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Have A Look

Aside from the attempted suicide of Brigit Bardot, there have been developments in France which should make the whole world sit up and take notice.

On September 4, 1958 Charles de Gaulle was elected First President of the Fifth French Republic. In him were vested powers so sweeping that they approached the bounds of dictatorship.

De Gaulle has shown that he intends to use these powers to make France once more a world force; if need be even at the expense of the traditional broad liberties of Frenchmen, or even more significant, at the expense of the Western Alliance.

The evidence to support this view is overwhelming.

Last year De Gaulle weakened the NATO organization, one of the great bulwarks against Communism, by removing its control from any part of the French Navy.

Only last week De Gaulle spoke of the UN as "a kind of permanent scandal." This view, as well as his recall of the French Ambassador to the UN, were prompted by the decision of that body to discuss the Algerian issue: one which the French claim is an internal affair. These actions demonstrate the lack of an international conscience on the part of France.

The latest event of significance is the recent banning of more than 140 of the country's top intellectuals, actors, writers and teachers from appearing on the state-run radio, television and theatres. The ban was imposed on all those who signed a recent manifesto supporting the right to refuse military service in Algeria. This action goes hand-in-hand with previous restrictions on freedom of the press.

It would seem that France is adopting a pattern of conduct which can do nothing but harm to itself, to its peoples and to world peace. It is selfish conduct blindly directed at the objective of making France per se powerful in a day when the power must reside in blocs rather than be directed towards individual aggrandize-

This is not to say De Gaulle is wrong in his desire to see France once more powerful and respected. But his vision is a clouded one for it is only by contributing to Western solidarity that French power can have any significance.

The lone wolf is lost today for it is a time when the good of the world as a whole transcends that of any separate nation; a time when every individual and free nation depends for its welfare upon the other Freedom-loving coun-

The other Western powers are in a very difficult position relative to France. They must tread lightly lest they further alienate President De Gaulle and cause an irrepairable breech. Yet they can not sit idly by and allow France to weaken either the Western Alliance or the principles for which it stands.

There are two basic alternatives which the

West can follow.

One of the major factors impelling De Gaulle to act as he has done is the Algerian situation which has sapped the strength of his country. It would be desirable for her allies

to aid France in reaching a satisfactory settlement on this trouble spot. However De Gaulle has shown that he regards all suggestions directed towards this problem as interference in the internal affairs of his nation. Hence there is little room here for any effective

Thus lacking any other alternative the West must follow an old principle of Sir John A. MacDonald; give President De Gaulle enough rope and he will hang himself. There has been a great deal of internal unrest in France. The resignation of many of his former government supporters as well as recent riots against his rule indicate that he may soon topple from power. Even if such were not the case he is now an old man and will no doubt be physically incapable of ruling much longer.

With this in mind the West must do its utmost to insure that the next head of France be a person who will work for the welfare of the whole Western world rather than that of France alone. If this means a return to back-door diplomacy and interference in the internal affairs of another nation it can be said in justification the circumstances warrant it.

Information Please

Politics on campus have for years been hampered by a lack of student interest. To a substantial degree, this disinterest has been the fault of the parties themselves. Campus politicians have conducted their campaigns in much the same way as their senior counterparts, and the results have not been impressive. Campus politicos must realize that part of their task is instruction. Most University students have only a vague idea of the philosophies of the various parties. They receive no political instruction in high school, yet once on campus they are handled as though they had been reading Hansard every day of their

It would indeed be beneficial if each of the campus political groups would hold a seminar like that sponsored by the campus Progressive Conservative club Saturday in the Jubilee Auditorium.

Those attending heard a certain amount of pro-Conservative opinion in two speeches, but the chief value of the seminar was realized in small discussion groups which occupied most of the day. In the groups, students could voice their opinions, ideas, and even launch never again would they attend any blasts of criticism at Members of Parliament musical event in the ice arena: I resitting in.

