

# Why Not Wage War? Writer Gives Pro and Con Opinions

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR., AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

It may have been improper for the United States secretary of the Navy to suggest starting a war with anybody for any purpose, but Mr. Matthews has certainly brought into the open an angle of American affairs which has occupied many minds, both high and low, for several years.

All of us have heard the question, broached by people who have accepted the Russian cold war as just as deadly in its purposes as any shooting war. "Why don't we go ahead and get it over with?"

The answers are just as obvious as the spirit which prompts the question. The world is in ferment, and war now, even a war which was successful in eliminating a regime which ruthlessly uses the ferment for its own imperialist ends, would not settle it, just as it has never settled anything.

War now would represent the defeat, not the victory, of American policy, regardless of who started it. War started now by the United States itself would be unthinkable, would fail to enlist the support of important portions of the non-Communist world. France has been quick to join the United States government in disavowing any intention of following Mr. Matthews' suggestion.

Wrong Phraseology  
The Secretary of the Navy, however, may have used the wrong phraseology to express an idea which can properly be contemplated.

Democracy can go to war only in self defense. But nowadays threats just as dangerous to freedom can come in other guises than actual shooting.

It is conceivable that murder and sabotage such as are conducted in Malaya Indo-China and the Philippines can come; that creeping aggression with its purges as in the Balkans. It is conceivable that an impending blow can be so plainly discerned, and the guns may be so threateningly leveled, that only a quick first shot can save your life.

That is something for which America certainly should be prepared. Mr. Matthews said "we should boldly proclaim our undeniable objective to be a world at peace. To have peace we should be willing, and declare our intention, to pay any price, even the price of in-

stituting a war to compel co-operation for peace."

Spirit of Crusades  
That was the spirit of the ancient crusades, to convince 'em or kill 'em. It accepts the inevitability of war and the complete breakdown of the entire objective of the western world, as described by the French defense minister after Matthews spoke. Jules Moch said "our aim is to render all aggression impossible and thereby prevent war and not to prevent war by making war."

## Roads, Water Improvements Progressing

Road improvements are progressing rapidly in the recently-annexed negro addition in the city's southwestern sector, according to City Manager Raymond Rogers.

Grading has almost been completed on three blocks near Lincoln School, he said. The roads will soon be graveled, giving a completely hard-surfaced road connecting the negro school with old Highway 6, west of the college.

Work is being done on Thompson Street, from its Fairview intersection one block west. From Thompson, gravel will soon be placed on the remaining two blocks on the road leading to the school.

When work is completed on the roads, College Station residents will be able to travel to the school area and to the already-graveled County Road on improved streets.

Water lines are now being placed to improve pressure in the negro addition south of the Ed Hrdlicka tract, Rogers said. Using one and one-half inch piping, city workmen will soon complete the laying of 1100 feet of line, according to the city manager.

"When the line is finished, we will not only be able to increase water pressure in that area, but can also serve several houses which heretofore have been without service," Rogers said.

The Reds will, unfortunately, use Mr. Matthews' words to make propaganda hay about warmongering and to revile American intentions. There is understood to be a new White House "gag" order out to prevent anymore unapproved policy statements. But whether it were better left unsaid is debatable.

Whether MacArthur's views on the strategic position of Formosa should be kept hidden is debatable. People must discuss these ideas if they are to make up their minds about policy, and the government must have behind it a people with mind made up when the times for decisions arise.

This is a changing world. Self defense in a barroom brawl can not always be made compatible with old rules of gentlemanly behavior. If Matthews was talking about a "preventive" war now it was one thing. If he was talking about self defense before you are mortally wounded, it is another thing.

Peace in the world, on those rare occasions when it has existed, has come either through balances of power or through monopoly of power. Today the battle is to establish a balance.

If that fails, and a monopoly becomes the only way out, however bad in principle it may be—then let it be an American monopoly, established by as proper means as possible, but at any rate established.

## Wiprecht-Hooker Rites Held Sunday

A single ring ceremony at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Sunday evening united Miss Marjory Pick Wiprecht of College Station and Edward Wilson Hooker of Dallas in marriage.

Rev. Oren G. Helvey officiated at the wedding which united in marriage the daughter of Read Wiprecht of College Station and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Oren Griffin of Dallas.

The bride is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin High School, and received a B.A. degree in radio and speech from Baylor University. Her husband graduated from A&M in June. He was a member of the track and football squads and the "T" Association.



