


MACARTHUR

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(General MacArthur comes out ~~in strong~~  
~~style~~ -- against General Eisenhower. He doesn't  
mention the name of "Ike"; but the implications are  
as definite and strong as if he had. (In an address  
before a joint session of the Michigan Legislature  
tonight, <sup>Gen.</sup> MacArthur said the election of a military  
man as President would be -- a national tragedy.)  
"The history of the world <sup>shows</sup> declared General MacArthur,  
that Republics and Democracies have generally lost  
their liberties by way of passing from civilian to  
quasi-military status. Nothing," he emphasized "is  
more conducive to arbitrary rule than the military  
junta." <sup>well -</sup> This opposition to a professional <sup>soldier</sup> ~~solider~~  
as President would apply of course, to MacArthur  
himself. Also, equally -- to Eisenhower.



Moreover, four years ago, President Truman carried California by the slightest of margins, less than eighteen thousand -- although there were a million more Democrats registered than Republicans. Which certainly presents a puzzling picture.

Today local papers here in Los Angeles noted the presence of Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing, ~~whi~~ who is in town. He says he is here ---- to help stop Kefauver. Which seems to be 

(the Number One worry of the California Democratic organization -- <sup>how</sup> ~~out~~ to halt, check and stop Kefauver.)

The Tennessean has a full slate of delegates entered for the Primary. In opposition to the regular Democratic slate headed by -- Presidential candidate Brown. But who is he? Well, he's Edmund G. -- the local State Attorney. Officially, he's the favorite son -- and how that comes about is one of those things.

The California Democratic Organization had a slate of delegates all fixed up, ready to slide <sup>in</sup> ~~in~~ backing President Truman. But H.S.T. withdrew and that left the slate with --nobody. A political orphan -- deserted by its Great White Father. To make the dilemma excruciating, California law requires that a <sup>(slate)</sup> ~~slate~~ of delegates must back some one -- not just uninstruced, candidate. But who? Well, they resorted to a favorite son, an old political trick -- and picked State Attorney General Brown. Because, he's the only Democrat in the State Government. The only one who

scored a win in the last election --- all the rest being Republicans.

But Attorney Brown would be the first to admit - that he's not a national figure impressive enough to stampede the voters. And in the offing is -- Kefauver. It looks as if the Tennessean might walk away with California, second largest of the States.

( Last week in San Francisco, I saw Governor Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, and had a brief chat with him. He was keeping mum about politics, but there is plenty of talk that his visit to California had something to do with the danger of Kefauver -- although Stevenson is not seeking the nomination. ) One surmise is that the slate of organization delegates might switch from favorite son Brown to some better known name, some national figure.

KOREA

( We hear that the repudiation of those concessions ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> Red prisoners was ~~done~~ <sup>on</sup> ~~under~~ direct orders from Washington. That - Secretary of the Army Frank Pace instructed General Mark Clark to ~~take that~~ <sup>reject</sup> ~~action~~ ~~Clark denouncing~~ the terms as blackmail, extorted under menace to the life of General Dodd, terms exacted by duress and violence. ) Therefore, invalid -- not binding at all. Secretary of the Army Pace gave an explanation at a secret session of the Armed Forces Committee of the Senate -- where, according to the Washington report, he stated that he had ordered General Clark to repudiate the terms, as being nothing more than a stunt of Communist propaganda.

In Tokyo General Clark denies that he gave the bawling-out reported yesterday, ~~that he administered a~~ "verbal reprimand" <sup>for</sup> ~~to~~ Generals Dodd and Colson. He had them in his office for an hour, talking over that extravaganza in which General Dodd

was held a hostage, by his own prisoners of war.

Nevertheless, there's a rebuke -- with Clark stating

today that General Colson had <sup>exceeded</sup> ~~asserted~~ his authority in making those peculiar concessions. ( ~~For example,~~

~~agreeing not to force prisoners of war to refuse to go back to the Reds. When prisoners actually, have been expressing an intense determination -- not to return to Communism.~~ )

( On Koje Island the new camp commandant, General Boatner announces a new stern regime. Everything according to the Geneva Convention for the treatment of prisoners of war. ~~He will enforce the rules fairly but without any~~ <sup>But no</sup> fooling around, no negotiations with prisoners of war, no concessions to ~~the~~ Red propaganda. )

General Boatner is described as a blunt, hard-boiled "spit-and-polish" soldier, strong for discipline. Today, when the new commander drove to the prison camp in a jeep, four G I's ~~xx~~ failed to salute him. He stopped the jeep, got out, gave the

four a lecture. When it was over he got four snappy salutes.

