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# De Gaulle Followers Leading In French Election

# FOUR CHARLOTTEANS DIE BY VIOLENCE

## Communist Foes Sure Of Victory In Voting

### General Makes Real Comeback

By ROBERT BUNSON

PARIS — (AP) — Candidates nominated by Gen. Charles De Gaulle's six-months - old Rally of the French People (RPF) were leading in 29 out of 37 major municipalities today as returns from yesterday's balloting rolled in from all over France.

De Gaulle's party held a substantial lead over all other parties, including the Communists, in the early returns.

"There's no doubt about it. De Gaulle has won," said Maurice Schuman, parliamentary leader of the Popular Republican Movement (MRP) which lost ground heavily in yesterday's voting. De Gaulle's RPF, although leading the Communists, did not appear to have denied Communist voting strength in any substantial amount.

Running on an anti-Communist platform, and competing in a French election for the first time RPF was averaging between 38 and 40 per cent of the total vote, as against 26 to 28 per cent for the Communists, 19 per cent for the Socialists and less than 10 per cent for MRP.

In the last municipal elections MRP fought it out with the Communists.

CITIES IN DOUBT

The eight large communities where the issue remained in doubt were Toulon, Rennes, Besancon, Beauvais, Grenoble, Nancy, Lille and Angers.

The 29 communities where De Gaulle's men were running far ahead were Paris, Algiers, Bordeaux, Troyes, Nevers, Melun, Mulhouse, Colmar, Lyon, Montbeliard, Pontarlier, Lorient, La Rochelle, Biarritz, Bayonne St. Malo, Marseille, Annecy, Nantes, Versailles, Epinal, Strasbourg, Mantes Sur Seine, St. Raphael, Alencon, Verdun, Rouen, Metz and Nice.

Sunday's balloting was held to choose municipal councils in 38,000

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## Youth Causes Plane Collision

ATLANTA—(AP)—The hankering of a 12-year-old boy to be a pilot resulted in the collision of two planes yesterday — but the craft were on the ground and there was no serious damage.

Patrolman J. E. Vaughn reported that Clifford Tommie of nearby Hapeville clambered into a small plane at the airport, started the engine, taxied down the field, and bumped into a huge Delta DC-3.

The lad was unhurt, the patrolman said, and the two planes were only slightly damaged.

When he took Clifford home, the patrolman continued, his parents related that their son had always been fascinated by planes. "He goes to the airport every chance he gets," they said.

The parents added that while Clifford had a pretty good idea of the theory of flight, he had no practical experience.

## WEATHER NO PROBLEM ON THE NIXON PLACE

Perry T. Nixon, up in Lincoln County has given up depending on the weatherman. He's built a farm fish pond and irrigation lake to take care of his truck garden, and pumps water up a 40 foot incline to water his crops. Read Mr. Nixon's story in the fine farm pages of The Charlotte News, the CAROLINA FARMER, today.

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Spending, Court Decision Hit

## Governors Blast U. S. Government

ASHEVILLE —(AP)— Two blasts against the Federal Government — one aimed at its spending policies and the other at its position in California's Tideland case — were sounded today by Southern governors at opening business sessions of their annual convention.

Presiding over the conference during a discussion of National Guard re-establishment and veterans affairs, Virginia's Gov. William M. Tuck termed the Federal Government's appropriations in the last fifteen years a "wild orgy of spending . . . which will eventually lead to national bankruptcy if not curbed."

An even more defiant note was sounded by Gov. Beauford H. Jester of Texas in speaking on the Tideland case.

The Supreme Court's decision in the case, he declared, will "become a potent weapon for proponents of the nationalization of the entire oil and gas industry as well as other vital natural resources and industries . . . Oil is merely in the lead-off position in the line-up of nationalization of vital natural resources."

The case, Gov. Jester asserted, tightens what he termed "the strangling loop of super-Federal control at the threats of mere property owners, the sovereign states of the union.

The Virginian and Texan were leaders on a program which also emphasized the need of a regionalized system of specialized education for Southern students if the South's industrialization is to continue unimpeded.

Gov. Tuck described the National Guard and veterans' programs as fields in which the Federal Government should take the leadership. In other fields, such as public education, he asserted, it has no right to interfere with the states.

