

ALGERIA

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The situation in Algeria is an ironic commentary - on the history of the crisis. When the shooting began seven years ago - the French army was protecting the French settlers from the Moslem rebels. ^{now} The cease-fire signed in Evian today - puts the French army on the side of the Moslems against the settlers. And the settlers are banded into an underground organization - that didn't even exist back in 1954. The OAS, led by a man who once was DeGaulle's top soldier - General Salan, now a fugitive with a price on his head.

All this ^{is quite} a shift ~~of the pieces~~ on the Algerian chess board - ^{one that may result in} ~~that could provoke~~ a second civil war. ^{the} Irony ^{is it!} ~~is almost tangible~~ in Algeria.

Meanwhile, the cease-fire - goes into effect. The Moslems, laying down their arms - joining DeGaulle in his attempt to build an Algerian Algeria. Tapped by DeGaulle to be High Commissioner - Christian Fouchet, the French

Ambassador to Denmark.

The first OAS response to the cease fire - today's
general strike paralyzing the cities of Algeria.

FRANCE FOLLOW ALGERIA

And there are no celebrations in France tonight. That country may be relieved - but the French are sad; mourning the end of a dramatic chapter - in French history.

French ALGERIA began - in the year 1830. Some may remember - the famous fan, the ostrich feathers that the Turkish Dey - flicked in the face of the French consul. Those were the days of empire, and - a French expeditionary force was dispatched across the Mediterranean. Algiers fell - in three weeks. And soon the French army had conquered all of Algeria. In fact, the French made a single nation - out of a welter of feudal tribes and territories. And Algeria remained the star of the French empire - until today.

No - they're not celebrating in France. Not with French Algeria gone - after a hundred-and-thirty-two years.

ARGENTINA

The results of the election in Argentina may mean - one of the remarkable comebacks of our time. When Juan Peron fled into exile in 1955 - his political career was thought to be over. The fallen Dictator - fallen for good, said his enemies. Even Peron seemed to ~~xxx~~ have accepted the inevitable last year - when he revealed his second marriage in Madrid. Thus tarnishing the image of himself and his first wife - the fabulous Evita Peron. Evita - who had ^{quite a loyal} ~~a big~~ following of her own. "Juan and Evita" they were - when they lorded it over the Argentine together. After her death - she became almost a Saint to the Peronistas. Surely Juan's remarriage in Spain - must mean that he was through politically?

Apparently not. This ^{is present} ~~is~~ election ^{is} a great victory for his supporters, in alliance with the Communists. Peron, watching from Madrid - waiting for the propitious moment to return to Buenos Aires. His old enemies in the

armed services, moving to head him off - if they can.

Argentina, headed into a crisis - marked by the

resignation of President Frondizi's cabinet. President

Frondizi tonight ordered military commanders to take

over in five provinces where Peronista candidates won

in a landslide.

RESERVES

The Commanding General of the Forty-Ninth Armored Division at Fort Polk, Louisiana - today informed his men that they ^{are} in the army. At least, ^{so} he informed the two-hundred - "we-want-out" demonstrators. The other Fifteen-thousand men - in the camp? They've been soldiering - all along.

General Harley West today issued a directive - that no more dissident meetings will be allowed. General West, pointing out that the speakers have used insulting language ^{in speaking} of the President - their Commander-In-Chief. ^{And that's a} violation of - military law. Besides, these compainers ^{are} are creating the danger of - a riot. The possibility that the real soldiers in the outfit - may start taking punches at the "we-want-out"-grippers. In fact, some veterans are saying - that would be the best way to handle the problem. Says Sergeant Gene Burks of Kaufman, Texas - "something had to be done, it got hard to face your friends at home."

CONFERENCE

Western observers in Geneva claim - that Soviet strategy is perfectly clear. Namely - to hold out a meaningless offer, with the intention of disrupting America's schedule for atomic testing next month.

The Soviet offer - to reopen the test ban talks with the other three nuclear powers. The offer, meaningless - because there's still no hint that Moscow will ever accept a genuine test ban treaty. So Khrushchev wants to keep us talking - instead of testing.

The American answer - "talk and test." No back-down from President Kennedy's position - that we'll go ahead at ~~Easter~~ ^{Christmas} Island, Unless - Russia signs a treaty with a foolproof inspection system.

OKINAWA

The executive order signed by President Kennedy today - gives Okinawa an interim status. The President, saying at the White House - that the big island will eventually be returned to Japan. So we are offering Tokyo a share - in its development. At the same time - granting the Okinawans more self government.

For the immediate future - Okinawa remains an American base. Part of our defense perimeter - in the far Pacific. Which is why we're putting more money into an island that most Americans never heard of before World War II. The scene of one of our greatest victories in the conflict with Japan - Okinawa.

PRINCESS

Movie fans are happy to hear - that Alfred Hitchcock is going to star Grace Kelly in his next picture. Or should I say - Grace Grimaldi? Or just - the Princess of Monaco? ~~They~~ All add up to the same thing, The glamour girl from Philadelphia - returning to the films. Stepping out of her Palace - onto a Hitchcock set. The shooting, to be done in America - next summer.

Reuniting two great figures - of the movie industry.

1/2 Grace Kelly and Alfred Hitchcock - who made the thriller "To Catch A Thief" in Nineteen-fifty-five.

FIRST LADY

An American in Jaipur said today - "Bibia was more nervous than Jacquie." Jacquie - Mrs. Kennedy, of course. Bibia? The lucky elephant - on which the First Lady had her first elephant ride.

Bibia, quite a sight - when she was led out today. Standing eight-feet tall - and painted like the rainbow. On her back - a gold and silver howdah, in which the First Lady rode around the palace at Jaipur. Of course the lucky pachyderm had to be prodded a bit. Every mahout has to do that.

Bibia the elephant of course is used to glamour - since the Maharani of Jaipur is a beauty too. Gayatri Devi, often included among - the ten most beautiful women in the world. Also a smart politician - who beat Nehru's candidate in the last election.

Tonight, Dick - one beauty playing hostess - to another. The Maharani of Jaipur - and the First Lady from Washington.

SAINT PATRICKS DAY

The London police report ^{only} ~~that~~ forty-one persons were arrested for being drunk and disorderly - on St. Patrick's Day. ~~Not surprising that~~ ^{of them} Forty ~~were~~ Irishmen. ~~But~~ The Forty-first is interesting - for two reasons. First - she's a lady. Second - she's English. Moreover, she was one of only nine - who pleaded guilty. Said Mrs. Jane Swithin - "I get cockeyed whenever there's a good reason." Then the ^{and surely} anglo-saxon lady added - "St. Patrick's Day is a good reason."