

May Contend Mac Not 'In the Know'

# Administration Defense of Policies Begins

WASHINGTON May 7—(AP)—A main line of administration defense in Gen. Douglas MacArthur's power drive against the policy of "limited" war in Korea may be a contention that the general simply lacks the information to qualify him for final judgment on issues reaching outside the Orient.

The shadowy outlines of such a possible strategy began to emerge yesterday on the eve of the Secretary of Defense Marshall's appearance as leadoff man for the Pentagon and the White House.

## "The Way to General War"

Of one thing nobody had any doubt: Marshall in testimony before the combined Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees will encounter MacArthur's scathing three-day attack with the plea that the MacArthur way may well be the way to general war. That is the stated view of President Truman who fired MacArthur from his Far East command.

The deposed general's opposite view, restated countless times in the marathon stint on the witness stand which he completed late Saturday, is that World War III is more likely to grow out of failure to whip Communist China completely in Korea.

## Sign of Weakness

MacArthur argued that stalemate there—or the "appeasement" of which he expressed fear—would look to Soviet Russia like a sign of western weakness and a signal to strike.

Against this the Secretary of Defense, like MacArthur a veteran military man and five-star general, is expected to contend that the risk of setting off direct Russian intervention and general war would be increased by air operations over Manchuria, blockading China and using the Nationalist Chinese troops from Formosa.

Those are MacArthur's concrete proposals to bring what he said would be victory over Red China instead of a "bloody stalemate."

## Senators Keep Own Council

Throughout the three days MacArthur was on the stand administration senators dealt gingerly and considerably with him, and kept their own counsel as to just what lines the rebuttal may take.

But with the record on MacArthur's side of the issue finally completed, a rescanning of some 174,000 words of hearing transcript shows repeated efforts to draw MacArthur out on matters outside the Orient where he has been busy the past 14 years.

The general was firm on every such occasion in his view that strong American action for actual military victory in Korea would be likely actually to slow down or head off Kremlin moves both there and elsewhere.

## Korea "First Line of Defense"

He stated the flat opinion that the free world is "doomed to destruction" if it fails to crush the Red threat completely in Korea. He said the West's real "first line of defense" is there.

But he shied away from anything but broad generalities when discussion moved outside the Orient.

Senator McMahon (D-Conn) led the move to draw MacArthur into wider areas of policy, and finally got this answer to a question on whether the defenses are ready to withstand an attack on Western Europe:

## Not Testifying on Global Defense

"I have asked you several times not to involve me in anything except my own area. My concepts on global defense are not what I am here to testify on. I don't pretend to be an authority on these things. The Joint Chiefs of Staff or others here are the ones to answer that query, not me."

McMahon, persistent up to that point, pretty well let it go at that. The joint chiefs will take the stand after Marshall and can be expected to give their answers on the point.

## Couldn't Weigh All Necessary Factors?

At the same time, however, the exchanges showed the probable lines of the answer to any contention that the general was not in position to weigh all the necessary factors.

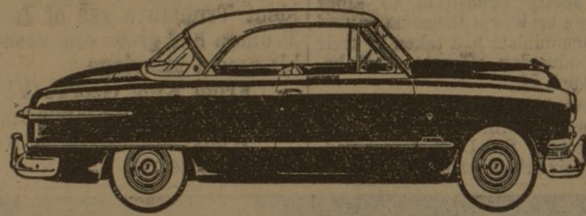
MacArthur took the view that preparations for Europe's defense are pointed at goals two years from now. He said quick real victory in Korea would free American forces for other tasks and their experience there would make them more effective.

And he took the stand, too, that his aim of beating the Chinese into acceptance of a "rational" peace could be accomplished without any big increase in ground forces there, and without any increase in present over-all military manpower plans.

## Administration Wants No "Bog Down"

The nub of one line of administration argument in the controversy has been that the nation must not become bogged down in a big operation in the Orient that would limit its effectiveness as a factor in the West.

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## Check Your Guns, Pard . . .

TEXAS law-makers have dealt junior a low blow.

