

SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sorensen

People Found Their Hero

General MacArthur filled the personality vacuum left when Franklin D. Roosevelt died. Harry Truman has none of the "it" that stirs popular emotions. Tom Dewey, well tailored in manner and voice, was never a warm favorite. Robert Taft is cold fish to the man in the street. The people have been hungry for a personality, and MacArthur strode into the void.

Here indeed was a man! A man with a long record of achievement in the field of battle. A man who had dared to debate with the president. A man with great powers of oratory and persuasion. A man whose removal from high places of power had drawn the world's spotlight to himself.

The people found their hero; the personality vacuum was filled; the overflow, MacArthur's personal triumph was complete.

Little Man, What Now?

Many have pointed the contrast between MacArthur and the magnificent Harry Truman the Mid-west. The Chicago Tribune had a cartoon showing a full-sized MacArthur and in the corner an insignificant figure which it called "the germ." Now that the country has had the full impact of the MacArthur presence the query naturally arises, "Little Man, What now?"

For all the scorn that has been heaped on him Harry Truman remains: The President of the United States.

For all the praise heaped on Douglas MacArthur he remains: A General without Command.

Get those facts straight, MacArthur's triumph hasn't changed the situation. The national policy will not be altered except at the direction of the president. And Harry Truman is a

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Huks Kill Five U.S. Airmen in Philippines

MANILA, Sunday, April 22—(AP)—Communist Hukbun ambushed and killed five U. S. airmen last night on a highway 60 miles north of Manila.

The airmen, based at Clark field, had been to a fiesta with some Filipinos. Two of the women were wounded. There was an unconfirmed report that three other women were slain.

The slaying of the airmen was confirmed officially today by the Philippines 12th battalion combat team commander in a report to the government's national defense department.

Names of the five slain airmen were not immediately available.

A Filipino companion of the airmen said the party ran into the ambush while returning from a village fiesta near Cabanatuan City in Nueva Ecija province.

The ambush took place on a national highway which runs from Cabanatuan through Santa Rosa and Tarlac across the north side of the Huk-infested Candaba swamp area.

Portland Food Prices Rise During March

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21—(AP)—Portland food prices rose 1.2 per cent in March, the bureau of labor statistics announced today. That was 18.5 per cent higher than in March, 1950.

The general level of food prices advanced to an all-time high index of 250.3, the bureau said. This compares with the index of 100 for the years 1935-39.

Fish and eggs led the increase, the bureau reported, eggs going up 12.4 per cent from February prices, and fish up 4.1. The meat, poultry and fish group was listed 28.1 per cent higher than a year ago.

Chicken prices were up 2.1, lamb 3, and pork 1.3 per cent. Beef and veal were lower by 4 per cent, but still were nearly 23 per cent above the level of a year ago.

Fresh fruits and vegetables were listed at an increase of 3.2 per cent over the previous month.

The bureau reported the average food index for 56 cities in March went up .1 per cent to a level of 226.2.

First Driving Lesson Fatal

MILWAUKEE, April 21—(AP)—A woman's first driving lesson ended in death today for her and her instructor.

Aide Contends Mac Not Forewarned of China's Intentions

Maj. Gen. Whitney Implies Truman Revealed Details of Wake Isle Talk

By Don Whitehead

NEW YORK, April 21—(AP)—An aide to General MacArthur charged today the state department and the nation's highest intelligence agencies failed last October to warn the general that the Chinese were preparing to enter the Korean war.

Maj. Gen. Courtney Whitney issued the statement in reply to questions raised by a New York Times story from Washington. This story said administration records disclosed MacArthur had assured President Truman at Wake Island he did not believe the Chinese would intervene—or that they were a threat.

The story also implied that General MacArthur had badly underestimated the fighting ability of the Chinese.

The Times story gave a detailed report of the Wake Island meeting last October 15 and described MacArthur as being so confident of victory by Thanksgiving that he was willing to release by

Mac Due in Chicago, Milwaukee

NEW YORK, April 21—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur will spend Thursday and Thursday night in Chicago before going to his home town of Milwaukee Friday, an aide announced today.

