



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

Soul Searching

The infant world government, the United Nations, like the Biblical David, has planted a well-flung stone firmly upon the snout of the snarling "Red" Goliath that stalked into the land of the helpless Koreans last year. At last, the Russian Bear talks "peace" for Korea.

Troubles, such as Korea, jab into our minds, each of us must patch up the wound. Attention must be given—even if it is but the act of forgetting the whole sordid mess. So is it with Korea and Iran. Problems these are—to the entire human race, and solved they must be—soon.

Like drowning shipwreck victims, humans all over the world outstretched their arms to the United States for guidance after World War I. President Woodrow Wilson sought and fought for peace and the League of Nations. The United States snubbed and ruined the League of Nations. President Wilson died a beaten and broken man. World War II was not long in coming.

Again hopes blossomed from the ashes and rubble. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the United Nations lighted the torch of freedom and individual dignity. As ever it was, and is now, these "one world" peace hopes and ambitions are the routes being followed by President Harry S. Truman and his administration. There are those among us who by their sneering at President Truman's leadership thereby strike down and block a better way of life for all the peoples of the world in our time. While blindly doing such things, these selfish people give out with "patriotic" double-talk.

There is little doubt that one fear stung the minds of those who signed the Declaration of Independence. These men knew that their signing of the great paper meant that the threat of the hangman's noose closed about their very necks. Today that same enslavement, fear, and death threatens and will come to millions in the free world should the great experiment of the United Nations fail now in Korea and Iran.

Young and old citizens of Mill City decided that they needed a lighted athletic field in Mill City, and expended the time, labor, and finances for such a field. This week, master of ceremonies Bruce Williams, Salem attorney, conducted the dedication ceremonies for W. W. Allen Field, Mill City's fine lighted athletic field. Only by such a voice as here rang out can we, as a part of the free peoples of this Earth, preserve the wonderful freedom that the Statue of Liberty symbolizes, the Liberty Bell proclaims, and the United Nations guarantees.

United States citizens love chalking up firsts. We can really be first in the way it counts, if we say in dead earnestness to those who today force their will upon the freedom loving individuals now living—"your brutal 'Red' ilk can beat the life from the human body, can hypnotize the human mind into sleep, but can not conquer the unconquerable spirit of humanity. This spirit draws its being and power from that which is greater than mere Man. Think well, Joseph Stalin, before you bathe this Earth in blood!"

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Editorial Comment:

(From the Washington Post)

Joint Chiefs Versus MacArthur
In sum, the testimony of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was such as to justify the confidence of Americans in the judgment of their top military leaders. It was sober analysis, and—aside from the nonsensical flurry started by Senator Wiley over whether to try to compel General Bradley to describe the details of a confidential conversation with the President—the questions and answers stuck pretty close to the issues raised by the ouster of General MacArthur. The result was an overwhelming rebuttal of the MacArthur strategy and a clear demonstration of why MacArthur was fired.

1. Reasons for Ouster
General MacArthur was removed by the President, not by the Joint Chiefs. Secretary Marshall had already described the main factors in this decision—public statements which violated the President's directive, and a premature announcement which vitiated a Presidential cease-fire proposal. But the Joint Chiefs also noted that MacArthur was out of sympathy with policy as relayed to him; Admiral Sherman called it "lack of responsiveness" and "a tendency to debate and in certain cases to criticize." General Collins asserted that MacArthur had disregarded policy instructions to use primarily South Korean troops to the approach to the Yalu River. General Bradley felt that civilian control of the military was jeopardized by MacArthur.

But the ouster was not a casual decision. Each member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff made it plain that he respected MacArthur's position and difficulties. It is evident that the firing weighed heavily on the Joint Chiefs; yet each concurred from a military point of view, though several admitted that it could have been better handled. General Collins added that if the President had not initiated the ouster, the Joint Chiefs might have been forced to do so at a later time.

2. MacArthur's Misjudgement
The testimony also showed that MacArthur repeatedly misjudged the enemy he was opposing. Evidently he disregarded the intelligence reports available to him about the entry of the Chinese Communists in force. He also paid scant attention to the warnings from the Joint Chiefs about the disastrous physical split between the Eighth Army and Tenth Corps. MacArthur felt that it would be impossible to hold more than a beachhead without expansion of the war; yet even as he was sending his gloomy message, General Ridgway had succeeded in stabilizing a line. It is furthermore quite evident that MacArthur either misinterpreted or distorted the Joint Chiefs' message of January 12 outlining possible measures (such as the bombing of Manchuria) to be taken as a last resort if the situation did not improve. From the testimony of the Chiefs themselves there was no warrant for MacArthur's saying that they were in agreement with him—at least without strong qualifications.

