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Gen. De Gaulle Was Right But Oh My!

FRANCE was carefully, almost determinedly drowning in her own tears when the tall, gaunt man from Lille addressed his countrymen by radio from London on June 23, 1940. In a voice as taut and resonant as a violin string. Charles Andre Joseph Marie de Gaulle said: "There is no longer on the soil of France herself any independent government capable of upholding the interests of France and of the French overseas."

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Yesterday in Paris, 18 years later, Gen de Gaulle was expressing essentially the same sentiment.

The terrible thing about it is that Charles de Gaulle was right both times. The faces have changed and the Germans figure only incidentally in the new terror facing France. Petain and Laval have been mercfully laid away. The sins of Vichy have been purged The Fourth Republic has been established. What, then, is the trouble? The trouble quite frankly is: that France is seized again by a kind of spiritual malaria. The chills of internal discord and the fever of colonial wars have left the country in the worst kind of agony and anguish. Its governmental machinery is out of gear, its people are cruelly split into factions, all at each other's throats. After the fall of France, Andre Mesnard wrote: "Perhaps the most shocking thing brought to light by the defeat of 1940 was the bankrupticy of the elite whose task it was to unite the nation morally. When the crisis came, It was discovered that Frenchmen, in key positions, thought not as critizens of France, but as members of groups?

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The reason is painfully clear today in Washington and London France must not only have a government capable of upholding the interests of Frenchmen but of Americans and Englishmen and

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Elmer Davis: An Unfrightened American

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Italians and Turks as well. France is an indispensable part of the Western alliance. It should be fairly obvious by now that we cannot hope to formulate any plan for the defense of the West without the full cooperation of a responsible French government. The idea that France can be bypassed or ignored is sheer nonsense. The very concept of a strong Europe with a supine France involves a contradiction in terms.

Gen. de Gaulle has recognized France's spiritual malaria. He sees a government that is caving in. unable to government that is a physician. His bid for power as a military "strong man" represents as great a threat to the future of France as the Communists. Antidemocratic rule by either the extreme Right or the extreme Left would loosen the structure of the NATO alliance and might even force the withdrawal of American and British troops from Western Europe.

The only hope for France, and for the West, today lies in the hope that the grave threat from extremist factions in in this hour of mortal crisis will bring the forces of reason to their senses a last. The only thing that can save France from a terrible fact moderate for freech politics, and the institution of hasis gravines of this sort, In set doing, Frenchmen might even recall with appropriate fondness something else their great wartine hero said after, the fall of the renublic in 1340. "In the hearts of all, who have united to assure the triumph of right and liberty there is a tremendous aspiration toward a better future." Until Frenchmen unite again in the cause of right and liberty and aspiration toward a better future."

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Cautious Consumers

Why Don't They Buy Now?

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Nixon Knows Gulf Between U. S. Meaning & Doing Well

By DORIS FLEESON

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People Who Live In Glass Houses . . .

CARESSING the cliche of a violent common that the make a good will could be safe in the third way. To see Post warned vice President Nixon against accepting as suggestion that he make a good will could be safe that the administration won how the same the administration won how the case if it to dangerous. Down nature was Nouth remember, the felting that the same with apit and stones. They use bomb.

Generalizations of this sort fall eventually from their own fathress: there's no need to shoot em down. But it is interesting that just as the Post writer was snuggling into his editorial binders, Rep. Adam Clayton Powell was getting together a Sunday sermon for his Harfelm church in which he said:

I just think Carmine (DeSapio bead

From The St. Lauis Post-Dispatch GIVE THE KID A BREAK

THINGS have come to a pretty pass when a clean-cut young Dominican boy can't give Mercedes cars and chinchilla coats to Hollywood actresses without attracting unwelcome attention And Gen Rafael Truillo 1: for all of his vix children; so bytough still a boy at heart. The general, who is enrolled in the United States Army command and general staff college at Fort Leavenworth Kan, has been diligently pursuing his studies by long range from Beverly Hills. He is reputed to live on a scale of \$1,000,000 a year, as his father is dictator of the Dominican Republic, where money can be made to appear as easily appear as the staff college at the staff of the staff of the distance of the Dominican Republic, where money can be made to appear as easily appear as the staff of the staff of

Well's replied the woman, "I'm mov-ing tomorrow and the landlord insists at I leave the place just as I found -Forr Myers (FLA) News Press.

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