Maj. Gen. Courtney Whitney, aide to the general, said the general and his party would leave New York for Chicago early Thursday morning.

They will continue to Milwaukee Friday morning, Whitney said to attend a welcome celebration there later in the day. Whitney said the MacArthur party would return to New York Friday night aboard the general's plane, the Bataan.

Earlier the chairman of Milwaukee's homecoming celebration committee, Ben Barkin, said here that the general, Mrs. MacArthur and their son, Arthur, were expected in Milwaukee at 10 a.m. Friday.

January (1951) some of his best troops for duty in Europe. House Speaker Rayburn (D-Texas) said in Washington the Times account was "no news to me."

But Whitney declared there were no stenographic notes taken at the conference and part of it was a secret meeting between only MacArthur and the president.

The implication seems to be that any detailed report of the Wake Island meeting could come only from President Truman himself.

Whitney issued his statement as the general rested at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel from the thunderous welcome yesterday by an estimated 7,500,000 people.

He said: "At the time of the Wake Island conference, as far as I know, no one had the slightest idea that such a decision of intervention would be made by red China."

"As far as I know neither the state department nor higher intelligence agencies of the government had the slightest evidence to warn of such a decision. Certainly, no such warnings were given General MacArthur. To the contrary, all appeared to discount the possibility of such intervention at that stage."

His reference to "all" would include General Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, who was present at the meeting. (Additional details on page 2.)

Republicans Accuse Administration Of Attempting to Discredit Mac

WASHINGTON, April 21—(AP)—Republicans in congress accused the Truman administration today of leaking a "one-sided" account of a presidential conference on the Korean war in an effort to "discredit" Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

At the same time, Chairman Russell (D-Ga.) told reporters the senate armed services committee will demand "all available documents"—including those covering President Truman's Wake Island meeting with MacArthur last October—in its inquiry into far eastern military and foreign policies.

Republicans reacted stormily after reading a New York Times dispatch from Washington dealing with the Wake Island conference. The dispatch said that according to the documented sources, Gen. MacArthur apologized for embarrassing the president on the Formosa issue, and predicted the Chinese communists would not enter the Korean conflict.

In more recent months, policy differences between the president and MacArthur mounted, and resulted in the general's removal from the far east command.

Rep. Martin of Massachusetts, house republican leader, said in New York that administration groups are trying to "smeared" MacArthur "but they won't get away with it."

Sen. Caperhart (R-Ind.), who has threatened to fight anyone who calls him a "warmonger" because he supports MacArthur's views, told reporters he thinks President Truman himself is responsible for the leak in hitherto confidential documents.

Senator Cain (R-Wash.) said the information "obviously was planted by someone."

Defense Department to Issue List of 'Basic Policy Differences' with Mac

WASHINGTON, April 21—(AP)—The defense department announced today it will present to congress "an analysis of the basic differences which exist between the joint chiefs of staff and Gen. Douglas MacArthur on Far East strategy."

The statement put the defense department on record as stressing that in its opinion "basic differences" do exist between the joint chiefs and Gen. MacArthur. The general told congress Thursday that he understood that "from a military standpoint" the joint chiefs had shared his views on taking stronger measures against red China.

