

COLOMBEY LES DEUX EGLISES

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In Paris, Washington, Moscow - right around the globe - a great sense of person loss today - at the passing of General Charles DeGaulle. The greatest Frenchman of modern times - victim of a heart attack just a few days short of his eightieth birthday - as you no doubt have heard by now. The end coming suddenly at his country retreat at Colombey Les Deux Eglises. And now - the ~~morning~~ ^u morning begins.

French President Pompidou - DeGaulle's successor breaking the news to a stunned nation. ^{Saying} ~~Assessing~~ simply

"General DeGaulle is dead. France is a widow." Pompidou then observing: "In Nineteen Forty - General DeGaulle saved our honor; in Nineteen Forty Four - he led us to liberation and to victory; in Nineteen Fifty-Eight - he saved us from Civil War; and thus - said Pompidou "he gave France her institutions - and her place in the world."

KEY BISCAIYNE FOLLOW COLOMBEY

Similar tributes were expressed today practically the world over. President Nixon - for one, issuing a statement saying of DeGaulle: "His was the quality of character - that enables men to surmount all obstacles - to call up reserves of courage - to turn adversity into triumph; his was the quality of vision - that could see the grand sweep of history - at a time when others focused on the events of the moment.

The President adding that DeGaulle "provided inspiration - to an age in danger of being overwhelmed by the common place; and, therefore, his passing is a loss not only for the French nation - but for all mankind."

The President also cutting short - his ~~to~~ Key Biscayne vacation, arranging to fly to France to take part in official memorial services ^{day after tomorrow -} ~~scheduled~~ Thursday, in Paris. The President taking with him DeGaulle's

*twenty year old grandson - another Charles DeGaulle -
who has been studying here in the U.S. Others planning
to attend the Paris ceremony - including Soviet Premier
Kosygin, Britain's Edward Heath, West ~~De~~ Germany's
Willy Brandt, Spain's Francisco Franco - the list is
virtually endless.*

FUNERAL FOLLOW KEY BISCAVNE

As for
~~Nevertheless~~ the body of *Le Grand Charles*, it
~~the fallen leader~~ -

remain^s~~ing~~ at Colombey; ~~from~~ where^{ne} he will be buried

Thursday - according to the instructions he long ago
entrusted to President Pompidou. DeGaulle ^{had then} ~~rejected~~

the idea of a State Funeral - saying he wanted "no

president, no minister, no representatives of the

national assembly - no music, no fanfare, no bell

ringing." And there shall be "no eulogy - no reserved

places at the ceremony" said he. "Except for my

family, my fellow members of the Order of the Liberation,

and for the ~~music~~ municipal council of Colombey."

DeGaulle adding: "The men and women of France
and other countries - may, ~~and~~ if they so desire - pay
homage to my memory - by accompanying my body to its
final resting place." But he specified that his grave -
shall bear only a simple marker. And its inscription
will read - as per his wishes - "Charles DeGaulle,
Eighteen ninety-Nineteen Seventy." Nothing more.

HISTORY FOLLOW FUNERAL

The years encompassed by these dates - comprising ~~one~~² one of the most tumultuous periods in world history. And often ~~as not~~ DeGaulle was ~~right~~ in the middle of it all. His successes - tremendous; his feuds - monumental, his judgments - often questioned but seldom ^{blocked or} rescinded.

The DeGaulle legend ^S including ^e a series of hassles with Winston Churchill ~~in 1944~~ during ~~World~~ World War Two. The famed Briton finally observing that DeGaulle's Cross of Lorraine - was the heaviest ~~of~~ cross he had ever had to bear. ^{later} ~~DeGaulle himself~~ on his first retirement from public life back in Nineteen Forty Six - ^{De Gaulle} ~~saying~~ saying: "How can you govern ^{thousand} a ~~mass~~ people - who insist on making over four ^{hundred} ~~hundred~~ ^{different} kinds of cheese!" And then there was the tragedy of his daughter Anne - who was born mentally defective. Even in wartime - DeGaulle finding time to carry her

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*about and tell her stories that made her laugh -
sometimes. When she finally died - DeGaulle telling
his tearful wife: "Now, at last - she is like other
children."*

EPITAPH FOLLOW HISTORY

At last,
~~And now~~

perhaps for the first time; Charles

DeGaulle is himself - like other men. His body resting

in a bier tonight - in the living room of his beloved

home "Le Boiserie". His grieving widow, his children,

his friends and relatives ^{many, nearly all there} ~~standing there.~~ ^{The} ~~And yet the~~

uniform he wears is that of a ~~Brig~~ brigadier General,

the same ~~one~~ he wore - at the Liberation of Paris

on another day long ago - a happier day. In death as

in life - General DeGaulle remaining now and forever

more "le grand Charles."

SAIGON

From Southeast Asia ^{comes} a report ~~today~~ that U S

troops have been reassigned to key positions around Saigon - for the first time in nearly a year. This - we are told - an attempt to stop the infiltration of Communist terrorist teams - headed for the capital. U S intelligence sources adding that the move was made necessary - because of the enemy's recent decision to revert to guerrilla warfare.

Meanwhile, ^{at last report} ~~some~~ Communist forces in Cambodia

were still holding ~~at last report~~ the town of Troeung about forty-five miles northeast of Phnom Penh. Enemy sappers blowing up a key bridge - thereby ^{stalling} ~~stalling~~ temporarily a government relief force.

DOGU Akapisiz

Those two American generals held by the Soviets for nearly three weeks - finally set free today. Generals ~~Edward~~ Scherrer and ~~General Claude~~ McQuarrie - returning to Turkey via ^a border crossing point, Dogu Akapisiz; along with a fellow captive - Turkey's Colonel Cevat Denli - who had accompanied the generals on the ~~flight~~ ^{flight when they} ~~strayed~~ ^{strayed} into Soviet Armenia. A few hours later - the Soviets also setting free U S Air Force Major James Russell; who was then permitted to fly out the ~~Generals~~ light plane - which ⁱⁿ ~~to be~~ ^{they} had ~~originally flown in~~ ^{flown over that border} near historic Mt. Ararat. [↑]

⌈ All four men - quickly whisked into seclusion.

~~However~~ ^{IP} The Turkish Foreign Office in Ankara calling their release - "a new sign of the importance given to good neighborly relations between Turkey and the Soviet Union." That, Warren, from Dogu Akapisiz.

JUNEAU

From Juneau, Alaska, comes a new suggestion today - for solving the transportation problems of America's forty-ninth state. Alaskan governor elect William Egan urging the use of ~~hovercraft~~ hovercraft -- to carry men and supplies and civilization to every corner of the vast northland. Bill Egan explaining that Hovercraft - which ride on a cushion ~~of~~ of air can take off and land practically anywhere and ~~but~~ he adds that Hovercraft are now capable of carrying one hundred ton pay loads - at speeds up to eighty miles per hour; with new, improved models coming soon - said he - expected to carry three hundred ton payloads at speeds of up to two hundred miles an hour.

The Governor Elect then goes on to say that he still considers conventional aircraft - the main-stay of Alaska's far-flung transportation system. ~~He~~ Also he says he favors the construction of a permanent road -

to link the rest of Alaska with its oil rich Arctic

slopes. But when it comes to Hovercraft - ~~say~~ ^{- adds Gov} Bill

Egan - "the possibilities are just unbounded." And

he adds significantly - they won't hurt the environment.