

MacArthur Defends Far Eastern Stand

Support Claim Brings Denials

New York Goes All Out to Fete Pacific Hero

IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles A. Sprague

Thursday was in truth "MacArthur's Day."
The general of the army came home and laid his cause and his case before the congress and the American people. Wisely at San Francisco he had forewarned political aspirants. In Washington he fortified his position by scoring partisanship and disclaiming rancor or bitterness over his relief from command and his closing word, that like the old soldier of the ballad he would "fade away," was touching in its restrained drama.

In another and a larger respect it was America's Day.
For we witnessed again the strength of American institutions, the resiliency of our democracy. A general of the armies came home from the wars, not to head a military revolution, but to plead a cause. And a president of the United States, who had felt it his duty to discipline a great military commander, made no effort to deny him his day of glory or his exercise of free speech in addressing the congress and the people. In fact on both sides of this great controversy which has riven the country deeply, the amenities were discreetly observed.

That indeed is something, it proves that with all our divisions of opinion we are still held by a common bond; that we feel strong enough to let difference of opinion be aired for public information and ultimately for public decision. Let the debate proceed, but let it be kept within the limits of decorum and sincere devotion to the welfare of our country and of the world.

Now to the general's argument: I shall take space (Continued on Editorial Page 4)

Senator Nine Opens Season Here Tonight

The Salem Senators, now home owned by almost 800 stockholders after being purchased from the Portland Beavers during the recent winter, open 1951 Western International league baseball play tonight in Waters field against the Tri-City Braves.

Game time is 8:15 o'clock, following brief opening ceremonies that are slated to start at 8:05. A turnout throng of over 800 fans turned out for the combined civic club "Welcome Home" luncheon at Crystal Gardens Thursday noon, indicative of the swollen interest now existing in the ball club.

Almost completely revamped from the business office on down, the new Senators team is managed by Hugh Luby, longtime second baseman in the Coast league. A native of Oakland, Cal., Luby also is the club's general manager.

To Lefthander Aldon Wilkie, a veteran of 14 baseball seasons, will go the honor of pitching the opening game tonight. Wilkie's opponent will be righthander Lou McCollum, 21 game winner with Tri-City's first division forces of a season ago.

If the weather is cooperative a record opening night crowd of over 5000 is expected.

The Senators are to play a single game with Tri-City Saturday night and will finish out the first series with a Sunday afternoon doubleheader. (Full details and pictures in today's sports section.)

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NEW YORK, April 19-(AP)—General MacArthur came back to New York tonight after 14 years' absence and an estimated 1,500,000 persons welcomed him home.

A tired, triumphant hero, the general walked wildly on a 14-mile motor trip from the airport at Idlewild, Queens, to the Waldorf Astoria hotel where he will stay while in New York.

The estimate of the throngs that lined the streets to greet him was made by Chief Inspector August W. Flath shortly after MacArthur

arrived at the hotel at 11:35 p.m. (EST). This was two hours and 19 minutes after his plane reached New York.

A trench coat wrapped around his soldierly figure, the world-famed gold-braided cap jauntily atop his head, the general stepped down from his Constellation at International airport at Idlewild, Queens, at 9:25 p.m. (EST).

"When we reached the city of New York, we knew we had come home," the five-star MacArthur said as bands played, cannon roared and flags whipped in the breeze.

The MacArthurs left New York 14 years ago, immediately after their marriage and had not been back since.

The airport greeting beneath an almost full moon took only minutes and was very informal.

"This is only a sample of what we intend to do tomorrow," Mayor Vincent Impellitteri told MacArthur. "You will get the biggest and warmest parade this country has ever witnessed."

Impellitteri's promise was based on predictions that 5,000,000 New Yorkers will join in welcome to the general in a wild ticker-tape celebration beneath the towers of Manhattan Friday.

As his giant Constellation, the Bataan, glided in with winking wing lights of red and green, about 300 spectators broke loose from the terminal area a mile away from the plane.

They raced madly toward the big plane, overwhelming police in their rush. But they soon lost steam and were safely corralled while still some distance from MacArthur's party.

In contrast to the wild mob scenes when the ousted far eastern commander landed in San Francisco earlier in the week, the airport reception was fairly orderly.

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Fighting Speech, Restrained in Tone
His address to congress, while it was restrained in tone and manner, was a fighting speech all the way.

It drew wild applause at many points. MacArthur was interrupted more than 30 times by cheering. And at the end, just before the general said "goodbye," tears were running down the cheeks of many of his listeners.

The deposed commander's son—a dark, wide-eyed elf of a boy—and many of his generals in the Pacific war, sat beneath the dais where he spoke. His wife was in the gallery.

