Letters To The Editor

AIR FORCE LACK OF PREPAREDNESS HIT
To the Editor:

Wednesday afternoon’s accidental release of deadly nitrogen tetraoxide gas from a Titan site north of Tucson raises serious questions about Air Force failure to be ready for emergencies of an obvious nature.

ONE CAN ONLY be reminded of similar Air Force lack of preparedness when a tank-truck loaded with 500 gallons of tetraoxide tipped over on May 3, 1953, on Miracle Mile. In that emergency, we learned that the Colonnade could not find any Air Force officials who were fully aware of the relevant physical, chemical, and toxicological properties of the Titan oxidizer during the crucial first hours of a ticking emergency that might have led to disaster.

Now, in this recent incident, it appears that a confused half-hour went by before anyone thought of checking winds to see whether tetraoxide might be drifting towards the Florence Highway. It was. Then, instead of immediately sending airmen to block traffic near the site, the slower step of asking the sheriff’s office to set up a roadblock was taken. The result was that a mid-uncertain number of cars penetrated the toxic plume of tetraoxide during that half-hour. Imagine what might have happened if the same thing occurred at one of the several Titan sites on the far better Benson Highway or Naples Highway or Camino Grande Highway.

TRANSFER operations have to be carried out, from time to time, at all Titan missile sites, and most sites are near roads or highways. Thus it should have been an obvious precaution to set up clear-cut emergency plans for coping with accidents involving spillage of either the oxidizer or the accompanying deadly hydrazine fuel.

Immediately upon detection of an accidental release, the emergency orders which must now be drawn up, belatedly, should call for dispatch of at least two armed, armed, equipped with gas masks to prevent inhalation of lethal damages while on roadblock duty. These men should work out along any downwind road or highway, turning back traffic and moving out to emergency roadblock points well beyond the suspected width of the gas plume. And, as soon as possible, highway patrol units should be contacted to establish the more permanent and more remote roadblocks. The important thing is to get those armed airmen out fast.

ONE NEVER Wonders if ranchers and others living within a mile or so of the 11 Titan sites have ever been given any special instructions on coping with the hazards that might arise from such spillage accidents. And one wonders if they can be evacuated by prearranged sirens signals. If not, that would constitute one more serious official oversight that must be speedily corrected.

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I WANT TO DO AS I PLEASE!
To the Editor:

“Je ne vous fascine pas ma tante?” (I want to do as I please.)

THIS COMMON French idiom has become for Charles De Gaulle an addition. To invoke a homogenous command of the police of France, he modified the French Constitution of 1958 to null the government into submission. Under Article 18 of the French Constitution, De Gaulle may “instruct the parliament, and, hence, De Gaulle the Dictator” it’s a very “cute” Republic.

Let’s examine De Gaulle. What has he got? Charlemagne’s military corporens place De Gaulle among the Boy Scouts. Louis IX, King of France, was canonized a saint in 1231; a similar past not likely to emblazon De Gaulle. Napoleon Bonaparte was defeated by the British in North Africa; De Gaulle watched the British and Americans defeat the Vichy-French and the Germans in North Africa whereupon he suffered the dastardly heat of Algerian smoking cigars and waiting for his unnecessarily long to get Operation Normandy ever with so he could climb aboard a tank and call into Paris as the liberator of France.

NOPE De Gaulle has never distinguished himself.

He walks out of NATO and he’s anti-American. But, he’s all for France. We don’t need France, we never did. It would be wise for U.S. tourists to ignore France, not with the tone of retaliation, but rather in spirit of American Nationalism!

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