

SALAN

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Tonight there isn't much competition for the title of "the man most likely to face a firing squad." It's Raoul Salan hands down. Salan, yesterday the feared mastermind - of the OAS terror in Algeria. Tonight, a prisoner - in a Paris jail. Facing what promises to be the most spectacular public trial - since that of Marshal Petain in Nineteen Forty-Five.

Ironically, like Petain - Salan was once the most illustrious soldier in the French Army. He graduated from St.Cyr, the French West Point - ~~and~~ made a brilliant career in his country's colonial service. Rising to the rank of - five star general. Becoming commander of the French armies - in Indo-China and Algeria.

Salan - friend and colleague of DeGaulle. One of the military men - who forced DeGaulle's return to power in Nineteen Fifty-Eight. Salan, apparently headed for the key post of commanding general - in DeGaulle's Algerian Algeria. But - Salan decided to fight for a French Algeria. He went to Spain as an exile, and then slipped across the Mediterranean -

to the great French territory in North Africa. There he joined three other rebellious generals in an abortive coup - that lasted only a couple of days.

General Challe and General Zeller - surrendered as their rebellion collapsed around them. General Jouhaud was captured a couple of weeks ago - and sentenced to death. That left only General Salan - still at large. He was arrested today in ~~Algiers~~ Algiers - at the apartment he occupied with his wife and daughter. Also rounded up - some of Salan's top OAS ~~adjutants~~ *lieutenants*.

DeGaulle's men didn't lose a moment - with their biggest prize. They hustled him aboard a plane - for Paris. Next stop in the career of "the most decorated soldier in the French army" - the prisoner's dock of a military tribunal. After that, possibly the firing squad - for Raoul Salan.

## ALGERIA FOLLOW SALAN

The big question, of course - is what effect the arrest of Salan will have on Algeria? It could break the moral - of the OAS. Especially since the terrorist organization has no one of Salan's rank - to replace him.

In any case, DeGaulle's interim administration - is cracking down hard. The security forces in Oran have adopted a policy - of shooting OAS commandos on sight. And High Commissioner Fouchet is bringing the Moslem "local force" - into Algiers. The use of forty thousand Moslem soldiers - ~~has~~ <sup>HAD</sup> been a matter of dispute. But today the High Commissioner decided - he needs them to put down the atrocious violence that is rocking Algeria.

An ironic turn of events. The OAS has been trying to draw the French army - over to ~~their~~ <sup>its</sup> side, against the Moslems. What the OAS ~~has~~ has actually achieved - is a French-Moslem alliance against itself.

## GOOD FRIDAY

The scene in Jerusalem today, was the pilgrimage - that Christians everywhere follow in spirit on Good Friday. The Via Dolorosa - the Way of the Cross. Beginning at Ansonia - where Pontius Pilate handed down ~~his~~<sup>his</sup> verdict. Then following the footsteps of Jesus - to Mt. Calvary.

Thousands of pilgrims, from dozens of lands - treked along the Via Dolorosa today. Their guides, explaining the route in a chorus of European languages - England, French, German, Italian, Spanish. The solemn beginning of three sacred days - on the Christian calendar. From the sombre stillness of Good Friday - to the ~~solemn~~<sup>Joyous</sup> rejoicing of Easter Sunday.

## ASTRONAUTS

The latest batch of astronaut candidates - were not selected with specific jobs in mind. But they are said to be even more qualified for space exploration - than were the original seven at the same stage. So there may be another ~~shepard~~ Shepard, or Grissom, or Glenn - among these eight.

In June, they'll start their training - at Edwards Air Force Base in California. The course - advanced astronautics. Everything from navigational astronomy - to simulated landings on the moon. The candidates who make it as astronauts - could be assigned to Project Gemini. They could be on their way to the moon - in a few years.

By the way, this is an Air Force project - and the Air Force has come up with its own definition of a perfect astronaut candidate. Here's the definition - "a man twenty-one years old, with a Ph.D., and ten thousand hours of flying experience." That may be the ideal - but the reality is still pretty good. The eight named today are between thirty-two and thirty-six, have two thousand hours of flying time - and most of them hold a master's degree in engineering.

X-15

The three test pilots of the X-15 -- are taking turns doing spectacular things with the rocket plane. First it was - Bob White. Yesterday - Joe Walker. Today - Neil Armstrong. Next time - back to Bob White. Eventually one of them will hit the target - <sup>WINGED</sup> a flight forty-seven miles into the stratosphere.

Neil Armstrong pushed close today - when he rode the rocket plane to an altitude of forty-one miles. Speed - three thousand, eight hundred and eighteen miles an hour. Fourth best in the history of - the revolutionary X-15.

## DEFECTORS

The mystery of the British turncoats is deeper tonight - following that Moscow statement by Donald McLean. He says - he has no intention of returning to Britain. So we're left with the problem of why Scotland Yard obtained those arrest warrants - for McLean and Guy Burgess.

The indictment of Burgess and McLean - is clear <sup>enough</sup> enough. They defected to Russia - with classified information from both London and Washington. But the meaning of arrest warrants for two men who can't be arrested - that's the question being asked in Britain, especially in Parliament.

## WHALEN

The passing of Grover Whalen at the age of seventy-five -- is stirring a lot of memories. Memories of visiting dignitaries, cheering crowds - and ticket-tape parades. Grover Whalen was New York's official greeter - but he had a lot of unofficial titles. Like "Mr. New York" - and "The Doorman of the Western Hemisphere."

He was a real dandy - wore spats, a morning coat, and a rakish Homburg. His clipped mustache gave him - a dignified military bearing. He was so much a part of the New York scene on ceremonial occasions - that he often took the play away from New York's visitors. As someone once said on Broadway - "maybe the king and the mayor won't make it, but you can depend on Grover Whalen."

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NEW ORLEANS

The Archdiocese of New Orleans - is behind the Archbishop. Enrollment at the parochial schools for this Fall - indicating that there is no significant drop because of the integration controversy. No big rebellion - by Catholic parents. Most of the faithful, accepting the decision of Archbishop Mummel - to open Catholic schools to all pupils without discrimination.

And now a <sup>word</sup> ~~word~~ from you Dick.

DOG

Now for the story of - "the dividend dog of Okefenokee." It's a story brought back by Ben Lucien Burman - who has been floating between the cypresses and past the lily pads of the big Georgia swamp.

This pooch is called - "the dividend dog - because its owner has sold him sixteen times. Each transaction - temporary. Lasting until the new owner - turns the hound loose. Whereupon, he heads back for the Georgia morass - and eventually comes padding up the trail to his own home.

A sound investment - that dividend dog of Okefenokee."

This is Larry LeSeur, as Lowell Thomas would say - So Long Until Monday.