

30 Gen. Mark Clark took his wife along when he landed at Saigon to see the war in Indo China. ~~Clark~~ C.-in-C. General Salan ^{took} ~~took~~ him to see the President and told him that the Reds were mounting a big offensive, which the French were confident they could defeat. Gen. Clark realised how important is Indo China's part in the Far Eastern war against Communism.

300,000 people, massed in St. Peter's Square, heard the Pope give his Easter Blessing.

70 His Holiness called on Catholics throughout the world to be up and doing in the fight against the forces of evil.

Gen. De Gaulle, just when we were beginning to forget all about him, dropped in on Tunisia, laid a wreath at the *military* ~~French~~ cemetery and was the hero of the day in the army celebrations. The General, ^{was} beginning a tour of French African possessions, in the limelight again after an over-long absence from the big scene.

MAUNDY MONEY

At St. Paul's the Queen was accompanied by the Duke for the Maundy Money ceremony, whose earliest records go back more than 700 years. The posies carried were originally ^{sweeten} to ~~the~~ the odour of the poor. ~~Westminster Abbey, the usual church for the distribution, is closed for preparing the coronation.~~ 27 old men and the same number of women -

45 one ~~man~~ for each year of the Queen's life - all received £2 10/-, a coronation-year ~~man~~ 5-shilling piece, a clothing allowance and specially minted coins to the value of 27-pence. Anyone can apply for Maundy Money; those chosen must be old and have seen better days.