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Letters to the Editor

"Incredible Editorial"

To the N. Y. Herald Tribune:

Your incredible editorial entitled "Algeria Is Not France" only indicates to what an extent de Gaulle has allowed the Algerian problem to deteriorate to its present state of anarchy. What better indication is there of the utter failure of his policy than to compare the circumstances of his triumphant return to Algiers in May, 1958, under the banner of Integration to the present wholesale slaughter and rioting that welcome him now. In May, 1958, there was unity, harmony, a genuine sense of fraternity and hope among all Algerians. In December, 1960, there is only complete disorder and bitterness. Integration had at least brought unity. De Gaulle's racist-inspired Algerian Algeria will only bring civil war, massacre and pogroms of the cruelest sort.

The ultimate test of a government's policy should be whether or not it brings peace and saves lives. So far, de Gaulle has not brought peace and, as for saving lives, his policy, on the contrary, has only caused the deaths of more people in severe riots.

Integration is still the only liberal and realistic solution to the Algerian impasse. The only other alternatives are de Gaulle's Algerian Algeria doomed by civil war or the F. L. N.'s Marxist solution by terror and blackmail.

Only a forthright return to the path of May 13 can save France and Algeria from utter and complete catastrophe.

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