MacArthur retreated not an inch from the pattern of Pacific defense he has been advocating for many months—a set of policies that finally brought his abrupt discharge by order of the president.

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Parrish's Harris Tops Spelling Test

Mack Harris, sure-spelling red-headed boy from Parrish junior high school in Salem, Thursday night captured the Marion-Polk county spelling championship and a \$100 defense bond.

He spelled down 10 girls and minutes of tough competition among finalists in The Statesman-KSLM spelling contest for 7th and 8th graders.

An enthusiastic audience of 500 cheered, clapped and sighed with their favorite contestants in the Parrish junior high school auditorium. Thousands of other folk listened to a direct KSLM broadcast. Fine sportsmanship among the contestants as well as the audience kept the occasion lively and suspenseful.

Woodburn Girl Second
Alert little Frances Klenski, attractive brown-haired miss from St. Luke's Catholic school in Woodburn, won the second prize of a \$50 defense bond.

Another pretty brunette with a rapid-fire spelling technique, JoAnne Parker of Broadacres school, took third prize, a \$25 defense bond.

Other school and district champions who spelled out last night before the top three, were: Harold Mueller, Greenwood, on the word "sedative"; June Lindow, Buena Vista, "profession"; Dorothy Franzen, Turner, "significant"; Elsa Dodson, Aumsville, "architect"; Joanne Keck, Ballston, "academy"; Derrel Johnson, Silverton, "vindictive"; Mary-Verne Allen, Bridgport, "lieutenant"; Rodney Smith, Dallas, "assurance"; DeAnn McClaughry, Labish Center, "boundary"; Richard Houts, Grand Ronde, "constant."

Judges for Contest
Judges for the contest were Supreme Court Justice Harold Warner and Circuit Judges Arlie G. Walker and Rex Kimmell. Word caller was Wendell Webb, managing editor of The Statesman. Master of ceremonies was Dave Hoss, KSLM program director. "Stage mother" was Mrs. Boyd Hillon, Edia school principal.

Following the spelling down, the contestants and their parents and teachers were guests at a dinner in the Parrish cafeteria to get better acquainted before going on stage.

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Fire Damages San Quentin

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., April 19 (AP)—Fire in the state prison jute mill, possibly started by a cigarette, caused \$3,000,000 damage today and injured at least one inmate.

Warden Clinton D. Duffy estimated the damage as the raging flames were brought under control shortly after 2 p.m.

He said the flames destroyed the jute mill and machinery, material and supplies it housed.

About 700 prisoners working the mill at the time the flames broke out about 1 p.m., escaped from the building in orderly fashion within five minutes.

Early End of Tire Shortage Predicted
CINCINNATI, April 19-(AP)—Waldo L. Semon of the B. F. Goodrich Co., said today the tire shortage soon will end.

Semon said production of synthetic rubber is increasing and he estimated there will be enough for both civilian and military needs.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
At Chicago 3, Cincinnati 0
At Boston 2-13, New York 4-12 (2nd 10 inn.)

AMERICAN LEAGUE
At St. Louis 5, Chicago 13.
At Detroit-Cleveland, rain.
At New York-Boston, rain.
At Philadelphia-Washington, rain.
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COAST LEAGUE
At San Diego 2, Portland 9 (11 inn.)
At Sacramento 7, Seattle 6 (11 inn.)
At Oakland 2, Los Angeles 7
At Hollywood 4, San Francisco 1

They're Valley's Top Spellers



Proud winners of The Statesman-KSLM spelling contest pose with co-sponsors Glenn McCormick, KSLM owner, left, and Charles A. Sprague, Statesman publisher. In front row, from left, JoAnne Parker, Broadacres, third place; Frances Klenski, St. Luke's, Woodburn, second place; and Mack Harris, Parrish junior high, first place. (Statesman photo.)

Davis Elected President of SHS Students

Don Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest V. Davis, 1725 S. Commercial street, was elected president of the Salem high school student body in a run-off election Thursday.

Davis is active in football, track, dramatics and was a student council member this year. Runner-up was Jim Mathieson.

Beverly Young was elected secretary and Bill Dunsworth assistant yell king in Thursday's vote. Chosen as song queen was Naydene Taylor. Donna Vogt, Luella Carlisle and Amy Girod were elected as her assistants.

Student body officers who received a majority in the first election Wednesday were: David Rhoten, first vice-president; Caroline Seay, second vice-president; Dick Smith, yell king; Jim Hall, assistant yell king.

