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# French Political Campaign Concluded On 'Atrocity' Note

By CARL HARTMAN  
PARIS.—Bitter political battling over charges of atrocities in Algeria brought the French election campaign to a heated close today. The voters will pick a new National Assembly Monday.  
Premier Edgar Faure late last night condemned the "murderous and inhuman" actions of a French gendarme who shot down an apparently unarmed Algerian prisoner last August. But his government backed down on earlier charges that a cameraman for an American newsreel company had bribed the gendarme to do the shooting so he could take the pictures.  
Chassagne, 34, a Frenchman and Algerian correspondent for U.S.-owned Fox Movietone News, had bribed the unidentified gendarme in order to get the pictures.  
Chassagne flew to Paris from Algiers yesterday and denied indignantly what he called "scandalous accusations against my company and myself." He added: "I never asked for any posing of pictures. I never saw the gendarme before. I have never seen him since, and I certainly never bribed any gendarme."

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They face a major task in a presidential election year.  
The Democrats control both the House and Senate majorities. The Republicans hold the presidency and its empire of executive agencies. Not only the White House but all House seats and one third of the Senate seats will be at stake in November.  
Rayburn and Martin, Johnson and Knowland will have their hands full in closing party ranks behind party programs while still encouraging the moderation and compromise that are necessary to get legislative accomplishments.

# Dionne Fuss Ironed Out

NORTH BAY, Ont. (AP)—The Dionne quintuplets and their parents say there was a misunderstanding between them but it has been ironed out.  
Three of the four surviving quintuplets drove to their home yesterday to see their parents after Olivia Dionne, their mother, said they had been "drifting away" from the family. He blamed so-called outsiders for the trouble.  
A statement issued a few hours after they reached the family home in nearby Callander said: "This afternoon we all discussed this trouble we have been having, and now we feel it was all due to a misunderstanding. There was a misunderstanding somewhere, and it has been ironed out."  
Dionne telephoned the statement to the North Bay Nugget and each of the girls approved it.  
"We all seem to understand each other better now," said Papa Dionne. "Everybody feels happy about the reconciliation. We are also sure there will be no further misunderstanding such as has taken place recently."  
Said Yvonne: "I do approve. I hope things will work out well and I think you are right."  
Cecil: "We all agree with the statement."  
Annette: "We are sincere about it."

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# Bulgarian Says H-Bomb Isn't War Deterrent

## Plugs For More Talks On Summit

LONDON.—Soviet Premier Bulganin today said possession of hydrogen bombs by both East and West is not a 100 per cent deterrent against future wars. He declared another summit conference "can be fruitful."

Replying to questions put to him by Charles E. Shutt, head of the Washington bureau of the Television Agency, Bulganin said: "It is wrong to assert that inasmuch as East and West possess hydrogen weapons, the possibility of a thermonuclear war is automatically excluded."  
Bulganin's interview with Television was broadcast by the Moscow Radio. Television, affiliated with Hearst Metrotone News, furnishes nearest films to television stations.

Television has written interview last January with Georgi M. Malenkov, then Soviet premier, in which he called for "international negotiations to settle disagreements in the Far East."  
Bulganin, in answers, plugged hard for the current Soviet line that Russia still adheres to the spirit of last summer's Big Four summit conference in Geneva. The Russians have accused the Western Big Three on various occasions of violating the spirit of Geneva.

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# Montana Wind Story Gets Top Liar Prize

BURLINGTON, Wis. (AP)—Bagging the Burlington Liars' Club top prize for 1955 was a Vernon Charnetski of Box 142, Westener and his story of a Big Montana blow and a sack of flour.  
"Judges of the world-famous phony tale club, long accustomed to big winds, gave the nod, and the phony possession of a 'diamond-studded, gold-plated' medal to Claude Verkes of Box 122, Kalspell, Mont.  
"Recently a friend of mine asked me about the height of the big pool grain elevator in our town. I told him I didn't know how high it was, but I did know of a carpenter who dropped his hammer while working on the roof. When he went down to get it, he found that the handle had rotted off while it was falling."  
Conrad A. Johnson of 1818 NW Couch St., Portland, Ore., drew on his native Kentucky for his honorable mention tale.  
He told of returning to his home state after being gone for 59 years. "I wanted to lay a wreath on the wall of graves of my departed relatives, but to my surprise, when I got to the cemetery I saw nothing but holes where the graves had been. I inquired from an attendant his recent relative if they had moved the bodies. 'Nope,' he said, 'they had blown away a reevevener in that cemetery by mistake, and they all got up and walked off.'"

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# Traffic Toll Far Below Last Holiday

## 20 Killed In Early Hours Of Weekend

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Traffic deaths in the early hours of the New Year weekend holiday were about 50 per cent below the heavy toll in the first part of the long Christmas holiday.  
First reports showed that at least 20 persons had been killed in auto accidents since the count started at 8 p.m. local time yesterday. In the corresponding period a week ago the traffic toll was 45.  
The first count showed 3 deaths in Ohio, 2 each in California, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, and Washington, and 1 each in Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey and South Dakota.  
The National Safety Council has estimated that at the end of the long holiday weekend midnight Monday—420 persons will have been killed in motor vehicle accidents during the period, surpassing the New Year holiday, surpassing the high mark of 407 set during the four-day New Year holiday at the end of 1952 and the start of 1953.  
Police were alerted for emergency action aimed at holding down the traffic toll. Traffic law enforcement was ordered by officials after the record breaking holiday toll of 609 over the Christmas weekend.  
Generally dry weather appeared in prospect for most areas.

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Charlotte News Staff Writer  
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