3. Bombing Manchuria Versus Global Strategy
The unanimity with which the Joint Chiefs opposed an enlargement of the war—a war which is being won—was particularly impressive. It was opposed by each member—Army, Air Force, Navy, and the chairman—on the ground that it would commit too much of America's power in something that would not be decisive and would imperil over-all defense. Reactions varied from General Bradley's epigram of "wrong war, wrong place, wrong time, wrong enemy" to General Vandenberg's objecting to "pecking at the periphery" of the main enemy. General Collins posed a nice question in noting that China's supply lines lead to Harbin, Vladivostok and eastern Siberia. "Now where do you stop?" he asked. Admiral Sherman summarized the main point: to go it alone "would jeopardize our long-term national security on a global basis."

These men were not mere automatons repeating a predetermined line. The Joint Chiefs agreed on the broad issues but differed on details, as was evidenced by Admiral Sherman's advocacy of a United Nations naval blockade of China whereas General Bradley opposed it. The strength of the testimony is that it consisted of independent opinions, independently arrived at, but all leading to the same place. Now that top military leaders have been heard, the MacArthur clique ought to retreat silently to its corner. There ought to be no more question about the duty of a field commander to adhere to national policy. And by the same token there ought to be no more of the flimsy liaison and weak guidance from the Pentagon that contributed to the necessity for the removal of General MacArthur.



OUT OF GODFREY'S TEABAG

Today my mood is best expressed by a little poem that I wrote last year:
The sweetest time of the year
Is when the days are warm and clear:
For summer has come,
Winter has gone:
My wife will have to mow the lawn.

I'll never forget: the day I was born, my mother said, "Let's call him Arthur Godfrey," and my father said, "This is CBS, the Columbia Broadcasting System."

I was reading the paper where the Waldorf-Astoria has a suite that costs \$130 a day. . . . I guess that isn't so bad though; it's summer and the days are getting longer. But \$130 a day—I'll bet at that price they don't count the towels when the guests leave.

My weekend in Virginia really did me good. I've still got the bags under my eyes—but they're sunburned.

There's one thing about those Senatorial investigations that bothers me—on most quiz shows if you answer the questions correctly you win \$20,000. But if you answer a senator correctly you get 20 years in the hoosegow!

HEARD ON CBS TALENT SCOUTS

Editor's Letter Box

Editor of the
Mill City Enterprise
Mill City, Oregon

Dear Sir:
The writer sincerely wishes to compliment the entire town of Mill City for their exceptional civic accomplishment in the erection and completion of Allen Field. Certainly as an outsider I was amazed at the great amount of work accomplished on limited funds in the establishment of your athletic plant.

Please permit me to take this means of expressing my sincere thanks for the privilege of taking part in your dedication ceremonies; and, again, my congratulations to Mill City for a job well done.

Sincerely yours,
BRUCE W. WILLIAMS

To the Editor:
Dear Sir,
How many housewives are really willing to help bring prices down? With your co-operation in publishing this letter, I hope to find out. This is my program—so simple it almost sounds childish! Every housewife who will participate one hundred percent in a nation-wide "buyers resistance" campaign should do as follows: send a self-addressed penny postal card to:

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This program will not be effective without complete co-operation from those willing to try it. Prices were a long time climbing up to their present high level so we can't expect a sudden drop. We must continue our plan for many, many "resistance cycles". I suggest those who send me cards include a list of the items they want to have resisted and any suggestions for improving this plan.

This plan is strictly non-profit; the only cost to the housewife will be the penny card and the envelope she uses for mailing to me. My only motive is to bring the cost of living down to the level of our buying power. My program does not violate any postal laws. Housewives are not to answer unless they are willing to go along with this plan one hundred percent, even though it may mean resisting an item their husbands produce. Also, housewives who think, "I'll put away a supply to last a month" have no place in this program as hoarding will not help the honest efforts of the rest of us.

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