Ridgway Gives Stern Speech To New Troops

SENDAI, Japan, April 19-(AP)—A grave, intense Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway told new American occupation troops today, "to all intents and purposes, you're here in war."

"We stand under the imminent threat of war which can be unleashed at the time and place of choosing of other people."

The new United Nations and occupation commander made a flying trip to this base 200 miles north of Tokyo to see the newly arrived 40th division from California.

He spoke at a parade of the 223rd infantry regiment, a part of the 40th division, at Camp Schemmelpfenning, then flew back to Tokyo tonight.

The 40th division is the first occupation force in this area since the seventh division went to Korea last August.

Debate on Truck Tax Stretches Session

By Lester F. Cour
Staff Writer, The Statesman
Hopes that the Oregon legislature may adjourn by April 28 grew dim Thursday when the senate became mired in a maze of parliamentary procedure and worked until 6 p.m. without disposing of the most important issues on its calendar.

The senators debated for 2 1/2 hours over a bill which would increase taxes about 30 per cent, and wound up by putting over the legislation until Monday.

The senate had planned to dispose of the controversial truck fee bill Saturday, but opponents seeking to gain more time to fight it succeeded in postponing the vote until Monday.

Flames Rout Rear-Guard Communists

TOKYO, Friday, April 20-(AP)—Allied flame-throwers burned out die-hard red troops manning rear-guard outposts of a slow, general communist withdrawal Thursday in central Korea.

In rainy weather thickened by Chinese-made smoke screens the fire spurts twice dislodged stubborn reds from hills and bunkers on the road to Chorwon.

There was little activity by enemy forces around the Hwachon reservoir, which was captured by allied forces Wednesday.

Tanks that had been stalled 24 hours south of the Chinese red headquarters city of Chorwon followed up the flame attacks and moved into new positions.

Although the general trend was a red fall-back, AP correspondent Jim Becker reported from the central front that communists Thursday night continued probing with patrols into U.N. lines.

Becker said this was an apparent effort to find a weak spot for a Chinese offensive lung. All the red patrols were reported beaten back with some losses to themselves.

On the western front U.N. patrols entered Kaesong town for the fourth consecutive day and found no opposition.

Mercury Nears Freezing in Valley

Temperatures will dip near freezing in the mid-valley tonight but should hold at 33 in the Salem area, weathermen predicted early today. A low of 35 before dawn this morning was in prospect.

Predicted rains dropped from the forecast and east winds again made forest fire danger acute. The state forester announced no more burning permits would be issued at present.

Demonstration Liberty Garden Dedication Set

A coordinated Liberty Garden program, believed to be the first underway in the nation, took form in Salem yesterday with announcement that a demonstration plot in Bush pasture would be dedicated Saturday afternoon.

The Salem portion of the program, which was sparked nationally by the Men's Gardens clubs of America and arranged through the federal department of agriculture, is in charge of Ned Linden, president of the Salem Men's Garden club.

The city-owned Bush pasture plot is to be approximately 30 by 120 feet. Leaders said other plots might be volunteered for similar use later.

It is planned to have demonstrations each Saturday, stressing particularly easily-grown vegetables. State, civic and organization leaders are expected to be on the program for the opening day.

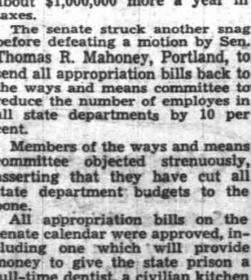
The Victory Garden program in Oregon is headed by Lou Oberson, secretary of the Portland Men's Garden club, by appointment of Gov. Douglas McKay. Linden is on the state committee now working to extend the program to all parts of the state.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	58	45	.00
Portland	58	47	.00
San Francisco	58	46	.00
Chicago	50	34	.00
New York	65	45	.03

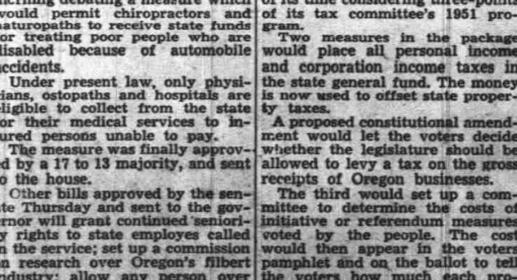
Willamette River 2.6 feet
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and tonight. High today near 55, low tonight near 33.
SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year 46.29
Last Year 39.23
Normal 33.02

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Eight hours later, President Truman replied indirectly. He "authorized" Clayton Fritchey, chief public relations man of the department of defense, to issue a statement saying:

"The action taken by the president in relieving General MacArthur was based upon the unanimous recommendations of the president's principal civilian and military advisors, including the joint chiefs of staff."

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