

DE GAULLE & PRES. REACH AGREEMENT

Direct from Algiers the big C-54 passenger plane brought to Washington one of the most significant visitors of the war. The arrival was the Fighting French leader, Gen. De Gaulle. After a long period of difficult relationships with the American Government he was invited to meet President Roosevelt. He was accorded a salute of 17 guns.

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Chief of Staff Marshall welcomed the General, ~~Wingate~~ as did ~~with~~ ~~man~~ Marine Commandant Vandergrift, Admiral King and Gen. Arnold, head of the Army Airforce. * Those formal greetings over the eminent visitor went to the White House, for political, rather than military, discussions were the object of De Gaulle's mission. President Roosevelt cordially received him. It was the turning point of U.S. policy towards the French. From now on, America accepts De Gaulle's Committee of National Liberation as the authority for civil administration of liberated France. General and President have agreed a formula of much value in world affairs.