

DE GAULLE

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(Given by Allan Johnson. P.J. in Alaska)

In Paris, General de Gaulle took determined action, today - to end the defiance in Algeria. De Gaulle, reportedly "furious" - over the latest development.

The right-wingers in Algeria, through their Committee of Public Safety, issued a demand - that De Gaulle ~~shall~~ abolish political parties in France, bringing on authoritarian government. And H ~~shall~~ cancel the free election he has ordered in Algeria, next month, with equal voting rights for Moslems. This pronouncement they passed on to General Salan, the Supreme Algerian Commander - whom De Gaulle named as his representative. General Salan then transmitted the manifesto to De Gaulle in Paris.

Today's dispatch states that De Gaulle responded by sending a preemptory telegram, warning Salan to stay out of politics. The telegram reads as follows:

"The regular authority, and first of all yourself,"

De Gaulle told Salan, "cannot take sides - about what this

committee, or any other political organization, may express or demand.

"I remind you," the telegram continues, "that this committee has no other right and role - than to express, under your control, the opinion of its members."

Which certainly seems as if De Gaulle were meeting the challenge of the Algerian Committee of Public Safety - head on. Leaving the next move - up to the Committee.

De Gaulle headquarters announces that the General will meet American Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in Paris - July fifth. For discussions that will include the question - of the French position in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Speculation in Paris is - that the Dulles visit may be followed later on by a meeting of General de Gaulle and President Eisenhower.

LEBANON

The United Nations will send a "watchdog" commission to the troubled land of Lebanon. So voted by the Security Council, today - which okayed a proposal to commission an observation group, to insure Lebanon against subversion by the United Arab Republic.

The Lebanese claim that the state headed by Egyptian strongman Nasser has been fomenting and aiding rebellion in Lebanon. The charge, made before the Security Council, was backed by the western countries. It was hotly denied by the United Arab Republic - which had the strong support of Soviet Russia.

The Soviets could have cast a veto, today - but they didn't - merely abstaining from voting. Moscow delegate Sobolev explained this by saying - that the United Arab Republic didn't object, and was willing to have a U.N. "observation group" go to the Lebanon.

News from the Middle East, meanwhile, tells of the heaviest fighting, so far, at the Lebanese port of Tripoli.

Where government artillery, today - battered the medieval citadel. One of the great relics of the past - built by the Crusaders in the twelfth century.

The rebel forces used the citadel as an anchor for their fighting line in the city of Tripoli. The Crusader castle - demolished by cannon fire. Which the Crusaders of old - never dreamed of.

EAST GERMANY

The East German Communists are saying - they'll ~~be~~ release the nine American Army men - if the United States negotiates with the East German government. Yesterday Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said - this country might communicate with the East German Reds - to procure the release of the eight officers and one soldier, who strayed across the border in a helicopter.

That might seem to settle things - but not at all. U.S. officials in West Berlin say - they've no instructions from Washington. While, in Washington, the word is - we're waiting for a reply from the Russians. Who, in their turn, insist - they've nothing to do with the affair. The case of the nine soldiers - a East German ~~affair~~ question.

Clearly, those East German Communists want to get some kind of recognition from the United States - even if it's only a matter of negotiations for the release of the prisoners.

PASSPORTS

An illegal passport game - smashed by the U.S. immigration authorities. Passports of Americans in Europe - stolen or procured in some other way. Then - altered, so that as to be used by illegal immigrants into the U.S.

Headquarters of the ring - at Palermo, Sicily. The fraudulent passports - enabling numbers of Italians to get into the United States, ~~illegally~~ illegally. Three persons arrested in Europe - eight in the United States.

The crooked passport game was broken - with the help of Italian, French and Dutch authorities.

TRADE

President Eisenhower won an outstanding victory ⁱⁿ ~~with~~ Congress, today - when the House of Representatives okayed a five-year extension of the reciprocal trade program. Which empowers the White House to reduce tariffs - as much as twenty-five percent.

Indications have been that the lawmakers might go for a policy of high tariffs - which the President said would be against our national interests. He made urgent appeals to Congress, and these sure were effective. High tariff advocates were beaten today, and the presidential measure was passed by a surprising majority - three hundred and seventeen to ninety-eight.

The bill, however, still faces a fight in the Senate.

REORGANIZATION

President Eisenhower proposes a compromise - trying to get his defense reorganization plan through Congress. Today Republican Congressman Arends of Illinois told the House of Representatives - that ~~if~~ if they'd adopt three amendments, the bill would be acceptable to the President. Amendments - to strengthen the hand of the Secretary of Defense, under the new reorganization.

The Democrats, however, seem recalcitrant.

Congressman Paul Kilday of Texas, declaring - that the changes proposed by the White House, today, could start this country on the road to a military dictatorship.

ECONOMIC

Another sign - that the recession may be on its way out. The figures for payrolls took a rise in May - for the first time since the recession began last August. Wages and salaries earned by Americans took a jump of seven hundred and fifty million dollars in May. Bringing the total - to nearly two hundred and thirty-four billion dollars.

Add this to other signs - that the recession may have run its course.

INTRODUCTION TO RECORDING

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Lowell Thomas, who is in Alaska gathering material for his television series, beginning next autumn - gives us another recorded report - on things up there in the northern wilds. In this case, an example of the Alaskan way of life.

