

Paul G. Hoffman, former RCA Administrator, has written a new book, "Peace Can Be Won". A review of the book and an accompanying editorial, "The Middle Way," will be found on today's editorial page 11-A.

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# Truman Says

# U.S. Newsman Held By Czech Government

LONDON.—A Reuters report from Prague today said the U. S. embassy has been informed that William N. Oatis, missing chief of the Associated Press bureau there, has been arrested on a charge of activities hostile to the Czechoslovak State.

The Reuters report said the Czech Foreign Ministry replied to official U. S. inquiries made yesterday.

The ministry said there were three charges against Oatis.

The first was activities hostile to the state. The second was gathering and disseminating information considered secret by Czechoslovakia. The third was spreading malicious information regarding the Czech state through illegal news organs for which purpose he misled Czech citizens.

**CLAIM WITNESSES**

The report said the Czech Foreign Ministry informed the U. S. embassy that the Czech Government had witnesses to confirm these three charges.

The Reuters report was the first since Oatis' disappearance from his office in Prague. Oatis had been in Prague for several days before he disappeared. He was on his way to keep an appointment with an official in the Czech Information Ministry.

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Prague that he believed he was being shadowed day and night, and was being followed by Czech secret police. Four Czech colleagues of Oatis in the Czech Information Ministry claim witnesses to confirm these three charges.

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# Government To Curtail Use Of Steel For Building

WASHINGTON.—A drastic new curbs on the use of steel to build apartment houses and factories are being planned.

Manly Fleischmann, National Production Administrator, told reporters today that the NPA's construction restrictions will be extended so that the builder of practically every project requiring a big job of steel must get a Government permit.

Virtually all commercial construction now requires such a permit. Amusement and recreational projects are banned.

Fleischmann said growing defense demands for structural steel is forcing further non-defense restrictions, pending completion of steel production expansion.

He said nearly every type of construction now under control will be put under the licensing system.

# Flood Threat Is Lessened

Flood conditions in the upper Mississippi River appeared easing today but there still was danger of further overflows.

The water level remained high in river towns in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, and heavy rains could change the situation considerably.

Heavy rain started raining slightly in upper Iowa and Illinois, relieving the threat further downstream in Missouri and Illinois. Dikes held at all strategic areas in the three states. Some 7,000 people have been forced from their homes by the floods. Other thousands have been threatened with evacuation.

About fifteen industrial plants were forced to shut down in Muscatine, Iowa.

# Half China Red Army Reported In Korea

TAIPEI, Formosa.—A U. S. Nationalist China news said today at least half of Red China's regular fighting force of 3,000,000 men is in the Manchurian border area.

Formosa's only English language daily said Red China there for years has built a 500,000-man organization to guard mainland coastal areas.

The newspaper also reported a step in the Red purge of counter-revolutionaries. It said executions were particularly heavy in Shanxi, Tschow, Tientsin and Chefoo.

# OUR WEATHER

A few scattered showers tonight and Friday. Partly cloudy and coolish tomorrow.

Source: 5:38 A. M. sunet, 7:04 P. M.

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# HEAT DEFEATED NAPOLEON

It is generally believed that Napoleon suffered his most disastrous defeat from the Russian Winter—but did you know that it was the heat that started his downfall? When he first entered the Russian territory in the summer of 1812 his army encountered a severe heat wave. Men and horses died of heat stroke by the hundreds. Thousands of the heat stroke victims moved along, and were not much for the Cossack cavalry, which was accustomed to the heat. Then, when the Russian Winter set in, it was the finishing touches to the rout.

# THE CAROLINIAN

Largest Afternoon Newspaper in The Carolinas

Charlotte, North Carolina Thursday, April 26, 1951

46 Pages—Price Five Cents

# Forces Said To Firm At Reservoir

By OLEN CLEMENTS

TOKYO, Friday.—(AP)—United Nations troops the west-central Korean front withdrew again Thursday before Chinese Red masses. This extended their pullback in that sector to 27 miles in five days.

UN stragglers fired artillery at point-blank range to hold back 300,000 Reds pressing toward Seoul.

The new withdrawal wiped out every western front U. N. foothold north of the 38th Parallel.

But the Allies still are in North Korea along the Hwachon reservoir, in the eastern end of the 100-mile front. They beat back Red attacks on both sides of the reservoir Thursday.

The western withdrawal from above the parallel began at midday as the Chinese advanced within 20 miles of Seoul.

**DELAYING ACTION**

Eighty Army headquarters said the UN forces were "fighting a magnificent delaying action."

Munsan fell to Chinese driving down a main highway from the northwest. The town, 21 miles from the war-battered capital, was the site of an American paratrooper landing last month.

