

MACARTHUR L.T.-P. Thurs. May 3rd. '51.

(On the verbal battlefield of the Congressional hearing today, General MacArthur campaigned as powerfully with words as he ever did with guns on a fighting front of war.) During a dignified first day of questioning, he gave a soldierly account that was most impressive. He spoke, of course, from the military view; and there's more to the Korean question than that - but that military version rang with strength and logic.

The testimony covered a lot of ground - *with* ~~but~~ inevitably, the focus ~~was~~ on those main points of dispute, which have been in all our minds. ~~Sole~~'s concentrate on those ~~the~~ number one questions in the national controversy.

Did the Chiefs of staff support the MacArthur strategic ideas - for the expression of which he was dismissed as the Supreme Commander? In his ~~the~~ address to the Joint Session of Congress, he intimated that they did agree with him. So how did he back that up today?

Well, he said that, after the Chinese Reds intervened in Korea, the Joint Chiefs of Staff drew up recommendations of things to be done, strategies to be pursued. He said a copy of these recommendations was sent to him in Tokyo - and today he read them off. On every point there was agreement with MacArthur's own demands - except in one instance.

This exception was the MacArthur call for a bombing of the Red bases in Manchuria. The Chiefs of Staff wanted aerial reconnaissance to be extended over Manchuria and the Coast of China; - and today MacArthur admitted that aerial reconnaissance and bombing were different things.

But, like MacArthur, *the Joint Chiefs* - they advocated the use of Chinese Nationalist troops on Formosa, and recommended that the forces of Chiang Kai-Shek be given American support, for military operations against the Communists. Today MacArthur declared that, even the threat of this, would have eased the pressure in Korea. Also the Chiefs of Staff proposed a naval

blockade of Red China, as MacArthur wanted.

Today the General stated that he endorsed these recommendations, which were passed along by the Chiefs of Staff to Secretary of Defense Marshall. But they were never acted upon - and he supposes they were vetoed by Secretary Marshall or President Truman.

Now the next question (did MacArthur expect Red China to enter the Korean war? To this he replied that he knew the Chinese had collected large forces north of the Korean border, the Yalu River. But) he pointed out that, as military commander out there, he had only a limited means of learning what the Reds were about. (His intelligence was limited to Korea. He had no such international intelligence as might be had in Washington or in London.)

He noted that, about the middle of September, Secretary of State Acheson said he thought there was little chance of Chinese intervention - not the logical thing for the Chinese Reds to do. Also, (in November, our Central Intelligence Agency, in Washington, said they felt there was little chance

of any large intervention by the Chinese.) All this MacArthur summed up in the following words ^{to} ~~by~~ the Committee: "Now, you must understand that the intelligence that a nation is going to launch war, is not the kind of intelligence available to a commander limited to a small area of combat."

Next -- (why did we sustain so large a reverse, when the Chinese hordes did come surging into Korea?) Was the Supreme Commander to blame for that? Was his strategy at fault - in sending thin forces all the way to the Yalu River?

(MacArthur's reply is that his orders were to occupy northern Korea, and he had only a limited force to do that. So he had to spread it thin.) Today he contended that the strategic arrangement, pushing to the Yalu, was as good and sound as possible. "The disposition of those troops, in my opinion" said he, "could not have been improved upon - had I known the Chinese were going to attack!" He denied angrily that it was a disaster - said it was a retreat by plan.

(The trouble was, he argued, that he was not able to bomb the huge concentrations of troops and supplies north of the Yalu, after the Reds attacked.) He said: "Had I been permitted to use my air, when those Chinese ^hordes came in there, I haven't the faintest doubt we would have thrown them back." He ~~says~~ says this opinion was shared by everyone ^{of} ~~in~~ his air commanders out there. Had he been allowed to use American air ~~power~~ power, in the normal way, the reinforcements and supplies of the Chinese would have been cut off so badly - they would have been repelled by the Eighth Army.

