

DE GAULLE

*R.J. - Delco. Thursday, June 12, 1958.
(Given by Allen Jackson, P.T. in Alaska.)*

In France, the Right Wing extremists are supported - by a new powerful voice. Retired Air Force General Chassin, a former high official of Nato. Who, today, announced he was launching a "popular movement" to suppress political parties and ~~abolish~~ abolish the parliamentary system. He said - he wants to help DeGaulle clean up France, and echoed the slogan of the extremists in Algeria: "We trust DeGaulle, but not the men around him."

General Chassin charged ~~the~~ previous Cabinets - with "treason". Saying - they were responsible for the loss of one French colony after another. He declared that an "underground" revolutionary network has been created in France - with secret committees of public safety.

All this was disclosed at a news conference - featured by a violent scuffle. A Left Wing newsman called Chassin a "Fascist" - and hurled a chair at him. The General caught the flying chair - and his bodyguards hurled the assailant into the street.

One serious angle is this: General Chassin claimed that his anti-parliamentary movement has ~~been~~ supported the support of General Salan and other military chiefs in Algeria.

GERMANY

In Berlin, American officials blame the Russians - for the fact that the nine American soldiers have not been released. They point out the fact that the Soviet authorities have not answered a message sent on June First - ^{say that} and this is holding up direct negotiations between the Americans and the East German Communists. The Russians claim the matter is outside their jurisdiction, but the U.S. command refers to the Four Power Agreement, under which the Soviet Union assumed responsibility for the Eastern Zone of Germany.

Points of diplomacy - while the East German Reds continue to hold the eight officers and one soldier, who strayed across the border in a helicopter.

NAZIS

Horrors of Nazi Germany were revived at a law trial, today - the prosecution of Martin Sommer, a former supervisor at the infamous concentration camp at Buchenwald. Hitherto, ill health has kept Sommer from being put on trial, but now he faces justice at the city of Bayreuth. Accused - of the murder of fifty-three prison camp inmates.

Today, he admitted that he helped a doctor poison prisoners. Saying - he did so, on orders from the camp commander. Poison used - because there was no room for a firing squad, in carrying out executions. He assisted - while the doctor injected poison.

In the courtroom today, the Nazi nightmare appeared again.

LEBANON

The first contingent of the U.N. "watchdog" commission arrived in Lebanon, today. A mere few hours after the Security Council voted - to take action in the dispute between Lebanon and the United Arab Republic - by stationing a group of U.N. observers for a check on alleged aid given by the United Arab Republic to the Lebanese rebels.

The group of U.N. observers, arriving today, came from Israel, where they've been serving on the U.N. Armistice Commission. Five officers - headed by Lieutenant Colonel Maurice Brown of New Zealand, and including two Swedes and two Italians.

Five more are expected, arriving probably tomorrow - to prevent, if possible, the smuggling of weapons across the border.

CYPRUS

More fighting between Greeks and Turks - on the island of Cyprus. Two Greek Cypriots reported killed - at a place five miles from the capital city of Nicosia.

Elsewhere on the island - riots have been flaring.

At Famagusta - a street battle, when a crowd of Greeks collided with a mob of Turks. A wild melee with stones and clubs - until British police and soldiers restored order.

DEFENSE REORGANIZATION

The House, today, rode } rough shod -- over urgent appeals by President Eisenhower. Rejecting his demand - for changes in the Defense Reorganization Bill. The Democrats were in full control - as, in one vote after another, the legislators tossed out three amendments, which would have met the presidential demand.

Then the House passed the bill - sending it on to the Senate, where the battle will be renewed. President Eisenhower - wanting the authority of the Secretary of Defense to be increased beyond what the bill provides for. The Democrats retorting - that the White House changes might bring about a military dictatorship.

Yesterday, in passing the Reciprocal Trade Bill, the House gave the President - an outstanding victory. Today - an equally outstanding defeat.

President's Assistant Sherman Adams admits that he and his family occupied a Boston hotel suite - at a cost of about ^{Two} three thousand dollars to his friend, industrialist Bernard Goldfine. He says Goldfine invited the Admases to occupy the place from time to time. Sherman Adams - believing that Goldfine rented the suite permanently.

He denies that he ever sought favors for Goldfine - although he contacted federal agencies three times in his friend's ~~xxxxxx~~ behalf.

The statements are made ^{in a letter} ~~from the president's office~~ to Congressman Orin Harris of Arkansas, Chairman of the House Investigating Committee, which is considering the matter. Presidential ^{Day} Secretary Hagerty says that President Eisenhower approves of the Adams letter, and still has "complete confidence" in his assistant.

