

ALGERIA

L.T. - *Algeria* Mon, Jan, 25 - '60.

In Paris, tonight - President Charles DeGaulle seems to be inflexible. ⁻⁻⁻ ⁻⁻⁻ Telling the revolting French ~~xxx~~ colonists in Algeria - that there will be no change in the policy of self-determination for the North African province. Which the French in Algeria fear - will put them in the power of the Moslems. ^{Apparently} They will have to yield, or be suppressed by force.

DeGaulle further announced - that his Premier was on his way to Algiers. Premier Debre - to direct the restoration of ~~order~~ order.

Actually, the whole thing boils down to one question - the French army in Algeria. If the military forces there are loyal to DeGaulle, ^{then} the insurrection is hopeless. The Algerian French - will have to give in. But, if the army backs them, DeGaulle might be - on his way out.

In the city of Algiers, today ^{there was} - a sort of armed truce. Following the violent outbreak - late yesterday afternoon. When the right wing insurrectos - clashed with

forces of security police, For a battle -in the heart of the city. Twenty five killed - in a melee of shooting.

Today, the rebels were busy strengthening barricades. Ripping up street pavements - to construct ramparts. They^are in control of the university section of the city, and are well armed - with varieties of weapons. During the day, helicopters flew over - dropping showers of leaflets. With a command from DeGaulle - telling them to return to order and obedience. The defiant rebels - making bonfires of the leaflets.

Facing the insurgent barricades - lines of security police, holding positions. An armistice - with not a shot fired all day. Both sides - waiting for the next move. Algiers under martial law - with army ~~forces~~ forces converging on the city.

In France - all quiet. Public opinion, apparently - backing DeGaulle.

SPY

In a courtroom in Karlsruhe, Germany - a tale of espionage, ~~Told~~ - by Horst Ludwig, ~~On trial~~ - as a secret agent for the Communists of East Germany. ~~The United States~~ - prominent in his confession.

He joined the West German Navy, and became an ~~off~~ officer - training as a pilot. The West German Navy had a Nato arrangement with the U.S. Air Force - and Horst Ludwig, the Red spy, was sent along to the Air Force base at Pensacola, Florida.

There He got acquainted with a young woman who handled secret material for a U.S. armament firm. Cultivating - a romance with her. His method of espionage was to charm girl employees of American companies doing defense work.

Later, to continue his training, they sent him to a British air base in Scotland, ~~where~~ he met nineteen year old June Gilbert, ~~Chosen beauty Queen~~ - at the Scottish Air Base. The romance this time - the real thing.

They became engaged, and she followed him back to Germany. Taking up residence - near his German air base.

That was the situation when he was arrested.

Exposed - by a member of the East German Security ~~pk~~ police,

~~who~~ had fled - from Communism.

SOUTH AFRICA

At Durban, South Africa, today, forces of armed police - were patrolling the slum section inhabited by Zulu workers. Following - scenes of horror last night. When a Zulu mob murdered nine policemen - with savage atrocity.

The trouble - African moonshine. The Zulu woman - making an illegal ■■ beverage called "shimiyane." A party of police - looking for secret stills. When a thousand Zulus, urged on by their women - surged upon the police, who - fired into the mob. But the Zulus - maddened by "shimiyane" - overwhelmed the party, killing - four white and five negro policemen.

DEFENSE

The Secretary of Defense gave a congressional committee, today - an elucidation of previous testimony, when, week before last, ~~he~~ he stated - that the Soviet superiority in large rockets was not as great as had been supposed. The "missile gap" - not so large. Which optimistic declaration - drew a barrage of criticism from Democrats. Who charged - it was only a "guess", only a hunch.

Today, Secretary Gates denied this. Telling the committee - that the statement he made was based on facts. "We now have better information available from a variety of sources," he said. Adding - that U.S. Intelligence has provided "a refined and better set of facts" concerning Soviet intercontinental ballistic missiles.

~~Later, Democratic leader, Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas, revealed - that the nomination of Secretary Gates is being held up in the Senate. Postponed - at the request of several Senators. The Secretary holds an "interim" appointment. Requiring - Senate confirmation.~~

FREDDIE BENHAM

In the news over the weekend- an epidemic of fires in homes. Not unusual - in winter. Among the victims - a figure well known in the world of news, F. Darius Benham.

and of the circus too —
"Fabulous Freddie," who began as a reporter on the old New York World. *Later with The French Foreign Legion.*

Last night, a fire broke out in his Bayville, Long Island, home. Freddie awakening, and carrying his fifteen year old ~~his~~ daughter out. Also - warning his wife and son and another daughter. All - getting out safely. But Freddie went back into the house, ~~the~~ hoping to put out the blaze. And was overcome by smoke, with fatal result.

Irrepressible Freddie - who founded the Circus Saints and Sinners. And also - the Order of Seraphic Secretaries.

BEATNIKS

At San Francisco, over the weekend, a lot of beatniks - arrested. The police - making raids in the north beach area. Favorite haunt - of the beat generation in San Francisco.

This followed a report - from three investigators, who posed as beatniks - and gathered evidence.

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One - Robert Estes, who, today, told - how he grew a beard, ~~was~~ wrote poetry, and ~~he~~ sat on the sidewalk playing a harmonica, Like - the beat generation.

He says the investigation shows - that seventy-five percent of the beatniks in the ^{North} beach area smoke marijuana. He and his fellow investigators attended orgies - and went along on beatnik robberies.

"For my money" he summarizes, "they're dirty, they're lazy, they're bums, and they're crooks."

Powerful words!

ROSES

Now - the champion flower. According to a poll to decide - which flower is the most popular, and should be chosen - as the national flower of the United States.

The winner? I'll bet you all have guessed it - the rose. By - an overwhelming majority.

Of the million votes cast, the rose got three - hundred-and-eighty-seven thousand. Its nearest competitor the carnation - one-hundred-and-seventy-one thousand.

Number three - the lily-of-the-valley.

Number four - the orchid.

Last on the list - the marigold.

The rose carried all but a couple of states - Colorado and Hawaii. Which named the carnation - as their choice.

Well, it's a victory - for one of the most ancient of traditions. The rose, from time immemorial - remember Hafiz, Firdusi and Omar Kayyam - the flower of flowers. The Persian poets of old sang who

of the roses of Shiraz, Isphahan and Kermanshah? And,

Dick - will you sing for us - the yellow rose of Texas!

WAITRESS

From London, the story -of Mariella, the near-sighted waitress. Eighteen year old Mariella Capes - who worked in a nightclub. A first class waitress - except for the fact that she couldn't see half way across the table, when serving a party. So near-sighted, she might ^{even} hand the check to the lady!

So Mariella - was fired. Which - nearly broke her heart. She went in tears to nightclub owner, Hod Dibben. Pleading - ^{- Hod -} "please give me back my job."

Hod, whose eyesight is excellent, looked her over, and said - no, no job for the near-sighted waitress. Instead -- he proposed marriage! Mariella - saying "yes". Then Hod, quickly, did the smart thing. He took her out - and bought her a pair of spectacles.