

L.T.-Olds. Fri, Dec, 9-'60.

Charles DeGaulle may be headed for - his finest hour. Eclipsing even his heroism in World War Two - when he rallied his fellow countrymen to resist the Nazi occupation. His problem then was - straight forward - to win the war. Now, a ~~much~~ thornier dilemma - Algeria. Which DeGaulle may solve - judging by what happened today.

The President of France kept his promise - to visit the turbulent North African territory. When he arrived in the town of Ain Temouchent - he was met by a howling mob. ~~And~~ Warned by his advisors - to stay in the Town Hall, DeGaulle replied - "I'm going down there." Then he added - "they're just a lot of noise makers."

With the unflinching bearing of an old soldier - he marched into the middle of the mob. The first cry he heard was - "Down with DeGaulle!" Then he smiled, began to shake hands - and exchange pleasantries. The mob - quieted down. The Moslems - began to cheer. One reached out to touch DeGaulle - as if he were a holy man of Islam. From Moslems

and Frenchmen alike, the shout went up "Vive DeGaulle!"

The tall figure in his khaki uniform - smiled slightly, waved, then returned to his car. Tonight he's in the tense capital of Algeria - there meeting more hostility, but vowing - not to be brow-beaten. His advisors tonight are not quite so worried - about the tall general failing.

CONGO

The latest news from the Congo

*sounds like*  
~~is shot through~~

~~with~~ the age-old ferocity of the jungle. Lumumba's followers in Stanleyville are threatening to decapitate - a thousand white hostages. The Europeans and Americans have been terrorized - ever since Lumumba was captured. Now, *all these whites are* ~~they're~~ threatened with summary execution - by the ~~primitive~~ *frenzied followers of Lumumba.* ~~as of the Congolese headman~~

The U N is moving to get its troops into Stanleyville -in time to prevent mass murder. Meanwhile, in Leopoldville, Mobutu flatly refuses to release Lumumba. Mobutu, charging - Lumumba at large, would only ~~be~~ bedevil the entire Congo situation. And ~~might~~ might not save - the white hostages in Stanleyville.



LAOS

The situation in Laos is confused - following the flight of the Premier of that state in Southeast Asia. Prince Souvanna Phouma arrived by plane - in Cambodia. We are told that he was forced out - by opposition from both left and right. The two extremes, plunging Laos -- close to civil war.



ECUADOR

That attack on the American Embassy in Quito -  
was touched off by a <sup>new</sup> boundary dispute between Ecuador  
and Peru. A treaty giving Peru some extra territory along  
the Ecuador border in Nineteen Fifty-Two - was guaranteed  
by Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the ~~United~~ United States.  
Ecuador recently tore up that ~~the~~ treaty - unilaterally.  
The other four powers, having no recourse - except to  
rule in favor of Peru in this dispute. Leading to today's  
disturbances - in Quito. All four embassies - stoned by  
the mob.

## NEW ORLEANS

Now the situation in New Orleans. Another drop in the number of white children - at integrated William Frantz School. Only eight today - compared with a high of twenty-three, earlier in the week.

The reason - a new segregationist campaign is taking shape. Heckling at the school - dying out. But the harassment of parents - is being stepped up. The segregationists are handing out neatly mimeographed sheets - bearing license numbers, names, and addresses. Identifying the white parents - who defy the blockade. Setting them up as targets for harassment - in their own homes, and - on their jobs.

## STORM

Two groups of Americans are said to be happy about the blizzard roaring across the southwest - children and soldiers.

Snow is falling in a heavy blanket - on Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. Eighteen inches - in Silver City, New Mexico. Result - many youngsters seeing snow for the first time in their lives. Gazing wide-eyed at the white flakes covering their back yards. Getting the thrill - of throwing their first snowballs.

The soldiers are pleased - because the blizzard has put an end to field maneuvers - at Fort Bliss, Texas.



## PLANE

The plane with the "hot nose" - was up over the Mojave Desert today. The X-15 -- piloted by Neil Armstrong. Its "hot nose" is an eight pound piece of steel - hollowed out from a block weighing a hundred pounds. So sensitive, it can detect a quarter degree movement - in any direction. <sup>Also</sup> ~~And~~ stands up to atmospheric conditions - better than the old-fashioned needle-nose.

With eight thousand pounds of thrust under his control - pilot Armstrong ~~reached~~ reached an altitude of fifty thousand feet, at twelve hundred miles an hour.

## FRANKLIN

The Post Office has just received a gift - that may be nearly priceless, if it's authentic.

A bronze medallion - bearing a picture of Benjamin Franklin. At the bottom, the date - Seventeen Seventy-Seven. Also the name - Nini.

Well, Giovanni Nini was an Italian artist - of Franklin's time. Nini - the most fashionable artist in Europe. Royalty flocked to his studio in Paris - Marie Antoinette, the Duke of York, the Crown Prince of Austria; and statesmen - like Fox and the Talleyrand.

Also the philosopher-statesman from the new nation across the bounding main. Franklin sat for Nini in Paris - several times. It has always been thought - that all the Nini-Franklin medallions were accounted for. But now another has turned up - and the Post Office would like to know if it's the real McCoy - I mean the real Nini.

## PATIENT

A dispatch from Trenton, New Jersey - tells of a real cliff-hanger. Place - the St. Francis Hospital. Star of the thriller - patient Charles Solti.

A nurse found Solti hanging by his hands from a six-story window. She grabbed him by the wrist - and screamed for help. Doctors, nurses, other patients - rushing in; trying to haul Solti in. An impossible task - because he weighs two hundred pounds. But all they could do - was hang on, keep him from falling, and shout - for the fire department.

Firemen to the rescue - with a net. But - they weren't too hopeful. A sixty foot jump is considered the safety maximum. There was Solti dangling eighty feet up. Finally, a hook and ladder - arrived.

Whereupon one fireman climbed to the top of the ladder, fastened a rope around Solti's waist - and threw the other end in through the window. And then those inside - hauled him in.



PATIENT - 2

Tonight, he's back in his bed - saying he feels fine. The hospital personnel? Why had he been out there, hanging from that window ledge? No explanation. Just felt like hanging from a ledge. Ever have that feeling, Dick?

FIRST LADY

*I wonder if any*  
~~business~~ ladies listening ~~to~~ are waiting  
for me to say something - about today's conference at the  
White House. *? that* ~~very~~ high level conference - between the  
current occupant and the next occupant. Our First Lady -  
and our incoming First Lady.

Jacqueline Kennedy accepted Mamie Eisenhower's  
invitation - on the spur of the moment. *Saying,* she'd  
like to see the Executive Mansion - before going South for  
the Christmas Holidays. Mrs. Eisenhower telling Mrs.  
Kennedy - "why, of course, come right along."

Hence the get-together - lasting over an hour.  
The two women, walking through the Conservatory, the  
reception room, the State Dining Room - and so on. Not  
forgetting - the thirty ~~xxx~~ rooms on the second and third  
floors.

Afterward, they strolled out - to pose for  
pictures in the garden. Then the ~~xxx~~ guest thanked her

hostess - and left. Mrs. Kennedy, on her way south -

and presumably ~~thinking eagerly about the~~ <sup>pondering over</sup> changes

she'll make, when she moves into the White House.