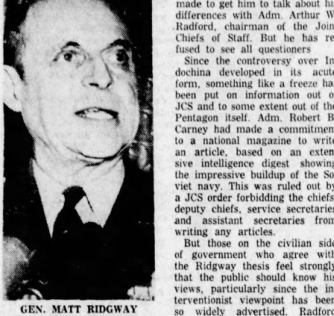


Administration May Be Retreating' From Intervention

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON
At the recent National Security Council meeting, Gen. Matthew Ridgway, as a soldier, did not discuss at all the political implications of involvement in Indochina, but the Army chief of staff did draw a striking analogy. He pointed to America's problem in pacifying the Philippines at the end of the Spanish-American



GEN. MATT RIDGWAY
Against Intervention

Subjected to long years of oppressive colonial rule over Spain, among the Filipinos there was a deep hostility toward any white governing power imposed by bayonets. The United States eventually sent 70,000 troops to the Pacific islands yet pacification was long-drawn-out and would have been much more prolonged had it not been for the policy of William Howard Taft, the first civil governor, in helping the Filipines' people toward independence and statehood.

Gen. Ridgway said that if intervention in Indochina were to be undertaken, it would have to be surrounded by armed guards on duty 24 hours to prevent infiltration. The use of local forces in supply and transportation, as was done extensively in Korea, would be all but impossible because of the ruggedness of the terrain. The population is up to 80 percent of the population.

Ridgway will not discuss his views. Repeated efforts have been made to get him to talk about his differences with Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. But he has refused to see all questioners.

Since the controversy over Indochina developed in its acute form, something like a freeze has been put on information out of JCS and to some extent out of the Pentagon itself. Adm. Robert B. Carney had made a commitment to a national magazine to write an article, based on an extensive intelligence digest showing the impressive buildup of the Soviet navy. This was ruled out by a JCS order forbidding the chiefs, deputy chiefs, service secretaries and assistant secretaries from writing any articles.

It is an effort by administration spokesmen to beat a strategic retreat from this advanced position, or, at any rate, they seem to be saying that circumstances in the immediate future will have to determine the course of American action.

NIXON QUIET
The ordinarily so articulate, has been conspicuously silent. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, in his western speech, reproached Great Britain and France for failing to meet American pre-conditions to "unite" the world. He said that the United States would never fight for colonialism. He did, however, reserve the right to take action alone in the event of an attack plainly jeopardizing America's security.

In Buncombe, A Guide For Mecklenburg

At the time of the Institute of Government consolidation study here in 1949, there were only three separate city health departments in all North Carolina—Asheville, Charlotte, and Rocky Mount (which lies half in Nash and half in Edgecombe Counties).

opened municipal eyes to the tax picture and gave the private citizen a deeper appreciation of the public services he receives. . . . should get and stay behind a permanent program assigning the county its legal responsibility.

Reminder Of Fifth Amendment's Value

I BELIEVE I will have to use my rights under the Fifth Amendment and refuse to testify.

The Fifth Amendment was used recently by a federal housing official. It was used by that fabulous five per center, Henry (The Dutchman) Grunewald. It has been used before by a newspaperman.

Shoring Up The U. S.-U. K. Alliance

DURING recent months the Anglo-American alliance has been sorely tested. President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Churchill never have established the rapport that characterized their wartime relationship or the Roosevelt-Churchill association. Eisenhower and Churchill met briefly in New York before the former's inauguration. Then America's eyes were concentrated on Korea and when, after delays, the two men met at Bermuda along with French Premier Laniel, the meeting was ended abruptly by the President's flight to New York, where he delivered his famous United Nations "atoms for peace" speech.

will give the President the benefit of a doubt. From Mr. History himself, who in turn can profit from talks with Americans who now are carrying the burden of world leadership.

An Interlude On A Street Corner

WHAT with three letters by or about dogs in today's PEOPLE'S PLATFORM, we hesitate to bring this up. But Tom Revelle's mobile rabies inoculating clinic has developed an interesting by-product that is worthy of note.

gossip. The women also renew acquaintances, asking about each other's children and flowers, and complaining about the weather.

BIRTHDAYS WITH PAY

UNDER a new work contract negotiated with a Portland, Ore., firm, 1,250 workers will get a paid holiday on their birthdays. Now there is an idea with possibilities.

day after annual vacations? And those scarcely scratch the surface.

Dogs, People Discuss Extension Of City Limits

Country Dogs Lead A Wonderful Life
Editors' Note: We converse with Rover, who is only natural that we should get letters from dogs too. A News editorial last week called attention to city limits extension by Charlie, a collie, and his monogamous friend Tinker. It prompted this reply from a couple of country-lovin' German police dogs.

I drive beyond the proposed city limit extension, but I understand the feelings of those who are included in this area. Those dogs, Charlie the collie, and Tinker the mongrel, are badly mismanaged as to the septic tanks and wells in the country. And speaking of streams being polluted, what about Sugar Creek, which runs right through the City of Charlotte?

What do you suppose it was? None other than the city of Irwin Creek did the water consumption followed several years of complaints, but we still have the stench.

long to remedy the water situation as it has to get something done about the water plants.

City Can't Take Care Of What It Has Now

Editors, The News:
I READ the June 10 editorial headed: "It's So Peaceful (Ha!) In The Country."

Several years ago the county inspector was called out to locate a sewage odor that was hanging heavy over this neighborhood.

I'm wondering if it will take as long to remedy the water situation as it has to get something done about the water plants.

Don't Feel Sorry For Delinquent Borrower
Editors, The News:
THE above tax driver who was fined and jailed for not paying off a loan touched me so that I just couldn't resist the temptation to get thoughts off my chest and on to your lively white journal.

Rover, Too, Has Sniffed The Air

Editors, The News:
THANK you for the article, appearing on your editorial page, depicting the deplorable conditions our canine friends have to contend with in the fringe area.



There is the American institution of free enterprise and competition. Should the good citizens of this community or any other community suddenly become Christians or at least act like them, the interest would be in the competition and not in the legislation nor the newspapers would have reason for concern.

It is honest and decent behavior no longer worth writing about? There is a sect known as the Mormons, and the Quakers, those people do not seem to have the tax driver's problem.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

It was just exactly one year ago that Gen. Eisenhower, meeting with top military leaders at Quantico, Va., wanted unanimous decisions from them.

Joint Chiefs At Odds On Indochina
In view of recent cuts in the military budget, he thinks it would be foolhardy to go into Indochina.

Washington Pipeline
Adm. Lewis Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, has taken exception to statements made in this column that AEC commissioners are

recorded by a stenographer, not by a recording device, and I am happy to make a correction on this point, though by the point that commissioners are incidentally reported to be making public indicating the resentment of a majority of the commissioners against Adm. Strauss.