

FRANCE

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The news, today, brought a striking contradiction - concerning the crisis in France. Two dispatches - with reports that sound altogether different.

The first, from Paris - indicating that the dissident army in Algeria may be ready to make peace with the government. The other dispatch, later in the day - from Algeria. - Giving - no such peaceful impression at all, just the reverse. So, let's take a look at the two: -

Paris tells us that Premier Pflimlin has decided - he'll send the new chief-of-staff of the French army to ~~the~~ Algeria to deal with the military chieftains there. General Henri Lorillot - who has taken the place of General Paul Ely.

The former Chief of Staff - resigned when the government ordered him to break off ^{all} relations with DeGaulle. General Ely refusing - ~~to~~ and stepping out.

Off hand, you'd suppose - that his successor would not get much of a welcome from the DeGaulle adherents in

Algeria. But the Paris dispatch says - ^{in Algeria} they are disappointed because of the DeGaulle declaration on Monday. When he said he would assume power - by legal means, only. They'd been hoping that he'd insist on taking control of the government. Illegally - if necessary.

Paris discloses that the army commander in Algeria, General Salan, has been in telephone communication with Premier Pflimlin in Paris. Phoning him every day - concerning the situation in Algeria. Furthermore - General Salan's chief of staff is in Paris, consulting with the government.

The news from Paris indicating that negotiations are on - for a settlement of the dispute.

Today, Premier Pflimlin scored another parliamentary ~~vize~~ victory over DeGaulle. The National Assembly - renewing emergency powers for the Premier. The vote - two-hundred and thirty-three to sixty-two - an exceptional majority.

Meanwhile, General DeGaulle ~~is~~ remains quietly at his village home, one-hundred-and-fifty miles east of Paris. ~~There~~ Thereby keeping the promise he made - that he'd simply wait. He said - he'd wait for a possible call to power. Which, according to Paris, doesn't seem likely ~~to~~ to be forthcoming.

Now, the dispatch ~~is~~ from Algeria - telling of an address made by General Salan. The Army commander in Algeria - talking to a throng of colonials. Taking a tone - of defiance, in a fire-eating harangue.]

^ A crowd of French civilians ~~is~~ gathered in the city of Algiers, shouting slogans - "power for the army!"

And - "the army to Paris!"]

^ To which General Salan, on a balcony, responded:
"You're right about saying - the army to power. We shall march together - up the Champs Elysee."

The response of the crowd? Nothing - at first.

Because the loud speaker system had ~~been~~ broken down, and they didn't hear what the General said.

The loud speakers were soon repaired, and Salan repeated, "we will march up the Champs Elysee."

They heard it this time, and the response was pandemonium - frenzied yells and cheers. "To the gallows with Pflimlin!" And "power for DeGaulle." *They shouted.*

The dispatch says - it wasn't clear whether the General was hurling defiance at the government in Paris. Or - whether he was simply calling for unity among the soldiers and civilians in France and Algeria. However, the talk of marching up the Champs Elysee would certainly sound - like defiance.

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Meanwhile, new trouble along the border of Algeria and Tunis. The French reporting - that Algerian rebels and Tunisian soldiers fired with mortars from across the border. Bombarding - a French Army post.

NIXON

Vice President Nixon gave warning, today - ~~that~~ that it would be a mistake to blame the Communists, *that is* altogether. For the outrageous treatment - he received in South America. The Reds, he said - had plenty of assistance from non-Communists.

Addressing the National Press Club in Washington, the Vice President went on to say that the Communists make promises to the "have nots" in Latin American countries. So we should not let it appear - that we ignore the have-nots.

"United States aid" he argued, "must not keep in power a group of the elite - or make the rich richer."

ANTI-MISSILE

American scientists - working on a highly secret anti-missile device. So indicated - by Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy, who dropped - hardly more than a hint.

In testimony before a Congressional committee, the Secretary was talking about the Nike-Zeus anti-missile missile, which is being developed by the Army. Neil McElroy telling the committee - that he's against a "crash" program for the Nike-Zeus.

"There are alternative ways of doing this, which look as if they may be very much more effective," said he, and added, "I'm talking - about something that is quite highly classified," highly secret - so he gave no more than a hint.

Some scientists have ^{told} ~~been talking~~ about creating a huge cloud of sand in the atmosphere - in front of an intercontinental missile. Which, running into the sand, at an enormous rate of speed - would encounter so much friction, the heat would burn it up.

SPACE

In Washington, a statement that a device can be built right ~~now~~ now - by which a human passenger on a rocket out in space could be brought back safely to earth. So says Walter Hasselhorn, President of the company which designed the mechanism of the nose-cone of the Jupiter rocket. That nose cone - which was recovered in the Atlantic ocean on Sunday, after coming down from a rocket flight into space.

That ~~the~~ same principle he declares, could be used for a human passenger. A complicated affair - with a parachute for checking the speed in the atmosphere. The mechanism - top secret.

The project - submitted to the Army, which launched the Jupiter, and would like to send a human volunteer a hundred and fifty miles ^{or so out} into space.

The Air Force has ambitions, too. Hoping - to put a man into space in the early Nineteen Sixties. So stated by Major General Bernard Schriever, chief of the Air Force missile program.