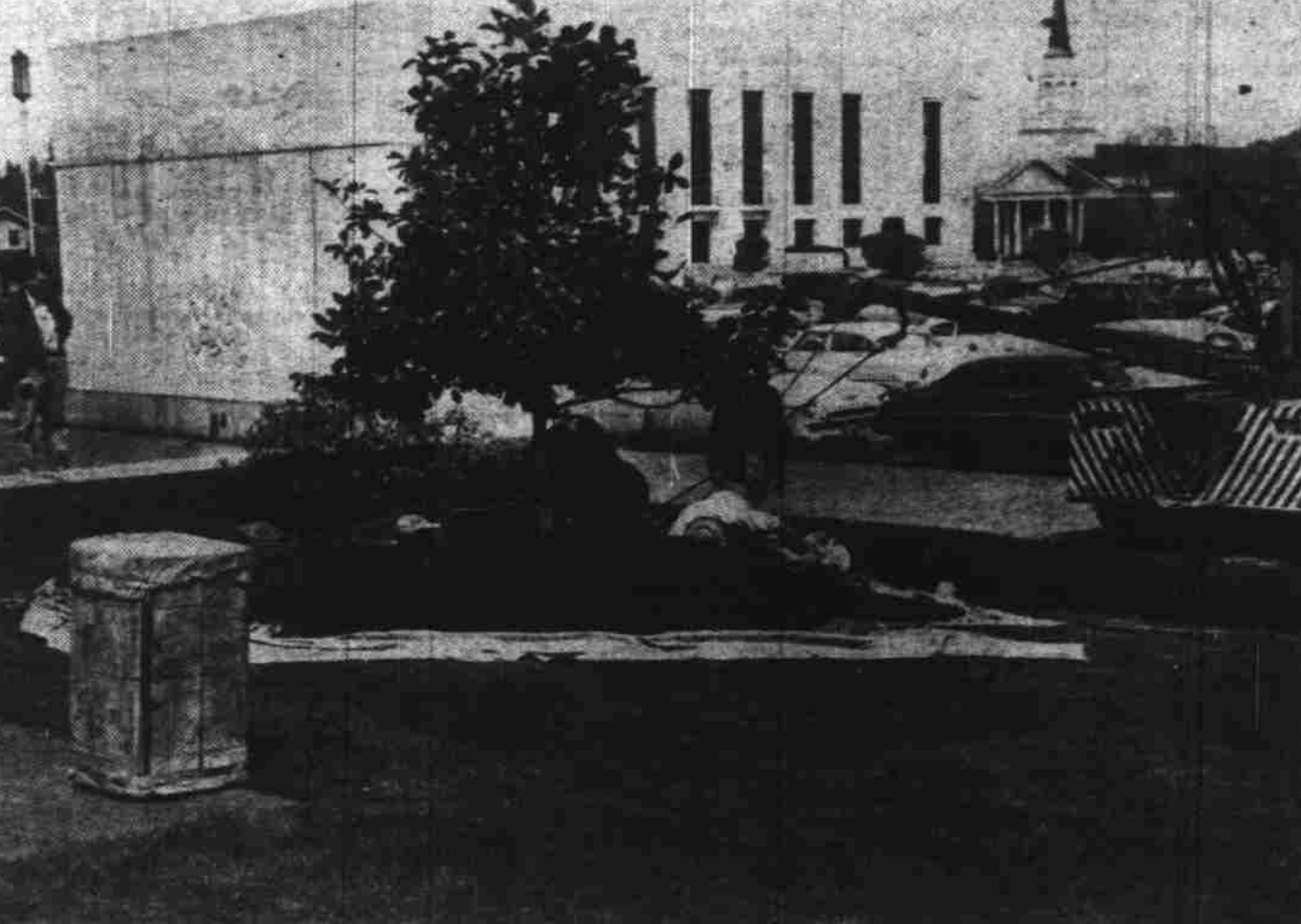
Today's statement said: "Operations in the Far East are being carried out in accordance with the views of the joint chiefs of staff. These views will be fully explained to the appropriate congressional committees. An analysis of the basic differences which exist between the joint chiefs of staff and Gen. MacArthur will be presented at that time."

Apparently in preparation for the testimony, the White house and defense department are making a detailed study of the huge file of messages exchanged between MacArthur and the joint chiefs.

The idea is to find out exactly what the records will show in forthcoming congressional hearing on the Truman-MacArthur debate over the conduct of the Korean war.

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Tree Added in Capitol Landscaping Work



A large crane was pressed into service Friday to help set in place two large magnolia trees alongside the entrance to the capitol building. This is a part of general landscaping being done around the capitol, state library and public service building by the F. A. Doerfler and Sons nurseries at a cost of about \$26,000. Work being done includes planting a lawn around the new public service building. (Statesman photo.)

Frost Damage Slight to Fruit Crops House Votes Raise for State Officials

By John H. White Staff Writer, The Statesman

Oregon's house of representatives Saturday voted salary increases Saturday for 70 state officials as the legislature completed the 104th day of the 1951 session.

