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in salaries of public employees, increased taxes which do not affect the key foreign-owned oil industry, and a reduction in expenditures of the government-owned economic enterprises now operating at a substantial loss. [redacted]

*France-Algeria: De Gaulle's 8 May speech, which was partly an effort to set the April military insurrection in perspective and turn French public attention to the possibilities of future progress, contained a hint of French official apprehension over tension among the European settlers in Algeria. He appealed to the settlers to "renounce absurd and agitated dreams." To reinforce De Gaulle's appeal, units of the French Mediterranean fleet appeared off Algiers, and the Algiers police repeatedly broadcast warnings that settlers should not "play the game of the extremists on both sides." [redacted] OK

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De Gaulle's renewed offer to negotiate the future of Algeria with "Algerian elements, primarily those fighting us," was made against a background of frequent reports that the rebel government in Tunis is ready to begin whenever the French set a date. Presumably for tactical reasons, he coupled this with the usual reminder that France would build a "new Algeria without the rebels if no agreement can be negotiated." [redacted]

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