

Faculty Backs Truman; Student Opinions Vary

By Larry Hobart

Wednesday Gen. Douglas MacArthur was removed from his Far Eastern command by President Truman.

In Congress there was talk by some Republican members of impeachment of the President, while Democrats praised Truman's decision.

In London and Paris high officials expressed approval of the action taken by Truman.

On the Korean battlefield GI's displayed surprise and bewilderment at the general's dismissal.

A survey conducted by the Eugene Register-Guard among Eugene townspeople revealed a strong trend of sympathy towards the fired general.

On the Oregon campus faculty opinion unanimously supported the action taken by President Truman. Student reaction varied through condemnation of MacArthur's firing, to a favoring of the ouster by the President.

Listed in the columns below are the answers supplied by faculty and students when asked by the Emerald the question "What is your opinion of President Truman's removal of General MacArthur?"

Students...

John Epley—junior in physics—"Any soldier who disobeys orders is subject to the judgment of his superiors. I believe MacArthur could be court-martialed for his action. I dislike Truman, but admire him for not side-tracking the issue because of the fact that the General is a popular hero."

Daveen Parker—freshman in education—"I believe that MacArthur's removal will hurt our foreign policy. He's been there so long that he knows what is going on."

Delbert Pierce—special student in business—"I'll have to hear both sides of the story before I form an opinion. However, I'm inclined to lean towards MacArthur. He certainly knows the situation out there in the field much better than do the men in Washington."

Ed Tyler—sophomore in liberal arts—"Reprimand, yes; dismissal, no. His experience in the East is too valuable. We are in a critical period and cannot afford to change horses in the middle of the stream."

Shirley Burr—graduate student in economics—"I agree with the removal, mainly because I believe that the military should not run the government but the civilians should control it."

Don Onthank—senior in business administration—"I feel MacArthur's removal was something that had to be done because of the constitutionality of the question and MacArthur's insistence upon his own wants for definite policy and his desire to bomb Manchurian supply bases. He forgot that he is a military man, not a maker of policy."

Anne Insell—senior in foreign languages—"I approve of the action. MacArthur didn't have the right to make his own policy. That is up to the diplomats."

Anne Bosserdet—freshman in liberal arts—"I don't exactly think that it was the right thing to do. MacArthur was doing the best he could in Korea. He is better qualified than any other military officer we have."

Muriel Hagendoorn—junior in business—"Maybe it's a good thing and maybe it's not. Only a person in the armed services could know the actual facts. I don't think anyone knows too much about it."

Ken Hathaway—freshman in art—"If the President sees a situation which needs to be remedied, it is his duty to do so. However, Truman is a human being and therefore liable to mistakes."

Pat Meek—sophomore in business—"I don't think that Truman is too justified unless there are some reasons which the public does not know about yet. After serving in three wars, MacArthur should know something about the situation."

Faculty...

W. S. Baldinger, associate professor of art—"I think that the President was fully justified. It would seem that the personal ambitions of the general have warped his judgment, leading him to moves which would jeopardize the future of the United States and the United Nations."

W. C. Price, associate professor of journalism—"I look upon it as the best news story since the 25th of June. It is the kind of a news story that makes history books. As

a news editor, I would throw all the rest of the news out the window with the baby's wash, and just run this."

J. V. Berreman, professor of sociology—"The action was unquestionably justified on the basis of Gen. MacArthur's apparent unwillingness to co-operate. Negotiations with the Communists may be stimulated by the general's removal, as the Reds will perhaps now believe our offers to be more sincere."

E. S. Pomeroy, associate professor of history—"There is no doubt of the right of the President of the United States to control the Army

and to remove an insubordinate officer."

S. N. Dieken, head of the geography and geology department—"I approve of the removal. The general had exceeded his authority. The action taken by Truman was partially precipitated by the failure of the State Department and the President to decide upon a definite policy and the additional factor—that MacArthur is a strong man."

R. D. Horn, professor of English—"The American attitude is to sympathize with the underdog. However, the entire matter is deeply involved in both political and military considerations. I will reserve judgment until all the facts are established."

C. W. Macy, head of the economics department—"The proper move."

L. S. Cressman, head of the anthropology department—"A military commander is subject to his superior. If he does not carry out commands, the proper thing to do is remove him. A military commander does not make policy, he carries it out."

Arthur Pap, assistant professor of philosophy—"I heartily approve of it and think that it is a step toward world peace."

R. T. Ellickson, head of the physics department—"MacArthur's removal was a good idea. We can't go on with a situation in which political decisions involving the entire country are announced by a member of the military without reference to the civilian heads of the government."

You'll rest in pieces if you try to mix drinks with gasoline.

SU to Feature 'One Touch of Venus'

What happens when a pretty statue gets kissed by a shy window dresser? Around this lively situation, the plot of "A Touch of Venus" turns.

Starring Robert Walker, Ava Gardner, Dick Haymes, and Eve Arden, the movie comedy will be shown at 2:30 and 4:15 p.m. Sunday in the Student Union Ballroom.

"One Touch of Venus" is the movie version of a Broadway musical written by playwrights Ogden Nash and S. J. Perelman.

Also on the Sunday afternoon film bill is a World Student Service Fund picture about conditions in India. Part of the newsreel shows the earthquake destruction in Assam, where Webfoot money collected in the WSSF drive will be sent.

India's Prime Minister Nehru plays a prominent role in the WSSF newsreel.

A "Woody Woodpecker" cartoon and a selected short will also be on the Sunday bill. Admission to the movie is 30 cents.

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