Gen. Collins Returns to Home in Algiers for Anniversary

Arriving Via Route He Used as Youth

One of the principal events on the program to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the annexation of Algiers to the City of New Orleans takes place Monday when Gen. J. Lawton "Lightning Joe" Collins returns to his hometown Algiers.

The committee planning the celebration is headed by Joseph C. Modenbach, chairman, executive committee, and Richard R. Dixon, general chairman.

After spending the night on the East Bank, Gen. Collins (U.S. Army, ret.) will arrive at Algiers at 10 a.m. Monday via the Canal St. Ferry—a route he used as a young man when he crossed back and forth from Algiers.

Immediately following his arrival in Algiers, he will visit the Algiers War Memorial in McDonogh Square, where he will place a wreath in tribute to Algiers war dead.

A tour of upper and lower Algiers will follow, during which he will pass Elmira and Eliza Sts., where his father operated a grocery store and where Gen. Collins was born.

During the tour he will pause at Gen. Meyer Hwy. and Collins Rd., where he will assist in installing a new street sign which denotes that Collins Rd. is now Gen. Collins Ave.

DAY AT RACES

In the afternoon, Gen. Collins and a large delegation of Algierians will be guests of honor at "Algiers Day at The Races," the first such event in New Orleans Fair Grounds race track history.

At 8 p.m., Gen. Collins will be guest of honor at the Algiers Annexation Centennial program at Martin Behrman High School.

Residents of Algiers have been urged to fly the American flag Monday in honor of Gen. Collins and because of the Annexation Centennial ceremonies.

Gov. John J. McKeithen and Mayor Victor H. Schiro have proclaimed March and April, 1970, to be "Algiers Annexation Centennial Months."

"We consider the annexation of Algiers to the city proper to be an important event in the development of our great city." Schiro said.

Its annexation, he said, was instrumental in developing the city "from a small area such as the Vieux Carre to a great city, expansive in size with vitality to grow and people with both vision and desire."


Committee chairman are Ralph P. Nolan, reception; G. C. Rawls, finance; Robert Moiaison, treasurer; Blake Kern, parade and doubloons; James W. Smith and Capt. Thomas Doyle, cochairmen, arrangements; state Rep. Earl J. Schmitt, publicity; Judge Lorraine F. Wingeter, legal; Dr. Stewall Kepner, medical; U.S. Rep. Hebert and ADM. R. A. McPherson, U.S. Navy, cochairmen, military; Robert Wall and David Lutenbacher, cochairmen, schools and bands; Fred W. Umbach, decorations; Vincent Palisi, annexation anniversary ceremonies; John C. Tackaberry, stadium; Mrs. Adeline Boylan Tigstrom, ladies; Henry M. Wallemath and Lester J. Lautenschlaeger, playground dedication, and Edgar Cayard and Mack Whittington, cochairmen, religious.

An Algiers historical display is now in progress at the Algiers Regional Library, 3014 Holiday Dr. The display was arranged by Miss Ruth Robin, library manager.

PLANS TALKED

Plans are being discussed with Dr. David Lutenbacher, principal, Edna Karr High School, and others to sponsor an Algiers essay contest during March and April among Algiers high school students.

The Ladies Committee, headed by Mrs. Tingstrom and Mrs. Betty Gum, is working out details for "A Night in Old Algiers," which will be held at a later date.

Old pictures, documents and other items are being loaned to the centennial committee for displays during March and April. Persons having such material may write to the Algiers Annexation Centennial Committee, Displays Division, 1228 Shirley Dr., New Orleans, La., 70114, or at 361-5475.

The placards are also available from Westside Cleaners, Opelousas and Verret Sts., and Herman Grundmeyer, Patterson and Olivier Sts.

SCOTTISH POLICE WANT TO BE ARMED

EDINBURGH — Recent Glasgow detective shootings mean that more police will be armed when tackling dangerous criminals. And any more officers will be given shooting practice.

In Scotland recently policemen were demanding to be armed. An emergency meeting is being sought by the Scottish Police Federation with Mr. William Ross, Scottish Secretary.

Many churches in modern style

PHILADELPHIA — About 35 per cent of new churches in the U.S. are constructed in modern architectural style.