A bill sent to the Governor last weekend makes it punishable by a fine up to \$100 to

shoot a B-B gun (includes pistols, too) across any public square, street or alley of any town or city or within 100 yards of any business establishment.

That same fine, incidentally, applies to the discharging of giant firecrackers in town.

With the firecrackers we'll go along. We've just about reached the age when peace and quiet holds a bit of a value.

But the B-B guns are another proposition. It's not been too long since we drew beads on sparrows just like the rest of the kids.

The law, of course, won't be too rough on small-town kids. It won't affect country lads at all. But the lad that has the misfortune of living in a large city is losing one of his chances to feel somewhat on a par with the dead-eye doings of his country cousin.

It sounds to us as if the new law is the work of some more of those lobbyists—representing, of course, the mean and grouchy merchant, never able to stand children, who stands out so vividly in our city-dwelling recollections of younger days.

We see the grounds for the action—the air rifle is a potential danger of life, limb and property. But since when has the average American kid needed anything more than his natural talents to constitute such a menace?

We'll accept defeat, though—and play with little brother's electric train instead.

## Appropriations Bill Ups Wages, Bans State Car

SALARY increases for state employees and sudden death for state owned passenger cars—these are among the multiple provisions of the giant appropriations bill being presented to the legislature in Austin today.

The bill, a \$200,000,000 summation of what it will take to run the state government for the next two years, was finished Saturday by a joint committee of five senators and five representatives.

It calls for an allocation to colleges and universities of \$85,380,000 plus \$5,115,000 for buildings.

The committee adopted a combination of lump sum and line-item appropriations for schools of higher education. Lump sum appropriations allow colleges wide discretion in use of the funds to meet changing conditions and needs.

The salary boost would come to state employees making less than \$5,000 per year, giving them an additional 10 per cent of the first \$2,400.

Money for instructional salaries are presented by the committee in an item separate from administrative funds. This is to prevent dollars set aside for teaching being diverted to other purposes.

## College Prof Raise

The raise for college instructors will come from a new formula allowing \$7.77 per semester credit hour for all undergraduate work. It is calculated to yield an average nine-months salary of \$4,200 compared to \$3,800 actually paid last year.

A general provision forbids colleges to add new courses, departments, or degree plans.

As for the cars, a rider on the bill provides that all state cars, with certain exceptions, be turned in to the Board of Control and sold by Oct. 1, 1951. Exceptions are cars used by the Department of Public Safety, Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, Highway Department, Prison System and 20 for the Railroad Commission.

## Private Car Travel

From now on, all other state travel will be done in private cars. Employees will be reimbursed at the rate of six cents per mile.

Numerous complaints have been made by the legislature lately that state-owned cars are being used for private excursions and fishing trips.

An itemized part of the college appropriations portion of the bill calls for a trimming to \$17,000 plus \$1,000 per year allowance in place of housing and utilities to James P. Hart, chancellor of the University of Texas. Regents had proposed to pay him \$20,000 plus a \$5,000 expense allowance.

## Research Cuts

Other portions of the committee's cost-cutting economy hit college research in line with a general policy to hold down rapidly mounting demands of all colleges for research funds.

With the appropriation bill on its desk, the legislature must now figure out how to impose new taxes to raise the money.

## Bible Verse

LET NO MAN deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. —I Corinthians 3:18.

## A Few Bouquets For Fine Weekend

THEY said it would be "bigger and better" than ever—and it was.

We're speaking of last Friday's Cotton Pageant and Ball. Its planners and directors deserve one big batch of orchids. With one exception—a list of dukes and duchesses that seemed endless—the night was perfect. We hear, though, that the one exception will be taken care of in next year's planning.

While we're lining out the compliments, we don't want to stop with Friday night. Another bouquet is quite in order to the bookers of Dick Jurgens and his orchestra for the Saturday night concert and dance.

The only thing lacking in the Saturday night entertainment was a sufficient crowd. Jurgens provided a program that had something in it for everyone.

This, of course, was only the first of a series of three activity-filled week-ends. If the next two can be as good, there should be no cause for complaints.

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