"It is a great comfort to have a strong and capable National Guard" units, he declared, adding that re-

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Man Risks Gunfire

## Bold Action Nabs Fleeing Escapee

RALEIGH — The action of a quick-thinking Greensboro merchant, C. W. Stokes, resulted Saturday night in the recapture of a Negro convict, Alonzo Mitchell, as Stokes sprang from his auto at the point of Mitchell's gun when the two drew near a posse of officers.

Mitchell, who escaped from the Randolph County Prison Camp Thursday with three other Negro convicts, allegedly had kidnaped Stokes, demanding at gunpoint that the merchant act as chauffeur. Mitchell was in the rear of the car as Stokes approached a spot near the camp where officers were waiting.

Stokes leaped from his seat upon seeing the officers, shouting that their quarry was crouched on the floor of the car. Mitchell submitted peacefully to re-arrest.

Sonny Hester, eighteen, serving a five to seven-year term for breaking and entering, was discovered in a box car of a freight train Saturday night. Purdy Vereen and Estes Steel, who had aided Hester and Mitchell in overpowering a guard and stealing a truck, were still at large today.

Mitchell was serving a five-to-eight-year term imposed in New Hanover County for highway robbery.

State Penal Director Clyde O. Robinson revealed the bold action of Mr. Stokes which led to the recapture of Mitchell.

Actors Organize

## Hollywood Film Group Behind GOP

HOLLYWOOD—(AP)—A campaign to put the motion picture industry behind the Republican ticket in 1948 was under way today by film personalities who said the public has been led to believe that "the majority of Hollywood actors and actresses are either radicals, pinkos or at least New Deal Democrats."

The announcement was made by Actor George Murphy, who heads the newly formed Hollywood Republican Committee. He said:

"We will vigorously seek membership in all ranks of the entertainment field and will present a solid front that will prove a vital factor in returning the Government to competent hands."

Murphy is former president of the Screen Actors Guild.

The Committee's officers and directors include Robert Montgomery, Walt Disney, Leo McCarey, Adolphe Menjou and Ginger Rogers.

Murphy said charter members are Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire, Dennis Morgan, Joel McCrea, Randolph Scott, Dick Powell, Robert Taylor, Barbara Stanwyck, Harold Peary, Mary Pickford, Penny Singleton, Robert Sparks, Harriett and Ozzie Nelson, Jeanette MacDonald, Gene Raymond, Director Sam Wood, Edward Arnold, Walter Pidgeon and Bill Bendix.

## Marshall Given Freedom Award

NEW YORK—(AP)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall—cited particularly for projecting a plan for European reconstruction and praised by President Truman as "great in war and great in peace" —received the 1947 Freedom Award presented by Freedom House last night.

Marshall, who leaves here today for Washington to confer with President Truman, was presented with a bronze plaque by Elder Statesman Bernard M. Baruch, the previous year's winner, in behalf of Freedom House, an organization of citizens dedicated to peace.

Repeatedly Attacked

## Construction Worker Dies Defending Girl

DRACUT, Mass.— (AP) —Fighting in defense of his girl friend, a 32-year-old Lowell construction worker was slain early today by a gunman who then kidnaped the girl and, police said, raped her repeatedly during a wild four-hour automobile ride.

Detective James F. Conniff of the State Police identified the slain man as Edward Pare and said he had been "stabbed or shot in the back—or possibly both."

A short time after the girl reported the attack, Detective Canniff said another Lowell man hunted for questioning attempted suicide by shooting himself in nearby Lexington. Conniff identified the man as Russell Davis, 23, an Army Air Corps veteran.

Detective Conniff said Marian Richards, 24, of Lowell, told investigators she was sitting with Pare in a parked automobile in a woods road when an assailant brandishing both a shotgun and knife approached them.

Conniff said the girl then told this story:

Pare got out of the car and the two men fought until Pare fell, mortally wounded.

The gunman ordered her into his automobile and then sped off through lower New Hampshire — "stopping nearly every five minutes to adjust the gunpoint."

She was held prisoner for nearly four hours before the assailant drove her back to Lowell, letting her out of the car with a warning to "keep quiet until I have a chance to get away."

Pare's body was found after she reported the attack to Lowell police at 5:45 A. M.

She noted the registration number on the assailant's car as he speeded away.

Conniff said that Davis was found slumped in a parked automobile by Lexington police, who had been alerted to watch for the car.

Davis was taken to Stymmes-Arlington Hospital, where his condition was not believed critical.

