

Mac Claims Truman Regime 'Leading U.S. Toward Communism'

JACKSON, Miss. (P)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur declared Saturday that the national administration "is preparing us for a war in Europe" after plunging the country, unprepared, into the Korean conflict.

He lashed the present leadership and said it was "leading us toward a Communist state with as dreadful certainty as though the leaders of the Kremlin themselves were charting our course."

The 71-year-old former Far Eastern commander loosed his most critical blast thus far at the Truman administration as he addressed a joint session of the Mississippi Legislature from the steps of the State Capitol building.

He called on the people to "re-chart the nation's course" under constitutional processes, apparently referring to the next presidential election.

MacArthur, who is regarded as supporting the presidential bid of Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) did not refer to President Truman by name, but pictured his administration and policies as a path to the ruin of the country.

The general arrived from New York at 1:12 p.m., aboard a chartered DC-4. The arrival was two hours behind schedule because the pilot had to fly off course to miss the tornado weather centered over Mid-South States.

After a rough flight that made a number of the general's party airsick, MacArthur was paraded through the city and taken directly to the capitol for his address.

The crowd of thousands spread thickly over the Capitol grounds applauded 21 times as the general charged the administration with implementing "the blueprints of Marx and Lenin with unerring accuracy and gives the stark warning that, unless the American people stem the present tide human liberty will inevitably perish from our land."

Tornadoes, Blizzards in Middle U. S.

By The Associated Press
Violent tornadoes, howling snowstorms and a flood left 208 persons dead, more than 1,000 injured and property damage estimated at millions of dollars in south and central portions of the nation Saturday.

Thousands of others were homeless in the tornado area. (Story also on page one.)

A raging blizzard dumped the season's heaviest snowfall on parts of Iowa, Nebraska and northwest Kansas.

Arkansas put 440 National Guardsmen on active duty in the stricken area, while schools, churches and armories—anything with a roof—were converted into aid stations.

Hospitals were filled to overflowing as emergency crews of doctors and nurses worked deftly to patch the injured. The Red Cross sent 50 disaster workers, including medical teams, into the 19 afflicted counties.

In addition, the Red Cross shipped in 224 units of whole blood and 274 units of plasma.

Associated Press staff writer Ray Stephens, a combat veteran, reported from Searcy, Ark., in White County where 92 died, that the scene resembled one of war.

"Refugees," he said, "are streaming into White County from all directions. An Army detachment is directing traffic and won't let anyone pass except emergency vehicles. Traffic is packed for miles on U. S. Highway 67 south of Searcy."

Lost Everything
Stephens added that people walked the streets as in a daze. Some had lost everything but their lives.

It was the worst storm ever to hit Arkansas. The deadliest previous storm was June 5, 1946, when 86 died.

The nation's worst tornado disaster occurred March 18, 1925, when in a single day 689 people died in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana.

The tornadoes plunged into Arkansas through "Tornado Alley," given that name because of the frequency of the big winds in the past. They blitzed the state.

Heart of the stricken area was at Judsonia, near Searcy. Associated Press photographer, reported that half the town was wiped out and that, overall, 75 per cent of it was damaged.

From an airplane in which he was making pictures, Hogan said he could see families grouped around small fires seeking to keep warm. Broken timbers of their homes furnished the fuel.

Holding Plasma Bottle
At Search Ramon Greenwood, a reporter for the Arkansas Democrat, wrote that he saw a father holding a blood plasma bottle for his desperately injured, four-year-old daughter.

Alf Greenwood of Cottonwood Point observed, "houses were toppled and blown to bits and fields were leveled, just like there had been an invisible claw."

Mrs. Bonnie Fennell, who lost her nine-month-old son to the Cottonwood Point storm, said her shoes were blown off her as the twister picked her up and hurled her into a field.

At Dyersburg, Tenn., the mighty wind picked up the car of Tennessee highway patrol Sgt. Joe Williamson and whirled it 300 yards. Williamson was killed.