It is noteworthy that the students stayed until after 9 p.m. on a Saturday night, tossing questions back and forth. There is interest in politics on this campus. The problem is in sorption. She replied that some nite beauty people would have been much better had council hung the arena with some heavy curtains for sound abpolitics on this campus. bringing it out.

It is to be hoped that other parties will follow the Conservative lead and sponsor similar after all. seminars. To quote the Tory seminar pamphlet: "Realize it or not, like it or not, we are all involved in civic, provincial and federal politics; and none of us can escape its influence."

It is particularly important that University students, the leaders of tomorrow, be politically informed.



But you've had Stan!



Us Too?

To The Editor:

In all their soul-sending con-templations on the reasons for the \$7,500 "Flopperooee", The Gateway people forgot to poke a finger at one party which is just as "guilty" as everybody else: themselves! They should have realized by now that the average U of A textbook-carrier cannot be brought out by the mere mentioning of a name. All they were ever told was: "Come out and see Stan Kenton. Surely not one quarter of the 6,000 happy souls realized that Kenton was something to be heard. All they knew was that some obhad voted him No. 1 US band, and for all they care "Downbeat" could be Lumumba's government paper.

Another thing: Why din't you tell 'em about who's going to pay the big bill before it was too late? Your two editorials were excellent, but they came exactly two weeks late. I'm sure that the mere mentioning of the sums which were at stake would have disturbed the sleep of quite a few of them. Advertising, in this country, has to be brought down to a "Striped-tooth-paste" level, or it won't get through to where it

I can't think that the campus is as dead as you make it look. Go and see some of the smaller groups—e.g. last Saturday's agnostics' conference of the SCM, and you will find a bit of the spirit which is unique with a University. Or would you rather have the whole 6,000 running around in "one spirit", so that a few leaders can feel genuinely supreme?

Manfred H. Reyzs

Background

"Music Lover" who both swore that marked to a friend about the Stan Kenton concert that I felt that the sound would have been much better heavy people would have done the trick equally as well. Could be.

Another music lover.

Bouquets

To The Editor:

We, the candidates for Miss methinkes we shall not hear from him for much time yet to come. Respectfully,

Block A Club, who although they

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S. Pepys, II

did not exactly go down fighting before the engineers did provide us with a number of excellent meals blind dates (with themselves an also excellent) and gifts of overnight cases and a compact.

Secondly, a thanks to the Delta Upsilon Fraternity and their talented chef, Mrs. Cunningham. The food was great gentlemen, and the enter tainment provided by your pledger was of a calibre not often witnessed

To the photographers we also owe bow, for some superb re-touching.

And of course, we must say a thanks to the ESS and our individual captors for the two gay red and white sweaters which they stole for us from the English department.

Caroline, Darlene, Donna, Lorreta and Patricia

Good Job—Well Done

To The Editor:

I wish to commend The Gatewa staff for the very excellent paper they produced last Friday, Oct. 14 I felt it was well above average largely because the articles that we printed were worth printing, and i was not necessary to fill the page with dribble so there would be enough to print.

Particularly I appreciated the article about Khrushchev taken from an interview with Professor Bociur kiev; and the article from the Physics lab concerning research with low temperatures. These articles concern and reflect the true Uni versity, the scholastism, the search ing for new knowledge. Contri butions, solicited or offered, in The Gateway by professors would creat a healthy familiarity between the in structing staff and the learning students.

Articles like these, many of ther will make our newspaper a Univer-Dear Sir:

In answer to Garry Gibson and column of good-time students.

Good Job—Even Better

Dear Diarie . . . Milord Editor:

Out last even (after curfewe) to the burning of a certain Larry Ewashin, a swain most unloved by the applied scientists and fraternitie fellows and others. He did roast well over the great stack of Gauntlets and white heroe hats from the cowboye branch of the Lyceum. An unusual bloke, Milord, for he did appear quite as jollie as anyone could under the circumstances, but

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