

De Gaulle, Soviets Talk 3 Hours

By Stuart H. Loory

From the European Edition of the
New York Herald Tribune

MOSCOW, June 21—French President de Gaulle and Soviet Communist Party chief Brezhnev talked for three hours in the Kremlin today about Germany and the problem of European security.

The French President expressed the hope that, following the example he has set with his visit, bilateral talks between other European nations including West Germany and the Soviet Union could be arranged.

Diplomatic quarters thought it unlikely that the Kremlin would want to do that kind of talking to West Germany, which, next to the United States, is the favorite target of anti-Western propaganda these days.

[De Gaulle's Soviet hosts brought up a proposal for a conference of European nations on mutual security, a French spokesman said, in which he would presumably play only a minor role. De Gaulle has

shown interest in such a conference, but French sources declined to say what position he took on the Soviet suggestion, the Associated Press reported.]

Brezhnev's commanding status at the talks, also attended by Premier Kosygin and President Nikolai V. Podgorny, brought out clearly that he is number one in the Soviet leadership and getting stronger all the time.

It was Brezhnev who acted as the host in the Kremlin, inviting everyone to sit down. And when the French and Soviet sides took seats on either side of a green felt table in the Catherine Hall, a small but magnificent ground-floor room covered in yellow silk and set off with green malachite columns, de Gaulle and Brezhnev faced each other.

Brezhnev delivered the opening statement of the meeting and de Gaulle replied.

Then, according to a French spokesman, a "dialogue and conversation" followed. The

spokesman emphasized a difference between this type of conversation and the series of alternating monologues that sometimes characterize meetings of this sort.

The spokesman said the participants in the talks attached "considerable importance to close consultations." The French President made the point that his visit in itself showed France's desire for consultations.

After the talks, de Gaulle went on a tour of the city, stopping for a session at the City Hall on Corky Street and addressing a crowd of about 1000 people in the main thoroughfare from a balcony on the building. Shortly after his speech started, the scene was engulfed in thunder and lightning and a torrential rainstorm.

The storm grew more and more fierce as de Gaulle said "I greet Moscow, recalling World War II when this heroic city played the decisive role not only for your country but

for our country and for many other states."

By the time he reached the end of his speech, exclaiming "Long live Moscow, long live Russia, long live friendship," de Gaulle's black suit and gray hair were sprinkled, though a stone canopy over the balcony protected him from the full force of the downpour.

The crowd drifted away to shelter during the rain and only about 200 were left when he finished the two-minute talk. The General is believed to be the only Western leader to speak from that balcony—where Lenin spoke four times after the 1917 Bolshevik revolution—since the Communists took power there.

Tonight the President and his wife attended a gala performance of the Prokofiev ballet "Romeo and Juliet" at the Bolshoi Theater.