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Officials Make Last Minute Effort to Prevent Retirement

Paris—(P)—Gen. De Gaulle's office announced today he had decided to resign as interim president of France because of a deadlock with Communists over formation of a government, but frantic negotiations in the capital indicated a last-minute effort was being made to prevent the general's retirement.

The resignation had not been submitted to Felix Guoin, president of the constituent assembly, an hour after it was reported due.

Hurry Negotiations

Hurried officials and members of the assembly were engaged in hurried negotiations throughout the afternoon after De Gaulle's decision was disclosed by his aides.

A press conference called at the ministry of information was jammed by reporters expecting to hear a communique announcing the general's resignation.

Instead an official of the ministry read a brief statement:

"No letter has been presented by Gen. De Gaulle to the president of the chamber. No official communique has been issued by the president of the government."

May Issue More News

He added informally that "if official news is issued it will be issued here," probably within "the next hour and a half."

This statement was made at 10:30 a.m., Central Standard time.

Six More Of Rapids Given Discharges

Six more Wisconsin Rapids servicemen have received their honorable discharges from the armed forces, according to word received by The Tribune today. They are Cpl. Albert H. Mertz, Route 5; T/5 Edgar J. Sweeney, Biron; S/Sgt. Arne W. Nystrom, 631 1/2 Fourth avenue north; Lt. (jg) Richard J. Wacynski, 1050 Brown street; Pfc. Raymond Kronholm, 2410 Eighth street south, and T/5 Carl A. Northington, 1230 Oak street.

Other discharges from Wood county include S/Sgt. Gordon R. Schelling, Route 1, Marshfield; Pfc. John M. Dishingier and T/Sgt. Joseph B. Fleischmann, Jr., Marshfield.

Sweeney received his honorable discharge from Camp McCoy November 7 after three and one half years of service. Twenty one months of this was spent in the China-Burma-India theater. He received the

Pfc. Wipfli, 22, Nekoosa, Declared Dead



PFC. GERALD WIPFLI

Pfc. Gerald Wipfli, 22, previously reported missing, was killed in action November 8, 1944, the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Wipfli of Nekoosa, have been informed.

According to the message received from the government, the Americans were forced to withdraw and the Nekoosa man, who had last been seen engaged in a small arms battle, was not present upon re-organization. The action took place near Schmidt, Germany.

Gerald was born February 13, 1923, in Nekoosa and attended Nekoosa schools. He was employed by the Nekoosa-Edwards Paper company for a short time before entering service in September, 1942. Following a year's training, he went overseas where he saw action for a year as a runner with Company One of the 112th Infantry, 28th Division.

Besides the parents, he is survived by three brothers, George, Edmund and Joe, all of Nekoosa, and nine sisters, Mrs. DeVere Gray and Geraldine Wipfli, San Francisco; Mrs. W. H. Martin, Fort Pierce, Fla.; Mrs. Roger Brown and Mrs. Loren Moreau, Los Angeles; Betty Wipfli, Milwaukee; Mrs. H. C. Hostetter, Mrs. Robert Weinbauer and Mrs. C. W. Paulson, all of Wisconsin Rapids.

Discuss Formation Of Third Labor Union

Washington—(P)—Talk of the

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night in eight middle western states. Fred Snyder, Minneapolis local business agent, estimated about 20,000 were affected. This would bring to 295,000 the number of persons off the job throughout the nation because of labor disputes.

States in the region affected by the truckers walkout are Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas and some of Wisconsin.

Secretary Lou Hosking of the Midwest Truck Operators association, management organization, said the unions had refused to negotiate. Snyder said the walkout resulted from a "breakdown in negotiations for a new contract."

275,000 Idle

Elsewhere along the country's labor front disputes kept idle some 275,000 workers. Attention remained centered on Detroit and the wage controversy between the CIO United Automobile Workers and the motor industry's "Big Three."

A new proposal by General Motors to the union's demands for a 30 per cent wage rate hike was a 10 per cent increase above current levels for all hourly-rated employees. The offer was rejected by the union as a "streamlined approach to inflation."

A union leader charged Chrysler Corp. with being "hell bent towards destroying genuine collective bargaining relations," after the company requested the right to discharge or discipline workers taking part in unauthorized strikes.

Criticize Document

The union termed as a "union-busting and strife-provoking document" a Ford Motor company statement demanding no-strike guarantees and increased productivity of union workers.

Employees at all three companies have approved work stoppages but wage negotiations were continued today by the union with General Motors and Chrysler.

Striking AFL machinists in San Francisco agreed to resume wage negotiations which broke down last week. CIO machinists, also on strike for nearly three weeks, continued negotiations, but made no report of progress. About 50,000 workers in the San Francisco bay area are idle because of the walkout of 12,000 machinists.

Two-Day Reign of Violence Deplored By Zionist Heads

Jerusalem—(P)—British authorities took new precautions to halt illegal immigration into Palestine today as Zionist leaders deplored a two-day reign of violence in Tel Aviv estimated to have caused more than 100 casualties and \$800,000 property damage.

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