Fifteen miles to the east, Red forces surged across the Yonchon-Ullongu road leading to Seoul. Allies pulled back south of Chongju, four miles from the border and fifteen miles north of Ullongu.

Chinese tried to knife down an undefended strip between this highway and Munsan. Heavy artillery fire ripped into them throughout Thursday.

The U. N. withdrawal toward Ullongu yielded about six miles to the Reds—their biggest gain of the day. It almost wiped out the western side of the Kanyong bulge in the center of the 100-mile front.

Chinese withdrawals were made in the bulge, about 30 miles northeast of Seoul. Some U. N. units, uncommitted, had been ordered to fall back to a new defense line.

A slow withdrawal also was being made by the northeast in the Hwachon-Yangsu salient. This sector in Red Korea had held steady since the Communist Spring offensive began on Sunday night, Yangu, on the eastern end of the salient, was still in Allied hands.

Most withdrawals were made in the daylight after Allied forces had held steady against Red night-time probing attacks.

**NEAR PROTECTED**

Eighty Army units in the west were generally falling back well ahead of the Chinese masses. The U. S. Army and Fifth Air Force pilots reported they accounted for at least 550 Reds in the last 24 hours. This was about half their normal count.

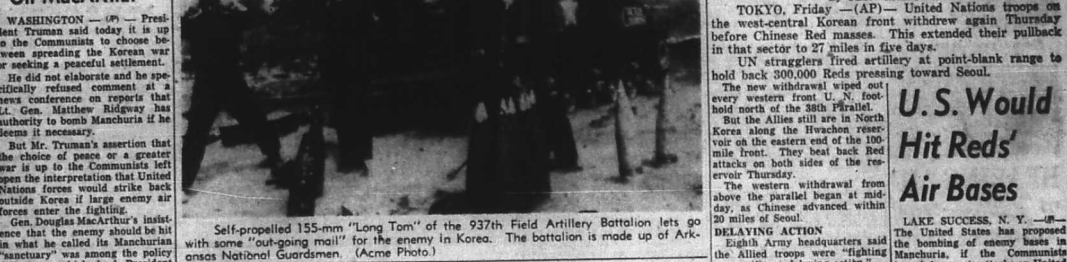
Behind the screen of aerial and artillery fire, the columns of U. N. troops rolled toward Seoul.

**EXPECT TO RETURN**

Eighty Army veterans commented, "we'll fight our way back by June and then we'll retreat."

The roads down which they moved were lined with relics of previous battles. The columns were indications of a defensible Seoul would be given up to the Reds for the third time.

U. N. officers in the west said they had the power to check the Reds, just as they halted the Communists in the center of the peninsula.



Self-propelled 155-mm "Long Tom" of the 937th Field Artillery Battalion lets go with some "out-going mooli" for the enemy in Korea. The battalion is made up of Arkansas National Guardsmen. (Acme Photo.)

# Open-Closed Factions Battle

# M'Arthur Hearing Fuss Grows

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Senator Russell (D-Ga.) called Democrats today to support a Republican drive for televised public hearings on the policy clash behind the ouster of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

From another quarter, Senator Fulbright (D-Ark.) defended President Truman's decision to limit the war in Korea, although he attributed to Mr. Truman "misguided loyalty to a worthy friend," whom he did not name.

Fulbright, who heads a Senate Banking Subcommittee which has looked into alleged influence of White House aides on Government policy, said in a speech prepared for the Senate that MacArthur's proposals to carry the war to Red China might "set strongly against us nearly the whole free world."

Observing that Mr. Truman "at least has thought me wrong and unspeakable," he said he sometimes heard "the whole world" shouting "he is a traitor."

Fulbright said he believes the President was right in firing MacArthur as Pacific commander.

**FEAR SECURITY RISK**

This evidence of support came as Russell met a GOP drive for an all-out, open-door inquiry into the MacArthur case. Any such inquiry method would risk the security of fighting men in Korea, Russell said.

Chairman Taft of Ohio announced the Republican Policy Committee will fight for public appearances by MacArthur and others. He said questions involving military security could be reserved for subsequent private sessions.

MacArthur made it known yesterday that he had no objection to the televising of his scheduled May 3 appearance before the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees.

Russell, who heads the combined groups, said he will force a showdown vote at a meeting early next week.

A majority party battle—in which the Republicans might cry "white wash" if they are overruled by a partisan majority—has been shaped up even before the inquiry could get under way.

Republicans seemed likely to line up almost solidly for public hearings and Democrats against, although some of the latter are on record for open-door sessions.

Senator Bridges (R-NH), top Republican on the Armed Services committee, said he was "not for having everything in the open that can be aired without involving military security."

