

MacArthur L.F.S. Fri. Apr. 20 - '51.

(All records were broken in New York today, -  
~~with~~ seven-and-a-half million people turning out to  
see MacArthur. Which might sound incredible - the  
total population of New York being a little more than  
eight-and-a-half million. But <sup>scores</sup> ~~ten~~ of thousands from  
the suburbs poured in, and special trains brought a  
host ~~of~~ from New England. (Fifty thousand children  
were dismissed from school, and taken to Central  
Park, to see the General ride through. Business <sup>naturally</sup> came  
to a ~~hi~~ halt for the mid-day parade. The Stock  
Exchange closed for two hours, and hundreds of  
thousands of workers had lunch-hour doubled - so  
they could see the home-coming hero.)

How badly the record was broken is shown  
by previous figures. In Nineteen Twenty-Seven, four-  
million New Yorkers cheered Lindbergh when he returned  
from his flight to Paris. In Nineteen forty-five,

General Eisenhower was hailed by four million.

MacArthur's crowd today was nearly twice as great - seven and a half million.

The figures for comparison do not go back to an event of half a century ago -- but General MacArthur did. When, at City Hall, he received an official welcome from Mayor Impellitteri, he made a brief ~~speech~~ address, in which he recalled that - as a young West Point cadet, he witnessed the home-coming parade of Admiral Dewey, after the Spanish American war.

Up Broadway and up fifth Avenue, to St. Patrick's Cathedral, where Cardinal Spellman waited with a retinue of prelates, in the brilliant color of full Canonicals. When the Cardinal went to shake hands with the General, MacArthur got out of his automobile and they ~~embraced~~ embraced each other, —

~~soldier and ecclesiastic.~~ *Protestant and Catholic.*

For a final record-breaking touch, here's the figure for the blizzard of ticker tape and torn paper:-

The New York Sanitation Department assigned a thousand workers to sweep up the debris, and the estimate is that the storm of paper came to two thousand, eight hundred and fifty tons, which is a thousand tons more than the previous record for New York ticker tape ovations.

## FOREIGN REACTIONS

The foreign reactions to the MacArthur address of yesterday, give an interesting contrast between the British and French.

The London comment is on a political side - the probable effect of that remarkable speech on world policy. London thinks the emotional impact on the American people will delay negotiations to end the Korean war. Today, the London Daily Mirror, supporter of the Labor Government, ran the following headline: "Hysteria hits U.S. as Mac-A speaks."

But in Paris we find the MacArthur address considered from another view entirely -- a view of art. Which is exceedingly French - dwelling on the artistry of MacArthur, the literary quality. So we have a great French newspaper, the Paris Figaro, saying: "It was one of those historic pages, which are published in anthologies and given to school children

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to read. All was there - nobility of tone, elevation of thought, affirmation of patriotic and military self-denial."

In Washington yesterday, I heard an American remark that meant much the same thing. A friend of mine saying - that the MacArthur farwell, the General ~~is~~ fading away, was even finer than the abdication spech of Edward the Eighth. Interesting comparison - a King giving up the greatest throne - for "the woman I love." And historic MacArthur picturing himself in the barrack room refrain, "old soldiers never die, they just ~~fade~~ away."

Last night a radio news colleague, Don Hollenbeck of CBS was walking along near the Waldorf. It was not long after the huge New York demonstration, when the dismissed Supreme Commander proceeding<sup>ed</sup> from the airport to the Hotel. The tumult and shouting had

died down, when Don Hollenbeck happened to notice a slight, inconspicuous figure, a man walking a dog on a leash. Don recognized him - the Duke of Windsor, the former Edward the Eighth. Time was when he, as Prince of Wales - was given one of those vast New York ovations. Now, unnoticed in the MacArthur

hullabaloo. Of course the Dulse does have a book just out - the story of his life and epic romance which is sure to be a best seller. That greatest love story of our time exceedingly well told!

When Mac Arthur writes his memoirs, what a sale they'll have!

## FORMOSA

The United States is going to send a military mission to Formosa - to train and advise the Chinese Nationalist forces of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek. Washington says the military mission will number about one hundred, and will concentrate on methods of defending the island against attack by the Reds. Defense will be the purpose - rather than any intention of invading the Communist mainland.

All of which might seem to be a change in the Administration policy. Although the new project does not go as far as the program recommended by General Douglas MacArthur. He advocates a Chinese Nationalist invasion of the mainland.

## SECURITY PACT

We hear there's to be a - "Pacific Security Pact. In Tokyo today, an American official stated that plans are being made to mobilize the nations of the Pacific - along the lines of the Atlantic Security Pact. A defense force will be constituted, similar to the west European army commanded by General Eisenhower, and Japan will contribute a share in military units. Which would be a way of rearming Japan against Communism.



## KOREA

In Korea, the U N offensive was stopped today at one point - the fortress town of Kumhwa. There, a suicide force of Red Chinese held up U S troops for the second straight day. They~~are~~ are defending a ridge, holding today against an artillery barrage of ten thousand rounds of ammunition, nine air strikes, and a tank cannonade. The Communists even threw counter-punches, three of them, and one counter-attack penetrated the American lines, only to be thrown back by bayonets and hand-grenades.

But that was the only place where the advance was hâted -- the U N forces pushing on everywhere else against little enemy resistance. The Reds are still retreating.

## KOREA - STRATEGY

A dispatch from Korea gives a strategic analysis of the military situation, and all the technicalities of battle and maneuver might well be summed up in a familiar bit of verse. That stanza by Bret Harte, ending: "The heathen chinee is peculiar."

