



"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."  
—George Putnam.

### Political Chicanery

It becomes crystal clear that the MacArthur affair was nothing but the serving up of a political pot of brew. Let no one doubt that into this political pot went a great amount of the people's self-confidence and confidence in their government.

Even though the liar is caught in his lie—this does not heal the wound of lost confidence. The constant stream of poison half-truths and out-and-out lies being served the public by McCarthy congressmen, radio commentators, and propaganda agents short circuits thinking. The "big lie" hypnotizes when repeated over and over again. The citizens of the United States have been shaken by the course of events.

Like little children certain political elements would destroy the shiny toy of good government if they alone can not play with it. This conduct fits, like a well-made glove, the hand of Joe Stalin. The healthy Senator Arthur Vandenberg co-operative effort has ceased in our government—thanks to Senator Taft and his followers.

Taft and his agents placed in MacArthur's hand the axe he used in splitting citizens' political thoughts and in spilling the blood of public emotion. MacArthur will discover soon how cruel Taftites really are—as will also many good citizens who have been hoodwinked. Taft and his supporters now hobble the Truman administration in Congress as never before and it is hurting the defense and welfare of our nation.

As Oregon sees how lack of electrical power is choking it, so also will the United States, yet Taft and Company cut this item in the proposed federal budget to the very bone. Measures which would provide housing for aircraft workers and other defense workers are pocketed in Taftite committees. This sort of thing can kill and wound more servicemen than can Korean Reds.

This political work of the Taft followers is doing things, yes, but it's not the "burger an' cup a coffee" politics we of the United States know and love so well. If change we must have in the nation's political picture, let's not choose it from the pig pen dung where Taft's side-kick, Senator McCarthy, gets his political thinking.

The one-world policies of the Truman administration are new and spell the doom of Taftites. Butter and bread and the good life for all the peoples of the world is a political program Taftites know about, but will never sponsor.

### Senator Morse's Position

(The following letter is self explanatory. In the interests of giving a clearer picture of the MacArthur affair it is here set out in full.—Editor.)

Dear Friend:

Since the removal of General MacArthur many hundreds of letters and telegrams, of which yours is one, have continued to come to my office, discussing various aspects of this matter. Time does not permit me to answer each communication individually and personally, even though I would like to do that very much. Therefore, I have decided to write this form letter, setting forth my main views on this controversy as they have developed after hearing the testimony of General MacArthur and General Marshall.

Because I had received many hundreds of messages from constituents urging me to support impeachment proceedings, I discussed in my speech of April 12 the constitutional power of the President to remove General MacArthur and expressed the view that under the Constitution there are no grounds for impeaching President Truman because of his action. Undoubtedly some of the partisan speeches which were given in the Senate, urging the impeachment of the President, had a tremendous effect on public opinion and caused many people to believe that the President's action justified impeachment.

I have been pleased to note that as people have come to reflect upon the constitutional principles involved, there is general agreement with the position I took in my April 12th speech. However, many people have written to me to the effect that although they agree with me both on the impeachment question and the constitutional power of the President, they nevertheless believe that the policies advocated by General MacArthur are right and the policies advocated by the government are wrong. They, as well as others who disagree with General MacArthur, want to know my position on that issue.

First, let me say that I think a much different procedure should have been followed in removing General MacArthur from his command. It would have been much better if General MacArthur had been called back to Washington for a conference with the President, the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Secretary of State, before he was removed from command. While the record of the hearings shows that these officials were unanimous in the decision to remove him, it is possible that such a conference would have resulted in an understanding which would have either made it possible for General MacArthur to retain his command or at least accomplished his removal in a less summary fashion. In the absence of any such understanding, I think a decision to

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remove him would have been unavoidable. I say that because the record of the hearings to date supports the following conclusions.

1. General MacArthur was not in sympathy with the foreign policy of our government in Asia, as he has testified. We could not have two voices announcing to the world conflicting views as to American foreign policy in Asia.

