

# MacArthur Defends Far Eastern Stand

## Support Claim Brings Denials

### New York Goes All Out to Fete Pacific Hero

By David Robinson and Art Everett

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 was cheered 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.

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.

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.

By Reiman Merin

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, in a fighting speech before congress, defended the whole of his far-eastern strategy today and said he had understood that his views were shared in the past by "our own joint chiefs of staff."

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."

Observers noted that the Pentagon statement did not refute MacArthur's assertion that he had at one time considered the joint chiefs were in agreement with his views "from a military standpoint" on the conduct of the war in the orient.

The administration reply was issued tonight just as MacArthur was boarding his private plane, Bataan, to go to New York.

MacArthur, quiet but emphatic in his history-making appearance before a joint meeting of the senate and the house, laid down these foundation stones in his far eastern strategy:

1. That further economic and military action must be taken against red China.

2. That such action will not necessarily bring the soviet union into the struggle, starting a third world war.

3. That the United States is strong enough to protect itself on two fronts.

At the same time, he said he did not advocate sending American ground forces into continental China. He referred to 600,000 friendly Chinese forces on Formosa.

The speech drew mixed reaction—most of it along party lines. Republicans called it "noble" and "magnificent." Democrats applauded MacArthur's eloquence but some of them said the speech had not changed their view that his policies would lead to a third world war.

Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, who heard the speech by television, called it "a very fine speech. But as to details, you have to study these things word by word." He did not

### Old Soldier Song May Be Old Hymn

WEST POINT, N. Y., April 18.—(AP)—Military academy historians said today Gen. Douglas MacArthur's phrase "old soldiers never die—they just fade away" may date back a century to an old hymn.

A march entitled "Old Soldiers Never Die" and bearing the same line was copyrighted in 1931 by the American Music Co. of New York. The composer was Charles R. Campbell.

It contains this refrain: "Old soldiers never die, never die, never die. Old soldiers never die, they just fade away."

### 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 aspirations. 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.

As a model of oratory MacArthur's address rated high. It contained the gist of days and years of thought and experience. His material was well organized. His diction was superb. His speaking voice was clear and forceful. It seemed to the listener a bit Jovian perhaps that was due to the auditor's own awe at such a distinguished and imposing figure.

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)

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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: JoAnn 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 McCloughry, Labish Center, "boundary"; Richard Houts, Grand Ronde, "constant."

Judges for Judges

The contest was judged by the 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 spell-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.

## BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE

At Chicago 3, Cincinnati 0

At Boston 2-13, New York 4-12 (2nd 10 inn.)

At Brooklyn-Philadelphia, rain. Only games scheduled.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

At St. Louis 5, Chicago 13.

At Detroit-Cleveland, rain.

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 are, 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.

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 stalled 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.

Opponents of the truck measure contend it would put the truck industry out of business in Oregon by making truck operators pay

about \$1,000,000 more a year in taxes.

The senate struck another snag before defeating a motion by Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland, to send all appropriation bills back to the ways and means committee to reduce the number of employees in all state departments by 10 per cent.

Members of the ways and means committee objected strenuously, asserting that they have cut all state department budgets to the bone.

All appropriation bills on the senate calendar were approved, including one which will provide money to give the state prison a full-time dentist, a civilian kitchen supervisor and \$20,000 to furnish prisoners with margarine and sugar.

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## 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.

## Logsdon Faces Many Charges

OREGON CITY, April 19.—(AP)—Thirty-two charges involving slot machines were filed against Lonnie Logsdon today, and the district attorney said more would follow.

The district attorney, Leonard Lindas, said the complaints charged "possessing, setting up, conducting, maintaining" and operating slot machines.

Logsdon is a principal figure in a grand jury investigation of gambling in the county.

## EUGENE MARKET BURNS

EUGENE, April 19.—(AP)—A new supermarket went up in flames just north of Eugene today. Fire Chief Ed Surfus estimated loss at \$200,000. It was the McKay market, erected on River road last summer.

## 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.

## Debate on Truck Tax Stretches Session

morning debating a measure which would permit chiropractors and naturopaths to receive state funds for treating poor people who are disabled because of automobile accidents.

Under present law, only physicians, osteopaths and hospitals are eligible to collect from the state for their medical services to injured persons unable to pay.

The measure was finally approved by a 17 to 13 majority, and sent to the house.

Other bills approved by the senate Thursday and sent to the governor will grant continued seniority rights to state employees called in the service; set up a commission on research over Oregon's fliberty industry; allow any person over 21 years of age to serve a summons, and furnish money to operate the state board of health.

The senate today will spend most

of its time considering three-points of its tax committee's 1951 program.

Two measures in the package would place all personal income and corporation income taxes in the state general fund. The money is now used to offset state property taxes.

A proposed constitutional amendment would let the voters decide whether the legislature should be allowed to levy a tax on the gross receipts of Oregon businesses.

The third would set up a committee to determine the costs of initiative or referendum measures voted by the people. The cost would then appear in the voters pamphlet and on the ballot to tell the voters how much each proposal would cost.

Both the house and senate will meet at 10 a.m. today. (Other legislative news on page 4.)

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Better run for cover — there's a cyclone coming! ALL my corns ache!"