

MARINES L.T.-P.G.M.M. Feb. 25 - '52.

The White House denies that a division of U S Marines has been assigned to the naval force under the North Atlantic Security Pact - international sea power commanded by American Admiral Lynde McCormick, who, on the ocean, is a counter-part of General Eisenhower, on land.

Reports from the Lisbon conference were that a division of leathernecks would be assigned to Admiral McCormick. The White House declares that there has been no such assignment - but officials in Washington say that Marine Corps units would be available for West European defense, if an emergency should arise.

The Lisbon conference ended today, with a decision to establish permanent Nato Headquarters in Paris - and increase the authority of General Eisenhower.

INDO CHINA

A serious set-back reported for the French in Indo-China. In what is described as a "strategic withdrawal," the French high command has pulled back its forces defending the beleaguered city of Hanoi. The garrison now stands with its back to the wall, only twenty miles west of that vital seaport.

The French forces are outflanked by a division of rebel troops. They fell back under heavy mortar and artillery fire; ~~xxx~~ with many casualties.

Meanwhile, reports tell of wide Red troop movements. Rebel prisoners captured recently told of grave food shortages amongst them. It appears that a new assault is planned on the rich delta of the Red River. The Communists of course are hoping to get control of that vital "rice-bowl" area of Indo-China.

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Further word from Hanoi. Bitter ~~xxxxx~~ hand-to-hand fighting around the new defense perimeter. At sundown, when darkness grounded French planes, the

rebels attacked French Foreign legionnaires. They came over in what are described as suicidal waves. This assault may be the beginning of a full scale Viet Minh drive on the delta lands around Hanoi.

## KOREA

There's no reaction yet to the allies' proposal for withdrawing Norway and Russia from the Korean neutral inspection team. The plan was presented at today's meeting, and was met with a scowl by the enemy negotiator. The Chinese claimed that the allies had no right to veto Russia, but agreed to take up the proposal at the Communist base camp.

Meanwhile, on the west ~~Central~~ front, ~~our~~ flyers report a Communist artillery build-up. Previously the enemy has kept his artillery well out of reach but today the big guns were spotted near the front line.

The Senate okays the nomination of Harry A. McDonald, as head of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. There was plenty of debate - climaxing a bitter argument for seven weeks over the appointment of the former Detroit investment banker, <sup>who is</sup> a Republican. The contention was that he was not "strong enough", and - that Congress was being "coerced" by the White House, President Truman having threatened that he'd run the R.F.C. himself. Which certainly sounds like something, if not coercion.

GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION

( In Washington, the new house cleaner, Newbold Morris, announces that all government officials will be required to give an accounting of their income. Which is to the point - because of scandals of outside money taken in by Federal office holders.

The demand for statements of income would apply, presumably right up to the top - excepting President Truman. ( Which would include the house-cleaner's boss, Attorney General McGrath, whose income is being queried by a Congressional committee - the reports that McGrath made a million while holding public office. )

~~In addition, there's a congressional inquiry into the doings of a concern dealing in tankers - for which concern Newbold Morris's own law firm is attorney. - But I don't suppose the house cleaner will find it necessary to give himself information about his own income. Or maybe he will!~~

## MAC ARTHUR

General Douglas MacArthur won a resounding victory in Pennsylvania today. He was able, finally, to get out of the Pennsylvania Primary - but only after two attempts. Last week he wrote a letter, formal and official, withdrawing his name. But that didn't take - an affidavit was required. The General had to swear solemnly that he wanted - out. Which finally worked.

An insurance man, heading the Pennsylvania "Fighters for MacArthur," insisted that he'd go to law - to keep the General in. But he has been defeated - the State Attorney General refusing an appeal for a legal ruling. So its a Pennsylvania victory for MacArthur in his battle not to be a candidate for the Republican nomination.

In Minnesota, too, the General has won a victory - but there's a hot dispute. In Minnesota, actually General MacArthur is teamed with Senator

Kefauver - in an odd way. One a republican, the other a democrat - but they're both in the same boat. The Senator from Tennessee has also been trying to get out of the Minnesota primary - although unlike MacArthur, *running hard* he is in the Presidential race. He simply doesn't want to run against favorite son, Senator Humphrey, in Minnesota.

Today State Attorney General Burnquist okayed the withdrawals of both ~~General~~ MacArthur and ~~Senator~~ Kefauver. But, in doing so, he had to rule out one section of the State law. Calling it - "arbitrary, unreasonable and invalid."

That part of the State law is most interesting - requiring that anyone, taking his name out of a Presidential primary, must renounce all Presidential ambition. He must declare that he is not a candidate. Also, that, if nominated, he will not accept. Which



certainly made it awkward for Kefauver, who is a candidate for nomination. General MacArthur is not - but he'd have to take an oath that, if nominated, he would not accept. Which, possibly, could be awkward too.

So that's the clause in the law which the State Attorney General, today, tossed out - declaring it invalid.

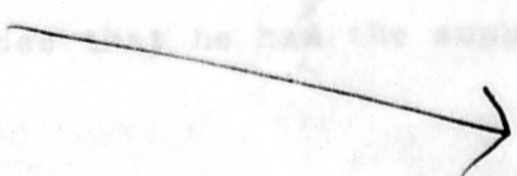
But the question was raised immediately - what right has the Attorney General to cancel a section of <sup>a</sup> State law? Today Frank Ryan, a Minneapolis attorney supporting Kefauver, declared: "I can't for the life of me see how the Attorney General ruled that way. If he believed the law was unconstitutional, he should have said so when the legislature passed it."

So he's going to take the matter to the State Supreme Court.

