

Editorial Opinion

De Gaulle's Duty

The French people have voted a resounding "oui" for the constitution of Gen. Charles De Gaulle.

That yes vote—a personal victory for De Gaulle—holds hope to France for the strongest government she has enjoyed in nearly a century.

Not since 88 years ago, during the reign of Napoleon III, has she had a strong executive government. The reaction to that government was so great that France tried to make sure that she would never again fall under the power of one man.

But by trying ineffectually to coordinate the powers of hundreds of men through her Parliamentary system she has plunged herself into a chaos of crises, splinter parties and financial difficulties—with a great loss of stature as a world power.

So France has turned to De Gaulle. And with his tremendous constitutional powers for rebuilding a weakened and chaotic France, there rests on his shoulders an equal responsibility to use these powers wisely for the preservation of democracy.

For De Gaulle will have much power to interpret the new constitution, under which he will presumably become president of the French Fifth Republic.

These powers of interpretation will not only guide his own administration, but will largely determine the functions of those presidents who succeed him.

De Gaulle must do nothing less than fulfill the overwhelming confidence France has shown in his personal abilities, his honesty and sincerity and in his respect for the French people's traditional love of liberty.

IFC Rushes Apathy

The partial lifting yesterday of the ban on fraternity members entering men's residence halls not only affects the rushing picture, but the new wording of the regulation will have a stultifying effect on the fall campus elections.

With the "no exception" provision added to the Interfraternity Council regulation on fraternity men in residence halls during the hours of 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., the result is that fraternity men running for office cannot campaign in the residence halls.

This was the opinion of IFC Board of Control Chairman Ronald Siders, whose business it is to interpret IFC rulings.

Most of the effective campaigning in both spring and fall is done in the residence halls.

This new development by the IFC seriously limits this outlet and will tend further to increase apathy—and correspondingly decrease voters' turnouts—in the fall elections.

The rule, Siders said, will further mean that students who happen to be affiliated with fraternities can not counsel in the residence halls.

Both these interpretations are perhaps in part justified by the difficulty residence halls counselors would have enforcing the regulation.

But these side results are too harmful to student government and, in turn, to general student welfare to be justified on such a slim basis.

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Interpreting

Press Called Best Informant For U.S. News

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst

George V. Allen, director of the U. S. Information Agency, says the primary responsibility for informing the world about the United States rests with the press services.

Allen, experienced both as a newspaperman and a school teacher, was not running down his own job. His primary vehicle is the Voice of America, broadcast news, music and cultural programs which would reach every part of the world except for Communist jamming.

Incidentally, he mentioned that this Red jamming program costs them perhaps a \$100 million a year. That's in addition to an official propaganda program which would cost the United States from \$500 million to \$750 million a year to match. The United States spends less than \$100 million all told.

The need for nongovernment help in putting America over is therefore obvious.

But the press services do not disseminate just what the United States would like the rest of the world to hear. They operate strictly on a basis of what is news.

If press media began to report only the good things about people or nations they would not only fail to attract interest, but soon would be distrusted.

If press media are responsible for the impressions of the world regarding the United States, then the U.S. people and government need to act constantly with consideration for that impression.

The Little Rock story, for instance, has been told all over the world. And all over the world editorials have asked how people can have faith in America if its democracy does not work any better than that.

Just as long as there is color prejudice in the United States, so long there will be suspicion of the United States among the world's colored majority.

The picture the American press presents to other peoples will be good only if this people make it so.

Gazette

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Byran Green executive committee, 2:15 p.m., 121 Waring Hall. Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB.

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Collegian classified ad staff, 6:45 p.m., Collegian office. Collegian promotion, 6:45 p.m., 215 Willard.

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Society of Automotive Engineers, 7:30 p.m., 105 Mechanical Engineering.

WRA Tennis Club, 7 p.m., gym, White Hall.

WSGA Judicial, 5:15 p.m., 217 HUB.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"I just boosted their morale . . . I told them SOMEONE is going to pass."

et cetera

Baby's Happiness Really a Gag

by Dave Fineman

Discoveries of modern science can cause a little distress when they intrude upon some of our old and comforting beliefs. Beliefs like infallibility of favorite high school teachers—and the natural love of a baby for its mother.

My high school science teacher once fashioned an interesting piece of apparatus using a bottomless bottle, a 2-holed rubber stopper, a Y-shaped glass tube, a sheet of rubber, a gum band and a pair of rubber balloons.

The result was a crude imitation of a pair of lungs, a chest cavity, a diaphragm and a bronchial tube.

The Y-shaped tube was turned upside down, the balloons were tied to the legs of it, the other end of the tube was pushed up through the bottomless bottom of the bottle and through the hole in the stopper, which was pushed into the bottle's neck. The rubber sheet was then gum-banded to the cut—open bottom of the bottle.

He demonstrated the way we breathe by pulling the "diaphragm" (rubber sheet) down, thus lowering the air pressure inside the "chest cavity," causing air to rush into the upper tube and into the balloons, forcing them to expand.

After doing this 20 or 30 times—he really did become fascinated by it to the chagrin of the class—he told us he was going to make one modification in order to demonstrate how we talk.

He cut another smaller piece of rubber sheet, made a short slit in it, and stretched the slit

across the mouth of the protruding glass tube.

He then pulled down the diaphragm and released it. The rush of air through the "vocal cords" (rubber slit) made a strange, baby-like moan. After 20 or 30 diaphragm pulls with the new modification, he became expert enough to make the little slit say, "Ma-ma."

"This," he was beaming triumphantly under his tiny gray moustache, "is the way babies make their first sounds. And the sound, 'Ma-ma', since became the word for the maternal parent, which was only natural."

But my respect and admiration for that old science teacher and his colorful explanation was completely shaken the other day by a news item which the Associated Press flashed over its wire in an idle minute:

"Two college professors who did research on baby babbling say sounds that resemble 'ma ma' mean discomfort. 'It's an unhappy utterance', said Dr. Ray Bixler. 'A cry of distress', added Dr. Harold Yeager."

The report added that "baba, dada, gaga, dididid and club-club are happy sounds."

Or perhaps the child is choking.