Veterinarians from Texas glance over the program of the 87th annual meeting of the American Medical Association held in Florida Aug. 20-24. They are Dr. H. A. Schmidt, Dr. W. T. Hardy of Sonora, and Dr. C. O. Morgan of Amarillo. Schmidt is one of the six men from A&M who attended the meeting.

## Draft Bill For Doctors, Dentists Passes House

Washington, Aug. 29.—(AP)—Power to draft doctors and dentists was unanimously approved of the Senate Armed Forces Committee yesterday and went to the Senate with a "push" tag attached.

A companion bill near completion in the House Armed Services Committee but it carried this extra sting: Medics who waited to be drafted would not get the \$100 monthly extra pay given to most medical volunteers.

The Senate bill would allow draftees the premium pay. The House revision of this, proposed by Rep. Kilday (D-Tex.), will get final action tomorrow when the House committee votes on the bill.

### Other Bills Considered

The Senate committee also: 1. Turned down a military request for registration and possible drafting of scientists and technicians, including chemists and engineers, on grounds this sweeping power is not called for at present.

2. Approved retaining World War II policy of deferring pre-medical and pre-dental students in numbers sufficient to keep the profession supplied with manpower.

In most respects the Senate and House bills will be parallel. They were drafted to meet a military demand estimated by 7,066 medical department witness at 7,066 medical men by next June 30.

Few actual inductions are expected. Legislators said, however, they expect the congressional action to speed up the rate of medical volunteers, because the choice may be: volunteer as an officer, or run the risk of being drafted as a private.

### Training Program Ineffective

Military witnesses testified that some 10,000 of the 31,000 youths trained mostly at government expense under military medical programs saw little or no active duty and are not in the reserves.

Both bills would exempt from the draft medical men who were in the reserve on August 16, 1950. The House is considering giving potential draftees a chance to sign up with reserve units before the measure becomes law.

The Senate committee chose Sen. Hunt (D-Wyo.), a dentist, to herd the bill through the Senate as soon as possible.

The measure would permit doctors, dentists and allied specialists to be inducted as enlisted men in the bottom ranks of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

### Category System Planned

It calls for registration of physicians and allied specialists through 55, and of dentists through age 45. No general registration is planned, however; instead, special categories for classes would be called for registration and induction as needed.

The House bill would provide for induction of both doctors and dentists through 45 years. One of the legislators' aims is

to bring into service the youths who saw little service before dipping deeply into the pool of about 40,400 reservists—17,700 in the Army, 21,000 in the Navy, and 1,600 in the Air Force.

Dr. Richard Melling, director of Medical Services of the Defense Department, said 1,195 reservists have been called so far.

## - KOREA -

(Continued from Page 1)

Secretary of State Acheson than anyone in the Truman administration." Wherry urged that MacArthur, now busy directing the Korean war effort, make a radio address from Tokyo, and the senator commented:

"The American people have complete confidence in General MacArthur's judgment. Let's hear from General MacArthur and woe to him who dares say he shall not speak."

Senator Knowland (R-Calif.) accused the administration of "gagging" MacArthur. He said the President's order was "another in the long series of efforts to keep the truth from the American people."

Knowland also charged that Secretary Acheson and Secretary General Trygve Lie of the United Nations are "now preparing for another Munich with the Republic of China and the island of Formosa as the pawns."

MacArthur expressed his views on Formosa in a long message sent last week to the Veterans of Foreign Wars for release today at the VFW's 51st annual encampment in Chicago.

The VFW put out advance copies of MacArthur's text and at least one magazine, the U. S. News and World Report, printed the text in its current issue put in the mails on Saturday.

### Formosa Pictured

In his message, MacArthur pictured Formosa as one of the keystones of a vast island defense chain from which American air power, he said, could "dominate every Asiatic port from Vladivostok to Singapore and prevent any hostile movement into the Pacific."

"If we hold this line," MacArthur said, "we may have peace—lose it and war is inevitable." The general went on to say that Formosa, lying 100 miles off the coast of Red China, is geographically so situated that "in the hand of a power unfriendly to the United States it constitutes an enemy

MacArthur's intelligence officer said there were many Red casualties.

North of the south coast position the Reds made two attempts to cross the Nakdong River. The moves cost them 100 men.