EATON

A stormy meeting, yesterday - between members of a Congressional Committee and millionaire industrialist Cyrus Eaton. Who has been charging the F.B.I. - with "snooping". The meeting, in Washington, was informal - intended, apparently, to smooth matters over. But, instead - there was arm waving and shouting. The millionaire from Cleveland saying - that the whole U.S. government is guilty of - "snooping".

Today, Congressman Walter of Pennsylvania, Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, declared that Cyrus Eaton compared the United States with Nazi Germany under Hitler. "That was too much for me," says the Congressman. "I couldn't take that."

So the meeting broke up with angry recrimination.

Eaton charges the Committee members - with "despicable, Un-American tactics."

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INTRO. TO RECORDING

51:50

We have another Alaskan report from Lowell Thomas - who's up in the northern wilds gathering material for his new television series, beginning in the autumn.

But, first, let me recite a bit of news from Asia.

A dispatch from Iran - telling how a huge black bear invaded a village. Raging around - and mauling twenty-six people.

The villagers finally killed the bear - which they then roasted on a public bonfire, and had a feast.

The reason I relate this as a preface to Lowell's report - will now be made clear.

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(Note: Probably you'll want to end on the piece of L.T., which runs 4.41)

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L.T.

Alaska may become our forty-ninth state soon - maybe in a few weeks, before Congress adjourns. But state or territory, it will still be our last frontier - most of it a wilderness where life can be plenty exciting. Take for example what happened to Rod Darnell.

I ran into Rod on the street here in Juneau.

Hadn't seen him for nine years when I had been here with Explorer Mal Miller and famous polar flyer Bernt Balchen.

Juneau is having something of a heat wave this week, and Rod Darnell was in his shirt sleeves. Noticing some big scars on his left arm I asked about them.

"Oh, a bear got me," he replied, and then started to talk about something else. Fred Dunn of Pan American who was with me, broke in:-

"Come on, Rod, tell him about it!" And reluctantly he did.

Rod Darnell has been well known as a hunter and

fisherman up here, for twenty-five years. Cool, an expert shot. None better. Just the man to be with - if you meet danger. But - a bear got him. An Alaskan - Sitka Brown - largest carnivorous animal in the world. Some of them, when they stand up, nearly 12 feet tall - and weigh nearly a ton.

Rod had taken two others, Ree Reindeau and Vern Clemons, to nearby mountainous Chichagof Island, to get deer. When they went ashore and started inland, Darnell preceded the other two. He had rounded some brush and was alone - that is he was until without a moment's warning he found himself facing three huge bears. Two, a year old, each weighing five or six hundred pounds. The mother more than twice that size - almost as big as an elephant, and much more dangerous.

The two smaller bear moved off, but in a split second the huge she-bear, its vicious eyes green, its mouth foaming, came with a roar; covering the twenty

paces to Darnell at jet speed. He barely had time to raise his gun and fire - he believes hitting the bear in the mouth.

Then he whirled, threw himself face down on the ground clasping his hands behind his head - knowing the first thing the bear would try to do would be to break his neck. With one swipe of a paw an Alaskan brown bear can kill a bull moose.

What happened now, his companions estimated what happened in about thirty seconds. They had rounded the brush as the bear charged and Rod Darnell fired. The bear was on him, tearing at him, flinging him around, mauling head in its huge jaws. Then Vern Clemons got in a shot - in fact shot the bear off Darnell. A moment later Ree Heindeau got in one that finished the monster.

The rest of the story is just as hair-raising. Rod Darnell was covered with blood - his own. Arm torn, muscles torn loose from his chest, shoulder torn, scalp

ripped loose and hanging down. But he didn't lose consciousness and directed the other two what to do. Surely he would die before they could make the seventy mile open sea voyage in their launch, to Juneau.

Across Catham Strait was a salmon cannery. They made it there. A message went by short wave to Juneau, a doctor flew down in a Grumman Goose, they hustled him to the hospital in Juneau where it took Doc Hude most of a day to sew him up.

For the full story read the account by Alaska fish and game Commissioner, Frank Dufresne, in Field and Stream.

Rod Darnell still guides and hunts - has lost none of his zest for it. But he never hunts these huge bear - never did. Thinks they are entitled to roam their mountains. Says they have nothing to fear from him - and wishes he had some way to let them know it!

QUEEN

58:05

It was raining in London, today, but that was no reason for calling off the "trooping of the colors", on the Queen's birthday. A hundred thousand spectators were there in a downpour - as the regiment of the Scots Guards went through the stately military ceremony. The soldiers got wet, so did Her Majesty - who sat on a horse, with rain-drops trickling down her face.

Actually, the Queen became thirty-two years old on April Twenty-First - but, officially, her birthday celebration is held in June. April - noted for bad weather in Britain. June - more likely to have bright skies.

But, on this June day - it was raining cats and dogs in London.

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