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NEWS FROM FRANCE

France honours the American General George "Bleed and Guts" Patten when, at a village near Paris, General De Gaulle dedicates a statue to his memory. Four years have passed since Patten's colourful life ended in a fatal car crash. American Army chiefs are with him as De Gaulle walks to the village square at Tilly in Normandy (through which Patten's tanks once roared) there to unveil his statue.

General Joseph O'Hara and General Patten's son pay tribute to a great soldier.



The "Place de Palais Royal," Paris, is packed as 120 international champions prepare for the Grand Prix of French cycling - the 3,000 mile "Tour de France." In sweltering heat, the 110-mile first leg - Paris to Rheims - is begun. Ahead lie 25 days of the toughest cycling country in the world.

Averaging 28 miles an hour on the first day, the field takes food-and-drink on the run. Nearing Rheims, Marcel Dussault takes over the lead with a tremendous burst of speed that makes him the winner of the lap. But that's just the beginning....



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