

MacArthur's Visit to SF Pictured by Emerald Staffers

San Francisco Favors General

In San Francisco, it's MacArthur seven to one. Informal man-on-the-street surveys taken by San Francisco daily newspapers since the firing of MacArthur indicate that sentiment in the city is in favor of the General in the controversy.

And with few exceptions the crowd of 70,000 persons who gathered in and around the St. Francis Hotel was pro-MacArthur. On the parade route to the hotel where the general spent Tuesday night, crowds cheered wildly. Confetti drifted down from the buildings. Many persons broke away from the crowd in trying to shake the general's hand. Some succeeded, most were pushed back by police.

Buttons Sold

MacArthur buttons, and small American flags were being sold. For a small amount one could have the general's picture stamped on a penny.

Persons began milling around the lobby of the hotel about five o'clock Tuesday before MacArthur's arrival—five and one-half hours before he reached the hotel. Rumors spread quickly throughout the crowd that the Bataan, MacArthur's personal plane, would be anywhere from 30 minutes to three hours late. It turned out to be 30 minutes late. Cheers arose every time a plane flew overhead.

Chinatown Represented

Chinatown was represented by the Chinese St. Mary's girls drum corps, a group of 40 girls.

As General MacArthur entered the lobby of the hotel the crowd closed in on the entrance and it was fully 15 minutes before the rest of the party—including Mrs. MacArthur and their son Arthur—were able to enter. The general and his family retired to their five room suite and were not seen until the next morning.

Plan to Resign Draws Denial

Allegations that Gen. Douglas MacArthur planned to issue another foreign policy statement and resign before he was fired are "plain bunk."

Maj. Gen. Courtney Whitney, military secretary of the United Nations and MacArthur's right hand man, told the Emerald reporters this Wednesday night in a press interview at the St. Francis hotel in San Francisco.

Whitney expressly stated that "there is not a word of truth" in reports that MacArthur contemplated resigning or issuing another political broadside at the administration. Recent rumors have held that such information prompted President Truman to quickly relieve MacArthur of his commands.

Asked by the Daily Emerald whether the general had any opinion on the college draft deferment program, Whitney said there was "no comment."

Whitney stated that MacArthur would review the situation in the Far East in his Thursday address before Congress.

Tom King, Ken Metzler, and Jim Haycox, members of the Emerald staff who covered the arrival of Gen. Douglas MacArthur in San Francisco, returned to the campus Thursday morning. In the following columns are listed their impressions of the tremendous reception given the general and the material gleaned from press conferences which they attended.

Looks Younger Than 71 Years

Gen. MacArthur doesn't look the 71 years he is.

The gaunt, well proportioned general, erect but not stiff, acts with a vigor and a sharpness that belie his age. One onlooker commented that he looked like he was in his middle fifties.

MacArthur's features are strong ones. The deep lines running down his face and his stern and steady demeanor leave the impression that he would be a good model for a sculptor. His eyes reveal an inner glow, but during the entire arrival ceremonies in San Francisco he never gave way to any strong emotionalism. Obviously he was moved—but from withip.

As the general first looked out of the plane, his eyes glanced over the crowd and seemingly through it. He slowly walked down the ramp and when the official welcoming party greeted him he gave each a firm hand shake, a personal nod, and a brief word or two.

In his brief talk to the crowd he said that he and his wife had been discussing a trip home for many years. He spoke with thoroughness and with a military bearing.

Mrs. MacArthur (the former Jean Marie Faircloth of Murfreesboro, Tenn.) never stopped beaming. The charming, attractive general's wife was thrilled by the whole celebration. She provided a picture in contrast to her husband's deep-seated, self-containment.

Suite Renamed For MacArthur

The presidential suite of the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco is now designated the "M" apartment—for General MacArthur. It has permanently been changed from "H" to "M".

It was what General MacArthur called home for an evening—and what a home!

It has been occupied by such notables as Eleanor Roosevelt, Governor Thomas E. Dewey, Gen. George C. Marshall, and the late Wendell Wilkie.

The suite was toured by hundreds of newsmen from all over the country—including Eugene—Tuesday before the general's arrival. The be-flowered chartreuse and yellow living room contained a television set with a 20 inch screen—probably the first opportunity the general and his 13-year old son Arthur had to see TV.

Personalized match folders were provided the general—presumably to light his famous corn-cob pipe.

The 200-man staff of the St. Francis' kitchen, from the chefs on down, were at the general's disposal to satisfy any appetite.

Kenton Ducats Offered

Tickets to the Governor's Ball at OSC Saturday night featuring Stan Kenton's 20-piece band may be obtained at \$3.50 per couple from either Gordon Rogers at Minturn Hall or John Epley at the Phi Kappa Psi house.

The local Scabbard and Blade is handling ticket sales in conjunction with the OSC chapter. Dress for the dance is formal.

Shorts on Mac's Arrival in U.S.

Here are morning leftovers from the visit of Gen. Douglas MacArthur to San Francisco:

All commercial air traffic was halted at the San Francisco field as the "Bataan" came roaring out over the Farallon Islands to bring the general home. An estimated 600 passengers were tied up by the event.

The mayor's office printed 500 accredited press passes, but the number was insufficient so more were ordered just a few hours before MacArthur landed.

Probably the most frustrated individuals to attend MacArthur's return were the many servicemen who had to stand guard with their backs to the general at all times.

The "Bataan" was 29 minutes tardy in arriving at San Francisco's International airport. It was scheduled to come in at 8 p.m.

Even long after the general retired to his five-room suite in the St. Francis hotel with his family, crowds milled around outside the doorway. The transom was open. One youngster sat patiently on a bench across from the door with a camera in his hand in case the general came out; he was prepared to wait it out until the following morning.

The general, who followed his wife off the plane, preceded her into his official car. He carried a bouquet of roses with him and later gave it to her; she distributed several of them to crowding by-standers.

While the general went through the military ceremonies, the crowd at the airport maintained a tense silence. Even the band music failed to evoke many cheers until the general finished inspecting the honor guard. Pandemonium then broke loose.

MacArthur's stay in San Francisco approximated 17 hours by the time he left for Washington during the early part of the afternoon Wednesday. His trip to the nation's capitol was non-stop.

The city council Monday will consider a resolution thanking MacArthur for selecting San Francisco as his "portal of entry" into the United States.

The official five-man party that greeted MacArthur consisted of Mayor Elmer Robinson, Gov. Earl Warren, Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, V. Adm. George D. Murray, and Maj. Gen. William Hall.

The weather was perfect for the general's arrival—clear, fresh, and pleasant.

Mixer in SU Tonight

The regular Friday mixer tonight will be held in the Student Union restaurant, known as the Fish Bowl.

Music for this no-date mixer

will be furnished by records. Various types of spontaneous entertainment will be presented.

The mixer will begin at 9 p.m. and dancing will last till 12 midnight.

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(Broadcast over KASH)

3 p.m. "THE GATHERING OF ALL NATIONS TO SHILOH"

7:30 p.m. "ISRAEL AND THE ASSYRIAN"

9:45 a.m. University Bible Class, Fred Beard, teacher

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