SATELLITE

Russian scientists announce the possibility of what they call - a "stationary" satellite. A man-made moon standing still, [!] relatively speaking, that is. In an orbit - but moving at exactly the same speed as the rotation of the earth. The satellite "stationary" so far as the globe is concerned - always above the same point.

From which - it could report by television of what ^{below it} goes on at the surface of the earth, ~~below~~. A number of stationary man-made moons - which could keep a television check around the entire world. - *maybe. At any*

rate Russian scientists are quoted as declaring - they have proof, theoretically, that this is possible.

AIR SAFETY

In both houses of Congress, today, bills were introduced - for the setting up of a new air safety agency. Which would have control - of all military and civilian flights.

Congressional action - following the collision yesterday, between a jet fighter and an airliner, ^{with} ~~five~~ lives ~~were~~ lost - in Maryland. Last month, a similar collision between a jet plane and an airliner - killed forty-nine persons in Nevada.

The disasters - blamed on the lack of over-all control of air traffic. ^{Until now no way} ~~Nothing~~ to coordinate military and civilian flights.]

Such over-all control - to be provided by the bills introduced in the Senate and the ~~House~~ House, today.

POSTAGE

The Senate, this afternoon, okayed the bill to raise postal rates. Voting approval - of the measure to bring in more than half a million dollars. First class letters, now mailed for three cents - will go up to four cents. Air mail stamps - increased from six to seven cents. Together with boosts for third and fourth class mail.

The bill also provides wage increases for postal workers - and now goes to the House of Representatives for final congressional action. Probably - tomorrow.

STASSEN

Harold Stassen insists -he's not quitting politics.

Despite his defeat in the Republican primary, yesterday.

Pennsylvania voters rejecting him by nearly two to one -

and giving the nomination for Governor to Arthur McGonigle,

a manufacturer of pretzels. ~~Where's the beef?~~

Today, Harold Stassen intimated - he may try for

elective office again.

CARDINAL

Cardinal Stritch of Chicago - improving. Making small, but steady progress - after a cerebral stroke on Monday.

Today in Rome, the prelate was visited by his nephew, Robert Stritch of Chicago, who declared: "My uncle is a very sick man, but the doctors say - ■■ he's definitely better."

MARGARET

Buckingham Palace issued a special announcement this evening - concerning Princess Margaret. Another denial of rumors - that the Princess may marry Group Captain Peter Townsend, after all.

Rumors, that sprang up inevitably, when the couple met again last night. Townsend - having dinner with Margaret at her home, Clarence House. Where he was a guest - for five hours. Their third meeting - in the last eight days.

But Buckingham Palace says - nothing has changed.

Princess Margaret - adhering to her statement, in Nineteen Fifty Five, renouncing marriage with the R A F war hero, because he's divorced. Their present meetings - just as friends.

DRESS

Now the case - of a Boston Society woman, ~~Who~~ - refuses to pay for a dress. You ladies - can decide on the merits of the dispute.

In the courtroom, today, Mrs. Alice Clayman related ~~how~~ her daughter was getting married. A fashionable wedding. So she bought a new dress - at an exclusive Back Bay shop. Price - two-hundred-and-ninety-eight dollars. The salesman telling her, the dress was "unique."

There was a pre-wedding reception - Mrs. Clayman in the receiving line, welcoming guests. One of whom, was her friend, Mrs. Gilbert Freeman of Brookline, Massachusetts. Mrs. Freeman - stepping up to shake hands with Mrs. Clayman.

"Suddenly," related Mrs. Clayman, "she put her hand over her mouth in shock. ~~She is~~ ^{For she} was wearing the same dress as I was! The reception," she goes on "became a circus. The guests began to titter and laugh."

So, Mrs. Clayman refuses to pay the bill for the

dress. Today, the Judge, no doubt - understood the tragic situation. The two Society ladies -- appearing in the same dress at the pre-wedding reception. But he propounded a question -- which, really, had nothing to do with points of law.

"Did the wedding take place?" asked Judge Fox.

"Yes," replied Mrs. Clayman.

"Well," His Honor remarked in a tone of relief, "at least the dress didn't break up the romance."

As for the legal merits of the case, the Judge will give his verdict later - whether or not Mrs. Clayman has to pay for the dress. *Don - a test for a modern Solomon.*

BOY

At Framingham, Massachusetts, seven year old Jimmy Hovin kept saying - "don't let go, lady!" And - the lady didn't let go.

Mrs. Roberta Markoski, thirty years old, was doing her housework, when she heard a yell: "Jimmy is sinking in the mud!" Mrs. Markoski - to the rescue.

Jimmy - sinking in a sand pit. The seven year old, playing around - caught in deadly quicksand. Up to his armpits - when the lady arrived. ~~And~~^{She} used good common sense. Taking some flat rocks - pushing them out onto the sand. Something to keep her from sinking - as she crawled out, and caught hold of Jimmy.

She was able to keep him from sinking further, but no more - as Jimmy kept appealing, "don't let go, lady!"

That went on for ten long minutes, until a crowd of rescuers arrived - and were able to dig the boy out of the quicksand.

"Don't let go, lady", - and she didn't.