

January 4, 1960

Mr. Anthony Harrigan
Associate Editor
The News and Courier
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Harrigan:

Thank you for your letter of December 26th with the editorial clipping on De Gaulle. Yours is probably one of the few if not the only newspaper in this country which has had the courage and the insight to see De Gaulle's policy for what it is. We of the American Committee are quite discouraged at the performance of American journalism in general on the Algerian question. The American newspapers are either unseeing or uninterested. Seldom have I sensed less curiosity for the facts and more prejudice for the myths on this subjects. Yet Algeria holds the crucial key to the struggle between East and West and it should therefore be of paramount interest to all of us.

Thus, you can imagine how refreshing it was to discover that The News and Courier was capable of doing what the New York Times and Herald Tribune, with all their resources, have failed to do, that is, put the finger on the truth.

Our group is made up of Americans who feel much the same as you do. We are for French Algeria--the integration of Algeria into the French Republic. Integration in this sense has a geographic meaning. It ought not to be confused with the word as it is applied here in the U.S. to the school problem. "Integration" as the French use it is a concept expounded by Jacques Soustelle who, as you know, was Governor of Algeria and is presently one of the strongest opponents to De Gaulle's policy. As a group the American Committee is strongly anti-communist, and against those forces in the United States, France and elsewhere that tend to undermine the West and aid world communism.

I am enclosing some of our literature which I think will interest you. We are in touch with those people in France whose views we share. We also receive a good deal of literature from France which is invaluable in helping us assess the situation. If you read French I shall be glad to send you some of the newspapers that reach us in New York. It might be worthwhile for your newspaper to subscribe to such weeklies as Carrefour, Aux Ecoutes, La Nation Francaise, Le Journal du Parlaement and Rivarol which represent the best conservative and anti-communist thinking in all of Europe.

We are of course anxious for the Committee to grow in scope and number. And so, if after learning more about our aims you would like to join us, we shall be very happy indeed to welcome you and others as

well who would like to join. We feel that in the coming Administration our role will be especially important, for we shall represent the only pro-French Algerian group in this hemisphere.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel L. Blumenfeld
Secretary
American Committee for France & Algeria

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Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

I want to thank you for sending me the excellent material on your committee. It is most helpful. And if you should send me a few copies of the French newspapers that take the right position on the Algerian issue, I will greatly appreciate it.

I see that my fellow contributor to NATIONAL REVIEW, Mr. James Burnham, is on your list of sponsors. He is an able advocate.

I believe your committee will perform a great service for the United States if it can help preserve a French Algeria.

Enclosed is an article of mine from the Dec. 2 issue of USA Magazine, of which Alice Widener is editor. The article discusses Algeria.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Anthony Harrigan
Anthony Harrigan
Associate Editor

*P.S. What is
address?*

M. Scazzelle's

January 13, 1961

Mr. Anthony Harrigan
Assoc. Edit.
THE NEWS AND COURIER
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Mr. Harrigan:

Many thanks for your letter of Jan. 6th. I am glad that you have found among our sponsors someone whom you know. Actually, the number of people now associated with the committee is larger than it was when we had our stationery printed up.

I am sending you a copy of the latest issue of CARREFOUR which I picked up today at a French bookstore. It comes in via Airmail each week and is available at 50¢ a copy. If you like, I could arrange with the bookstore to have them reserve and send a copy each week. CARREFOUR is in my estimation probably one of the best conservative weeklies being published in Europe. They are staunchly pro-American despite the fact that we treat them so badly. In its pages, you will usually find articles by the best French conservatives.

Concerning the American Committee for France and Algeria, could you organize a chapter in South Carolina of which you could act as chairman. I am sure that there are in Charleston a few people who would join you. Our relations with France is certainly one area which can use grass-roots support. Mr. Soustelle's address is 85 Avenue Henri-Martin, Paris, France.

If you should happen to find yourself in New York in the near future, please don't hesitate to call on me. Your article on NATO in Africa is quite interesting. I also came across an article of yours in the New Leader. Unfortunately, the latter magazine has not been very sympathetic to our cause. Therein lies the tragedy.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Samual L. Blumenfeld
Editor, the Universal Library
Secty, The American Committee for
France and Algeria

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