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WELCOME HOME!

EVERY real American, regardless of his political affiliation, will be glad about U. S. foreign policy, and will extend a generous welcome to General of the Army Douglas MacArthur when he returns to his native land tomorrow.

General MacArthur occupies a unique niche in American history. His brilliant role in World War I, his service as the youngest Chief of Staff in the annals of the American Army, his spectacular role in World War II, and his subsequent direction of the occupation of Japan and the Korean War have assured him a high place in the memory of his fellow citizens.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

NOMINALLY the annual \$100-plate super-elaborate Democratic extravaganza in Washington—the Jackson-Jefferson Day dinner—is an occasion for plain, unadorned, and they got a swift and unmistakable answer from the free world. Public opinion in the United States was almost unanimously in favor of the administration.

1. It has interrupted the timetable of Communist conquest and prevented aggression elsewhere.
2. It has given the free world warning, and time to build up its defenses.
3. The successful resistance in Korea has imposed a great strain on the Communist dictatorship which, like any other dictatorship, cannot survive continuing.

They say they want a powerful defense system, second to none—but they are against universal military training. They say they want other free nations to resist aggression—but they don't want us to send our troops there.

The President made only one direct reference to the main point of the new Great Debate: whether jet-propelled bombing of China, Kai-shek's Nationalist Army would bring Russia into the Far East conflict.

They say they are worried because the Russians outnumber us and they are not interested in keeping allies who can help us. They long and short of it is that they are unwilling to spend the money they want us to wage war without an army; they want us to have victory without taking the risk; and they don't want us to run the world and to run it without any friends.

Considerable documentation of those charges can be had by examining the voting records of Mid-West and Far West Republicanism on virtually every major foreign policy measure since 1945. The most important parts of the Truman address, however, were his discussion of the Korean War and his inventory of the positive benefits from that seemingly useless and hopeless military enterprise.

SOMETHING'S WRONG HERE

THERE is a strange inconsistency in Senator Taft's analysis of Soviet Russia. During the troops-to-Europe debate, Taft argued that the European situation would provoke Russia to war.

Speaking at the Yale Club Thursday night, Taft said American aid for a Nationalist invasion of China, plus American bombing of Chinese military targets, would not mean a general war in China.

In Europe, the mere sending of four divisions of ground troops would enrage the Politburo that Russian armies would move into action. But Stalin would sit back, puffing peacefully on his pipe, America would be the aggressor.

Although it may not seem that way, there are still many people in Mississippi who care to be Governor. They feel they couldn't be elected Governor, and therefore their names will not appear on the ballot in the Summer primaries this year.



People's Platform

Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name must be signed, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense, and now must put his light under a basket.

'Far From Brilliant' CHARLOTTE EDITOR. The News treatment of the MacArthur dismissal is far from brilliant, and I believe it will be recalled before the curtain falls on this affair.

Such phrases in your editorial as, "MacArthur had left Mr. Truman no alternative," "military dictatorship," and the clear implication that MacArthur is trying to "dictate" the foreign policy of the Kremlin seem ill-chosen, indeed, at this initial stage. It's quite apparent, Mr. Editor, that you've placed more credibility to statements emanating from the shaky and vacillating White House and State Department regarding the alleged charges against MacArthur, than many of us can conscientiously place.

Let the brain, muscle, and spirit of American strength and prestige in Asia return home and defend himself (as surely he will) before the bar of the American people. There and only there, will we be in a position to intelligently comment on the rightness or wrongness of MacArthur's dismissal.

My only other thoughts at this stage of events are simply these. Regardless of what it may pretend, joy abounds in the Kremlin, socialist and Jewry, as the American people are overjoyed with warm satisfaction; the morale of the free peoples of Asia have been dealt a staggering blow.

Word From Oregon

PICKED up the Portland paper this morning and noted that your Charlotte News editorial concerning the dismissal of MacArthur is being quoted throughout the country. Congratulations!

