

When Harry and Mac Meet What Will Be Said Is Question

By ED CREAGH

Washington, Oct. 13 (AP)—What will they say to each other? How will they hit it off?

One man is a livestock dealer's son—quick, hail-fellow-well-met, with a ready handshake and a quick, brisk laugh. He is president of the United States.

The other man? A general's son—lean, handsome, dramatic, with a reputation for steady-eyed aloofness. He is the five-star general who commands the United Nations forces in Korea.

They will meet for the first time this week-end—Harry Truman, 66, and Douglas MacArthur, 70. The friends and detractors of each would give a lot to be present at the Pacific island meeting.

Two men more widely differentiated in personality can hardly be imagined.

MacArthur is a living legend—a larger-than-life-size figure, born to command; a cartoonist's delight, with his outthrust chin, his sun-glasses, his corn-cob pipe; a supremely self-confident man with a flair for the full-blown, picturesque phrase.

"I shall return," vowed MacArthur after Corregidor. And he did.

Harry Truman—and this is one of his assets—looks like the man next door. He is a dirt farmer who drifted into politics, a plain-spoken plain citizen who had vast power and responsibility thrust upon him.

Self-confidence came late to President Truman. But he's had it in abundance since election day, 1948.

It may seem strange that the head of a state has never met one of the country's outstanding generals. But history nudged these two men in different directions from the first.

MacArthur, born on an Arkansas military base, was an athletic youth destined for West Point. Harry Truman was a studious Missouri boy who took piano lessons instead of playing baseball. Bad eyesight barred him from sports. It also caused West Point to turn him down.

In World War I, MacArthur was a dashing young colonel. "The D'Artagnan of the A.E.F.," they called him—after the flamboyant hero of Dumas' "The Three Musketeers." He threw aside his helmet when he went into battle. He won 13 decorations and a speedy promotion to brigadier-general.

It is doubtful if he ever heard of an obscure, bespectacled artillery captain named Harry Truman.

MacArthur went onward and upward between the wars. By

No Slow-up On Detroit Dam

Stayton—No slow-up of work on the Detroit dam will be necessitated by the \$4,833,000 cut made by congress in this year's funds, Lt. Col. C. C. Davis, resident engineer at the dam, said Friday. Carry over from last year's funds will allow work to continue at undiminished speed, he stated.

In a telephone interview, Davis said "We have sufficient funds on hand to continue work at the present, or even at an accelerated pace."

Among newest features of work at the dam is the construction of a bridge across the North Santiam, midway between Trout and Idanha. Vane Construction company of Portland began work on the job this week.

A bid has also been accepted in Portland for approximately eight miles of south bank. It will follow the south bank of the reservoir and connect with the present Blowout creek road of the forest service. The low bid is just under \$500,000 coming from the K. I. Coulter company.

Cuts in funds for flood control and river and harbor projects were ordered this year by congress. In most cases, decisions as to which projects should be cut were left to the agencies carrying them out.

Thus while the army engineers elected to cut funds for the Detroit dam to \$15,167,000, certain other projects were eliminated altogether, and a few were increased.

1930 he was chief of staff. Harry Truman, by that time, had gone broke in the men's wear business and was in Missouri politics. He reached the U. S. senate in 1934 and squeaked through to reelection six years later.

Then—Pearl Harbor. Douglas MacArthur—the master strategist, the author of flaming communiques, the symbol of American determination to hurl back the Japanese aggressors.

Harry Truman? He won attention as a watchdog over war production. Somewhat reluctantly, he ran for vice-president on the Franklin D. Roosevelt fourth term ticket. A few months later, installed the man from Missouri as Douglas MacArthur's commander-in-chief.

He's a different man today—president in his own right, unbending as steel on occasion, accustomed to make decisions that could alter the face of the world. The man he meets this week-end is the virtual ruler of the defeated Japanese Empire, and stands on the threshold of a great new military triumph.

How will they get along? What will they say to each other?

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