

MacArthur's Statement May Help Clear Policy Conflicts

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Now that General MacArthur has presented a defense of his stewardship in southeast Asia one is left with the feeling that the military differences between him and the administration weren't so great they couldn't have been resolved more easily.

Still, perhaps this cloud-burst will help clear the air, not only for America but for her anxious allies in the fight against Bolshevism. Certainly MacArthur's exposition of the military position has pinned down his personal objectives, and the difficulties which he has encountered.

The main charge made by the general's critics has been that his strategy threatened to expand the Korean conflict and land the United States and her allies in a major continental war with a Red China, backed by Russia.

The consensus of military observers has been that such a development would be catastrophic for the democracies.

They have argued that it would play directly into Moscow's hands, that it would give Bolshevism a chance to bleed the United States and other western powers militarily and economically and thus prepare them for the "kill" in the final showdown.

No Involvement Intended
However, it doesn't appear from General MacArthur's speech before the joint houses of Congress that his strategy contemplated such an involvement of American and other U. N. forces. He explained the position like this:

"The United Nations victory in Korea was complete, and our objectives within reach, when Red China intervened with numerically superior ground forces. This created a new war and an entirely new situation which called for new decisions in the diplomatic sphere to permit the realistic adjustment of military strategy. Such decisions have not been forthcoming."

MacArthur cited his aims in this situation as being an economic blockade of China, a naval blockade of the China coast, removal of the restrictions on the ground forces of Nationalist China, with logistical support from America. He also asked permission to bomb Manchurian bases from which the Chinese were attacking U.N. forces in Korea.

Answers Vital Point
This reference to removal of restrictions on the ground forces of Nationalist China meant using the half million troops Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek has on the island of Formosa, which lies close to the China coast. But MacArthur declared that "no man in his right mind would advocate sending our ground forces into continental China, and such was never given thought."

In short, while "the new situation did urgently demand a drastic revision of strategic planning," MacArthur's program wasn't calculated to involve America in a major war on Chinese soil. That is his answer on this vital point.

The other major issue involved in the dispute revolved about the relative importance of Europe and Asia in the war with Bolshevism. The Washington administration has taken the stand that America must concentrate her efforts against communism in Europe.

'Rough Road of Argument'
MacArthur yesterday reiterated the view which figured in his dis-

missal by President Truman. This was that since the Bolshevist menace is global, "We can't divide our effort."

There is, of course, no argument but that the Bolshevist menace is global. However, the relative importance of Asia and Europe is bound to continue a hot subject of debate. That importance may vary from time to time, and circumstances will have to be dealt with as they arise.

What we don't want is for America to get involved in a major Asiatic war to which Russia is not committed militarily. This would permit the Soviet to conserve her strength for an assault on us when we had been sufficiently weakened.

There is no indication that we are in danger of letting ourselves get caught in such a predicament. But we have traveled a rough road of argument to determine that point.

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By ALICE TERWILL

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Char-
ter and family transacted business in Medford Friday.

The dance sponsored by the PTA on April 21, proved a success. After the dance, Mrs. Ray Charter and Mrs. Flo Newman entertained with a chow mein dinner at the Newman home.

Mrs. Clifford Kent spent the weekend with her sister and family, Mrs. Chester Hamms, Roseburg.

Mrs. Florence Powell is coaching the seventh and eighth grade students in their play, "Mama's Baby Boy." This comedy is to be presented in the school gymnasium, May 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Seoville spent Saturday in Medford visiting.

Mrs. Ira Poole will again serve as Blue Bird leader, and Mrs. William Mathews will be Camp Fire guardian.

Anton Earlebach, who underwent major surgery at the Community hospital in Medford Friday, is reported recovering nicely.