Suppose the law should be upheld - and to <sup>get</sup> put

out, they'll have to swear they won't accept, if  
nominated. Interesting for candidate Kefauver. Also  
interesting, possibly - for non-candidate MacArthur.

~~The moral of it all would seem to be that  
our American Presidential campaigns do provide plenty  
of entertainment.~~



All this was followed by word from the Taft camp, ~~not~~ insisting that General MacArthur has given his promise to support the Senator for the nomination. There's plenty of talk of a possible sweep for MacArthur in the G O P National Convention - in case of a Taft-Eisenhower deadlock. Taft is described as not being concerned - convinced that he has <sup>5</sup> the support of MacArthur."

## HOOF AND MOUTH

The United States has banned all imports of cattle from Canada - both live cattle and fresh beef. The reason - an outbreak of ~~the~~ hoof and mouth disease in the province of Saskatchewan. The full severity of the outbreak is not known - but the disease has been detected among animals on twenty-two different farms, in the section around Regina.

The U S Department of Agriculture is sending experts to make a check - and there's a likelihood that, later on, the ban on all Canadian cattle and beef will be lifted - restrictions placed only on shipments from areas where the disease is prevalent.

~~Right now, imports from Mexico are forbidden - because of a hoof and mouth epidemic south of the Rio Grande - the Department of Agriculture declares that the severity of the outbreak in Mexico was largely because little was done to check the epidemic before it spread ~~in~~ far and wide. So the implication is that prompt measures in Canada may be effective. In the United States, the last occurrence of ~~the~~ hoof and mouth disease was checked some twenty years ago.~~

Today's ban on Cattle and beef imported from Canada will not effect the supplies in this country to any extent. So says the Department of Agriculture - explaining that shipments from Canada have been only a tiny percentage of the total consumption here.

New York is having a lawsuit, fabulous with great names. In the background, the name of J. P. Morgan, giant of finance, who dominated the money world at the turn of the century. The lawsuit is to break the will of the late Mrs. Eleanor Morgan Satterlee, granddaughter of the founder of the House of Morgan.

The family history, as recited by the New York World Telegram this afternoon, begins in Nineteen Twenty-nine, when Eleanor Morgan Satterlee married Milo Sargeant Gibbs, a cousin of Sargeant, the famous painter. It was a lavish, elaborate wedding, in the last year of the boom of the 'Twenties, just before the depression hit - typical of what now seems like a by-gone social era. The marriage lasted for Nineteen years, everything serene and happy, apparently - until there was a surprise divorce, in Nineteen Forty-Eight. Whereupon the wife resumed her maiden name - Satterlee.

The lawsuit, now on, ~~intimates~~ intimates that she became incompetent to handle her affairs. Then, she was only in her 'Forties. They say she could not distinguish between the value of sums of money, and was unable to count small change, <sup>this</sup> - Granddaughter of J. P. Morgan, wizard of finance.

She died last year, leaving a will - now contested by her sister, Mrs. Mabel Ingalls, who lives on fashionable Fifth Avenue. The contention is that Mrs. Satterlee's will was made through undue influence and fraud.

The lawsuit accuses a psychiatrist and a lawyer - and this continues the list of prominent names. The psychiatrist, Dr. Richard Hoffmann of Park Avenue - who testified as an expert at the Hauptmann trial in the Lindberg kidnapping, not to mention other celebrated cases. Among those to consult the doctor was Frank

Costello, alleged lord of the gambling racket.

The complaint charges that Mrs. Satterlee became infatuated with Dr. Hoffmann, and gave him many gifts. The doctor denies that there was anything more to it all than the affection a patient might have for her physician.

The lawyer is Sol A. Rosenblatt, long prominent in legal and political affairs. In the New Deal, he was a regional administrator of the N.R.A. At one time, he was counsel to the Democratic National Committee. Now - Chairman of the Cloak and Suit Industry of New York. Among his clients, at one time or other, are named - Alfred Gwynn Vanderbilt. And - James Cromwell, former husband of Doris Duke, of the Duke Tobacco fortune.

Attorney Rosenblatt was Mrs. Satterlee's lawyer, and the statement is that he handled all her money affairs, down to petty cash, and kept her check



book. The will might seem to be slightly paradoxical.

Mrs. Satterlee left her estate - some two hundred thousand dollars, after taxes - to attorney Rosenblatt. An unexpected twister. There's testimony, quoting Mrs. Satterlee as declaring that she would leave all her property to Dr. Hoffmann. And - that attorney Rosenblatt, as Executor, would see that Dr. Hoffmann got the money. Which might explain the will - the doctor scheduled to get the Estate.

Both the doctor and the lawyer deny all allegation of anything improper - in the will of the Granddaughter of J. P. Morgan.

## ECLIPSE

The total eclipse of the sun today presented the usual picture - but with exotic trimmings. ~~SUN~~ The main point of observation was at Khartoum, in the Sudan - and that gave the disappearance of the sun a touch of the African picturesque.

At about noon, when day turned into night - terror swept far and wide among the black tribes. The drums began to beat - to drive the devils away. Women and children banged with spoons on pans - to ward off evil. There was shouting and wailing, and pious Moslems recited prayers from the ~~KORAN~~ Koran. In the southern Sudan, the tribes offered animals in sacrifice -- going through a barbaric ritual of sacrificing hump backed bulls.

Mother Nature behaved about the same as *ever*, ~~Ever~~ dogs howling, donkeys braying, *and even* birds flying to their nests, thinking it was night. The sun, covered by the moon - the dazzling solar disc becoming a black shimmering glow of the corona.

The weather was fine, and the scientists had a clear sky for their observations.

Fantastic scenes - when the sun went out in Africa - and the drums beat, Nelson - and women banged with spoons, on pans - to drive away the evil spirits.