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L.T.

I had several reminders today that Alaska is still real frontier country. This morning I was at breakfast at the Baranof Hotel here in Juneau. Along with me were veteran bush pilot Merrill Wein from Fairbanks, Pepi Gabel, a mountaineer from St. Anton, Austria, Mountaineers Gretchen and Don Fraser from Vancouver, Washington, Tay and three year old Anne, waiting for Jowell, Jr. who is helping set up a camp for a group of scientists on an Alaskan icefield.

Suddenly there was an explosion - a gun had gone off with a roar - in the lobby about 50 feet from where we were. Jumping up we saw a man in a hunting outfit, holding a smoking rifle - a 375 magnum. That's the gun they use up here for shooting the largest carnivorous animal in the world - the Alaskan brown bear.

Above him there was a hole in the lobby ceiling about 2 inches in diameter. Everyone's first thought was: "I wonder who's sleeping late in the bedroom just above?"

Did it wake him up? Or will he wake up in the next world?"

"That's room 210 just above!" shouted the clerk. There's a couple in there and they haven't come down this morning!" Whereupon the clerk and Guide Jim Lenz, the professional hunter, bounded up the stairs. They pounded on the door. "Are you all right in there?"

With gasps of relief the two returned to the lobby. A little later the couple in 210 came down, Toby Couture, for thirty-three years a Chrysler research expert, from Detroit, and his wife "Steve".

The visitor from Detroit was having his morning bath, when the heavy 280 grain bullet from the bear gun, came through the floor, and hit his bathtub. The automobile man said it felt as he supposed it would feel if a land mine went off under you - or an earthquake.

His wife "Steve" who heard her husband explode, said:- "Toby, you shouldn't use language like that so early in the morning!"

Guide Jim Lenz, had just come in from nearby Admiralty Island, where he had taken two hunters from the States, for brown bear. They had been successful - had gotten one.

In February and March each year Jim Lenz, hunts polar bear. That's when the ice is strongest - and the polar bear come farthest south in Bering Sea.

After the polar bear season he shoots wolves, for a month or so, from a small plane. The government pays a bounty of fifty dollars for each wolf shot. Wolves that prey on the herds of caribou that still make their great annual migration across the Arctic tundra.

Then he takes "outsiders", to Admiralty and other islands here in Southeastern Alaska, to get these huge brown bear.

And - fires a shot through the lobby ceiling at the Hotel Baranof, that frightens the daylights out of a

Detroit visitor who is in the bathtub that he hits in the room above.

If you are bored with life wherever you are, come on up to Alaska, and live dangerously!

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FOLLOW RECORDING

Thanks Lowell, and let's go on to a couple of thrillers from the news.

Here are two instances of smart fast thinking in aerial emergencies. In both cases - a failure of electrical power in an airplane.

In one case, a jet fighter plane was flying over Tennessee, when the electrical generator conked out. The radio - going dead. There was a heavy overcast, and the pilot of the speeding jet had no means of picking a way for a landing. His fuel was running low, and there he was, without radio - as if blinded.

But then Captain Edwin Weiler spied a big Air Force tanker plane - which augured a possibility of safety. So the jet went speeding to the tanker, and flew alongside. Captain Weiler - using hand signals, in explaining his trouble to the tanker pilot, Captain John Spencer. The jet needed guidance - for landing.

Whereupon the big tanker acted as a sort of mother plane. The jet - flying under one wing of the huge/~~aircraft~~^{transport.}

Which, having plenty of radio - showed the way to Sewart Air Force Base. Guiding the jet for a landing - through aerial traffic.

The other instance occurred in Germany - where, at a small U.S. flying field, Airman Jimmy Lee Benton was on duty at night. The field in darkness - lights off. When, suddenly, he heard - the roar of a low flying airplane. He looked up, and saw - a black shadow against the night sky. A big plane - with no lights.

The unlighted plane - a Swedish airliner with thirty-three persons aboard - flying to Switzerland. When, over Germany - the electrical system went out. The pilot, Captain Erik Nielsson - left without lights, navigational instruments or radio.

On the ground, Jimmy Benton guessed what was wrong - electrical failure. So he made a dash to the switch, and threw on the lights of the little flying field.

Which did the trick - the Swedish airliner coming down for a landing.

Fast thinking Don - by the airman in Germany and the pilot in Tennessee.

HAM OPERATORS

58.05 1 Well we have ^{2 hrs on} ~~2 hrs~~ DX operation
'long distance' to Radio Amateur

The Army is extending its thanks to ham radio operators - who caught signals bouncing off the moon. Which they reported to the Army - and performed a valuable service.

Radio signals reflected by the moon are ~~a commonplace~~ commonplace, nowadays, in the business of tracking satellites. The tracking stations calibrate their instruments - by means of these radio moonbeams.

It's all a bit complicated, but it seems that ham operators, far and wide, were able to pick up the lunar signals - which gave the Army technicians added useful information. So now the Army is sending - cards of acknowledgment.

The word "ham" may not sound so dignified, but there's quite a bit of science - in those amateur operators.

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CHINA

(Another battle - along the China coast. A clash at sea - between ships of the Nationalists and the Reds. The Nationalists on Formosa claim - two Communist gunboats sunk. Two others, damaged. This was the second sea fight in ten days.)