

MacArthur Firing May Revive Move To End Fighting

From the wires of Associated Press

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's removal is expected to clear the way for possible new political moves to end the Korean fighting.

It may revive immediately consideration of a proposed 14-nation declaration on Korea. A tentative draft of this was circulating last month among the other nations which have forces in Korea when the showdown crisis over MacArthur arose. It was sidetracked then but State Department officials said Wednesday it is definitely still alive.

The proposed Korean declaration was originated by the United States. It would be in effect an invitation to the Chinese Communists to cease fire and agree to settlement of outstanding issues by negotiation.

The declaration was firm in asserting that with the return of the United Nations forces to the 38th parallel, the principal objective of repelling North Korean aggression had been achieved.

It reportedly also set forth that with this turn of events further UN objectives, such as unification of Korea and establishment of free government for all the country, could be accomplished without further bloodshed.

Before being issued, the draft was submitted by the joint chiefs of staff to General MacArthur for his comment.

To the astonishment of officials here, MacArthur issued his own pronouncement of March 24 which adopted some essential points of the proposed declaration but contained, too, an implied threat of extension of the Korean War to China.

MacArthur's statement led to sidetracking of the proposed 14-nation declaration and helped precipitate the crisis which resulted in President Truman's summary removal of the Far Eastern commander.

President Truman Suddenly Scheduled...

... a White House conference this afternoon with Secretary of State Acheson and John Foster Dulles, State Department authority on Far Eastern affairs.

There was no immediate explanation for the (1:30 P.M. EST) addition to the day's list of Presidential conference.

U. N. Assembly President...

... Nasrollah Entezam called a meeting Wednesday of the U. N. Good Offices Committee to see what it can do toward peace in Korea as a result of President Truman's ouster of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Delegates in some quarters expressed a belief that the chances of peace are better. A general sigh of relief arose in the U. N. at the ouster, which several delegates said privately was long overdue.

The News That President Truman...

... fired General MacArthur and picked Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway to replace him spread fast in Korea.

"I'll be damned!" a lieutenant exclaimed.

"They at least could have given him a chance to resign," chipped in a young enlisted man. "They could have put on a show anyway."

"It's about time," cracked another GI. "You just can't tell everybody that the President and the Chiefs of Staff don't know how to run the war, like MacArthur has done."

An officer close to Ridgway said: "If the General leaves (Korea) on the 12th I'm going to try to get out on the 13th."

General Eisenhower, Visibly Surprised...

... and concerned, expressed the hope Wednesday that Gen. Douglas MacArthur would not return to the United States and become a center of controversy and acrimony.

Advised of President Truman's action by a reporter, the Atlantic Pact commander first showed surprise, and said, "That's one you couldn't expect me to comment on."

Told the reasons the President had given for his action, Eisenhower shook his head and said, "When you put on a uniform there are certain inhibitions which you accept."

Command of U. N. Forces in Korea...

... shifted abruptly Wednesday from General MacArthur to Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway.

Many of the fighting men in the Korean front lines did not know at a late hour Wednesday that President Truman had fired MacArthur.

The U. N. drive into Red Korea ground ahead. Allied air and artillery barrages wiped out the key Chinese base of Chorwon on the western front, 17 miles north of the border. American, British, and Turkish troops scored new gains.

On the central front, American troops drove along the southern shores of Hwachon reservoir toward the big dam and power grid. South Korea was virtually free of Communist troops. The last major pocket of Reds was holding out west of the Imjin River on the extreme western front.

The House Refused...

... Wednesday to restrict the sending of American troops to Europe to serve in General Eisenhower's Atlantic Pact army.

By a standing vote of 192 to 168 it defeated an amendment to a draft extension bill.

Republicans stoutly supported the amendment, which was sponsored by Rep. Towe (R-NJ). Towe's amendment would prohibit sending future inductees to Europe as part of an Atlantic Pact army without approval by both branches of Congress.

