

MACARTHUR *P.J. - P.J. Thure. Apr. 26 - '51.*

The climax in Chicago has just ended and it was one of the most spectacular events ever staged. Fifty thousand people jammed Soldiers Field, and the cheers for MacArthur were deafening. He made a brief address in which he said: "The fundamental question remains the same -- what is the policy for Korea? He said the policy now is confused and uncertain.

R As he ended, the victor over Japan remarked that his ^{public} life was now closed. To which the crowd replied with -- no! no! The MacArthur address was followed by a blaze of fireworks, with a portrait of the General and his famous scrambled eggs hat pictured in brilliant ~~ex~~ pyrotechnics. Then there was a match-lighting ceremony. The lights of Soldiers Field went out, and fifty thousand people lit matches -- for a magical spectacle of glimmering light^s.

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The ^{MacArthur} Chicago celebration began today in a carnival atmosphere. Early this morning people began assembling at the airport -- where the MacArthur plane was not expected until shortly after noon. But hundreds wanted to be sure of getting a good place to see the General when he landed, and they came carrying their lunches and thermos bottles of hot coffee. Many brought blankets to keep warm, and others wrapped themselves in newspapers against the chilly breeze that swept the "Windy City."

By the time noon came around ~~five~~ thousands were jammed at the airport. The weather was gloomy, with heavy clouds, and the big transport plane "Bataan" came in on an instrument landing. Then the first cheers went up as the General and Mrs. MacArthur ~~in~~ emerged with their thirteen year old son Arthur. the roar of cheering was a beginning for what went on all day -- and ^{tonight,} ~~still goes on in Chicago.~~

The booming of cannon in a seventeen gun salute heralded the beginning of the parade, and the sun

burst through the clouds for the first time - as if in joining the big hoorah. The MacArthur party drove through streets lined by ^{an estimated} three million spectators. The police repeatedly had to clear a way through enthusiastic throngs. Factories and business places closed, pouring their thousands into the streets, and myriads of school ~~xxx~~ children turned out to see the hero of Bataan and Tokyo.

This was climaxed by a ceremony on the Bataan - Corregidor bridge over the Chicago River, the General placing a memorial wreath. The celebration is being renewed this evening, with a mammoth demonstration at Soldiers Field.

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MACARTHUR - WILLOUGHBY

Late news from Washington announces the recall of Major General Charles Willoughby who was General MacArthur's chief intelligence officer in Tokyo. There was criticism of Willoughby and his intelligence staff at the time when the Chinese Reds first made their onslaught into Korea. MacArthur is said to have formed his estimate of the situation on intelligence provided by General Willoughby. Such were the criticisms, and now Willoughby is recalled from Tokyo - ordered back to Washington.

MACARTHUR - TRUMAN

President Truman stated ^{today} that he will not gag
General MacArthur, even though he has the power to do so.
Under the Constitution, as Commander in Chief, the
President has the authority to regulate the utterances
of any ~~mx~~ military officer. -- But the White House will
not intervene in the public pronouncements made by
the General. So said the President; adding that the
Senate investigation next week, looking into the
dismissal of MacArthur, will produce some interesting
developments.

Meanwhile, Senator Taft ~~of Ohio~~ was declaring
that the Joint Chiefs of Staff, headed by General Omar
Bradley, are what Taft called "absolutely under the
control" of the administration's political leaders.
Confidence in them is - "shaken" said the ^{Ohio} Senator.

CONTROL

The Truman message to Congress today was as complicated as the subject of economic controls is likely to be. But it featured that word so magical down on the farm -- "parity." The President tells Congress that "parity" should be calculated by the year - not from month to month, as at present. Which may sound like a lot of Greek, if not Sanskrit to city folks - although the farmer will understand.

"Parity" is a price figure at which the farmer can borrow money from the government on his crops. Which means, in effect -- if the price on the market should sag below "parity" he can still borrow up to that figure. As it stands, "parity" is calculated on a *b*asis of the costs of things the farmer has to buy, and it varies from month to month, as those costs keep changing. So "parity" keeps fluctuating through the year - and the President thinks it would be better if it remained the same for the year. He suggests to Congress that the figure ~~be~~ for various crops be fixed at a time when the ~~is~~ normal marketing season

begins, and should remain at that level for twelve months. That would tend to stabilize food prices, and keep the cost of living on an even keel.

There is likely to be a fight in Congress over this. The legislators from the agricultural states know that the farmers take a dim view of any tampering with the "magic formula". For the farmers - any fooling around with "parity" can look like a raid on the henhouse *and the corn crib.*

The ^(presidential) ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ message today, five thousand words of it, recommends a whole series of other things -- stiffen penalties for price violators, curbs on commodity speculation, and so on. But the headline word is -- "parity".

KOREA

(In Korea, a rigid security blackout obscures details of the battle above Seoul.) Delayed front line reports, however, ^{tell of} ~~mention~~ fighting around Uijongbu, eleven miles north of Seoul, on that historic invasion route to the ~~South~~ Korean capital. The battle is described ~~as~~ by one officer on the western ^{Korean} ~~front~~ front as "trading ground for blood."

Dispatches tell of tremendous artillery barrages, ^{avalanches of} ~~with~~ shells fired at the waves of attacking Chinese. ~~at the rate of ten thousand rounds in twenty-four hours.~~ In the air, night flying B-26 assault planes, switched on their powerful landing lights ~~and~~ ^{spot} ~~then~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ swooped low to ~~pick out~~ Red concentrations. Their support mission is described as "one of the boldest of the war."

