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"The French are at once the most brilliant and the most dangerous of all European nations, and the best qualified to become, in the eyes of other peoples, an object of admiration, of hatred, of compassion, or alarm—never of indifference." — Alexis de Tocqueville, 1856

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COVER: Fireworks flash above the Eiffel Tower, finished in 1889 to celebrate the centennial of the French Revolution. LEFT: Inspired by bold architecture such as the glass pyramids of the Louvre's new entrance, Paris clicks its heels in salute to the past 200 years. Both by National Geographic Photographer James L. Stanfield.

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