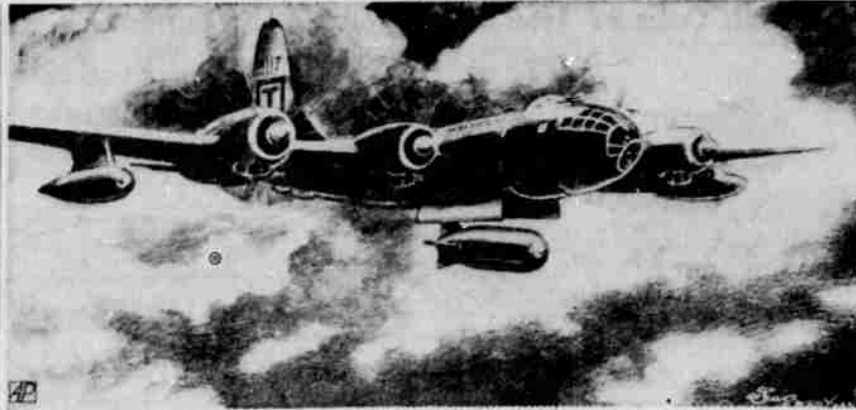
Robert Davis suffered a badly bruised hand Sunday and was rushed to Dr. Falk in Canyonville for medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. William Blackett and family of Myrtle Creek visited Sunday at the Vern Lerwill home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Scott, Eugene, spent the weekend at the Weston Scott home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Brown, Billie and Nancy shopped in Roseburg Saturday.

Winds of more than 3,000 miles per hour have been produced in supersonic wind tunnels.



ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF ATOM BOMB DELIVERY—This drawing by Jim Berryman, Washington Star cartoonist and illustrator, appears in the current issue of Look magazine along with an article by Berryman that the magazine says is the first eye-witness description of the A-bomb. Look says Berryman made an authorized flight in a B-50 carrying an A-bomb in a practice run and that the air force cleared the drawings. Berryman in the article says the bomb he saw was not actually dropped. This drawing is described as showing what the A-bomb would look like being dropped by a B-50 bomber. In Washington the Atomic Energy commission denied that Berryman saw a real atomic bomb and quoted the air force as saying he did not see a representation of one. (AP Wirephoto—Copyright 1951 by Look Magazine)

Record Dividend Payments Made To Stockholders

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK — (AP) — Dividend payments are flowing out in all-time record volume to the millions of Americans who hold common stocks.

Business has been so good that the stockholder, who a few years ago considered himself the forgotten man, is at last reaping his reward.

Higher taxes and the swing to a half-war industrial basis haven't stopped the golden flow this year. The total of dividend payments, which set a new high last year, has gone on to new heights in the first three months of this year.

Not all industries share. Some have even cut payments, compared with the first quarter of last year. And within industries, some companies are better favored than others.

But in most companies, in most industries, soaring sales volumes have pulled earnings to peak levels. Directors continue, in many companies, to pass a sizable part of these earnings on to stockholders — although not as great a proportion as in prewar days. Much

of the profit total is being held back to finance record plant expansion plans to handle defense demands being piled upon civilian needs of a growing population.

So far this year, companies with common stocks listed on the New York stock exchange have declared dividends totalling nearly \$1.2 billion, the exchange magazine reports. This is 15.5 percent more than was paid in the first three months of 1950.

Dividends were paid this year by 801 of the 1,042 issues listed on the big board. Of those paying, 358 increased the dividend, 387 paid the same amount and only 86 cut payments.

Losers And Gainers

Looking at classifications by industries, (not by individual companies) those whose dividend payments are lower this year than in the first quarter of last year are: amusement, electrical equipment, financial, shipbuilding and operating, aircraft, food products and beverages, office equipment, farm machinery, leather, and retail trade.

Some of the gain individual corporations that were generous last year in passing along profits to stockholders: Du Pont, which paid out \$240.7 million, or 78.3 percent of its net income of \$307.6 million; and American Tel. & Tel., which paid out \$248.2 million, or 69.2 percent of its net income of \$358.8 million.

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