At the same time, there ~~was~~ was warning in Congress today - warning to go slow with notions of an investigation of the fantastic episode. (~~Today~~ Congressman Mike Mansfield of Montana roared: "They don't need a Brigadier General in charge of that camp. What they ought to have is -- a Marine Top Sergeant.")

Congressman Vinson of Georgia, Secretary of the Armed Services Committee says -- "look out, and take it easy." The Communists have American captives in their prison camps. There might be -- retaliation.



## KOREA-TRUCE

In the truce talks, the Reds broke a new and marvelous bit of news today. That the Americans have been using prisoners of war for experiments -- in atomic war-fare. The Communist negotiators, in a blast of propaganda, failed to explain these latest American horrors. Presumably we've been putting prisoners into atomic explosions to see how fast they'd burn up.

In the oil strike, a wage agreement -- signed by the Globe Refining Company in Illinois and the C I O Union. A settlement calling for a wage increase of fifteen cents an hour. Which accords with a fifteen cent an hour ceiling the Government has placed on pay hikes in oil. There have been other local agreements, this one important -- because the Union is the biggest involved in the strike.

In Washington, a high official of the government predicts that the nation-wide walkout will end -- within the next forty-eight hours.

## TIDE LANDS

(The House of Representatives has passed the Tide Lands Bill -- which would give to the States ~~xxx~~ rich oil deposits off their coasts. ~~(The Bill would reserve to the Federal Government underwater petroleum resources on the Continental Shelf beyond the three mile limit. The States to have the rights for those three miles beyond their shores.)~~ The Truman Administration is opposed -- and in Nineteen Forty-Six the President vetoed, a similar Tide-Lands Bill.) So that puts emphasis on the ~~size~~ size of the majority in the House of Representatives today.

The vote was lop-sided, two hundred and forty-eight to eighty-nine. Which was twenty three more than the majority of two-thirds, which would be necessary to over-ride another presidential veto.

The Bill now goes to the Senate, which is expected to give its own okay -- within a few days.

## ROBBERY

At Litchfield Park Arizona, a hold-up of a Navy truck. Two gunmen were out for a forty-thousand dollar pay-roll robbery. But they sure made a mistake. Instead of holding up the Navy pay-roll, they picked on a mere mail truck. Forcing the driver to pull over at a roadside - and then making a search. All they found was mail bags and demanded: "Where's that stuff you got at the bank?"

The driver said he hadn't been at the bank at all -- and, finally, the robbers accepted that answer. At that very moment, Lieutenant George Wade was at the Litchfield Park Bank, picking up the pay-roll.

## JOCKEY

The domain of horse-racing here at Los Angeles remained in the state of suspense today -- Johnny Longden still out for his ~~fourth~~ four thousandth victory. Yesterday, the Dean of American Jockeys needed two more winners -- but was able to score only one.

All of which put the decision off until today, with Johnny entered again in seven races. Determined to ride everything possible - in quest of that elusive number, four thousand.

Well, the suspense was drawn out in a way to make a short story writer envious.

Ever since Monday, the Hollywood Turf Club Director, Tom Simmons, had a speech in his pocket, ready to spiel it off ~~in~~ and present it to Johnny with a silver trophy. For three days a huge blanket of roses was waiting - with the figure four thousand emblazoned, white roses on red. The days of warm weather wilted the flowers, and the blanket of roses

was shedding petals, and looked rather frowsy. Too much suspense -- for the roses.

But now the news from the track this afternoon. He made it! In the first race of the day -- no go. The second, and still Johnny couldn't win. But in the third race, with a leg up on Fleet Rider he sent the crowd into a bedlam of cheering, by coming in first, number four thousand.

FOLLOW JOCKEY

And - another sports headline -- a no-hit ball game in Detroit. Virgil Trucks, veteran pitcher of the Tigers. Second no hit, no run game in Detroit history. For a finishing touch it was a tie score of nothing to nothing. Bob Porterfield, pitching for Washington allowed only four hits - and not a run until in the ninth Vic Wertz hit a homer -- winning the no-hit game for Virgil Trucks.

WIFE

From Pasadena, California, the story of a domestic battle -- and it happened where no domestic battle should ever take place. Nor should a husband ever throw such an object at his wife. The Pasadena Judge granted a divorce to Mrs. <sup>Beda</sup> Beda Kvisler, after she told how the matrimonial ~~XXXX~~ quarrel broke out in church -- and her husband threw a hymn book at her. Well, we've heard of somebody throwing the book at somebody -- but not the hymn book.