

# De Gaulle Walks Wire In Moscow

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MOSCOW, June 22 — President de Gaulle treated the Russians to one of his diplomatic high-wire balancing acts today as he ended the first phase of his 12-day visit to the Soviet Union and prepared to head beyond the Urals to the principal city of Siberia, Novosibirsk.

In political talks with the Soviet leaders at the Kremlin, de Gaulle coolly observed to his hosts that France welcomes the fact that the existence of the Soviet Union contributes to counterbalancing United States tendencies toward hegemony in Europe — but France also welcomes the fact that the United States counterbalances Soviet tendencies toward hegemony.

The French President then went on to the University of Moscow during the afternoon and got everybody excited by using the word "alliance" for the first time since he arrived here on Monday.

"Culture, science, progress — these are what in our era should justify national ambition instead of former dreams of conquest or domination. It is for this that the peoples should meet and from which modern civilization flows. It is for this goal that the new alliance between France and Russia can be sealed," de Gaulle said delivering a care-

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fully prepared text from memory, as is his custom.

His use of the word set the diplomatic community buzzing, but in his context, "alliance" meant a great deal less than it does in the diplomatic or treaty sense. He was speaking of a cultural alliance.

Today's talks at the Kremlin, again led by de Gaulle and Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Communist Party leader, dealt more with specifics of bilateral questions.

Economic matters and the expansion of trade were dealt with at length, and French sources say that France in particular emphasized its hope that Russia will step up its

French imports. Trade for some years has been heavily unbalanced the other way, with France buying more from Russia than she sells.

The French hope that new agreements for space cooperation, and cooperation in the scientific and technical fields will be signed before the end of the de Gaulle visit.

## Vietnam Question

On multilateral questions, the two delegations moved off into Asia, and of course, Vietnam. They agreed without much difficulty that the war in South Vietnam is a bad thing, and that neutrality for Southeast Asia is the ultimate solution, but Russia is in no bet-

ter position to influence the situation than France.

[De Gaulle has sent a personal message to North Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh and plans to visit Cambodia in early September, diplomats in Moscow quoted by the AP said. His message will be delivered by Jean Sainteny, de Gaulle's personal representative, who is presently on an Asian tour. De Gaulle's visit to Cambodia would be the first of a French government leader to Indochina since France withdrew from the area.]

At a Soviet press briefing, the head of the press department of the Foreign Ministry, Leonid Zamyatin, said the talks are "making good prog-

ress and producing a good impression." He spoke of "mutual agreement that regular consultations should be held in the future — in our opinion, an important result."

## Differences Avoided

The French official spokesman, however, declined to be that precise. He said that it had been agreed that France and Russia should keep in regular contact, but there was no agreement on any precise formula for regular consultations.

There is no doubt that everybody is getting along fine here in Moscow. There is a good

atmosphere. But probably it is good because nobody is too concerned about the differences.

As one well-placed Frenchman summarized it: "Take the question of European security. When we speak about detente, they speak about security. When they suggest a security conference, we answer that this should be the goal of an atmosphere of detente, not the starting point. Eh bien."

The two sides agreed to hold one more formal discussion June 30, the day before de Gaulle flies home. The original program called for only a brief meeting to approve a communique.