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(At the Senate hearing today, General Douglas MacArthur took direct issue with President Truman) - though the President's name was not mentioned. Senator Knowland brought up the subject, by referring to the story we had last night - (the claim that MacArthur had barred the Central Intelligence Agency from operating in Japan - until recently.)

That statement was made by President Truman - in answer to testimony by MacArthur yesterday - that ~~the~~ Central Intelligence Agency had given him no warning that Red China might intervene in Korea. The President implied that MacArthur was taken by surprise when the Chinese attacked, partly because he insisted on ^(relying) ~~relying~~ on his own system of intelligence, -- ignoring the Central Agency.

(Today MacArthur snapped: "That statement is all tommyrot." He said that, in Japan, he had given the Central Intelligence Agency all possible aid, and added -- that the only thing he insisted on ^{was} ~~that~~ that the agency, in his area, should not act

surreptitiously, but should coordinate its activities with those of MacArthur's own intelligence service.

The heart of the controversy was reached, when Senator Brian McMahon of Connecticut brought up the question: Who was the best judge of policies to be pursued in Korea, from a political as well as a military view? Who was the best judge of whether or not an extension of the Korean war into Red China might bring about war with Soviet Russia? Who, the Supreme Commander, General Douglas MacArthur, or the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington?

To this MacArthur replied that the nations' top military leaders, in deciding on global strategy, must consider many things which are outside the sphere of a military commander in some special area - such as MacArthur in Tokyo. He enumerated many factors, which top military leaders must take into consideration -- factors beyond the scope of a regional commander, like himself. These included political questions, international relations. Whereupon Senator McMahon

said he assumed MacArthur would agree with those top military leaders - if, after considering all those factors, they believed the United States was pursuing the right policy in the Far East.

MacArthur says he has the highest respect for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, but he pointed out, today, that they are not infallible. "Any decisions they would make, Senator," said he, "are like all other human decisions. They have to pass before the high court of public opinion". Which referred the whole thing to the public.

Then that all-important question - did the Supreme Commander have the right, as a military officer, to differ publicly with the high command in Washington? MacArthur replied that it was not the American way to put a gag on expressions of opinion. That was the Soviet way.

Senator Kefauver of Tennessee asked - would General MacArthur in the Philippine campaign, for example - have permitted his Chief of Staff to

write a letter to a Senator, criticizing the MacArthur conduct of military operations?

"Certainly!" replied MacArthur. "I can't tell you how many times my staff has disagreed with me, not only privately, but publicly."

The question of Formosa was brought up again - and MacArthur declared that Secretary of Defense Marshall said he was willing to consider the question of handing the island over to the Chinese Reds - in a discussion of a peace treaty with Japan. Also, the admission of Red China to the United Nations.

This was followed by another MacArthur dissertation on the importance of Formosa to American defense. He said that, if the Communists gained possession of that island, the position of the Philippines and Japan would be insecure - and the American frontier would be pushed back to our Pacific coast.

As the session was closing, an interesting name came up -- Acheson. There has long been talk of a

feud between General MacArthur and Secretary of State Acheson, and the dismissal of MacArthur has been regarded as a victory for Acheson. But at the hearing, today, the statement was made that Secretary Acheson was opposed to the removal of MacArthur as the Supreme Commander.

This was indicated by Senator Fulbright of Arkansas who told MacArthur that the Secretary of State, in Fulbright's words - "opposed your recall vigorously in discussions at the highest level."

MacArthur replied: "I never attributed to him (Acheson) in the slightest degree, the decision of the President to ~~xxxx~~ replace me."

FOLLOW MACARTHUR

A final note -- MacArthur said it was what he called -- "a matter of great grief and regret" to him that he was unable to address his ~~xxx~~ troops before leaving Tokyo.

Senator Cain of Washington asked why he had not done so. The reply was that the Truman dismissal took effect immediately. "I was no longer in command", said the General. "I did not think it was appropriate," *was the way he put it -*
-- to speak a farewell to his troops - or to the Japanese people.

We have a retraction of a statement yesterday - that General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was concerned about the danger of an enemy being able to break the American secret military code. This, because of the testimony made public at the MacArthur hearing.

The retraction comes from Committee Chairman, Senator Russell of Georgia, who gave out the story. He says that he misinterpreted what General Bradley had to say. (He thought the General was referring to a document dated January Twelfth, ^{Bradley} ^{Gen.} MacArthur ^{had} quoted from this document, ^{and} Later on, ~~he~~ declared that the material in question had not been transmitted to him in code, but in plain English.

~~But that was not what General Bradley was referring to - Senator Russell now explaining that he was wrong about it. In a telephone conversation with the Committee Chairman, ^{Mac} Bradley spoke of other documents read by ~~Mr~~ MacArthur at the committee hearing. These were actually translated from code -~~

~~but they were not made public.~~ ¹ Bradley was concerned that they had been read at all, ~~put in the committee record - even though the hearings are secret.~~

Sen. Russell ~~He~~ explained that, if an enemy got hold of a verbatim translation of a document in code - his cryptographic experts, by comparing it with the code version itself, could find the key to the entire American military code system. Therefore, ^{translations} ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ of coded documents, ~~are never given out.~~ ~~If~~ ^{if} made public, they are paraphrased, ~~and~~ different words used, - ~~so that an enemy expert could not match words with symbols in the code, and thereby solve the puzzle.~~

All this is accompanied by news that, in the Senate today, the Democrats defeated the Republican attempt to have the MacArthur hearings in the open, public.