He said that he would not direct Dawson to testify.

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# Truman Mum On Whether Dawson To Talk On RFC

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Truman declined to say today whether Donald K. Dawson, his administrative assistant, will head a request from a Senate subcommittee that he testify in its investigation of the RFC.

The President told a news conference that he (the President) will answer that question when it comes to him.

He said it was not up to him.

Presumably, the President is awaiting Dawson's own reply to a "strong request" from Chairman Fulbright (D-Ark.) for his testimony.

Fulbright's group is investigating reports that favoritism and influence have figured in RFC lending.

In a report to the Senate last February, it said some RFC directors have yielded to influence and named Dawson as one of those who had wielded influence on the directions.

At that time, Mr. Truman denounced the report as "unsubstantiated."

He also said then that he would not direct Dawson to testify.

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# Divers Recover Debris, Bodies

By E. V. W. JONES

KEY WEST, Fla.—(AP)—Grim Navy divers recovered more wreckage and mangled bodies today from the shattered sections of a Cuban airliner and a Navy trainer plane which collided and killed 45 persons.

The bodies had been found fishing in the Gulf of Mexico.

Twenty-five bodies had been brought to the surface, and taken to morgues in the seaport southeast city in the United States. Nineteen were located yesterday after the crash.

Navy divers worked in relays, two at a time, over the smashed pieces of the four-engine transport scattered over a wide area on the sandy bottom 20 feet below the surface.

The divers located what was left of the Navy trainer plane about two miles away. The Big Wheel, the boat used for fishing, was recovered by President Truman, found the wreckage with grappling iron.

Dr. Victor J. A. Atkinson, of Jacksonville, Fla., said the transport plane "looked like a junk pile on the bottom."

He said the wreckage except for part of a wing which sticks straight up 15 feet from the bottom.

Divers also found a skull, with sharp teeth. "The main danger is the sharp corners on the wreckage. That is the danger to the divers," he said.

**"RESCUER" DROWNED**

PARIS.—(AP)—A Paris newspaper told today of 50-year-old Andre Gauthier who plunged into the Seine River to save his two passengers. He was killed.

Dr. Holt was the president emeritus of Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla.

# Huge Demonstration For MacArthur

# Windy City Grets Hero Of The Pacific

CHICAGO.—(AP)—Today was Gen. MacArthur day in Chicago and the nation's second largest city was ready to greet the first general with a huge demonstration.

The city's millions and thousands from nearby cities were expected to join in the 10-hour civic tribute to the General. The celebration, shaping up as the biggest in the city's history, was expected to draw some 3,000,000 spectators.

Chicago was in a holiday spirit for the reception to the self-proclaimed "old soldier." The city was decked out in flags and bunting. Windows in stores along the parade route were boarded.

All public buildings will be closed and most of the loop streets will be closed during the parade.

The White Sox baseball team made today an open date by playing a double header yesterday.

The board of trade and some business houses will close at noon. It will be a double-header day.

MacArthur's formal parade down Michigan Ave. and State St. this afternoon and a pageantry, fireworks and a talk by Gen. MacArthur in Soldier Field tonight. A turnout of 100,000 was expected for the big parade in the lakefront.

No rain was forecast. Fair and cool weather was predicted with temperatures in the high 50's.

Flare-bearing greetings, "Hi, Mac" were on display throughout the city.

But the merchandise mart, the world's largest commercial building, had the biggest greeting for the General. Along the front of the building in letters 20 feet high was the salutation, "Hi, Mac." A big American flag will be flown from each letter.

Mayor Martin R. Kennedy in a television broadcast last night invited "all of Midwest America" to join in the MacArthur Day celebration.

Kennedy said the city's demonstration "will be our people's way of showing in a great swelling chorus of acclamation and devotion the contribution Gen. MacArthur has made to our nation by his military exploits."

It will be Gen. MacArthur's first visit to the Midwest since his return to the United States last week. He was cheered and acclaimed by millions in New York last Friday and earlier that day in the city's largest celebration in Washington and San Francisco.

The general and his party will leave Chicago at 7:20 A. M. CST Friday by automobile for Milwaukee. He will travel along the north shore of Lake Michigan and plans to stop at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station to visit briefly with wounded war veterans. After the Milwaukee celebration the general will fly back to New York.

# 10,000,000 Reported Starved In China

FRANKFURT, Germany.—(AP)—The French China Anti-Agriculture League said today more than 10,000,000 persons had starved to death in Red China in the past two years.

In a statement issued Monday, the League estimated Chinese casualties in China at 800,000.

Red China announced yesterday it would send 50,000 tons more rice to food-short India. It previously has traded large quantities of rice to India for barley grain.

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