

FRANCE LIKES MR. K.

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A state occasion at the Paris Opera. And could there be anywhere two men more utterly different than Khrushchev and De Gaulle? On the whole K. has had a friendly welcome by the French; and as he and President De Gaulle have one thing in common (that they can both be a bit on the inflexible side) - they understand each other and get along pretty well. When it came to the reception and banquet in Mr. K.'s honour, geiger counters were run over the food, as they couldn't let him have anything radio-active. In the South the Russian leader was shown the pumping ~~stank~~ station at Pichegru, used in the irrigation of a large area once barren.

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Mr. K hruschev has gone down very well everywhere.

K. was rather embarrassingly presented with a lamb, but was equal to the occasion. He couldn't refuse a symbol of peace. As well as his wife, he had his daughter with him, a family touch ~~which~~ which seemed to appeal to the French

Nearby, at the ancient city of Nimes, there was a dancing display in the Roman amphi-theatre, which is nearly 2,000 years old. It made a welcome break in Khrushchev's very creded programme, while France exploded another bomb.