

# Controversy Grows on MacArthur Opinion of Soviet Entry in War

## Official Papers Probably Won't Settle Argument

Washington—(U.P.)—The controversy over what Gen. Douglas MacArthur thought about Russian help against Japan during World War II widened today.

It probably won't be settled by the now-planned publication of official documents bearing on MacArthur's views about Russian intervention in the war 10 years ago. Defense Department security officers are reviewing the stack of papers now and may have them ready for publication in the next few days.

The controversy was fanned Monday when an Army historian asserted flatly that MacArthur at the time of the February, 1945, Yalta conference was "thoroughly in favor" of Soviet entry into the war against Japan.

**Favored Concessions**  
Louis Morton, chief of the Pacific Section of the Army's Office of Military History, wrote in "The Reporter" magazine that MacArthur was "perfectly willing" to work concessions to gain Russian participation.

The historian's claims were at odds with MacArthur's assertions that if anyone had asked him at the time of Yalta he would have opposed Russian entry "at that late date."

MacArthur said Sunday night that President Roosevelt and other heads of state got their military information at Yalta from their chiefs of staff who "acted solely upon their own responsibility." He said his views were never asked and he learned of concessions to Russia months later.

Morton contended the desire of the American chiefs of staff for Russian help was "supported by the theater commanders." He said MacArthur "stated emphatically at the time of Yalta to more than one visitor that American forces should not invade Japan until three months after the Red Army had attacked in Manchuria" where Japan had a huge army.

Otherwise, Morton wrote, the Japanese could move large numbers of troops from the continent to their home islands and take a high toll in American casualties in the then-expected invasion of Japan.

The view that Soviet forces should pin down Japan's Kwantung Army on the Asiatic mainland has been attributed to MacArthur in several books.

Robert E. Sherwood said in "Roosevelt and Hopkins," published in 1948, that at Yalta Mr. Roosevelt's prime concern in all Far Eastern discussions was American war plans against Japan. He said, "MacArthur's calculations were based on the assumption that the Russians would contain the great bulk of Japanese forces on the Asiatic mainland" during the invasion of Japan.

Sherwood had visited MacArthur shortly after the Yalta conference.

In his Sunday statement MacArthur said a distinction had to be made between pre-Yalta and post-Yalta events. What happened after Yalta implemented decisions made at the conference. He said there should be no "partial and selective" but full release of official documents.

**Griffin Creek Grange**  
About 75 attended the 19th anniversary dinner and program of Griffin Creek Grange. Jessie Minear gave an interesting history of the Grange and its progress during this 19 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Eagle Point were visitors. Jake Brown was first Master Griffin Creek Grange.

Next meeting will be on April 14 at 8 p.m.

H.E.C. plans a rummage and plant sale in the Fehl building, 106 No. Ivy, Saturday, April 9, from 9 to 5 p.m. Those wishing material picked up may call 3-5681.

## Security Council Expected To Act on Israeli Request

United Nations, N.Y.—(U.P.)—The President of the United Nations Security Council acts today on an Israeli request for an "urgent meeting" to take up new charges against Egypt.

Arkady A. Sobolev, Soviet delegate and council president for April, was expected to call the session for Wednesday. Otherwise the Jewish Passover beginning Thursday night and

Friday will probably prevent the meeting from being held until next week. Israeli Ambassador Abba S. Eban asked for the session to consider his government's charge

of "continued and purposeful Egyptian aggression." One of the alleged incidents occurred as recently as last Sunday.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

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El Centro, Calif.—(U.P.)—Dominic Grasso complained to police that his neighbor's rooster crowed before dawn and woke his whole family up. An officer investigated and reported: "Roos-

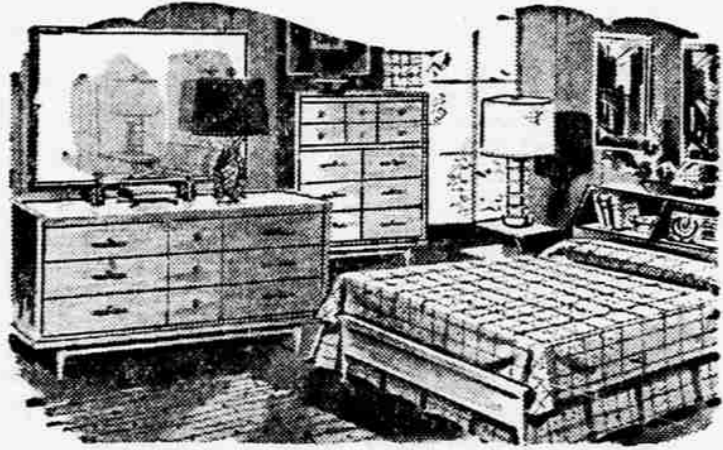
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