

## Gavin's Diplomacy Is Tested In Smoothing a Paris Quarrel

**Envoy, Honor Guest at Lunch,  
Eases British-French Clash  
on Rumors About C.I.A.**

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PARIS, May 3—The diplomatic talents of James M. Gavin, the United States Ambassador, were put to a test today at a luncheon given in his honor by the Anglo-American Press Association of Paris.

What was supposed to be a friendly affair was made tense by questions put to the Ambassador on the possible role of the Central Intelligence Agency in the four-day French military mutiny in Algeria that collapsed last week.

The Ambassador denied rumors that the Central Intelligence Agency had been involved in any way in the military coup. But when a British correspondent, Sam White of The Evening Standard of London, suggested that the French Foreign Ministry had contributed to the rumor campaign, the Ministry's spokesman, Pierre Baraduc, a luncheon guest, became so incensed that he threatened to leave the room.

"Either he leaves or I do," Mr. Baraduc said, looking at Mr. White who sat across the main table from him.

**Diplomat Still Angry**

Ambassador Gavin turned to the French diplomat and pressed him to remain. Mr. White made no move to leave. Still aggravated, M. Baraduc said afterward that he could not accept insinuations that the French Government had in any way fostered the rumors.

General Gavin at first showed

reluctance to comment on the rumors, which have been persistent almost from the start of the mutiny April 22. But when pressed, he said there was no foundation for them.

Mr. White's question reflected an impression in Paris that the French Government's position on the matter has been at the least equivocal. Officials have made it clear that France considered it the United States' task, not hers, to deal with the rumors.

**Cuban Landings Recalled**

The same officials indicated they were not satisfied with a direct statement Monday from Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, saying the charges against his organization were false. The unsuccessful Cuban revolt, which involved the agency, has colored French thinking about the United States intelligence system, and Ambassador Gavin acknowledged that this involvement might have encouraged talk of similar involvement in Algeria.

The Ambassador was able to strike a more positive note by mentioning the letter he had delivered at the height of the French crisis to President de Gaulle from President Kennedy, in which full United States support was offered.

The Ambassador rejected any idea that the rumors about the Central Intelligence Agency were creating a bad atmosphere for the state visit that Mr. Kennedy is to make to France May 30 to June 2.

"There can be no question of the closeness that has grown out of the exchange of messages between the two Presidents," he

said.