The sales of death were many and morgues were filled beyond capacity in some of the small towns.

A tally of the dead included:
ARKANSAS — White County, 55; Cotton Plant, 22; England, 9; Clerks, 7; Center Point, 5; Hazen, 3; McCrory, Carlisle, Marked Tree and Hickory Ridge, two each; Manilla, Trumann and Watersaw, one each.

KENTUCKY — Scottsville, 7 drowned.
TENNESSEE — Dyersburg, 14; Henderson, 14; Lexington 9; Moscow, 9; and one each in Medina, Leach and Chesterfield.

MISSISSIPPI — Byhalia, 10, and Cayce, 1.
MISSOURI — Caruthersville area, 13.

ALABAMA — Hartselle and in Winston community, 6 dead.

SUGAR PINE MILL BURNS
ROSEBURG (P)—An early morning fire inflicted a \$170,000 loss at the Sugar Pine Corporation mill at Tiller, 55 miles southeast of Roseburg, Saturday.

Clackamas Takes Setback on Plan to Regulate Trucking

OREGON CITY (P)—Clackamas County took a temporary setback, but apparently will be able to go ahead later with its plan to regulate trucking on county roads.

Circuit Judge Ralph M. Holman ruled invalid a county order regulating the roads. He said the county had failed to post the roads properly.

He also said the county had authority to make such regulations if it wanted, requiring truckers to apply for permits and to pay fees.

County Judge W. R. Telford indicated the county would post the roads later, and put its regulations into effect then.

The suit challenging the county's authority had been brought by the grange and several trucking firms.

Court Denies Condemnation Suit Retrial

Marion County Circuit Judge George Duncan denied Saturday a motion of the State Highway Commission for a new trial in the property suit case involving Rose F. Stiff.

The commission is plaintiff in a suit against Mrs. Stiff seeking title to property at Center and Summer streets, for use in the expansion of the state capitol.

Duncan's decision Saturday followed the commission's appeal recently on the grounds that the award of \$50,000, made at the original trial, was excessive. The commission had offered \$36,000.

It was thought Saturday that the state would probably appeal the circuit court decision to the supreme court.

In another suit Saturday the commission brought action against Edwin Burnett Bishop to secure property needed for a gravel pit for construction of the Salem bypass highway. The commission said it has offered \$15,000 for the 50 acres but that the commission and the defendant have been unable to agree.

Bill Proposed To Regulate Rainmaking

ARLINGTON, Ore. (P)—Oregon's attorney general will be asked to prepare a draft of a bill for licensing and regulating so-called artificial rainmaking, a legislative interim committee which has been studying weather control reported Saturday.

Some 25 representatives of Eastern Oregon farm groups attended the session. Orchards from the Dalles urged stringent regulation of weather control. They complained that rain at certain times damages their crops.

But speakers for the Tri-County Weather Research Association, said they hoped nothing in the proposed bill would discourage continuation of weather control work on an experimental basis.

The Tri-County Association is a group of Gilliam, Morrow and Sherman County wheat farmers who have financed rain-making operations in that area for the past two years.

Fire District to Bypass Formal Voter Sanction

Statesman News Service
EOLA—The Eola rural fire protection district is now ready to do business even though it has not been officially put up for voter approval.

This was the opinion of Polk County Clerk E. B. Hamilton Saturday, commenting on the fact that in Friday's election no ballot was presented on which voters could express opinion on the formation of the district. Only voting was for a five-member board of directors.

The fire district had been previously authorized by the county court, which set the date for the election of the directors.

The county court will canvass the vote at its Tuesday meeting, and can authorize a new election if there is sufficient reason for such action, Hamilton said.

"As far as we're concerned, the district will stay as it is unless there is a protest," Hamilton added.

