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San Francisco expects Monday to ~~xxx~~^{be} one of the biggest days in San Francisco history. Already the police are preparing for the giant crowds that will line the streets, thronging, cheering in an enormous ovation. on Monday San Francisco will give a formal public reception to General MacArthur.

Today Mayor Elmer Robinson revealed that the city asked the General to accept a San Francisco celebration of his home-coming, and MacArthur replied -- yes, he would be glad to. He informed the Mayor that, flying from Tokyo via Hawaii, he expects to land at the San Francisco airport late Monday afternoon. So the plan is for the General to drive in a procession from the airport to the Sta. Francis hotel - through fifteen miles of cheering ~~xxx~~ crowds.

The other headline-generals of the Second World war have had their ticket-tape-receptions. Now ~~General Douglas~~^{at last} MacArthur will ~~xx~~ get his - the victor of the war in the Pacific, who happens also ~~xx~~

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to be a dismissed Supreme Commander.

Then, in Washington, the General will make two Congressional appearances, probably. One seems sure.

~~The late~~ President Truman ^{today} ~~has~~ just ~~ix~~ stated that he is happy about the idea of having MacArthur address a joint session. He calls it a fitting honor for one of our greatest military men.

There seems to be some doubt as to just how far the ousted Supreme Commander will go in giving his side of the dispute ~~as~~ against the President and the Foreign Policy of the Administration. The Republicans in Washington are saying he will —

lay his ^(cards) ~~XXXX~~ on the table, and talk right out. But in Tokyo - Democrat Senator Magnuson of Washington, who has been seeing MacArthur, said today the General was in no ~~XXXX~~ mood "to engage in a fight".

However, there was another MacArthur reply today to that presidential dismissal. MacArthur's military secretary, General Courtney Whitney, speaking in behalf of his chief, denounced what he called "appeasement". He said there is an appeasement drive ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ which he called "Led by the Communist press". They have been trying to picture MacArthur as wanting to expand the war, and this reply is made: "he has never advocated or even considered, an extension of the war -- except to the limited degree necessary". ~~That is~~ That is necessary for the success of the campaign in Korea. Which is, in a way, a reply to President Truman, who, in his radio explanation said: "The cause of world peace is more important than any individual."

All this lays down the line, which is becoming fixed in the controversy. The R_epublicans

backing MacArthur, ~~XXXXX~~ shout ~~XXXXX~~ appeasement. The Semocrats backing the President, are saying that the Republican party is becoming a war party.

As for MacArthur personally, he appears to be slated for something less exciting- a civilian ~~XXXX~~ job. So states the Remington Rand Corporation - whose President, James H. Rand, said today that the recent Supreme Commander of the Far East, would become a high official of the corporation with ninety days. Reports say that MacArthur will ~~get~~ get a salary of a hundred thousand dollars a year - in the first civilian job he has ever had.

CHINA

(The United States rejects the British suggestion that Red China be allowed to take part in the writing of a peace treaty with Japan.) In Washington today, Michael McDermott, spokesman for the State Department, said that our Government, in his words, "does not contemplate discussions with the Peiping regime regarding a Japanese peace settlement".

The British also proposed that Formosa be handed over to the Chinese Reds - and this, too, gets a turndown. McDermott explained that we are not changing our Formosa policy. He pointed out that while the British recognize the Communist regime on the mainland, we still recognize the Nationalist government of Chiang Kai Shek, which is *now located* ~~xxxxx~~ on Formosa.

(He added that this rejection of British ~~xxx~~ proposals should not be regarded as a split between Washington and London. It's) all a part of an expression of opinions that ~~xxxxxx~~ differ in talks between friendly nations.

KOREA

(The story that Soviet Russia has given the Chinese Communists a large air force, is being borne out in spectacular fashion. In Korea, greater and greater battles of jet planes. Today brings a new climax -- with jet ~~armadas~~ armadas of one hundred on each side, flashing in swiftest manoeuvres in the battle of the sky.)

~~One~~ One hundred American jets escorted thirty-two B-twenty-nine bombers -- and ran into about one hundred Russian built M I G 15s. (Thirty-three enemy planes were either destroyed, probably destroyed, or damaged - the largest number of victories that our air forces have scored thus far.

But we, too, incurred losses - the first that have been reported. Two B-29 bombers were shot down by the Red ~~fighters~~ ^{jets}. Further, it was disclosed today, that ~~four~~ other superfortresses were lost previously, ^{3 of them} victims of enemy jet ~~planes~~ ⁵ which

~~brings our losses in recent air battles to a total of~~

~~three B-29s.~~

On the ground - news of heavy red reinforcements. The Chinese are said to have rushed eighteen more divisions, one-hundred^{and}-sixty-thousand to one-hundred-eighty-thousand men, into Korea.

Reinforcements - to bolster the Red front, which is yielding and sagging.^{TR} Today American troops captured Yonchon, north of Seoul. North of the Thirty-Eighth Parallel, on the road to Pyongyang, the Red capital, American tanks routed Communists rear guards, and rolled into Yonchon.

Further east, however, the United Nations forces ran into heavy resistance, masses of Reds entrenched strongly in the mountains, the gains measured only in yards -- as the Communists had to be routed out with flame throwers, rockets, bayonets, and the heaviest artillery bombardment in two months. The massed cannon of the Allies are said to be inflicting huge^e casualties on concentrated masses of enemy troops.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC

This week while broadcasting from a railway station here in the mountains of California, I couldn't avoid absorbing a certain amount of information about railways in general. For instance, I have learned how the recent switchmen's strike affected the supply of freight cars all over this nation -- causing shortages, and a balance that hasn't yet been adjusted. Many shippers, in many states, are puzzled why they can't get all the cars they need. Some of them blame the railroads. And from ~~the~~ what the railroad men tell me, the roads are not to blame.