The spokesman said artillery smashed one bridge-building party and dispersed it and drove off another Red force trying a crossing in boats.

# Truman's Action On Formosan Question Not U. S. Policywise

New York, Aug. 29.—(AP)—President Truman's action in directing General Douglas MacArthur to withdraw a message on Formosa stirred a controversy across the country yesterday.

Some newspapers sharply rapped Mr. Truman for what they termed the "muzzling" of the Far East commander. Others charged MacArthur with interfering in foreign policy.

Many newspapers printed the MacArthur message that was to have been read today at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention in Chicago. Some omitted its contents entirely.

"President Truman has dealt Gen. Douglas MacArthur a crude, rude snub; or you might call it a kick in the teeth," said The New York Daily News.

### People Should Know

"We don't know whether MacArthur is right or wrong on this subject," the News said. "But we are convinced the people have a right to know how he feels, and that Truman tried a petty-tyrant trick in attempting to shut him up."

The Houston Chronicle, published by Jesse Jones, former secretary of commerce, said editorially: "Comparing his (MacArthur's) record with the disastrous record of state department policies and

defeats in the Orient, no one can have any doubt whatever as to whom the president should have been consulting on Far East matters. Unfortunately, Mr. Truman listened to (Secretary of State) Acheson."

Many newspapermen which print-

## Jensen-Wales Vows Given Saturday

Miss Tyleen Dolores Jensen of College Station and Robert David Wales of Refugio were united in marriage Saturday evening at the St. Thomas Chapel at College Station, the Rev. Orin G. Helvey officiating.

Miss Jensen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Jensen of College Station, while the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett Wales of Refugio.

Following the double ring ceremony a reception was held at the parish house attended by local and out-of-town guests of the couple.

The bride is a graduate of the A&M Consolidated High School and received both a B.S. and an M.S. in chemistry from the University of Texas. The groom received his B.S. degree in chemical engineering at A&M.

## MacArthur 'Speech' Causes Bitter Senate Controversy

(Continued from Page 1)

salient in the very center of this (American) defense perimeter." In an allusion seemingly directed at state department policy, MacArthur continued:

"Nothing could be more fallacious than the threadbare argument by those who advocate appeasement and defeatism in the Pacific that if we defend Formosa we alienate continental Asia."

Today, the White House made public a letter Mr. Truman wrote yesterday to Warren Austin, American ambassador to the United Nations, repeating his policy on Formosa "to the end that there be no misunderstanding concerning the position of the government of the United States."

"Incident is Closed"  
At the White House, newsmen asked Press Secretary Ross whether MacArthur might be relieved of his post as commander of American Forces in the Far East as a result of the episode.

"The incident is closed," Ross replied. Ross made the same comment on an earlier administration crack-down—by the state department and the White House—on a speech made by Navy Secretary Matthews at Boston last Friday night.

Matthews said the United States must be prepared to go to war if necessary to compel other nations to cooperate for peace.

White House officials emphasized they were deeply concerned over the possibility that Communist propagandists might exploit both MacArthur's and Matthews' statements as evidence of a belligerent or "imperialistic" attitude by the United States.

In New York, the Communist newspaper Daily Worker quickly seized on the incident to declare editorially that Matthews voiced administration policy when he spoke of a "preventive" war.

The paper said Matthews "described this policy in naked words that will send a shudder throughout the world."

Both the White House and the State Department had disavowed Matthews' statement.

ed either the text or a summary of the message said they did so because, despite its withdrawal from the convention, they felt it had become public property when it was entered in the Congressional Record.

Others held simply that it was news—and big news—that did not violate security.

"If God lets it happen, let's print it," said William J. Pape, publisher of the Waterbury (Conn.) American and Republican.

Editorial fire was directed at MacArthur also.

"MacArthur's interference in foreign policy appears to be deliberate," said the Youngstown (O.) Vindicator.

Publisher James Cox, former governor of Ohio and Democratic presidential nominee in 1920, said in a statement issued in Dayton: "I have instructed all my newspapers not to use the MacArthur message. The constitution of the United States definitely places control of the military under civil authority. Generals are not supposed to play the part of statesmen. This is not Rome nor the days of Caesar."

The Atlanta Constitution, which did not print the MacArthur statement, said editorially: "While we have a sincere admiration for General MacArthur, President Truman is exactly right. It is astounding that General MacArthur should so affront his fellow officers and superior officers, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in so important a matter. That he should ignore the White House and State Department as well is almost incredible. It is a puzzling and unnecessary affront."