The strategic analysis comes from Major General Blackshear Bryan, Commander of the U S Twenty-Fourth Division, who says he is mystified by the Red retreat all along the line. A big Chinese offensive was expected, -- <sup>Instead</sup> ~~was~~ the Reds retreat, and offer little resistance. A perplexing mystery - and General Bryan falls back on the old legend of the inscrutable oriental.

"The oriental mind cannot be fathomed," says our Twenty-Fourth Division Commander. "The oriental thinks, acts, and reacts differently from the

Occidental. Even his concepts of life and its value - are opposite to all we know. His movements", the General goes on, "follow no pattern that can be evaluated by any yardstick that we have. His military strategy can change with the direction of the wind. I, and other men smarter than myself, have tried to second-guess him. But, we find that two and two don't make four."

So that's the strategic analysis. Bret Harte said it first, and we might just as well quote those well worn lines:

"I wish to remark  
And my language is plain  
That for ways that are dark  
And for tricks that are vain  
The Heathen Chinese is peculiar."

And That's the military situation in Korea.

## RED CASUALTIES

( Washington gives an estimate of the *Communist* casualties incurred ~~by the Communists~~ <sup>to</sup> in the Korean war. Eight hundred and thirteen thousand - killed and wounded and prisoners. This includes more than half a million of the North Korean Reds, and nearly three hundred thousand of the Chinese Communists.)

*also,* a break-down of the figures indicates that the North Koreans are much more likely to surrender than the fanatical Chinese Communists. We've taken more than a hundred and forty-one thousand Korean prisoners -- less than three thousand Chinese.

GANDHI

<sup>Now for</sup>  
~~Here's~~ a dispatch that certainly sounds like ancient news - Gandhi ending a fast. Seems to take us back to the days when the Mahatma had a way of shaking the British empire - by going without food.

<sup>It</sup> But this is about a son of Gandhi - following his father's example, using the same tactics.

At Durban, South Africa, Manilal Gandhi starved himself for fourteen days - in preparation for a protest against the racial inequalities. The South African government has imposed a rigid rule of segregation, affecting Indians and other races. Years ago, Mahatma Gandhi began his career of revolt - by protesting against discrimination against Indians in South Africa. So now Manilal Gandhi does the same thing - beginning with a typical Gandhi fast.

Today he ended the ordeal, saying he lost twenty pounds - but is feeling fine, ready <sup>now</sup> to lead a campaign against racial segregation.

## SENATE BATTLE

War news from the Senate - though the battle today was no gory affair of murder - mayhem and sudden death. But, what it lacked in blood-shed -- it made up in the dignity of the brawlers. United States Senators -- swinging at each other.

The cause of hostilities? You guessed it -- MacArthur. The field of battle -- a recording studio, where Senators were making a transcript of a radio debate on the Truman ouster of the Supreme Commander.

One of the belligerents was Senator Homer Capehart, Republican of Indiana - and he says the radio argument over MacArthur got mighty hot. Tempers flared, Democratic Senators Humphrey of Minnesota and Lehman of New York called the Republicans -- "War Mongers," and made disparaging remarks about the General. Capehart retorted by accusing Humphrey and Lehman of sympathizing with Communist China. Whereupon,

says Capehart, Humphrey rushed over and called Capehart a most insulting name.

To this Humphrey replies that he did not hurl any profane epithet. He quotes himself as telling Capehart: "I deeply resent this type of villification, character assassination, and malicious, unfounded statements"! <sup>and long</sup> powerful words to utter in a fight!

They~~are~~ both about the same height, five-foot-eleven.

Humphrey <sup>active and</sup> ~~is~~ rather skinny; ~~while~~ Capehart weighing a <sup>neat</sup> ~~body~~ two-hundred-and-twenty. ~~On the other hand~~

Humphrey ~~is~~ thirty-nine; ~~while~~ Capehart ~~is~~ fifty-three.

"I took Humphrey by the lapel of~~his~~ coat and threw him out of the studio," says Capehart.

"Then while I was taking care of Humphrey, Lehman attacked me from the rear." Senator Lehman of New York is short and portly, a seventy-three year old

grandfather - not so much of a warrior, you'd think.

But he was full of combat.

Whereupon, two other statesmen joined in --

Senator Taft of Ohio and Senator Welker of Idaho.

<sup>however</sup>  
~~But~~ They intervened as peace-makers, and ~~he~~ dragged ~~the~~ the battling lawmakers apart.

It would seem that no knock-out punches

were actually landed - although there were plenty of

gestures <sup>of the almost</sup> ~~inimitable~~ haymakers <sup>variety.</sup> Later, Senator

Welker gave a referee's decision in the following

words: "It was a sort of cream puff business. <sup>You see the</sup> ~~the~~

boys aren't in training, or <sup>even in fair</sup> ~~in very good~~ condition!"

~~just a cream puff battle, Nelson.~~

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And now here's Nelson, as usual in the pink!



## BASEBALL

Here's baseball news - and even that's about MacArthur. Today in Washington, the Washington Senators ~~xxx~~ opened the season on their home grounds, and President Truman threw out the first ball. He did it amid a chorus of boos, and there were shouts ~~from~~ for MacArthur. The cheers of the day were ~~xx~~ for Senor Sonsuegra, of Cuba, a Washington pitcher who hurled a five hitter and won, five<sup>to</sup> three over the New York Yankees. Five Yankee pitchers gave fifteen bases on balls.