KOREA

News from Korea tells of the surprise a bunch of G I's got on the central front. They were pushing through No Man's Land, east of Chunchon, when they ran into a force of Reds on a hill ^{that was} strongly fortified. They couldn't make any headway and radioed for artillery - or an air strike. What kind of answer did they get? Wait till you hear.

Off in the sky was a B-29, which was having engine trouble, ^{having} ~~and they had~~ to ditch the ⁵⁻ bomb load.

Twelve one thousand pound bombs - to be unloaded ^{quickly}

^{The B-29} ~~Just then the~~ crewmen picked up ^{the} message from these G I's calling for an air strike. What would you have done if you had been the crew of the super-fortresses? Well, they did just that. They flew over to the hill held by the Reds, and selected that as the place to get rid of the bomb load.

Down went the twelve one thousand pounders -- and that was when the G I's on the ground got the surprise of their lives, seeing what happened to the hill. It erupted it like a volcano, what an air strike!

whereupon they radioed a message saying: "Opposition disappeared!"

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That was one incident as, all along the line, allied patrols stabbed forward, jabbing at the Communists - as they build up for a second phase of their spring offensive. The ⁵ principal advance ^{Today} was through the Han Valley, east of Seoul, where a U.S. force drove ahead and took over several miles of No Man's Land.

Supreme Commander General Ridgway made a tour of the battlefield - and today predicted that the Reds would strike again, and again be defeated. He said: "Maybe some day ~~these~~ these people, who are being used as cannon fodder, will ~~wake~~ wake up and listen to reason."

SUB VIENNA

In Vienna, the Soviet authorities express regret for the killing of an American soldier yesterday. They also agreed on a joint American-Russian investigation of the incident. This was demanded by U.S. Commissioner Walter Donnelly, who described the shooting as a serious affair. Corporal Paul Gresen was shot by two uniformed Soviet soldiers when he tried to question them and ask for their papers -- and for this, now, the Red command apologies.

SUB PALESTINE

In Palestine, Tel Aviv government states that the Syrians opened fire again today - after a cease-fire had been agreed upon. The U N demanded an end to the fighting that had gone along for three days along the border of Israel and Syria. The demand was accepted, and today envoys of the two countries had a meeting at the "Daughters of Jacob Bridge". Terms were signed and everything seemed to be settled -- when shooting was resumed on the Syrian side, says Israel.

MARINES

The Senate today passed the bill raising the strength of the Marine Corps to four divisions - and requiring the Joint Chiefs of Staff to consult with the Commandant of the Leathernecks on all matters concerning the Corps. The bill, I understand, is highly satisfactory to the Marines, and to their myriads of supporters and admirers throughout the country. ^R The Leatherneck record in battle is so good that anybody ~~will~~ will say: "What this country needs is -- more marines!"

RITA

In France, Prince Aly Khan states that he will not make a fight for the custody of his daughter Yasmin. This, following news from Reno that movie actress Rita Hayworth has arrived - to sue for divorce or separation.

There was no end of hullabaloo a couple of years ago, when the film star was wedded to the son of the fabulous Agha Khan. Recently, there were insistent reports of a break-up -- which reports were loudly denied. But no -- Rita ^{is} in Reno.

CARVETH WELLS

Exp. Col. Sandy
beings me
tonite.

Here's one that ought to interest
McNab who happens to be sitting

The news is telling how an old friend of this program, explorer Carveth Wells, nearly got arrested for annoying a young lady, flirting with her. Well, Carveth looks like a gay gallant, but I've never known him to ~~xxxx~~ romance his way into jail.

I have the story from his wife, Zetta, who called me this afternoon - and told the remarkable experience. She and Carveth were in their New York apartment, both busy on writing jobs. The doorbell rang, Carveth answered, and in stalked a big burly policeman. Who thereupon charged Carveth Wells with annoying the young lady - who lives in an apartment house just across the way. Which surprised Zetta no end, she having been there - while the flirtation was supposed to have been going on.

Then enlightenment broke in Zetta's mind. ~~xxx~~ "What kind of flirting ~~xx~~ was it?" she asked the policeman. "Whistling a wolf call?"

"That's right" the policeman responded sternly.

RETAKE

Whereupon Zetta pointed out a bird in the cage, and said, "Wait a minute." In brief moments, the bird raised his beak and emitted a low, thrilling whistle, with a come-hither cadence, the wolf call.

"That's it" said the astonished cop.

So the romancer was - the Mina Bird, named Raffles, ^{the second -} which Carveth Wells and his wife have trained.

One of ^{its} ~~the~~ cute stunts ^{is to} the whistle ^{of the} wolf call.

^{Whistle!} which Raffles does with great regularity. So the

indignant young lady has been hearing Raffles - and,

looking across the way, she'd see Carveth, whose working

place is at the window. She ~~put~~ two and two together -

and called a cop. ^{Nelson} - ~~how~~ are you ^{familiar}

^{with the Wolf call?}