Things are booming on the Southern Pacific, the ~~the~~ mainline tracks of which are right outside my window at this moment. This is the Donner Pass-Sacramento Division, which has long been famous for the tremendous ~~loads~~ loads that are carried through these mountains -- now by the newest modern ~~engines~~ diesels, with power that dwarfs the former giants, in the cabs of which I rode when I was here during the

great storm two years ago.

Sitting beside me is one of the best known railway men in the West, Merle Jennings. Mr. Jennings, on these tracks that we are looking at, and which you control, are you carrying much of the material that is being shipped out to the war in Korea?

MR JENNINGS: We certainly are. A large part of it. Train load after train load of Army and Navy munitions of war, go through here all the time. A great deal of what we do these days concerns that dag-blasted war over there on the other side of the Pacific.

DRAFT

The House of Representatives tonight passed the Draft Bill, which cuts the draft age from nineteen to eighteen-and-a-half, and extends the period of military service from one to twenty six months. The Bill also sets up a stand-by universal military training program. This is entirely on a tentative basis, ^{and} does not meet the recommendations of the military chiefs who wanted actual universal military training = put into operation right away.

SUB_R_F_C

The word from Washington is that Stuart Symington will be the head of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. This follows Senate action today giving final approval to President Truman's plan for putting the R F C under a one-man administration, and abolishing the five man board which hitherto has been in charge.

COMMUNISTS

At the hearing on Hollywood Communism, the proceedings brought a laugh today when testimony was heard from Mrs. Neta Reis Rosenberg, a former film story editor. She said she had been a Communist for seven years, and quit because she found it undemocratic. "It was time in my life," she said, "that I started thinking for myself. In the Party, this is not really possible." Whereupon she gave the Committee a whole list of names of filmland Reds.

The laugh came when Mrs. Rosenberg, a pretty brunette, gave the Committee a telegram, signed by Movie Producer Nunnally Johnson. It read: "I trust this will convince you that politics is no business for a fetching girl. Politics is for flat-chested girls."

Which was - stating it flatly.

IRAN

~~More trouble in Iran and there's a tricky international angle~~ Today ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ Iranian ^{the} police ~~are~~ challenged the Communists to a showdown - the Reds calling a mass meeting in Parliament Square in Tehran, and police forbidding ^{it.} ~~them to gather~~ Which follows an outbreak of savage disorder at the famous oil fields - nine ~~persons~~ killed, including two British and one Italian ~~sailor~~. The British were angry already, because of the seizure of Anglo-Iranian oil by the Persian government - fabulous oil properties developed by Britain. So now the murderous outbreak, with the killing of British sailors.

In London today Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison said that Britain would, in his words -- "do something about it". But what? ^{There is} ~~speculation in~~

~~London is that marines and sailors might be landed from warships at the oil field center - to help in restoring order, and put down the rioting. There is~~

~~even~~ a rumor that British Naval forces have already landed - but that is denied by Foreign Secretary ^{Morrison.}

Harrison

The twister lies in a treaty made back in
Nineteen Twenty-one between Soviet Russia and ~~the~~
~~Kingdom of~~ Iran -- a pact concluded during the early
days of the Bolshevik government. One clause is that,
if Iran is even threatened by a third party - Soviet
Russia has the right to send troops into that
country. So, ~~that~~ if British marines and sailors were
landed to restore order in the oil fields - Moscow
might interpret that as a legal reason for moving
into Iran. A thing ~~which~~ the British, absolutely
do not want.

STONE

(The Stone of S_cone is back in W_estminster Abbey tonight. It was brought from Scotland by the police, and placed in the Abbey from which it was stolen on Christmas that royal coronation stone.)

FLOODS

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The floods along the upper Mississippi now threaten to be the worst in seventy years. ~~Such is the word~~ ~~as~~ hosts of people ~~living~~ in the lowlands ~~along the mighty stream~~ are packing ^{and} ~~their belongings,~~ getting ready to flee.

The Mississippi was rising today ~~along a five mile stretch,~~ from its headwaters at Lake Itaska, in Northwestern Minnesota, all the way down stream to the border of Iowa. The Father of Waters is getting too much water - from its tributaries. ~~Today a flood crest was racing down the Minnesota River, and at the town of Itaska one hundred and fifty families took to higher ground.~~

The same story goes for the Red River of the North, which flows ~~xxxxx~~ toward Hudson Bay, ^{with} ~~The crest of the deluge was~~ at Fargo, North Dakota today. -- ~~rushing on, with threats of widespread inundation.~~

PILOT

A plane took off from the top of Mt. Rainier this afternoon -- as a search party was climbing the fourteen thousand foot mountain to rescue the pilot. Lieutenant John Hodgkin, of the Air Force, landed in a small plane, while on a picture-taking jaunt. He came down on the summit, and then couldn't take off again -- in the rarified air. So there he was for twenty-four hours in the bitter cold, while rescue was organized. But, finally, he got his plane started, and ~~XX~~ was able to fly off -- landing on a frozen lake at a much lower level; ^{there he started} and calling for a fresh supply of gasoline.

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And now it's solong to my ~~xxx~~ hospitable railway friends here at Truckee in the Sierras, who for the past five days have let us use the trainmaster's office as a special C B S radio studio. And as our Southern Pacific train pulls out, to you who happen to be listening tonight -- solong until Monday.