## Krug Says Nation Able To Give Help

### GOP Senators Still Skeptical

WASHINGTON —(AP) — The Truman Administration marshaled a vast array of figures today designed to prove to Congress and the nation that this country can export the food, fuel and machinery Western Europe is seeking for its proposed recovery program.

A report from Secretary of the Interior Krug, released by the White House, stated emphatically that the United States will be able to deliver the goods for a $20,000,000,000 aid program without impairing American resources.

Some shortages will result, "but it is impossible to make a case that the proposed program will have a serious impact upon our economy," Krug said. "From the standpoint of day-to-day drain, the proposed program is just not consequential."

Krug asserted, however, that to assure success of the undertaking this country must save grain, retain export controls to make certain shipments reach the most needy countries and gear production and transportation facilities to a high rate.

PEPPER CRITICAL

On Capitol Hill, Republicans generally adopted a let's-hear-more attitude, but Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) criticised the report as a "nibbling" approach.

Pepper told reporters he thinks the summary makes the "timid" assumption that only such help will be extended to Western Europe as will not "inconvenience" the American people.

"That is only nibbling along at the job of winning the peace," the Florida Senator declared. "The obvious fact is that we cannot afford not to help Europe and the rest of the world and that it is going to require some American sacrifices to get the job done."

Pepper, who has urged a program of $10,000,000,000 a year in foreign aid, does not always reflect the majority viewpoint among the Senate Democratic colleagues. It was obvious that his ideas were at variance with those of Republican members.

Senators Ferguson (R-Mich.) and Brewster (R-Maine) told reporters they want to know many more facts than those covered in the Krug report before they will be ready to pass on recommendations President Truman has said he will make to Congress "on the nature and extent of a balanced foreign aid program."

Ferguson said the Krug report, as well as others to be filed later, will get a "thorough going-over by Congress because whatever is done in this situation is going to affect the economy of the United States and the whole world for years to come."

Brewster said he wonders whether there won't be some revision soon in the requests of sixteen European nations for a total of $22,440,000,000 in long-range, outside aid. He added that Congress will want to know about any such revisions before it acts.

Some Administration officials

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## 'Pretty Severe' Quake Recorded

PHILADELPHIA — (AP) — The Franklin Institute reported today it had recorded a pretty "severe" earthquake 3,400 miles from Philadelphia, "proabably off the coast of Mexico."

Dr. Roy K. Marshall, director of the Institute's Peis Planetarium, said the quake was recorded at 8:51.40 P. M. (EST) last night and that indications were it was followed by another quake shortly thereafter.

He said that the site of the upheaval was either northwest or southeast. He said it been northwest the quake would have been located in or near Seattle, Wash., said Dr. Marshall, adding that since there were no field reports, it could "logically be located in a southeasterly direction."

At Georgetown University in Washington, D. C., the quake was described as "very strong." It was estimated at 3,100 miles away in an undetermined direction. The disturbance began at 8:51.56 P. M., reaching its maximum intensity at 9:12 and ending at midnight.

Other reports, describing the quake as fairly severe, came from Fordham University in New York and Boston College, Weston, Mass.

News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Studio

DEATH CAR — The remains of the car in which Mrs. Helen S. Miller was riding when struck this morning by a Southern Railway engine. Her body was carried approximately 200 feet from the Dowd St. crossing while the car was knocked to the side of the right-of-way, toppling a signal light. She was killed instantly.

Greek-Balkan Debate

## Russia Demands Assembly Action

By MAX HARRELSON

NEW YORK —(AP)— Russia formally demanded today that the United Nations Assembly reverse a decision of the 57-nation political committee and order United States and British military personnel out of Greece.

The new Soviet demand came as Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky prepared to begin a last-ditch fight against formal creation of an American-sponsored U. N. border watch in the Balkans.

The Russian proposal to revive the already defeated Soviet resolution was submitted in a letter to Dr. Oswaldo Aranha of Brazil, Assembly president, asking that the question be placed on today's calendar for the plenary sessions at Flushing Meadow Park.

A Soviet source said Vishinsky expected to speak for about an hour and 40 minutes on the Greek-Balkan issue.

DEFEAT SEEN

Revival of the original Soviet move to blame the Balkan troubles on the United States and Britain, and Russia's fight against the "watchdog" committee foreshadowed a double Soviet defeat.

Russia's prime interest in the assembly debate was manifested at a Security Council meeting here this morning when Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko requested a postponement so he could attend a plenary session scheduled to run simultaneously.

