

## GIRAUD RETAINS ARMY COMMAND

De Gaulle Abandons Plans For Post of National Minister.

ALGIERS, June 23 (U. P.)—Gen. Henri Honore Giraud retained command of French armies in North and West Africa today under a compromise that marked the first setback for Gen. Charles de Gaulle since he came here from London. Gen. de Gaulle late yesterday abandoned his demands for the post of national defense minister and for an immediate purge of defeatists and collaborationists in Gen. Giraud's armies and consented to continue in command solely of French forces in liberated French territory elsewhere in the world.

### Forces Are Merged

He accepted the compromise, worked out by other members of the French committee of national liberation, following Anglo-American intervention based on the grounds that the prolonged struggle for power between Gens. de Gaulle and Giraud was hampering allied military plans.

The compromise calls for the merging of all French land, sea and air forces under a permanent military committee, but with command divided between Gens. de Gaulle and Giraud. The two generals, together with the chiefs of their army, navy and air staffs, will comprise the military committee.

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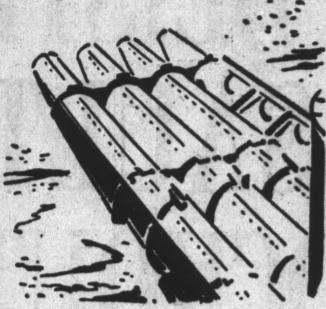
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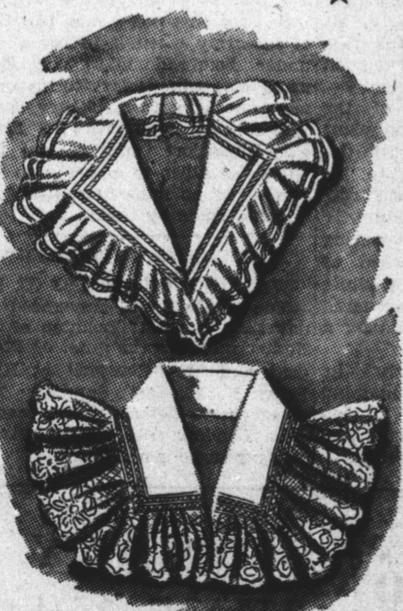
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