

De Gaulle Quits; French Future Eyed

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PARIS — True to his word, Charles de Gaulle quit today as French president, his proposed constitutional reforms swamped in a wave of "non" votes, and

the world wondered if Europe, or France, would ever be the same.

Not many politicians surveyed today thought they would. De Gaulle was the man who barred Britain from the Com-

mon Market, pulled French troops out of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and extended his influence from the Middle East to Vietnam.

Few foresaw any immediate changes in the policy of France under new leadership. But in the long run, some predicted a period of political trial.

De Gaulle's resignation became effective at noon. Senate President Alain Poirer succeeded him as interim president, to serve until presidential elections are held. There was no ceremony of transfer, and De Gaulle was in seclusion at his home in Colombey-les-Deux-Eglises.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

France's 78-year-old leader had turned the referendum yesterday on comparatively minor constitutional changes into a vote of confidence, gambling that his threat to resign would once more swing the electorate behind him. When the voters rejected his proposals, he announced his retirement.

De Gaulle's chief leftist opponent, Secretary General Waldeck Rochet of the French Communist party, called for an alliance of leftist parties to sweep Gaullists from power in what he called "the political crisis now opened up."

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The defeat triggered fears that the franc would further be weakened and that the Gaullists in the government easily could overthrow any cabinet named by the new elected president not to their liking.

TOP VOTER TURNOUT

One of the highest voter turnouts in French history, 80.4 per cent, rejected the proposed reforms by more than 1.3 million votes — 52.87 per cent to 47.13 per cent of the almost 23 million ballots counted from metropolitan France.

In Washington, President Nixon voiced deep regret today at De Gaulle's resignation and said that this country will

not forget what he has done for France and the world in war and in peace.

The White House said that in addition to a formal, official letter, Nixon also sent De Gaulle a personal letter inviting him to visit this country as a private citizen, since a planned official visit now is wiped out.

Among diplomatic observers there was a general feeling that without De Gaulle, France will slowly improve relations with the United States and Britain.

Observers in Brussels also forecast more French cooperation with the other members of the Common Market and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and enhanced chances of Britain gaining entry into the European Economic Community.

SURPRISE BY DE GAULLE?

But government ministers in London felt it would be a long time before basic French policy changes. Some even felt De Gaulle might pull one of his Jack-

the-box surprises and reappear as a candidate in the presidential elections.

The London Times, among European newspapers that paid tribute to De Gaulle's contributions to France, said, "He has bestridden the narrow world like a colossus and now his successors will have to tread unaccustomed paths without him."

Not all comment was favorable. The independent *Jazzetta del Popolo* of Turin in Italy said De Gaulle leaves France "with the franc greatly overvalued, with an economy seriously compromised by the specter of inflation and with a mass of workers with unsatisfied salary claims... Certainly her future can be forecast full of hard days and perhaps of hot, very hot hours."

"What can be hoped for now?" asked the anti-De Gaulle *L'Aurore* in Paris. "That very quickly the country will find in Europe and in the world the place that it was made to lose by the accumulated errors during the reign that is just over."



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Charles De Gaulle—His Vote Wasn't Enough

Court to Rule on Use of Draft to Punish

WASHINGTON (U) — The Supreme Court agreed today to consider claims that the accelerated draft of Vietnam war protesters is in violation of the Constitution.

Two separate appeals challenging the draft delinquency regulations will be heard next term. They were taken by the court over the opposition of the Justice Department.

Among the claims to be considered by the court are that the draft is being used to punish dissidents from U.S. war policy and that it is being used to stifle freedom of speech and expression.

Just a year ago the court upheld the 1965 federal law that made it a crime to burn or mutilate a draft card.

NO AUTHORITY

However, last December the court struck a blow at Selective Service policy

by ruling draft boards have no authority to order the induction of divinity students as a means of punishing them for objecting to this country's actions in Vietnam.

That ruling, in the case of James J. Oestereich, dealt only with a small fraction of student protesters—those who have congressional exemptions from the draft.

The review granted today could strike at the heart of Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey's draft policy because the students involved are the most typical sort—they are not in a special category such as divinity students and had deferments rather than exemptions.

Draft Director Hershey, in a memorandum to local draft boards in October 1967, encouraged them to use the delinquency regulations against young men who engage in "illegal activity."

The Justice Department, in response to the appeals, told the court it found no fault with the speed-up induction of youths who do not have draft cards in their possession. The department also rejected the contention the First Amendment's free speech guaranty was being violated.

Tonight's Outlook Is Clear and Cool

Variable winds at 10 to 15 miles per hour blew, rain clouds into the Oakland County area last night, chasing balmy temperatures downward as sporadic showers dampened the scene with six-tenths of an inch of rain.

Tonight, the skies are due to clear with the mercury dropping into the low 30s.

Tomorrow, the weatherman predicts sunny skies and temperatures in the 40-to-54 range. Wednesday is to be more of the same, sunny and cool.