The appropriations measure, which now goes to the senate, jumps Gov. Douglas McKay's salary to \$11,000 a year, plus a \$100 monthly tax-free expense account.

Other top salaries under the new schedule will include \$10,000 for the state health officer, \$8,900 for the superintendents of the state hospital, Fairview home and the eastern Oregon state hospital, and \$8,800 for the secretary of state, treasurer, public utilities commissioner and attorney general.

Rep. Carl Francis, Dayton, raised the only objection to the bill, although 11 representatives voted against it. Francis objected to jumping 70 different salaries in one measure.

"There are some I am for and some I am against," Francis said. Lt. Gen. James A. Van Fleet refused to elaborate on "volunteers" but pointed out "we do not know who the fliers are" who have been piloting Russian-type jet fighters in recent strikes against allied airmen.

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Gen. Van Fleet Points to New 'Volunteers'

U.S. EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea, Sunday, April 22—(AP)—The new eighth army commander said today that "volunteers" have now joined forces with north Koreans and Chinese reeds for the next enemy move.

But he predicted "the eighth army will meet it and defeat it." Lt. Gen. James A. Van Fleet refused to elaborate on "volunteers" but pointed out "we do not know who the fliers are" who have been piloting Russian-type jet fighters in recent strikes against allied airmen.

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Detroit Area Vulnerable to Forest Fires

Full cooperation of the public in preventing fires in the Detroit area is urgently requested by S. T. Moore, forest ranger at Detroit. That area has an unusually bad fire exposure this year. Some three or four thousand acres have been cleared for reservoir purposes or for the power line to Maupin and contain a great deal of inflammable material. Since the North Santiam and its principal tributaries are open for fishing travel in the area has been increased, and with it risk of fire from matches, cigarettes or neglected campfires.

Ranger Moore solicits the help of all who travel through on Highway 222, fishermen and recreation seekers to observe all rules for fire prevention during the critical fire season which already has begun.

Anti-Slot Machine Advocate Snubbed By Seaside Groups

SEASIDE, April 21—(AP)—William Cummings, who is responsible for the removal of slot machines in Clatsop county, is about to lose his job in another civic organization.

Joe Fisher, of the board of directors of the County Motor Court association, said members had voted to hold a new election to oust Cummings as president.

Last week the Seaside Gulls-oots, a booster organization, told Cummings he was no longer a member.

Industrial Profits To Control Prices Under New Order

WASHINGTON, April 21—(AP)—The government tonight announced a "tough" new price control policy forbidding industries to raise prices if profits exceed a set standard.

Under this "yardstick" standard, no industry will be permitted to increase prices if the industry's dollar profits amount to 85 per cent or more of the average of its three best years during the four-year period 1946-1949, inclusive.

The step was announced by Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston. It is one of a series designed to tighten inflation controls all along the line.

Also in the works are a drastic revision of manufacturers' price ceilings and plans to clamp a freeze both on living-cost wage increases for labor and "parity" boosts for agriculture. The latter step would require legislation.

Johnston laid down the profit yardstick in an order to Price Director Michael V. DiSalle.

"I want to emphasize that this is going to be a very tough policy," Johnston told reporters. "We will get a lot of squawks. It will mean that most cost increases will have to be absorbed."

He said that in every industry there are always some firms making money, others losing money, and the government wants to avoid interfering with that relationship.

"We want to reward efficiency," Johnston said. DiSalle will announce a manufacturers price regulation next Wednesday, Johnston said, as an interim step toward establishing further dollars and cents ceilings for respective industries.

The manufacturers price regulation is expected to require manufacturers to re-figure their prices to pre-Korea levels with allowances for cost increases since then.

DiSalle said this will result in generally lower consumer prices, since retailers now have fixed profit margins requiring the benefits of lower costs to them to be passed on to consumers.

Home Extension Fete Draws 700 Women

Largest of the Marion county home extension fete to be held was that at Salem high school Saturday attended by well over 700 women.

Mrs. Marjorie White and Mrs. June Burke, county home demonstration agents, were in charge. Mrs. Russell Kelly presided in the morning and Mrs. Ralph Mercer in the afternoon.

