

DEGAULLE

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Gen. DeGaulle ^{will} arrive in Washington -- April
Twenty-second. So announced at the White House
today. The French President will stop off in
Canada first for a three day visit. Then, seven
days in the United States. Three -- conferring
with President Eisenhower in the national capital.
The two historic generals will try to straighten
out -- a series of differences between the French
on one side, and the British and Americans on the
other. (The United States, for example wants the
French Air Force to be integrated into the command
of Nato. DeGaulle -- refusing. Then there's the
Algerian question. DeGaulle -- disgruntled
because the United States has not supported France
more strongly at the U N, in proceedings concerning
the rebellion in that North African country.)

The hope is that these points of dispute may
be cleared up -- before the summit conference in
May, so that the Western Powers can present a
United front -- in dealing with Khrushchev.

At the same time, today, the White House announced that President Eisenhower will visit Latin American countries in late February and early March. Puerto Rico, Argentina, Brazil, Chile -- and Uruguay. The first lady -- to accompany the President on a good will tour, all the way, to lands below the Equator.

NIXON

Vice President Nixon -- to get a birthday present. In New Hampshire -- where his supporters ~~are~~ will put his name in the State primary. Nixon's forty-seventh birthday -- on Saturday. His New Hampshire supporters -- making it a political celebration.

CUBA

Cuba, today, celebrated the feast of the epiphany. Which in Latin America is the traditional day for the exchange of Christmas presents. Castro ordering -- an amnesty for twelve hundred prisoners -- criminals -- to be let out of jail. However, no political prisoners were included among those -- released. Hundreds charged with political offenses -- to go on trial. Sixteen more arrests -- reported in the province of Pinar del Rio.

At the same time, measures continue -- to check a possible invasion. Anti-Castro revolutionaries -- who might be expected to land in Cuba. Also precaution against any sabotage of the Cuban sugar crop. These to be protected by what Castro calls -- a people's militia.

MACMILLAN

British Prime Minister MacMillan ~~xxx~~ arrived
in the new ^{west african} Republic of Ghana today. Beginning ~~a~~
~~his African~~ ^{that} tour, ~~which~~ will take him on a twenty
thousand mile circuit -- of that much disturbed
continent.

At Accra, the ^{toward tropical} capital of Ghana, he got a
chilly welcome. Nothing hostile -- just apathetic.
Government officials were at the airport with
formal greetings. But the crowds -- virtually
non existent, as the Prime Minister drove into the
city.

RUSSIA

Another story -- of an army deserter of world war two, ~~Hidden~~ -- ever since. It happened in Soviet Russia, and the secret was revealed -- as a result of a New Year's party.

In a village near Kharkov, a gathering at the home of a peasant family, ~~where~~ friends and relatives -- drank to the heroic memory of poor Georgi. On record -- ~~was~~^{as} having been killed in the war. But while this was going on -- Georgi was lying in a shed nearby, a shed - for goats. Today Moscow propaganda blamed it on religion. Georgi's family -- devout members of the old Orthodox Church. With no liking for Communism -- and they raised Georgi that way. So he deserted from the Red army -- and they hid him in the goat shed. Where he remained concealed ~~xx~~ for eighteen years.

Once he got so tired of it he left the goat shed -- intending to give himself up to the authorities. But what did he see? On the roofs

of houses -- crosses. Symbols -- of Christianity.
Which he took as a sign -- and went back to the
goat shed. Actually, the crosses were aeriels
of television sets. But then came in that New
Year's party. Georgi hearing himself praised as
a war hero who gave his life. That was too much,
and out he came, astonishing the visitors.

CRASH

There's a puzzle - in today's air disaster.

The last message from the pilot of the doomed air liner said - he was flying at eighteen thousand feet over lower North Carolina. No hint - of any trouble. No further message - that might indicate any reason for the crash. When the plane plunged into a North Carolina swamp.

Yet the wreckage reveals that there might have been intimation of trouble. The airliner was approaching the coast, and several bodies were found wearing life jackets. A life raft - inflated. Signs that a landing on the ocean was anticipated. The plane - coming to disaster not far from the shore line. There are indications that it disintegrated in the air. It was a propeller driven plane put on the flight - as a substitute for a jet.

At New York's Idlewild airport, the jet airliner was found to have - a cracked windshield. So passengers

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bound for Florida, were transferred to two propeller
planes. One - making the trip to Florida without
 mishap. The other had thirty four aboard - no survivors.

One of the victims, Vice Admiral Orrick McDonnell,
retired. A naval hero - of two wars. Decorated with
the Congressional medal of honor.

THEFT

News from Florida -- about a couple of real music lovers. Enthusiasts -- for Bach, Beethoven and Brahms.

Burglars -- who, at Miami, broke into a music store. Making off -- with ten thousand dollars worth of long playing records.

In the store -- plenty of jazz and rock and roll. Of which they took -- not one. ~~They~~ Disdaining them in contempt. ^{Dick} These burglarizing long hairs took only high brow records. Bach, Beethoven and Brahms.

WEATHER

The weather man - standing on his head.

In the northern states -- the thermometer rising fast. In the Dakotas -- a steep climb, from twenty below to twenty above. The temperature -- up forty degrees. That's the picture in the north-central states -- usually an ice box.

But way down South in Dixie -- a blizzard that began in New Mexico yesterday. Then -- swept Eastward across the deep south. Texas - having snow storms. The temperature four below zero in Amarillo. Parts of Oklahoma -- getting ten inches of snow. Memphis, Tennessee, more than six inches. The blizzard-- crossing the cotton belt. Finally - blowing out to sea.

The weather man ^{getting all mixed up.} ~~standing on his head and~~
~~making nonsense.~~ But not hopelessly.
It's also snowing - a blizzard here
at Lk. Plac. And that's as it should be!
And s-l-u-t-m.