

PARIS

Wed. May 22-68

In Paris, ~~France~~ - the winner and still champion -- Charles DeGaulle. With Gaullist Premier George Pompidou - narrowly surviving a censure motion tonight in the ~~French~~ National Assembly. Leftist elements failing by a scant eleven votes \nearrow to topple the ten year old ~~De Gaulle~~ ~~Gaullist~~ regime.

Pompidou's final appeal to the assembly \nearrow apparently carrying the day. The Premier ~~told~~ telling his fellow deputies to "avoid the worst -- a leap into the unknown." Adding that a "communist victory would spell the end of our liberty." In the end -- Gaullist defections ^{were} more than offset \nearrow by a solid vote from the center bloc.

~~True enough~~ France is still in drastic straits \nearrow with an estimated eight million striking workers \nearrow vowing to stay out as long as necessary to win government reforms. ~~No denying though~~ ^{But Charles} DeGaulle

~~is~~ ^{is} in the driver's seat, ~~tonight~~ Le Grand Charles - scoring Le Grand Comeback.

PEACE FOLLOW PARIS

Elsewhere in Paris - another round of preliminary peace talks - another round of failure.

U S Ambassador ~~Averett~~ Harriman again urging serious private negotiations - ~~for~~ instead of public propaganda broadsides. North Vietnam's Xuan Thuy -- again flatly refusing.

Indeed, North Vietnam quickly releasing the full text of Thuy's statement ~~immediately~~ following today's meeting. Thuy repeating his demand - for a complete, ~~and~~ unconditional bombing halt over North Vietnam. Adding that the United States will be solely responsible "in the event these official conversations do not yield results."

U S officials later saying they did not consider Thuy's statement - "an implied threat" of a possible walkout. ~~for~~ However, this from Averell Harriman: "My impression" -- said he -- "is that the world is getting rather disgusted with these allegations" from

Hanoi -- "that have no basis of truth whatsoever."

In any case - another meeting set for Monday.

VIETNAM FOLLOW PEACE

~~While the dickering continues in Paris,~~
~~the fighting and dying continues in Vietnam itself.~~

Meanwhile we have a report of
 ~~Allied commanders today reporting~~ four separate battles
-- ranging from the Northern provinces of South Vietnam
all the way to the Mekong Delta. The U S command also
reporting loss of twenty-five planes since April one -
date of the partial bombing halt over North Vietnam.

On the political front- south Vietnamese ~~News~~
Vice President
 ~~Ky~~ today pledged full support - to new Premier
Tran Van Huong, ^{as Ky put it -} ~~in Ky's own words~~ -- "as long as he
stays anti-Communist -- as long as he tries to do good
things for the country." ~~Ky's remarks apparently~~
~~laying the rest - widespread rumors of another~~
~~possible coup attempt.~~

WHITE HOUSE

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The American auto insurance industry - target of a congressional resolution signed today by President Johnson. A resolution authorizing the nation's first full-scale study -- of alleged auto insurance abuses.

Transportation Secretary Alan Boyd -- the man who will head the two year, two million dollar study ^{— with} ~~Under specific~~ orders from the President - to find out: Why insurance premiums have jumped so suddenly - up forty-four per cent in the last ten years; why court rooms are jammed with auto liability suits - with delays in some places of almost five years before trial; why compensation of ~~an~~ accident victims - is often unequal and unfair. "

HOUSTON

At Houston, Texas -- Louis Fierro of Elmont,
New York today became the world's fifteenth human heart
transplant patient ~~also~~ ^{and} fourth at Houston - in the last
few weeks. Fierro receiving ~~in~~ the heart of a seventeen
year old boy - who died last night from brain hemorrhage.

~~At last report - Fierro said to be responding
well. Doctors who checked the patient - saying he was
"awake, alert, and responded with a wave."~~

Six hours after the operation - Fierro was
~~was~~ ^{ed} reporting "sitting on the side of his bed - joking
with attendants - and drinking liquids." Dr. Denton
Cooley calling ^{(Fierro's/} ~~his~~ post-operative condition -- the best
yet of all his heart patients.

PITTSBURGH FOLLOW HOUSTON

Related item - from Pittsburgh. Dr. Arthur Baue of the University of Pennsylvania -- reporting perfection of a new medical instrument; ~~and~~ a device capable of maintaining the body's blood circulation -- even after a patient has died.

The idea - we are told: To preserve vital organs, for possible use in future transplants; Transplants of kidneys - livers, lungs and soon. Organs that normally begin to deteriorate within fifteen ~~mi~~ minutes -- unless they receive a continuing supply of fresh blood.

This ~~is effect - a form of "living death"~~
^ that others - may survive.

GRONOUSKI

American diplomat John A. Gronouski -

is resigning as U S Ambassador to Poland. Announcement

~~today from the White House. Gronouski quoted as~~

~~saying he was leaving government service~~ for personal

reasons; which is taken to mean he ~~will soon join the~~ ^{he}

~~political~~ campaign ^{ing for candidate} ~~of Vice President~~ Hubert Humphrey.

For the last three years - Gronouski has been
the United States' only direct contact with Red China;
through periodic meetings with Chinese diplomats -
in Warsaw. Before that, - he was Postmaster General
under the late President Kennedy. First Polish-American
- ever to serve in the cabinet.

BALENCIAGA

Paris again - the Prince calls it ~~quits~~ quits.

-- known as
Cristobal Balenciaga - the Prince of Paris couturiers -
retiring from the world of high fashion. At age seventy-
three - a victim of ill health; also - tumbling sales.

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The famed Balenciaga look - perhaps best
described as that of "an ironing board headed into the
wind." A flat, smooth, streamlined look - faultless
in every detail. With the price of a single dress - often
running into the thousands.

In the end ~~is~~ though - it was the "mod" look
that helped finish him off. A Paris fashion expert
explaining that today's "now" generation - couldn't care
less about Balenciaga craftsmanship. "All they wear
these days" -- said she ^{Warren -} - "are rags and tags and pieces
of plastic."

DETROIT

The possibility of a Rockefeller-Reagan ticket
next fall -- ^{again tonight is} topic A in Republican circles. ~~of late.~~

With the result - a brief game of one-up-manship today
in Detroit.

Visiting Governor Rockefeller fielding questions
from reporters - when he was asked his opinion of
Governor Reagan. Rockefeller admitting that the two
men differ "on many issues" -- adding, however, that
"the President and Vice President can reflect different
points of view."

^{Which is}
~~was~~ taken as a clear endorsement of Reagan
- as ~~is~~ a possible Vice Presidential running mate.

Whereupon ~~he~~^{he} was then asked - whether he had ever
considered running for Vice President on a Reagan
ticket. ^{His reply to that was about what I}
~~his reply: "I think the matter is irrelevant.~~
^{am saying now: - s'l - u - Tom -}
~~frankly. End discussion.~~