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Don't Bother Us — We're Discussing Asia Policy'

A Letter To The Editor

Arthur's Military Record And War Policy Questioned

Editor, The News: NOT since Queen Welles' famous Marston invasion has this country seen such an exhibition of military prowess as the past week. The perils of the times demands clear thought and responsible action. The United States General MacArthur has instead evoked emotion-choked utterances and wild irresponsibility.



Marquis Childs

Vandenberg And MacArthur

NO dramatist in his right mind would have arranged events as they fell out in the swirling rush of the past week. No audience sitting in a theater could be expected to believe in the incidence of General MacArthur's entrance onto the stage and Senator Vandenberg's exit from it. It was surely one of the strangest juxtapositions in all of American history.

THERE has in fact been a kind of defecation in the department's attitude to its abusers and attackers. Evidence of this is seen in such action as the side-tracking of able career officer John Carter Vincent, now Minister to Switzerland, who is being transferred to a post that does not require Senate confirmation.

WHEN, however, it came down to the Senator's own destiny and the prospect that he might have a chance for the 1948 Presidential nomination, these opponents made the two men at Wake Island, a towering figure who had learned to look down philosophically on ambition and the scheming of the ambitious.

ALMOST the last letters he wrote showed that Vandenberg had not yielded any of his determination to come back and fight for what he believed in. He had put far behind him the obvious and easy hallmarks of opinion polls and elections.

Tradition vs. Voting Machines

AS WE understand it, a suggestion was made by the League of Women Voters that a voting machine be set up somewhere in the City of Charlotte during the municipal election as an experiment only. Use of the machine would not have cost the County a penny.

Qute, Unquote

POPE In Which A Word Of Caution Is Uttered Concerning The Extravagant Dissipation Of Resources. In times of prosperity Prepare for austerity.—Atlanta (Ga.) Journal. A doctor says the human nose is gradually getting sharper. Which is not at all surprising, considering the way we use it on the ground.—Kingpost (Teas.) Times.

Drew Pearson's Truman-MacArthur Conversation Reported

HOWEVER, I believe it is important that the American people know what took place at Wake Island; so here is a full report some of the conversations recorded in Drew Pearson's book. One only clue was given in the more extended conversation as to what Truman and MacArthur had said to the President about Formosa, and he cut further discussion short with the curt reply: 'General MacArthur and I have discussed Formosa already and we are in complete agreement on the subject.'

Home By Christmas

MACARTHUR assured Truman that he could 'finish the job in North Korea' in a short time. According to the stenographic notes he said: 'I hope to be able to have the 8th Army back in Japan by Christmas. I may be able to send a convoy into Pyongyang immediately.' At this point, President Truman asked: 'What about Chinese intervention?' MacArthur's reply was: 'They could have intervened earlier when it would have been decisive, but that has not happened.'

CHARLOTTE can live for action. Perhaps military necessity will force us to this decision. Even so, it contributes to our political aim in Asia, the halting of Soviet aggression, or will it lead us inevitably into the morass of a large scale war against a Russian satellite on a battleground not of our own choosing? The relevant question which must be asked.

The General further proposes that we open a 'second front' in southern China with the forces of the Nationalist Government. The first question which must be asked is, what forces? Estimates of the number of men under Chiang's banner range from 300,000 to 700,000. Opinions as to the effectiveness of that army vary from superlatives to statements that most of his men would desert as soon as they set foot on the mainland of China. One thing we do know, Chiang was defeated by the Red Army in a split of territory which the United States refused to him.

What evidence is there that the Nationalist Government has cast out the sickness in its own soul? If there is such evidence, the American people ought to hear it before embarking upon such a program. For, if we support the Nationalist army in its invasion of the South Coast of China and it there faces defeat, MacArthur's own policy of foreign policy in such an event we support Chiang with troops. Despite this, Chiang with troops. Despite this, Chiang with troops. Despite this, Chiang with troops.

In Spite of Repeated Assertions

IN SPITE of repeated assertions to the contrary, the Truman Administration has foreign policy—frequently enunciated and plainly seen. The policy is not, as the Administration would have us believe, a mere print of action. Essentially the policy is to check, throw back, and eventually annihilate Russian imperialism. It has been put into effect in Greece, Turkey, Italy, Berlin and Korea.

General MacArthur's Policy

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S policy would have us make our main effort in Asia. What then of our political and economic, defense force and check Russian expansion against our Western European allies and their industrial capacity? If General MacArthur is right, then we should cease trying, or even attempt, to achieve our political ends without a global war and apply maximum force against Russia without delay. His logic leads inevitably to that conclusion.

It Is Imperative that We Examine

General MacArthur and his ideas coolly and unemotionally. We must also examine his background. He is a man who has now loudly attacked the Administration as 'appeasers', but who has repeatedly been opposing aid to the free nations of Europe because it might provoke Russia; he has urged the United States to withdraw to its own shores and there erect a Gibraltar, who would have the South American to their fate. Our decision is important. Upon it may hang not only our lives and our treasure, but our civilization.—FRANK W. SNEPP JR.

Sitting Pretty

THIS business of fighting inflation obviously takes a lot of executive and show them out in the end. We have lost track of what it's costing us in total to get together and supply the new army of inflation fighters. It's a few dollars here, but at least there are a few dollars in the budget. There are, we are sure, a few dollars in the E. S. A. big dollars that cost \$275 apiece.

From The Wall Street Journal

Not that we are complaining about it. Considering the number of ideas that have been executed by the stabilization agency that is perhaps not too many executives. Perhaps the shoveler's complaint either about the 25 easy dollars at \$35 each or the 30 full-length davenport at \$200 each of the E. S. A. bought. It's nice to know that somebody in E. S. A. is holding down something.