

Free World Owes Debt To Dashing Col. De Castries

By JOSEPH ALSOP

WASHINGTON — The early success already being achieved in Indochina. He had 19 battlefields citations and had the largest collection of horse show prizes in Paris — for he is a celebrated jockey-riding. He had a moderately beautiful wife and when he was not in the field with his men, he and Mme. de Castries deftly lived in a large, highly vulnerable country house in a countryside crawling with Viet Minh guerrillas.

It was the stories about Christian de Castries, all of them, as I later found, quite true. A courage that would have been close to madness if it were not always cool; a nonchalance that might almost have been negligence if the calmness of the man's casual take in every detail of importance; a sardonic humor that might have been unrelieved cynicism, if he had not believed very deeply in a few things, such as France — these were the more striking qualities of the man.

GAY, WITTY TYPE
 The picturesque, the dashing, the stylish leader is a rare animal in the modern world. The people would except in such a war as that in Indochina. De Castries was all that and he did not seem out of date. The last time I saw him was at a grand dinner at Gen. Coughy's headquarters, his victory in the Moutoue operation which I had joined for a while. He was enormously gay, enormously friendly, but he was also very serious. The last battalion of Moroccan rifles, was about to be committed to the drive on the small objective of the little town of Phu Tho Quan.

They're ready for the jump-off," he said, "and we're ready to go. Yes," said de Castries amiably, "they should be jumping off now."

But you will have no reserves," said Gen. Coughy. "Well," replied de Castries still amiably, "we've got reserves but I don't count on them. It would be better to have some, but we can manage if we must. That was how I met Dien Bien Phu's defender. An hour or so later, after Gen. Coughy had ordered the attack on the hill, he flew to de Castries from his own slender central reserve. I joined the Moroccan in the attack on the hill. The hill was held, but the French, except that Phu Tho Quan fell to us on schedule, is no longer of any importance. It is still important, is how his men and his fellow officers' lack of Christian de Castries.

It was one — almost the last one in Indochina — of General de Lattre de Tassigny's famous "lightning" offensives. Those brilliant men who won the brilliant men of Lattre used to restore the fallen morale of the French forces that is the least that can be done.

The President Restates Some Truths

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S 30-minute report to the American people last night was delivered against a backdrop of great and ominous events. The threat of immediate intervention had become "awful close" to challenging the Eisenhower-Dulles "massive retaliation" policy. Around the globe, the political and moral shock waves from the Pacific hydrogen bomb tests were still ricocheting. At home, the American people, already deeply concerned over developments abroad, had additional worries: the fear of internal Communist subversion, and anxiety over economic conditions.

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"It's a sure sign of spring... he doesn't get excited about the political news anymore."

Sales Tax Revision Badly Needed

WITH the state government revenue trend leveling off, after climbing steadily since 1949, Gov. Unstead and members of the General Assembly will be faced with a tough financial problem next January. To solve it, one of two alternatives will be necessary: (1) a reduction in spending which, under tight N. C. budgeting, means a reduction in services; or (2) the tapping of new sources of revenue.

Warned by the report of Revenue Commissioner Eugene Shaw that trouble is ahead, Gov. Unstead is already thinking about ways to increase state revenue. As a starter, he has netted the state by a detailed analysis of the state sales tax as detailed by Commissioner Shaw during the Scott administration.

Shaw's excellent report pin-pointed the major shortcoming of the sales tax law—the large number of exemptions and deductions by classes of purchasers and types of merchandise. Describing any exemption in a taxing statute as the "opening wedge which destroys the efficacy of government," Shaw wrote:

"It is like a small hole in a dam and begins first with a drip, then a trickle, then a stream, then a flow, then a gash, and finally a break which destroys the dam."

Since 1935, the General Assembly has repeatedly yielded to pleas for sales tax exemptions. The result is that a great deal of revenue is pouring through the breaches in Mr. Shaw's revenue dam.

Another and more current study would be necessary to determine just how much revenue is being lost because of the exemptions in the sales tax. But a good idea can be obtained from Shaw's analysis of the returns in the fiscal year ending in 1950.

He recommended first that all exemptions should be eliminated except these three broad categories:

1. Sales in interstate commerce; sales to federal, state and local governmental agencies; sales to educational, hospital and charitable institutions.
2. Sales of productive equipment acquired by farmers in producing agricultural products and by industry in actual manufacturing or processing manufactured or processed goods.
3. Raw materials becoming an ingredient in the production of agricultural or industrial production.

People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

Favors Tax Levy For Community Colleges

Editors, The News: Charlotte I want to go on record as approving the proposed 2-cent tax levy to help maintain Charlotte City College and Carver Junior College. These colleges meet the needs of our high school graduates.

Paw Creek Teacher Wasn't Breathless

Editors, The News: WHY oh why won't some news-men report the truth? Regarding those school children who met Adlai Stevenson at the airport the fourth grade teacher at Paw Creek, Anne Lett, was not breathless, and she didn't sweat past any police.

Trucking Official Objects To Editorial

Editors, The News: YOUR comment on the editorial of your issue of April 1 on the subject of overweight, and you reach the conclusion that because there were 1,441 violations of weight regulations out of a total of 150,655 trucks weighed in February, that all of these violations were trucking companies. By "trucking companies" I assume you mean truck operators who had merchandise for hire.

Stevenson Rally Folks Appreciative

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON REPUBLICAN, was a pain in the neck to certain Democrats when he persisted in turning up income tax scandals. Now he is proving an almost equal pain to some of his fellow Republicans.

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Capital Quotes

Easy Money — "When the draft age was lowered from 21 to 18 years of age, the generalists told me that this was a necessary move because... young men under 21 are more pliable and more amenable to indoctrination."

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Marshal Juin Is The Hero Of French Right-Wingers

By MARQUIS CHILDS

PARIS — The political upheaval touched off in France by the dismissal of Marshal Juin as vice president of the high council of the defense forces, and from his other offices resembles in kind, if not in degree, the explosion that followed Truman's dismissal of Gen. MacArthur over the conduct of the Korean War.

Jun had been in the spotlight in opposition to the European Defense Community at a critical moment in the effort of the government to hold the issue for debate after the Easter holiday. For months Juin has in private spoken frankly in opposition to the concept that the heart of President Eisenhower's foreign policy. In this he had made himself a kind of hero of the European American plan.

SAYS GRUENBERG OPPOSED
 The marshal had gone so far as to add in his private conversation his conviction that Gen. Alfred Gruenber was also opposed to the Ten Day ago in a report sent to him by Juin, Gruenber told him he was disturbed by this talk since he, Gruenber, felt that there was no alternative to the EDC.

Jun's statement to this effect, Jun said, was before the EDC's little later Gruenber made a public statement to this effect. Jun said he had to add in his private conversation his conviction that Gen. Alfred Gruenber was also opposed to the Ten Day ago in a report sent to him by Juin, Gruenber told him he was disturbed by this talk since he, Gruenber, felt that there was no alternative to the EDC.

These rumors have had it that Juin has begun to think of himself as that strong man. The thought of a coup d'etat is ridiculed by most observers here. They do not, however, rule out the idea that Juin might be toying with the idea that the people would turn to him when they find they are so sick of recurring political crises and governments which cannot govern.

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OPPORTUNITY MISSED

What the judge apparently needs, however, is not recognition of his "humility," but a hearing aid to enable him to recognize opportunity when it knocks at his door in the future.

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