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1. Andre Malraux, prominent French author who is a member of the entourage of General Charles de Gaulle, expects the entire church to be opposed to the Rassemblement du Peuple Francais within three months, he told a personal friend late in April.

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[REDACTED] It was said that the hostility of Jesuits would lead the rest of the church against de Gaulle.

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2. That all Jesuits do not feel so strongly about de Gaulle is the Jesuit priest, Father R.P. Chaillet who had an interview with de Gaulle on 28 April 1947 remarked after the conversation that he had not yet made up his mind about the Rassemblement du Peuple Francais. He advised that he "would have to wait for some time".

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3. [REDACTED] there are many indications in Paris that the Church solidly is supporting de Gaulle and the RPF. [REDACTED] a large gathering of a Catholic Social and Youth organization where de Gaulle was glorified as a national hero amidst enthusiastic applause of the audience.

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