Fire districts ordinarily are set up with a double election in which the electorate approves the formation and at the same time selects its board of directors. But if 100 per cent of the property owners in the district sign petitions requesting the district, the county clerk can certify it as being formed. Best available opinion is that less than 100 per cent of the property owners signed the petitions.

Demo Chairman Denies Break With Truman

MIAMI, Fla. (P)—Democratic Chairman Frank E. McKinney said Saturday that he and President Truman were "in perfect agreement and absolute accord."

He made the statement just before boarding a plane for Washington three days after he was quoted as saying in Key West that the President "may not choose" to run in a satisfactory peace is arranged in Korea.

Mr. Truman told reporters the next day that Korea does not enter into the politics of this country at all, and had no bearing whatever on what he may decide to do.

This rebuff, coming after the President's defeat in the New Hampshire primary, raised doubt whether McKinney would be Democratic chairman much longer. He took over last October from William M. Boyle Jr., who resigned.

McKinney himself apparently felt no such doubt Saturday after a leisurely cruise from Key West aboard the 50-foot yacht Merry Mac.

"My conferences with the President have proved very fruitful," he said. "We are in perfect agreement and absolute accord."

The Democratic chairman said his comments at the Wednesday press conference "Have been misinterpreted."

Kenneth Potts Salem Chairman OF Ike Committee

Kenneth M. Potts, Salem insurance man and active in political circles, was appointed Salem chairman of the Oregon for Eisenhower committee Saturday.

The appointment with that of several other chairmen was announced by William L. Phillips, Salem, state chairman of the committee. Other area chairmen are G. S. Knodel, Albany, John Gallagher Jr., Corvallis, Thomas Smith, Independence, A. F. Huber, Monmouth, and Calvin C. Martin, Newport.

Phillips said it was the plan to have committees organized in all communities to conduct their own campaigns with the state committee furnishing assistance and materials.

Road Board Asked to Annex Tillamook Head

ASTORIA (P)—The Oregon Highway Commission has been asked to annex Tillamook Head to Ecola State Park to prevent logging on the landmark.

The request came after the Seaside City Council granted the Carpenter Logging Company a permit to cut timber on Tillamook Head.

A group of about 20, including Joseph Stanley Pennell, novelist who lives on Tillamook Head, appeared before the Clatsop County Court Friday to protest the logging. Pennell objected to what he called "scalping Tillamook Head," so that it becomes "Bald Head."

State Sen. R. D. Holmes asked the Highway Commission in a letter to annex the area. He said under present plans one million feet of timber eventually would be removed from the promontory.

L. L. Carpenter, who plans to log the area, said he intended to develop the area for home sites. He added he would sell the land and timber and halt operations if there is serious objection to the plan.

C. of .C to Hear Oscar Hagg

"Agriculture in Our Economy" will be discussed by Oscar Hagg, Oregon State College dairy marketing specialist, at the Monday Chamber of Commerce luncheon in the Senator Hotel.

Hagg is widely known throughout Oregon and the West as a leader of dairymen and a producer of dairy products.

New members to the Salem Chamber are Hollywood Aquarium, 1958 McCoy St.; Home Art Studios, 278 Chemeketa St.; John L. Geren, manager of Salem water department and Rodney O. Fety, district forester, Bureau of Land Management.

IKBURGERS ON MENU
CORVALLIS (P)—A restaurant at nearby Philomath had "Ikeburgers" on the menu today. The Ikeburger is an open face meat and cheese sandwich topped according to the menu, with a strip of bacon "for Ike to bring home."

Daylight Time Ruling Delayed

There is not sufficient information so far to justify action on daylight saving time in Oregon, Gov. Douglas McKay said Saturday.

The governor said that under state law he is authorized to declare daylight time only "when it appears to me that the economy of the people of this state is affected by the establishment of daylight saving time in adjoining states."

There is not positive evidence available yet which justifies action, McKay said. Until there is,

he added, he is not inclined or obligated to act.
Oregon was on daylight time last year by action of the governor.

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