Probabilities of rainfall in per cent are today 70, tonight 40 and tomorrow 20. Low mercury reading in downtown Pontiac before 8 a.m. was 52 degrees. By 2 p.m. the thermometer registered 44 degrees.

Sale of Press to Broadcast Firm Disclosed

The sale of The Pontiac Press to Capital Cities Broadcasting Corp. was announced today. The new owners are continuing with current management, personnel and policies.

"We are looking for further opportunities to serve the public," said Thomas S. Murphy, president of Capital Cities, "and this is our first strictly daily newspaper. We plan to add several more if the right opportunities are found in the years ahead."

"We're especially pleased to start with The Pontiac Press. It stands as one of the best known medium-sized newspapers in the country with a high reputation and the finest standards."

Currently, the new owners operate radio station WJR in this area, along with a total of 10 radio and television outlets scattered across the country. Further, they operate eight well-known business newspapers through the Fairchild Publishing organization.

"Capital Cities Broadcasting Corp. approached The Press several months ago," said Harold A. Fitzgerald, chairman of the board. "Although we have had more than two dozen offers to sell in the past years we have practically never discussed the matter. Hence, there was no precipitate action here."

"We have the utmost faith in the honor and probity of the purchasers and their avowed policies. They insist that the local management continue to operate. Capital Cities Broadcasting Corp.'s management consists mainly of younger men who subscribe to the theory of 'this

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ABM Trails 47-43 in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon, reportedly determined not to compromise further on his missile defense plans, has picked up three more Senate votes for his embattled Safeguard system.

An Associated Press poll of the Senate shows 47 opposed to the Safeguard, 43 in favor and 10 still uncommitted.

Nixon got the added support from Sens. Robert Packwood of Oregon, Robert Dole of Kansas and Henry Bellmon — all Republican freshmen who had been previously listed as uncommitted.

Meanwhile, Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., said yesterday he had talked to the President and "The White House is not entertaining any compromise."

NO BACKING AWAY?

Another Democrat, Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. of Virginia, said he came away from a Nixon meeting Friday with "no indication of any backing away" by the President.

In setting his present course of deploying antiballistic missiles — ABMs — around offensive missile sites, Nixon backed off from the Sentinel project he inherited from President Johnson.

That system, first supported and then junked by Nixon after taking office, would have ringed major U.S. cities with ABMs. It was opposed as too costly, unworkable and likely to recharge the Soviet-U.S. arms race. The same criticism has been leveled against the Safeguard.

Some Safeguard opponents, including several Republicans, have called on Nixon to delay deployment or otherwise

come up with a compromise, or face likely defeat in the Senate.

'NO VALUE IN COMPROMISE'

One Democratic critic also said he sees no value in a compromise. Sen. J. W. Fulbright, D-Ark., said the Safeguard should be delayed or defeated so the United States and Soviet Union can get on with disarmament talks.

The proposal's first battleground will come in the Senate Armed Services Committee, where it is expected to be approved.

However, the foreign relations committee, which will vote later, is another matter with critics heavily outweighing supporters.

The issue isn't expected on the Senate floor until mid-June, at the earliest.

The matter is scheduled for discussion tomorrow at the weekly luncheon of the Senate Republican Policy Committee.

Deputy Secretary of Defense David R. Packard will present the administration's side, and, next week, a speaker picked by GOP critics of the ABM will give the opposite viewpoint.

Car Hits Waterford Home, Killing Visitor From City

A man visiting at a home in Waterford Township yesterday was killed when a car crashed into the building. The driver and three persons in the home were injured.

An earlier accident claimed the life of a Lake Orion man whose car ran off an Oxford Township road and struck a tree.

Fatally injured about 7 p.m. was Sam Healand, 58, of 107 Calvert, Pontiac, who was sealed in the kitchen of a house at 4555 S. Shore.

He was pronounced dead at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital about 10:30 p.m. Hospital officials said the victim had suffered head and chest injuries.

The mishap occurred when a car driven by Movita A. Saly, 30, of 425 N. Perry ran off M59 to the left from the

eastbound lane, careened down an embankment and slammed into the home, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Barrow.

Miss Saly, the Barrows and Mrs. Healand, wife of the man who was killed, all are listed in fair condition in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Township police said today they were unable to determine what caused the car to run out of control. The mishap is still under investigation, officers said.

In the Oxford Township accident, Oakland County sheriff's deputies said they found Paul D. Holmes, 23, of 614 Detroit, Lake Orion, dead in a pickup truck which had crashed into a tree off Seymour Lake Road near Sanders Road at about 2 a.m. yesterday.

He apparently lost control of the truck, which went off the road and crashed, deputies said.

An autopsy is being performed to determine the cause of death.



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Wreckage Of What Had Been A Kitchen Is Cleared From The Car At The Death Scene

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