

ALGERIA

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The French government ~~is~~^{was} moving its Algerian army
- into Algiers and Oran, ^{today,} in force. DeGaulle, moving to
control - the outburst of murder and mayhem. Ordering
his infantry to patrol the streets of the two cities -
around the clock. Stationing tanks at key intersections
- especially where the European and Moslem quarters meet.
The President of France, hoping to prevent any more
atrocities like ~~the one~~ yesterday - when agents of the
Rightwing underground openly shot down passing Moslems.

Will fugitive General Salan order an insurrection
- when the ~~the~~ cease fire is announced? Paris - doubts it.
The belief is that Salan will continue his present
strategy - of attempting to drive Algeria into anarchy
and chaos.

HISTORY

The French are making an obvious reference - to Bobby Kennedy. Obvious in Paris - anyway. Calling our Attorney General - "America's Gray Eminence." The title will ring a bell in your memory - if you've ever dipped into French history.

~~Remember~~ The Gray Eminence of Seventeenth Century France - Father Joseph, the Capuchin Friar? Cardinal Richelieu's - right-hand man? Father Joseph - always in the background. But somehow - always at the right spot, at the right time. Murmuring advice - into Richelieu's ear. Or carrying out secret diplomatic missions - for the Great Cardinal. They called Father Joseph - Richelieu's Gray Eminence.

When Richelieu built the anti-Hapsburg coalition - His Gray Eminence did the leg work. Father Joseph, touring the European capitals - persuading kings and queens to line up with France against Austria. He was so successful that Austria was defeated - while Richelieu's France rose to dominate the west.

Father Joseph - one of the great diplomats of modern history. I wonder ~~how many of us think that that~~ ^{the Attorney General} really resembles the Capuchin Friar. Is Bobby Kennedy - America's Gray Eminence?

A Western diplomat commented in Saigon today - "this was a professional job." Referring to the attack - on the President's palace. The two pilots - obviously well trained. Swooping down from a misty sky - coming in at tree-top level. Making half a dozen passes - at the building. Bombing and strafing - right on target. Setting fire to the palace - with napalm.

But the pilots - made two mistakes. They didn't hit - Premier Diem. And they made - one pass too many. By that time, Saigon's anti-aircraft guns -- were in action. Knocking one plane down in flames - forcing the other to flee.

The assassination attempt, evidently instigated by - Diem's opponents of the Right. No connection, apparently - with the Red guerrillas.

ASTRONAUT

A Congressman from Ohio claims that his state is getting - "as big as Texas." Congressman Moeller, referring to the fact that Astronaut John Glenn is from Ohio. So the Buckeyes are feeling - slightly larger than life size. In fact - like Texans.

This came out after Glenn testified - before the House Space Committee. Only, the Astronaut was a bit more gober - than his Congressman. He warned the Committee, and the American people, to be prepared for the fact - that our space program is bound to cost lives. Future astronauts, not coming back - as safely as he did. "Still, we must not be frightened off" - said John Glenn, ^{as he pointed} ~~pointing~~ out that aviation developed rapidly, despite early crack-ups.

Also testifying today - Astronaut Alan Shepard. Asked why we've been so lucky with our first three space flights, Shepard answered - "We make our own luck." In other words, it's not really luck, ^{it's intense research} ~~at all - but know-how and~~ hard work.

WEATHER

The Ohio river is at flood stage tonight - Fifty -two feet at Cincinnati. And - still rising. Cause - heavy rain in Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Ohio. The tributaries of the great river in those four states - are reaching their own flood crest, and on into the Ohio, which is threatening to burst over its banks.

Farther west - too cold for rain. Thirty below - in Western Montana. With more sub-zero temperatures - through the Rockies and the Great Plains.

BRITAIN

The British are having a blizzard - British style.

The thermometer, plummeting to - twenty-eight.

Meaning - twenty-eight above zero. Three inches of snow - falling on London. Blowing into drifts - two feet deep; enough to paralyze traffic - in the British capital. Busses and trains running late. Planes - grounded. Hundreds of Londoners - insisting that it's too cold to be on the job. So today they stayed home - and thawed out in front of their grate fires.

Northern England and Scotland are getting something closer to - American weather. An icy wind sweeping across bleak Yorkshire moors; blowing up drifts - ten feet deep. The glens of Scotland - blocked by snow, tonight.

SHOOTING

That gun battle near Wausau, Wisconsin - was started by a berserk farmer. Fred Schmidt, getting involved in - a bar room brawl. Shooting the bartender - then blockading himself in his barn. Firing at the sheriff and thirty deputies - with a shotgun, a deer rifle, and a pistol. The fusillade, continuing - until the barn caught fire. Schmidt, bursting out, blazing away - until he was cut down by the guns of the posse.

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OMDURMAN

Winston Churchill gained another distinction today - with the passing of old Harry Kitch in London. The distinction? Sir Winston is the last of the Lancers who made the historic cavalry charge at Omdurman. The critical battle that pacified the Sudan in 1898 - and established British supremacy.

A stirring time - of Empire. Lord Kitchener, moving South from Egypt - to meet the fanatical followers of the Mahdi - to avenge the death of Gordon of the Sudan. One of Kitchener's regiments - the Twenty-First Lancers. An unknown subaltern of the Lancers - Young Winston Churchill. The decisive engagement, taking place - at Omdurman in the Sudan, on the Nile. The Lancers, breaking the Sudanese line - in a headlong cavalry charge. Becoming the idols - of Victorian England. Churchill's first book was about that campaign - The River War - a book that thrilled me when I read it

- in the Sudan, long ago, when I was on my way to join Lawrence in Arabia.

Tonight, only one of the Lancers - is left.

Winston Churchill, the last of those who rode into action - and immortality - at Omdurman.

FOR DICK

I have been getting a lot of letters from people asking me - what's the official name of this show.

Wonder why so many have been about this during the past week or two?

Dick, do we have an official name, or are we nameless?

DOCTOR

A Soviet doctor is advising members of the medical profession to take up - weight lifting. Doctor Leonid Rogozov, explaining - that its a help when you have to operate on yourself. The Moscow medico did just that - while he was in the Antarctic. Removing - his own appendix. He says that he would have collapsed in the middle of the operation - if it hadn't been for the strength he gained through his daily ~~exercise~~^{exercise}. Weight lifting ^{is Soviet} this doctors prescription - for any doctor thinking about removing his own appendix.