

De Gaulle Trying Patience Of Anglo-American Leaders

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PARIS, March 22.—The dilemma over Gen. de Gaulle remains as it did in North Africa—nobody knows how to get along with him and nobody seems to know how to do without him.

Anglo-American policy here is not to be mad at de Gaulle, on the theory that this is no time to be mad at anyone except Germans and Japs.

But the fact remains, de Gaulle is trying the patience of the Anglo-American authorities in a way so needless if not stupid that it makes you feel sorry for the hard-pressed people.

The mystery is: Why has de Gaulle failed to change his attitude since obtaining power? Originally in England and in North Africa he had his own political fences to build inside France.

He was acutely aware of the two limitations to his future acceptance by Frenchmen when France would be placed on anyone not suffering from them in the French homeland.

TWO—The unfair charge that he sat as a puppet of Great Britain.

German propaganda inside France emphasized these two obstacles against him. That was the reason given for De Gaulle's performing as thanklessly as he did toward Britain and America from time to time during that long period.

Further, we did not help matters by our "on again, off again" policy toward him. He might have done much for Anglo-American unity with the French if we had given him full-hearted support.

In any case there was far less bloodshed and disturbance among the factions of Frenchmen during liberation than was anticipated.

Hasn't Changed

Now, however, De Gaulle no longer needs to make straw men of Britain and the United States as he continues to do. This failure to change his attitude is at the bottom of his present troubles.

His recent refusal to meet President Roosevelt at Algiers is only one example. That threw an unnecessary monkey wrench in a dozen negotiations being conducted for the welfare of the people of France, including a \$14,000,000 American ship deal which fell through and some internal transport matters, virtually needed to revive food distribution for civilians.

Here are what seem to be the most balanced observations by military, political, business and welfare leaders among the French, British and Americans:

French Demoralized

De Gaulle has an inferiority complex which so far simply will not let him come down to earth and realize that he cannot indefinitely speak about the glories of France and do practically nothing about civil administration and the glories of the breadbasket.

His first act on arrival in Paris was to re-gilt the statue of Joan D'Arc but there are limits to how far gilt will go when there is no coal, transport, meat or potatoes.

If things looked hopeful for administrative improvements there would be more patience, but competent authorities say that French bureaus are more demoralized than in 1940 and there is no confidence at all in De Gaulle in this field.

Political Racket

Many are suspicious that the collaborationist arrests and trials are being twisted into a political racket. Several Vichyites remain untouched around De Gaulle while many other whose help to Germans here was certainly blameless and unavoidable in any practical sense are blackballed into limbo.

Early and complete adherence to a free France and even to De Gaulle is apparently no assurance of governmental approval, especially among army officers who are outstandingly competent.

It is obvious that even some of the French generals have not gotten commands under De Gaulle. This hamstrings our use of large French forces here and results in many more hundreds of thousands of Americans fighting so far from home where Frenchmen instead would fight the Germans if they had a chance.

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FLYNN CONFERS WITH POPE AT VATICAN

VATICAN CITY, March 22 (U.P.)—Pope Pius received Edward J. Flynn, President Roosevelt's personal envoy and New York Democratic leader, in private audience for an hour today.

Washington dispatches said Flynn was believed exploring the possibility of improving relations between the Catholic church and Russia. He traveled to Yalta with Mr. Roosevelt and later conferred with Premier Stalin and other Soviet officials in Moscow.

JAPS ADMIT WAR PLANS INADEQUATE

By UNITED PRESS

Premier Gen. Kuniaki Koiso told the Japanese Diet today that the policies of his government "admittedly have been inadequate," with the nation unable to plan and produce "as much as we desire."

Koiso's surprising admission came as the Tokyo newspaper Yomiuri Hochi warned that the fall of Iwo Jima and increasingly heavy American air raids on the homeland have confronted Japan with its "gravest crisis since the beginning of our history."

WHITE HOUSE GUESTS

WASHINGTON, March 22 (U.P.)—The Earl of Athlone, governor general of Canada, and his wife will arrive here late today for an official three-day visit at the White House.

2000 PW'S EMPLOYED

LONDON, March 22 (U.P.)—Labor Minister Ernest Bevin told commons today that 2000 Italian prisoners are doing building work for the British armed services.

A WEEK TO GO, NEED \$600,000

Red Cross Workers Ready For 'Big Push.'

With less than a week to go and almost \$600,000 yet to be raised, workers were preparing today for the "big push" in the Indianapolis Red Cross war fund campaign.

Two report meetings have been held since the drive opened March 1 and \$554,601, or 48.1 per cent of the \$1,145,000 goal, has been reached. The balance of \$590,899 must be obtained by next Wednesday night, the deadline.

The entire volunteer soliciting force of 3000 has been urged to "double-time it" and to see the prospects as quickly as possible. "Give every citizen in Marion county an opportunity of subscribing," was the appeal of Russell J. Ryan, general chairman.

The third report of progress comes at noon tomorrow and there is hope that a sufficient amount of money will come in to go over the

Hoosier in Nazi Prison Gives Red Cross \$100

URGE SISTER KENNY TO REMAIN IN U.S.

AN INDIANA airman who is a prisoner of Germany has written his parents in Frankfort asking them to draw \$100 from his savings account to give to the Red Cross.

He is 1st Lt. Robert F. Sullivan, a former Times carrier, and his donation to the Red Cross was prompted by his appreciation of the Red Cross boxes he has regularly received since his incarceration.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Sullivan, 712 S. Jackson st., Frankfort, was taken prisoner near Lepzig, Germany, Sept. 11 when the B-17 Flying Fortress of which he was navigator, was shot down. Four of his crew mates were killed and one still is missing. It was Lt. Sullivan's 27th

birthday.

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