The council meeting, called for continuing debate on the Dutch-Indonesian conflict, was then postponed until 10:30 A. M. (EST) tomorrow. This was the third recent postponement of debate on the Indonesian case. British delegate Sir Alexander Cadogan, this month's council president, had asked for the first two delays while Russia had pressed for council action.

In the meantime, the Assembly failed in a new effort to break the three-week deadlock between India and the Soviet Ukraine in the contest for the Security Council seat which Poland will vacate Dec. 31.

Today's first ballot, the tenth since the contest began Sept. 30, gave the Ukraine 29 and India 24. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting—36 votes—was necessary for election.

The ninth ballot on Oct. 1 gave the Ukraine 32 and India 24.

On a second attempt, the eleventh ballot, the vote was:

The Ukraine 30, India 25.

Oswaldo Aranha of Brazil, Assembly president, then postponed further voting on this contest.

## U. S. Seeks Rail Refund

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Justice Department announced today it has asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to order a refund from 719 railroads contending they should have charged lower rates for wartime shipments of inert explosives.

The Government recently filed a similar complaint concerning rates for "hot" explosives, one of a series of claims based on wartime freight movements.

The railroads today handed the ICC a brief in which they denied they had overcharged the Government for wartime freight and that shipments "moved to a substantial extent upon rates far lower" than those charged the public.

In the latest petition, the Government alleged that the extent of the shipments of explosives and the safety measures put into effect by the armed services entitled the Government to lower charges.

Attorney-General Clark said in a statement announcing the action that "investigation indicates that explosives and ammunition traffic was the most profitable ever enjoyed by the railroads."

Counsel for the railroads said the Government's claims on wartime freight charges have been variously estimated up to $3,000,000,000.

## Black Market In Royal Invitations

LONDON—(AP)—Black marketeers are offering as much as 750 pounds ($3,000) each for invitations to the wedding a month from today of Princess Elizabeth and Lt Philip Mountbatten, according to rumors floating around London.

But even if some of the invitations should happen to fall into the hands of black market dealers, it still will be a trick to get inside Westminster Abbey, since the invitation card is not transferable and the underground plan for identification check will be made at the door.

House Probe Opens

## Warner Admits Un-American Infiltration Into Hollywood

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Jack L. Warner, Hollywood movie producer, told the House Committee on Un-American Activities today that people "with un-American leaning" have infiltrated into the movie industry.

But he carefully declined to say under questioning from committee members that these people are Communists and insisted on using the description "un-American."

When Robert E. Stripling, chief investigator for the committee, wanted to know where Communists have invaded the film capital, Warner said:

"The answer is that there are people with un-American leaning."

They are mostly in the "writing division," Warner added.

"I know they're un-American in their method," he went on, explaining that they endeavor to put into the scripts "certain things which to my opinion are un-American."

"Would you admit there are people in your studio who are un-American?" Stripling asked.

"Yes," Warner replied.

But he emphasized that whenever un-American ideas creep into scripts, the studio cuts them out.

Warner was then called as the first of the industry witnesses.

He was accompanied to the witness stand by Paul V. McNutt, his attorney.

Thomas denied McNutt permission to cross-examine witnesses.

"You are no different from any of the other attorneys who have appeared before this committee at other hearings," Thomas told the former head of the War Manpower Commission.

As Stripling pressed questions as to the "un-American people" in Hollywood, Warner commented:

"I have never seen a Communist and I wouldn't know one if I saw one."

Warner declared he had seen Fascists abroad but didn't recall having encountered them in Hollywood.

The "un-American" infiltration in Hollywood, Warner said, first was noticed in 1936 and 1937 "in our studio and every studio there."

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## Gales Lash At Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda — (AP) — Winds estimated at 90 miles an hour beat against Bermuda and churned heavy seas today as the center of a tropical hurricane moved north, 75 miles off the British colony. Some gusts reached 100 M.P.H.

The hurricane was expected to come within 50 miles of Bermuda before continuing out to sea. No casualties were reported.

Telephone and electric wires were downed by torrential rain accompanying the wind. Palms and cedars bent to the gale, depositing many of their branches in the streets. Many workmen were unable to reach their jobs.

The yacht Zephyr, which won the last race in the Amorita cup series last season, was dismasted at its anchorage in the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club.

