

BELIEVES POLICE WERE ASSASSINS

De Gaulle on JFK's Death

PARIS (Reuters)—President Charles deGaulle believes U. S. police played a leading role in the assassination of President Kennedy and had Lee Harvey Oswald murdered, according to French historian Raymond Tournoux.

In his book "The General's Tragedy," scheduled for publication here tomorrow, Tournoux quoted deGaulle as saying after the President's 1963 assassination that "the police did the job. Either they ordered it or they let it happen. In any case they are in it."

De Gaulle believed the police at first intended to kill Oswald and start a Communist witch hunt as a diversionary measure,

according to Tournoux.

Things failed to go according to plan and there were witnesses to Oswald's arrest, he said, forcing the police to open legal proceedings.

"A trial would have been unthinkable," de Gaulle was quoted as saying. "Every one would have talked. So police went to an informer who could refuse them nothing and over whom they had a perfect hold.

"This fellow (Jack Ruby) devoted himself to killing the false assassin on the pretext of defending the memory of Kennedy," Tournoux quoted de Gaulle as saying.

De Gaulle saw the Dallas assassination as a "Western" that

could lead to a new war of secession, Tournoux wrote.

"It is like a cowboy story," the historian quoted de Gaulle as saying. "The consequences of this affair could be a new war of secession."

The French leader was quoted as saying "the conflict between blacks and whites is at the roots of this murder, either directly or indirectly in creating a climate of violence, of hatred. Kennedy's murder will involve all sorts of consequences. Blood calls for blood.

"America is becoming less and less a stable country, one that can be relied on," Tournoux quoted de Gaulle as saying. "It is returning to its old demons."

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