FOLLOW MACARTHUR

The MacArthur testimony came to a climax when he was asked about his dismissal by President Truman. (He said he never, for a moment, questioned the right of the President to recall him. But he said he resented the implication that he had been insubordinate.) He insisted that in his fifty-two years as a soldier, he had never refused to carry out an order, whether he believed in it or not - and was unaware that Washington thought there was any reason to relieve him of his command. That took him completely by surprise.

He added that it was most unusual to be removed in such summary fashion, at once, with no chance to complete important work he was engaged in. He had to turn such tasks over immediately to his successor, General Ridgway, who was three hundred and fifty miles away on the Korean front. He said his summary dismissal was without precedent. "I have never known it in the American Army," said the General.

Then - that famous Wake Island conference. The White House release, last night, quoted the conversation between President Truman and MacArthur. Today the General stated that there was no stenographic report. This he was told by presidential Secretary Charles Ross, who was in charge of public relations at the time.

The statement yesterday said that notes were taken by a secretary in another room. So Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire asked: "When the conference was held - were the voices normal voices?" Or were they loud, so that they might have been heard in another room?"

"No, Sir" replied MacArthur. "I think it was a small table, with a dozen men around it - in a conversational tone of voice. There would have to have been a lot of eavesdropping to get a report by anybody who wasn't in that room."

He said that, later on in Tokyo, he received notes on the Wake Island meeting. He thought

they were the recollection of people who had been present, and hadn't read the notes, just filed them away. To which he added the belief that the document, released yesterday, presents an accurate report.

President Truman also says that he knew nothing about notes being taken, and here's the latest -- the Secretary in question, Miss Bernice Anderson told news men tonight that she "just automatically began taking notes -- without instructions from anyone."

TRUMAN

(While the MacArthur hearing was going on President Truman held a news conference this afternoon -- and made some statements in rebuttal. He said that, at the Wake Island conference, the Supreme Commander persuaded him that Red China would not intervene in Korea.)

Newsman told him that, in the MacArthur testimony today, the General stated that the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington should have warned him of the impending Chinese attack. President Truman replied that MacArthur did not have the reports of the Central Intelligence Agency because, at that time, he refused to let the Agency operate in Japan. He ~~preferred to rely on his own intelligence system.~~

Note was taken of the MacArthur statement that the ^{Central} intelligence Agency considered it unlikely that Red China would go into Korea. On this point the President said he didn't know where MacArthur got that information about the opinion of Central Intelligence - and intimated that the Agency did give warning that

there was a real threat of Chinese intervention.

The President believes that, when all is said and done, the American public will support his action. The administration line will be that, notwithstanding MacArthur's military opinion as expressed today, the problem of the Korean war is also political.

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The first day of the MacArthur hearing ends on a note of defiance - the former Supreme Commander urging the United States to smash Red China by sea and air - fighting alone, if necessary, without U N allies. MacArthur accused the Truman administration of ~~RM~~ sacrificing American lives by fighting a "stalemate" war.

All this comes in a transcript released, section by section, from the committee hearing - which was closed to the public and the news reporters. Parts of the MacArthur testimony were deleted - for security reasons. These consisted largely of MacArthur opinions of the military strength of Soviet Russia. But most of the testimony came out, thousands of words of it on the news wire today - Douglas MacArthur's impressive defense.

BRADLEY

Late this afternoon

~~Here's the latest~~

General Omar Bradley,

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, gives warning that the hearing might endanger American security.

He mentions - codes. Declaring - that the MacArthur testimony, already made public today - might enable an enemy to crack the secret military codes of the United States.

FOLLOW BRADLEY

Committee Chairman Senator Russell states that Bradley told him that, in his testimony, MacArthur had read directly from what Bradley called -- "cryptographically transmitted messages that involved a code developed over twelve years."

This news fell like a bombshell in the middle of the Senate debate on the question of the secrecy of the hearings -- the Republicans demanding full open proceedings. Today, members of the Senate were admitted to ~~the~~ the hearing - but that was all.

The latest. General MacArthur denies that his testimony provided any opportunity for an enemy to crack American military codes. This comes through MacArthur's aide, General Courtney Whitney, who states: "The quotations referred to were taken, not from any code message, but ~~fix~~ from regular mimeographed forms which are distributed to commands around the world."