Britain Came Out Officially...

... Wednesday for the eventual return of Formosa "to China," meaning Red China.

In his comment, the spokesman studiously avoided saying Formosa should be returned "to the Chinese government." Britain has broken with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's regime based in Formosa, and has recognized the Communist government of Mao Tze-Tung.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

11:45 a.m. — Speech Department, 110 SU
 4 p.m. — Student United World Federalists, 412 SU
 Phi Theta Sale Committee, 315 SU
 4:30 p.m. — Ford Committee, 110 SU
 6:30 p.m. — Judaism lecture, 333 SU
 Mu Phi Epsilon, Alumni Hall
 Music Committee, 313 SU
 Browsing Room Committee, 201 SU
 IVCF, 214 SU
 7 p.m. — Skull & Dagger, 315 SU
 Hul-O-Kamaaina, Gerlinger 3rd floor
 7:30 p.m. — Publications Board, 337 SU
 Phi Delta Phi, 113 SU
 Chess Club, 111 SU

Inquiring Reporter

Mac's Firing Brings Out Vets' Remarks

News that General Douglas MacArthur had been relieved of his command has set off numerous discussions on the campus. Among those students most concerned about the action were the veterans — many of whom served under MacArthur during the war.

Dick Laing, Omega Hall (41st Army Division): "I think Truman was right in firing MacArthur. Maybe he should have done it sooner, but before the past weeks, Truman didn't have much ground for ousting Mac."

Laing said it is the same as hiring and firing any man that won't do what you want him to.

Bob Johnson, Sigma Hall (7th Naval Fleet): "I have more admiration for Harry now than I had before. I think he is justified in what he did. MacArthur wasn't wrong in having his own ideas on policy, but he should have gone through the proper channels."

Jack Jones, Phi Delta Theta (42nd Army Engineers): "Truman has put an able man out, but MacArthur stepped over the bounds of the best interests of the nation. I mainly don't like seeing MacArthur put out in such an ungainly manner."

Ken Beers, Lambda Chi Alpha (2nd Marine Air Wing): "I don't think that politics and military matters should get so close together. Truman should have used a little more diplomacy though, in relieving MacArthur. It was too abrupt."

Jack Greene, Agate St. trailers (Army Air Corps): "I think it is the worst thing that Truman has done yet."

Dean Hague, (Royal Canadian Air Force): "I have no opinion yet — not until I know exactly why MacArthur was taken out of command. If it was because MacArthur disobeyed orders, I think Truman was in the wrong in removing an able man. But if the reason is that MacArthur's command was having a deteriorating effect on political plans, then I think that Truman was justified. No one has the right to upset the delicate political strategy."

Richard Allman, Amazon Housing Project (Army Signal Corps): "I guess I side with MacArthur mostly. He is thoroughly familiar with the situation in the Pacific. If MacArthur wasn't technically in a position to make any statements on policy, he was, at least, capable of doing so."

Cramer Awarded Fulbright Study Aid

John F. Cramer, dean-director of the general extension division of the State System of Higher Education, has received an award as visiting lecturer in educational administration at the University of Melbourne under the Fulbright Act.

Cramer is well-known among Oregon educators for his work in international education. He went to Australia 15 years ago to do a thesis on Comparative Education. He has also done work for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Cramer flew to Melbourne University Apr. 9. He will be on sabbatical leave until January, 1952. Viron A. Moore, assistant director, will become acting dean.

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Profs Okay Ouster

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He said that he doesn't see how the Russians can possibly make propaganda out of this; "but they probably will."

"One of the favorable results may be to confuse the Russians even more as to the purposes of American foreign policy," he remarked.

Schleicher feels that MacArthur will probably return to the United States.

"He ought to say to himself, 'I'm a soldier,' and then keep quiet," he said. "But he probably won't; undoubtedly he will become a partisan figure in American politics."

The whole controversy will quiet down after a while, he believes.

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