough-hew some proposed Western planks for the Democratic national convention.

On hand to help with the whitening, and to woo the booming West's big bloc of 271 convention votes will be the top lineup of the Democratic presidential hopefuls.

Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) will be on hand. So will California's favorite son possibility, Gov. Edmund G. (Pat) Brown. Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) is trying to arrange a planned Kansas trip so he, also, can be on hand, say officials of the Western conference.

Those invited to the conference include the West's potent bloc of 33 Democratic U. S. representatives, 29 senators and seven governors.

Harry S. Truman, still titular head of the party, will attend to make an address Saturday night, Feb. 6.

Although the conference doesn't formally open until Friday, the Western Democratic committees on national resources, small business and transportation have scheduled closed Thursday meetings.

Saturday, the committees will report to the general session of the conference. The Natural Resources Committee is headed by C. Girard Davidson, national committeeman from Oregon.

Runaway Law To Be Probed

CORVALLIS (AP) — The Benton County Court was asked Wednesday to adopt a measure to prevent dogs from running at large.

The request came from Sheriff C. N. Lilly, who said that in recent weeks there have been more complaints about dogs chasing livestock, damaging property and scaring children.

The court promised to study the matter.

REMEMBRANCE CASTLETON, Vt. (UPI) — Charles M. Cook, a West Coast meat packing executive, willed this town \$15,000 although he had not visited it since he left as a youngster.

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contract, said that the car would have cost Fleckenstien a total of \$3,911, including nearly \$600 interest on his payments, \$65 for a mechanical insurance clause, plus license and registration. He also had to pay back the \$300 loan and got only \$100 for his old car. Groulx asked that the committee consider measures to protect people "who aren't in a position to take care of themselves."

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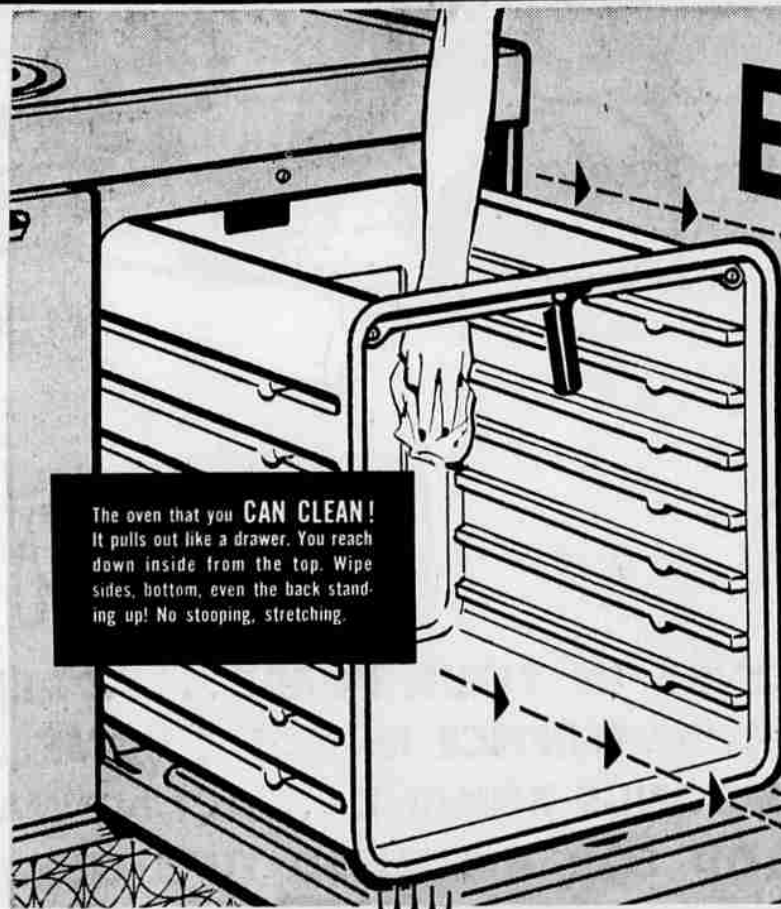
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