## Show Builder Rebuys Campus

The Campus Theater, jointly owned since its construction in 1940, is now solely owned by A. P. Boyett who purchased the other half interest in the theater from his former partner, Ben Ferguson.

Transfer of the property ownership became effective August 1, but was just recently completed. Jointly managed by Ferguson and Bill Underwood after its construction by Boyett, the Campus first changed hands when Boyett bought Underwood's half interest in 1947.

The building and new owner plans to operate the Campus in partnership with his three sons, Alton Jr., George, and W. C.

The theater will be closed until Sept. 9, when an extensive repair and redecoration program is expected to be completed. The Campus will receive a general overhaul in addition to repainting, and will be ready for students entering school here in the fall, Boyett said.

Tel Aviv, Israel.—(AP)—Israel plans to spend \$7,000,000 this year for the maintenance of 1,280 miles of existing roads and the building of 70 miles of new highways.

E. Aronov, director of the public works department of the ministry of labor, said road work had supplied jobs for 3,500 workers in May alone.

Dr. Carlton R. Lee  
OPTOMETRIST  
203 S. Main Street  
Call 2-1662 for Appointment

# Always Buy CHESTERFIELD



THE CIGARETTE THAT PUTS THE PROOF OF MILDNESS SQUARELY UP TO YOU...

BE YOUR OWN CIGARETTE EXPERT  
A YOU buy a pack of Chesterfields and you open it up.  
B YOU smell that milder Chesterfield aroma. No other cigarette has it. Make your own comparison.  
C YOU smoke Chesterfields and prove what every tobacco man knows—Tobaccos that smell Milder... smoke Milder.

Copyright, 1950, Lorain & Munn (Trust) Co.

## Battalion CLASSIFIED ADS

Page 4 TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1950

SELL WITH A BATTALION CLASSIFIED AD. Rates . . . 3c a word per insertion with a 25c minimum. Space rate in Classified Section . . . 60c per column inch. Send all classifieds with remittance to the Student Activities Office. All ads should be turned in by 10:00 a.m. of the day before publication.

GOOD HOMER for small, part wire-hair, female dog. Excellent companion—house broken. Must have fenced yard. Contact Mrs. J. M. Berry, La Salle Hotel, Bryan.

NEW UNFURNISHED apartment, 2 bedroom, kitchen & dinette, combined living room, bath. Extra nice, good location. Phone 3-8015 or 2-7839.

NEW DOWNSTAIRS apartment, one bedroom, living room, kitchen and dinette combined, and bath. Phone 2-7039 or 3-8015.

PROFESSOR or graduate student to share very nice new 2 bedroom furnished duplex, 110 Hardy, Bryan. Will be driving to College 6 days 8 a.m. Joe Laird, Pet. Eng. Dept.

NEW NICELY furnished house in Bryan, \$50.00 per month. See Sgt. Thompson, rear Shiba Hall No. 1.

### MISCELLANEOUS

A B C SCHOOL opening Sept. 5. Nursery school and kindergarten taught by college trained experienced teachers. Phone 3-3323.

### FOR SALE

VACUUM CLEANER, \$35; Bathinette \$4. Phone 3-6779.

48 MODEL 6 foot Norge. \$90. See at 2905 College Road, Bryan.

BEFORE FIRST, two bedroom house, 75 x 125 corner lot, newly painted inside, \$1650.00. Part cash, 227 So. Munsterly Drive, Bryan.

### HELP WANTED

STUDENT TO DO ART WORK for Student Publications. Long hours, low pay. If interested, bring sample of your work to room 211 Goodwin Hall in the afternoons. Hours may be arranged to suit convenience of student. Should be able to do free hand drawing with pencil and India Ink. Prefer a student who is interested in learning mechanics of magazine design.

## Need Help?

Use The Battalion to sell your surplus automobile, furniture or other items of equipment.

We include this blank for your convenience in using Battalion Classified Ads.

I want this ad to appear in The Battalion on.....

Here's the way I want the ad to read.....

Charge to: .....

Clip and Mail to  
THE BATTALION  
College Station, Texas

Remember your envelope requires no postage if dropped into the box at the Faculty Exchange Post Office in the Academic Building.