2. General MacArthur has proposed bombing Chinese bases in Manchuria, including the Manchurian railroad, which is jointly administered by China and Russia, and blockading ports along the Chinese coast, including Port Arthur, which is a principal Russian port. Such action would increase the danger of Russia's immediate entrance into the war, thus bringing on a world-wide conflict.

3. The record of the hearings shows that our allies in the United Nations would not support General MacArthur's proposals for carrying the war to the mainland of China at this time. To do so involves the danger of creating such a serious split between the United States and her allies that we might find ourselves facing Russia alone in an all-out war. According to General Marshall's testimony, the Joint Chiefs of Staff unanimously opposed enlarging the war at this time as recommended by General MacArthur.

4. It has been my understanding for many months that our Department of Defense, as well as the State Department, and the President, have been opposed to General MacArthur's proposals, because our defenses are still too weak and our major targets are too vulnerable to justify running any unnecessary risks of an all-out war with Russia at this time. The representations which have been made to us as members of the Armed Services Committee have been to the effect that if we became involved in such a conflict before our defenses are much stronger than they presently are, we would suffer tremendous casualties among our troops in Korea, Japan, and on other Pacific outposts and also run serious danger of successful air raids against West Coast cities in the early weeks of such a war.

(Emphasis ours.)

There are many other reasons that could be enumerated, which raise serious questions as to the advisability of following General MacArthur's recommendations at the time that he wanted us to follow them. It may very well be that before we get through with the international crisis which confronts us, we may find it necessary to put into effect some of General MacArthur's recommendations, but if and when that is done, I hope it will be done at a time when we are much less vulnerable than we are now.

These tentative conclusions on the MacArthur controversy are subject to change whenever facts are presented in the hearings which justify adopting a different course of action from that which is being presently followed by our Joint Chiefs of Staff and other military leaders who have the responsibility of developing global defense plans for the security of our nation. However, in the meantime, I think that as a member of the Armed Services Committee of the Senate, I should continue to support the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Secretary of Defense, and the other military officials of our government who have presented us to date with convincing evidence that we run the danger of sacrificing many millions of American

lives, including those of our troops overseas, if we become involved at this time in an all-out war with Russia.

I think we should fall back to a line of defense in Korea that we can hold without suffering heavy casualties and then with a unity of purpose unmatched in our history, we should devote our national energies to building up our defenses. Once we remove our present vulnerability by way of strong defenses, we then should make it clear to Russia and our allies that we have had enough of Russian aggression and will not tolerate any more. Then will be the time to issue ultimatums in regard to terms for an honorable peace.

With kind regards,  
Sincerely yours,  
WAYNE MORSE.

### Editor's Letter Box

LET'S SAFEGUARD OUR DEMOCRACY

Not unlike the ups and downs in our economic system, we have the swings in our political thinking which result in men like McCarthy of Wisconsin getting into office. I am afraid too many of us underestimate the danger involved. It is the opinion of a man of whom I have the utmost respect that "The Battle of Armageddon is now on for the United States."

Let's keep McCarthyism from spreading to Oregon. Let's be sure to pick men for any office who have intelligence to believe in and work for democracy.

I am the kind of Republican who votes for whom I believe to be the best man. That lies, hate and persecution seem to be the stock in trade of some Republicans leaves me with a sense of shame, but the knowledge that there are also sincere and intelligent men in both the Democratic and Republican parties keeps me from saying "what's the use", and giving up.

God is not the author of confusion, maybe a fitting thought as the United States is in a moral low. We need a new faith and grasp of Democracy to win back the 49 percent of voters who have given up. (49 percent in the last election who didn't exercise their right and privilege.)

Whether the teachings of Christianity should be applied to politics has never been a problem to me. For the life of me I can't see why the good we learn on Sunday should not be applied to the rest of the week.

People who believe in Christianity have never had a better opportunity to be their brother's keeper. The whole world stands on the threshold of new vision: People are questioning the theory that wars can be won with bullets. The world needs a nation that will lead. I don't believe it could be any other than our United States. What's your answer, brother.  
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