Civil and military aircraft, including U. S. service planes, have been evacuated from Bermuda and two ships of the British fleet have steamed 40 miles to sea to ride out the approaching storm. Other ships have been made secure in the dockyard.

Experts thought it possible that the hurricane might by-pass the colony entirely, but there was the chance, they said, that once it passed, it might veer its course and strike from the opposite side.

The cruiser Sheffield, flagship of the Royal Navy's America and West Indies fleet, and the British oiler Gold Ranger have put out to sea with instructions to ride out the storm, keeping up enough steam to hold their bows to the wind.

## Four Children Killed In Crash

HOUSTON, Tex.—(AP)—Four children were killed instantly and their parents critically injured last night when their automobile was demolished by a Missouri Pacific freight train four miles south of Trinity, Texas.

Justice of the Peace Bert Dunlap identified the family as that of Mr. and Mrs. Buck French, whose home is a half mile from the crossing.

Dunlap said he had not learned the names and ages of the four children. However, he said they were all under thirteen.

Mr. and Mrs. French were taken to a Huntsville, Texas, hospital in critical condition.

The automobile was hurled 35 feet by the impact and the children's bodies were scattered along the track, Dunlap said.

## Woman Dies When Train Crashes Into Automobile

### Man Meets Death As Car Wrecks

Violence claimed the lives of four persons here today and last night as a railway locomotive plowed into a woman's car, a man's automobile overturned on a highway, an accidental pistol shot killed a Negro youth, and a Negro man was slain by his wife.

The dead:

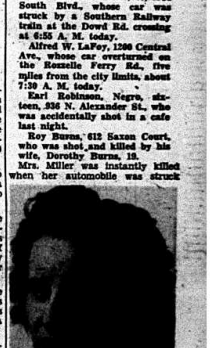
Mrs. Helen S. Miller, 26, 1914 South Blvd., whose car was struck by a Southern Railway train at the Dowd Rd. crossing at 6:55 A. M. today.

Alfred W. LaFay, 1200 Central Ave., whose car overturned on the Rozzelle Ferry Rd., five miles from the city limits, about 7:30 A. M. today.

Earl Robinson, Negro, sixteen, 534 N. Alexander St., who was accidentally shot in a cafe last night.

Roy Burns, 612 Saxon Court, who was shot and killed by his wife, Dorothy Burns, 19.

Mrs. Miller was instantly killed when her automobile was struck



MRS. MILLER—Train victim

by Southern Railway No. 136 northbound train at what was once called "death crossing." Her eastbound car was knocked to the side of the right-of-way, striking and toppling one of the crossing signal lights. She was carried approximately 200 feet up the tracks and was dead when her body was first reached.

According to the police report, Mrs. Miller had taken her husband, Thomas H. Miller, to his work at Dellinger & Sons Motor Co., 1521 W. Trade St., and was returning home when the accident happened.

This crossing, where in the past so many fatal accidents had occurred it was called "death crossing," was the scene of the city's most tragic accident in which the lives of nine persons were snuffed out one Christmas night a good many years ago.

The body of Mrs. Miller was taken to the Yandle-Weathers Funeral Home where plans for the service were awaiting arrival of relatives.

Mrs. Miller, 30 years of age, was the former Miss Helen Elmore Stevens, born in Union County, the daughter of Mrs. Mary Kimel Stevens of Rt. 3, Waxhaw, and the late H. B. Stevens of Union the Nebel Knitting Co.

SURVIVORS

Surviving are her husband, Thomas H. Miller; her mother; two brothers, H. C. Stevens of Union County, and T. E. Stevens of Santa Barbara, Calif.; and eight sisters, Mrs. J. O. Kinley, Mrs. Ed Killough, Mrs. M. C. Cunningham, Mrs. C. A. Steele, Mrs. Kenneth Rogers, Miss Gladys Stevens and Miss Elsie Stevens, all of Union County, and Mrs. Buster Bright of Gonzales, Tex.

The car in which LaFay was riding was being driven by Troy Harkey, who was technically charged with manslaughter by County Police who investigated the accident.

Harkey stated that he was going towards Mount Holly and that a number of cars were proceeding in the opposite direction towards Charlotte. Suddenly one of the machines ap-

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## WEATHER

Fair weather and mild temperatures next 3 days.

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| Temperature at 7:00 today | 78 |
| High and low last 24 hours | 78-61 |
| Sunset today | 5:42 |
| Sunrise tomorrow | 6:34 |

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