Sidney Talbot unit won first place in the table centerpiece contest with an arrangement of mint and forget-me-nots in a centerpiece with peppermint sticks for trimming and sticks of gum for decoration. Second place went to Turner unit which featured its fat lamb show, and third was won by Labish unit with an onion centerpiece. Each of the entries was to feature products or activities from the own community.

The morning speaker was Mrs. Edgar F. Leming, who spoke on "Letting Out the Seams of Our Thinking." Dr. A. L. Strand of Oregon State college was the afternoon speaker with slides on agriculture and family life of the Philippines. A chorus from Chemaw Indian school sang in the morning and a chorus from Linn county home extension units provided afternoon music.

Truck Burns At City Dump

FOUR CORNERS, April 21—Flames from the Salem city dump, east of here ignited a truck late this afternoon, causing damage estimated at \$500.

Four Corners firemen, who extinguished the blaze, said Frank L. Schryb, Dallas, apparently had backed his truck too close to a fire burning in the dump. The rear end of the vehicle and five tires were destroyed.

Scripture Aids Detective in Holy Land

HAIFA, Israel, April 21—(AP)—And it came to pass that a policeman in Haifa, while reading the Holy Scriptures, came upon the very words which led him to solve a netting crime.

The authorities of the land of Israel had apprehended a caravan of asses, laden with contraband from the unfriendly lands of the Arabs across the river Jordan. But those who did own the asses and did smuggle the contraband had slipped away in the night.

A wise policeman read the words of the Prophet Isaiah, and in the third verse of the first chapter beheld the words which gave him an idea.

The asses were held for several days without food and then were allowed to wander from the police crib. The hungry and braying beasts led the policeman to the den of the culprits in an Arab frontier village.

The culprits were sore amazed, as were the village folk and admiring fellow policemen.

So it was that the inspired policeman read them this message: "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib."

THE WEATHER			
	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	62	39	0.00
Portland	67	39	0.00
San Francisco	57	47	trace
Chicago	41	31	0.00
New York	64	43	0.00

SALEM PRECIPITATION		
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1	Last Year	Normal
This Year 46.29	Last Year 55.25	Normal 53.18

Freedom Near



BUDAPEST, Hungary, April 21—Robert A. Vogler, American businessman imprisoned in Hungary, will be freed shortly, the Hungarian communist government revealed today.

Hungarians to Release U.S. Business Man

BUDAPEST, Hungary, April 21—(AP)—Hungary announced today she is freeing Robert A. Vogler, a young American businessman who has spent 17 months in prison on spy charges, in return for the granting of "various just Hungarian claims."

Nathaniel P. Davis, the American minister, said a Hungarian foreign office communique announcing the completion of negotiations was "correct and I am very pleased." He refused to comment further.

Rumors tonight said the 39-year-old Vogler, assistant vice-president of the International Telephone and Telegraph company and its central European representative, might already have been deported over the border without having a chance to talk to legal officials.

(In Vienna, Vogler's beautiful Belgian-born wife, who once flew to London to see Secretary of State Dean Acheson in her long battle for her husband's freedom, exclaimed: "I am crazy with excitement at the news!")

No light was shed here on what constituted the "just Hungarian claims" mentioned in the government communique. On the basis of various Hungarian notes to the United States, however, these claims could refer to the return of Hungarian property carried off to West Germany by the nazis in 1944.

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WESTERN INTERNATIONAL		
At Salem 6, Tri-City 9	At Vancouver 5, Vancouver 11	At Spokane 4, Victoria 5-3
At Tacoma 1-1, Yakima 6-11		

COAST LEAGUE		
At Portland 6, Seattle 11	At Los Angeles 4, Hollywood 8	At San Francisco 5, Oakland 8
At San Diego 6, Sacramento 5		

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
At Cincinnati 9, Pittsburgh 5	At Philadelphia 6, Boston 8	At New York 3, Brooklyn 7
At St. Louis 4, Chicago 6-11		

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
At Boston 6, Philadelphia 5	At Cleveland 1, St. Louis 9	At Washington 7, New York 9
At Chicago 6, Detroit 7		