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DEMONSTRATION IN ALGERIA: The violent demonstration which took place, when M. Jacques Soustelle was leaving, is an indication of the deep uneasiness in Algeria.

The 60,000 to 100,000 people who demonstrated, will certainly welcome and respect the right Governor, but the far reaching effect of this manifestation, does not fit the frame of the ceremony.

The nervous tension of the French in Algeria has now reached new heights of exasperation. Nobody had foreseen yesterday this movement of such importance and violence. With such slogans as "Soustelle with us" - "Don't leave us Soustells" - "Stay with us" - "With you we will remain French" and "To the Sea with Catreux", the demonstrators tried to prevent M. Soustelle's departure.

At the station, the Gare Maritime d'Alger, where more than 20,000 had gathered, the crowd got out of hand. As soon as he left his car to review the Guard of Honour he was besieged by the mass (students in particular) of cheering people, and the barriers were broken.


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LES ACTUALITES FRANCAISES.

M. SOUSTELLE LEAVES ALGIERS FOR HOME :

Feeling ran high in Algiers when the news was announced that M. Soustelle, Governor-General of Algeria, was to give up his post and was to be succeeded by General Catroux whom the French government had appointed Minister-Resident in Algeria.

When the time came for M. Soustelle and his wife to leave Algiers for home they found a crowd of some 60,000 demonstrating at the landing-stage of the port. Breaking through the police cordon the demonstrators surrounded M. Soustelle cheering him on. To escape from this delirious "send-off", M. Soustelle climbed on to an armoured-car. There he stayed for an hour while police and troops were trying to clear a "gangway" for him across the surging crowd. To board the ship that was taking him home, M. Soustelle had to "jump for it". The howling demonstrators stayed on chanting slogans and calling on the Governor-General not to go back to France ...

ALGER : DEPART DE M. SOUSTELLE -

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La manifestation monstre qui a salué hier le départ de M. Jacques Soustelle est l'indice d'un profond malaise en Algérie. Les 80.000 à 100.000 Français (certains services disent 100.000) qui se sont groupés hier, voulaient, certes, rendre hommage à un gouverneur apprécié, mais la portée profonde de cette manifestation dépasse à la fois la personne de Monsieur Soustelle et le cadre de la cérémonie.

La nervosité des Français d'Algérie atteint maintenant son paroxysme et touche à l'exaspération. Personne n'avait prévu hier un mouvement aussi important et aussi violent. Après avoir lancé d'interminables: "Soustelle avec nous", "Ne partez pas", "Avec vous nous voulons rester français", "Catroux à la mer", les manifestants voulurent empêcher M. Jacques Soustelle de gagner l'embarcadere.

Ce fut à la gare maritime d'Alger où s'étaient rassemblées plus de 20.000 personnes une extraordinaire bousculade. A peine descendu de voiture pour passer les troupes en revue, le gouverneur fut happé par le tourbillon des manifestants. Les étudiants, notamment, le cernaient, l'acclamaient. Tout les barrages étaient rompus.

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