KOREA

For the first time in four days, we have news of action in Korea -- not big battles, but sharp outbreaks of fighting worth mentioning.

One occurred when an armored column slashed for ten miles beyond the American lines northeast of Seoul. The tanks found a large force of Reds installed in new fortifications, which they were strengthening. A lively battle ensued - the guns of the tanks inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. The report sent back by the armored column indicates large Red forces are getting into position - apparently to renew that spring offensive, which took such a beating.

~~Same story on the other side of Seoul, the northwest. Tanks pushed up to the Monsan road, and the farther they went, the stronger the resistance they encountered. This armored unit ran into a Red regiment, and the battle raged for four hours, until the Communists got out. All confirming the impression that the Reds are mustering for another drive against the capital - those bristling lines of American guns,~~

VIENNA

Late news from Vienna -- where, tonight, an American military policeman on patrol was shot and killed by Russian soldiers. With a companion, he went to the Russians, demanded their credentials, -- and they suddenly opened fire. This looks as if it might be the murderous doing of drunken Russian soldiers -- who thereupon fled in the darkness.

ISRAEL

The United Nations has ordered a cease-fire along the border of Israel and Syria. - So states a dispatch from Tel Aviv today. Israel has been demanding strong action by the U N -- in the troubles along the northern frontier of the Jewish state. So now, we are told - a U N cease-fire order.

The battle, which began yesterday, continued on today. Both sides agree ^{about this. But} ~~on that~~, that's as far as the unanimity goes. They contradict each other in almost every particular.

Tel Aviv states ~~that~~ that today, the Syrian army opened fire with artillery and mortars, a heavy bombardment - trying to recapture territory inside of Israel. Syrian soldiers invaded yesterday - but were driven out, says Israel.

The Syrian version is that the trouble yesterday was between troops of Israel and Syrian civilians, when the soldiers tried to seize cattle belonging to ^{Syrian} ~~Arab~~ tribesmen. Then, today, according to the Damascus account, military forces of Israel

blazed away with artillery, mortars and machine guns - against the Arabs of the tribe. A spokesman at Damascus declares that Syrian troops have not yet entered the affray - but says, threateningly, that they will if the fighting goes on.

It would be hard to invent stories so completely contradictory. ^{The} ~~But, wait a minute - the~~ two rival versions do agree ^{that} ~~at least,~~ on the scene of the trouble, ^{was just} North of Lake Tiberias, ^{know to most of us as the} ~~once called the~~ Sea of Galilee - so familiar in the gospels. (Meanwhile the Prime Minister of Israel, David Ben-Gurion, arrived in the United States today, landing by plane in Washington. Ben-Gurion states that he hopes the United Nations will take action in a comprehensive way - ^{what he calls} to settle the chronic border dispute between Israel and Syria.)

RITA

Word from Reno -- Rita Hayworth will arrive soon. Lawyers for the MGM movie actress say that she will establish a Nevada residence -- either to file an action for ~~with~~ divorce or separation from Prince Aly Khan. This seems to confirm insistent rumors of a break ~~with~~ between Rita Hayworth and the son of the Agha Khan whom she married a couple of years ago.

EAT

Science has a new answer to the question: What makes you fat? Your stomach, of course! But no, not at all. It isn't your stomach that makes you fat! -- it's your brain!

This new scientific revelation emanates from Cleveland today, a conference of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology. The ~~same~~ discovery was made by Dr. Dean Mayer, Assistant Professor of Nutrition at Harvard, together with a student, Joseph Vitale. They find that your brain controls your weight. Because - your brain controls your appetite. Or ~~is~~ rather -- there's something in the brain that does, an appetite mechanism, called - the hypothalamus. When that gadget in the brain, ^{you} ~~is~~ is over-active, your appetite is large, and you eat a lot of calories.

So your brain makes you fat, ^{Wander if that} ~~and maybe~~ ^{could be} the origin of the expression - fat-head, ^{Nelson?} From the hyp'op'thal'a muse?