A Great Mistake

THE opinion of a high school boy, the dismissing of General MacArthur was one of the worst things that has happened to the people of the world since Adam and Eve ate of the "tree of knowledge." The Korean people will suffer, the Japanese, the Chinese, the United States, and the rest of the people on this earth.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

ED. NOTE: Today's column takes the form of a letter from Sen. Robert A. Taft on the MacArthur-Communism controversy.

Dear Senator Taft: When your father was President of the United States, my late father-in-law, a general and a military man all his life, had about the same opinion of him that Douglas MacArthur has of the present occupant of the White House. In fact, your father, when history records as having done a fine job as Secretary of War, incurred the wrath of MacArthur, because he both kept him within his budget and kept the military in their place.

He fully grasped the fundamental fact around which our Constitution is written—that ours is a civilian government, in which the military take orders from civilians. He even carried it out so conscientiously that, when your father was Secretary of War and used to come to the White House, Teddy Roosevelt would jokingly tell Mr. Roosevelt to put away the carving knife for fear his father-in-law, a cousin and aide of F. R., might see it and get mad.

I mention this because you, all Senate leaders, are in a position to grasp and understand the serious issue which faces the country today in the MacArthur-Communism controversy. I mention it because the easiest thing in the world today is to join the wolfpack and kick Harry Truman to the curb and elect your present position by taking the easy way.

(An editorial from the Louisville Courier-Journal). PRESIDENT Truman's dismissal of General MacArthur has ignited a political brush fire which is charring members of both parties in the United States.

On the Republican side, talk of impeaching the President is abundant. The U. S. Constitution provides that the President may be impeached for "treason, bribery or other high crimes and misdemeanors."

A vote for impeachment may be had only in the House of Representatives. The Senate hears the trial of impeachment charges, and may convict only by a two-thirds vote.

If anything could be sillier than talk of impeaching the President, it is the cry, "Investigate the state Department!" The state Department is under constant investigation. Since Secretary Acheson's appointment before the congressional committees of the House and Senate in 1949 and 1950, the Secretary went before the House committee 18 times from May, 1948, through December, 1950; and other officers make 221 appearances before the various committees of Congress.

On their behalf, Democrats in Congress have done themselves with deadly seriousness by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. But what is taken even more seriously is the fact that the Joint Chiefs of Staff in air force is now being organized.

The Fate Of The President Rests On Korea Battlefield

By STEWART ALSOP

IT MAY WELL be that in choosing this particular time to dismiss General Douglas MacArthur, President Truman has chosen the best possible time.

In dismissing MacArthur, Truman has chosen the course that is most likely to lead to a great military triumph. If there is no settlement, but the expected Communist offensive is held off by MacArthur on the battlefield will be reflected in a stalemate between Truman and MacArthur.

But if the Communists again break through our lines, if this time the breakthrough is successful, if the Chinese and North Koreans are seriously endangered, then disaster in Korea will be disaster also for the United States.

This is why reports that the Chinese are for the first time receiving important military aid from heavy weapons and transport from Soviet Siberian stocks are taken with relief.

Civilian Military Rule Reassues

THAT issue is the Constitution of the United States—that provides that, if a general wants to run the Government, he must take off his uniform and become a civilian like the rest of us.

Furthermore, you cannot have a general who has been running for President and who may still have political ambitions to become President of the United States. That also is implicit in the Constitution.

As far as President Truman is concerned, my personal feelings toward him are about the same as yours. But there is a difference between respect for the office of President and respect for the man. The former is something which must be accorded to every President of the United States.

It might be healthy if you or Senator Wherry introduced a resolution embodying the exact terms of the MacArthur-Joint Chiefs of Staff, and let the Senate debate it. This is an important, vital question upon which we should have full debate, upon which the public should be informed.

But do not, I urge, confuse the issue by challenging the basic principle of our Constitution as to regard to civilian rule.