At Eighth Army headquarters in Korea, an official spokesman sums ^{it up this way!} ~~up the situation in these words~~ "the allies have held firm against everything thrown against them - ^{have} ~~and~~ fought a magnificent delaying action."

When the new day broke in Korea, light rain was falling, but that didn't keep the American war planes from taking off, anyway. So, rain or no rain, the ground troops are getting slashing air support.

The latest -- eight Army Commander General Van Fleet stated that his troops would stop the spring offensive of the Reds north of the Han, ~~River~~ ^{That's} the ^{river that} ~~stream which~~ flows through Seoul, and is a natural barrier through western Korea.

KOREA - ANZACS

Yesterday was Anzac Day in Australia and New Zealand -- celebrating the bloody fighting on the beaches of Gallipoli - the Dardanelles - in World War One. For the British Commonwealth Twenty-Seventh Brigade in Korea, Anzac Day marked the toughest and most important victory for the Anzacs in their eight months in Korea. Those lean, lanky fighters from the lands Down Under had been relieved -- pulled from the line and were preparing to sail for Hongkong, when the Chinese launched their massive spring offensive.

So within twenty four hours, the Australian and New Zealanders found themselves back in the thick of it, their "gunners" stripped to the waist, sweating over their smoking twenty-five pounders in a twenty-four hour barrage. The Anzac infantry driving off wave after wave of the enemy, until the bodies of hundreds of Chinese were piled up in front of their positions.

For the moment, at least, the Allies had regained the initiative, as the twenty-Seventh Anzac

Brigade reported its Anzac victory in laconic,

Down-Under style: "pressure eased considerably".

~~That~~ That was their modest way of understating what they had done.

BRITAIN

From London ~~there is~~^{comes} word tonight that Winston Churchill will try again next week to force a general election in Britain. Britains leader of ~~the~~^{His Majesty's loyal} opposition hopes to overthrow the Attlee government on the issue of raw material shortages for rearmament. Which seems strange, for this was one of the issues that caused the Left Wing Laborites, under Aneurin Bevan, to break with the labor government last week. Winston Churchill hopes are to split the Labor Party's ranks, by forcing a vote ~~in~~ on this issue. Make Bevan and his followers either vote against their own party or abstain - which ~~in either case would give the~~^{(in either case would give the} Conservatives ~~the~~^{the} ~~majority~~^{that} majority they need to bring about an election.

RUSSIAN RADIO

From the frontier between western and eastern Germany comes a story about two bold Russians. They operate a mobile ~~xx~~ radio station that is now sending messages of hope and encouragement to anti-Stalinists behind the Iron Curtain. They call it Radio Station Free Russia. And it's on wheels. A huge camouflaged truck which contains a secret mobile radio transmitter. One of the two Russians is a former member of the famous Ballet Russe. This new station goes on the air each night from a new point near the Iron Curtain.

Last night, those two, Vladimir and Gregor, were joined by an American United Press Correspondent, R. R. Buckingham, who tells the story of how, in the moonlight, they set out in their mobile "Radio Free Russia". They drove to an abandoned stone quarry. All highly secret, for the Communists have sworn to wipe out this anti-Stalinist propaganda station. Once safely arrived, Vladimir and Gregor rigged a hundred and thirty foot antenna between two fir ~~gx~~ trees. Precisely at nine o'clock the rich Russian tones of ballet dancer

Vladimir broke the silence, with the words: "Here is Radio Free Russia! death to the tyrants!"

Then followed a program talking about Stalin's peace prizes to western Communist sympathizers. It explained how Stalin is attempting to bribe foreign intellectuals to support the Red tyranny. Thirty minutes later, the show was over, Gregor and Vladimir much pleased with their work -- especially as somehow they eluded all the Red attempts at jamming.

Think of the courage of those two Russians, with their radio station on wheels - radio Free Russia, operating almost on the Red frontier.

NEWSPAPERMAN

From Czechoslovakia, comes an explanation of the disappearance of American newspaperman William Oatis of the Associated Press. Oatis had not been seen since he left his office on Monday. The news *about him is official -* ~~comes~~ from the Czechoslovak ~~gov~~ government. ~~say~~ They are holding Oatis for "activities hostile to the state."

Though many newspapermen have been expelled from Iron Curtain countries, this thirty-seven year old newsman from Marian, Indiana, is the first ~~to~~ to have been arrested in eastern Europe. The *Prague Red* ~~gov~~ government announces three charges for Oatis' arrest, all couched in those usual propagandist terms that we have come to expect, such as "activities hostile to the Czech state. Gathering secret information. Spreading ~~mis~~ malicious information through illegal news organs." *TR* So far, the American Embassy has been refused permission to visit ~~over~~ *the imprisoned Assoc. Press news man.*

RITA

Here's that communique from - Paris. No, nothing to do with those Big Four talks, which seem to have reached such an impasse. This is a marriage communique about Prince Aly Khan, and his wife, movie actress Rita Hayworth. The word comes from Aly Khan's attorney, who describes rumors of a possible divorce as "ridiculous, stupid, scandalous."

Reports of a break-up in the marriage of Aly and Rita, say the lawyer, are only a publicity stunt and he explains why.

Rita, it seems has come to the United States with their daughter Yasmine to make some movies, or, as he puts it, "to keep her contract obligations with Hollywood." His red-haired American princess will be back in France for the summer racing season, at Deauville. That's the word from the Prince.

The latest - in New York Mrs. Aly Khan's lawyer today refused to comment on the "communique from Paris." Not to be outdone, Rita's attorney will

issue his own communique, this weekend. At any rate
communique versus communique does sound a bit warlike.
Now something to pacify us, Nelson.