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BY ROBERT BARKOOLL

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WASHINGTON, MARCH 26--(UP)-- ADMINISTRATION FLAREUP OVER GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S LATEST STATEMENT BROUGHT OFFICIAL WARNING SUNDAY THAT A UNITED NATIONS ATTACK ON RED CHINA WOULD RISK RUSSIA'S ENTRY INTO THE KOREAN WAR.

DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY STRATEGISTS WERE STILL UPSET OVER MACARTHUR'S VIRTUAL ULTIMATUM TO THE CHINESE TO SEEK PEACE OR FACE ATTACKS ON THEIR COAST AND SOIL. THERE WAS EVIDENCE THE WHITE HOUSE WAS NOT PLEASED. ///

HIGH AMERICAN OFFICIALS HERE AND AT LAKE SUCCESS STATED WITHOUT QUALIFICATION THAT MACARTHUR'S STATEMENT WAS "NOT CLEARED IN ADVANCE." EXPERTS SAID THE UNITED STATES JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT DO NOT FAVOR EXTENSION OF THE WAR AND OBJECT TO THREATENING STATEMENTS, PARTICULARLY WHEN THE PEACE EFFORT MAY PRODUCE RESULTS.

THESE EXPERTS POINTED OUT AN ATTACK ON CHINA COULD BRING RUSSIA INTO THE WAR UNDER THE TERMS OF THE SOVIET-CHINESE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY.

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THE MACARTHUR STATEMENT CONFRONTED THE STATE DEPARTMENT WITH A NEW URGENT ROUND OF QUESTIONING BY FRIENDLY NATIONS ON THE EXACT AIMS OF THE UNITED STATES AND MACARTHUR. THE QUESTIONS WERE EXPECTED TO PROMPT SOME LATER OFFICIAL STATEMENT, PROBABLY THIS WEEK BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN. WHETHER MACARTHUR WOULD BE OR HAS BEEN QUESTIONED DIRECTLY ABOUT THE STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT WAS NOT DISCLOSED. BUT TRUMAN ALREADY, AT LEAST INDIRECTLY, EXPRESSED COOL REACTION TO MACARTHUR'S COMMENTS.

AFTER A CALL AT THE WHITE HOUSE SATURDAY, SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN ACHESON AUTHORIZED THE RELEASE OF A BRIEF STATEMENT WHICH FAILED TO UNDERWRITE MACARTHUR'S VIEWS.

MACARTHUR HAS BEEN NEEDLING WASHINGTON AND THE UNITED NATIONS FOR MANY WEEKS ON "FUNDAMENTAL DECISIONS" IN THE KOREAN WAR. THESE FREQUENT STATEMENTS, NONE OF WHICH HAVE BEEN CHECKED IN ADVANCE WITH WASHINGTON, CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DISPLEASURE. WASHINGTON OPINION IS THAT THE WAR SHOULD BE RESTRICTED ALMOST AT ALL COSTS AND THAT PEACE MOVES CAN BE UNDERTAKEN THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS.

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LONDON, MARCH 26 --(UP)-- THE GENERALLY RESERVED LONDON TIMES SAID "THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BECOMES EMBARRASSED, RESENTFUL OR MERELY INCREDULOUS WHEN GENERAL MACARTHUR AS UNITED NATIONS COMMANDER SPEAKS AGAIN OF CARRYING THE WAR TO THE CHINESE MAINLAND."

"HERE ....HE CUTS ACROSS NEARLY EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN SAID AND BEEN DONE AT LAKE SUCCESS FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS," THE PAPER SAID.

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH SAID IT WAS CLEAR THE UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT IS "ONCE AGAIN VERY ANNOYED WITH GENERAL MACARTHUR" AND THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S CORRESPONDENT WROTE "THE LAST THING WASHINGTON WANTS AT THIS MOMENT WAS TO TICKLE THE SORE SUBJECT OF GENERAL MACARTHUR'S BATTERED EGO OR REVIVE SPECULATION ABOUT WHAT HE MIGHT AND MIGHT NOT BE ABLE" ONLY HE WAS ALLOWED TO GO AHEAD.

SPEAKING OF MACARTHUR'S OFFER TO MEET THE CHINESE ON THE BATTLEFIELD AND ARRANGE A TRUCE, THE COMMUNIST DAILY WORKER ASKED, "WHO IN THE HELL IS MACARTHUR THAT HE SHOULD CLAIM ANY SUCH FUNCTIONS?"

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NEW YORK, MARCH 26--(UP)--THE HERALD TRIBUNE, COMMENTING ON GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S OFFER TO TALK TERMS WITH COMMUNIST FIELD COMMANDERS, SAID MONDAY, "IF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER AN END TO THE FIGHTING NOW, IT WILL BE BECAUSE OF THE MILITARY REALITIES WHICH GENERAL MACARTHUR STATED.

"IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER MAO HAS DECIDED TO CUT HIS LOSSES. POSSIBLY, HE HOPES FOR ONE MORE CAMPAIGN IN THE SPRING. POSSIBLY HE IS TRYING FOR GREATER RUSSIAN SUPPORT."

THE EDITORIAL SAID, "RED CHINA PLAYED FOR HIGH STAKES IN KOREA -- CONQUEST OF THE PENINSULA, ASSERTION OF CHINESE MILITARY DOMINANCE IN EASTERN ASIA, OCCUPATION OF FORMOSA AND THE OUSTING OF THE NATIONALISTS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS. SUCH OBJECTIVES WILL NOT BE LIGHTLY SURRENDERED.

"WHEN THEY ARE, IT WILL BE BECAUSE OF MILITARY AND POLITICAL IMPERATIVES -- NOT ANY PAT DIPLOMATIC FORMULAS."

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Item 41 MACARTHUR-TRUMAN DISPUTE ~~FAME~~ RAGES TO NEW HEAT.

BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER.

WASHINGTON, March 26 -- (AP) -- The dispute that rages between Gen. MacARThur and the Truman Administration over how to win the Korean war has reached fever heat again. The Administration may shortly ask the general to clear with Washington anything he says involving broad foreign policy issues.

This may or may not prove acceptable to MacArthur, but State Department officials as well as some others with great influence at the White House privately say something must be done to prevent a repetition of last week's exchange of shocks and harsh words between Tokyo and Washington.

President Truman circulated last December a firm, ~~xgxxxxx~~ government wide directive declaring that any statement on foreign policy by any official or employe of the government in a speech, article or other public utterance, should be cleared with the State Department. Informants said Monday that order was called to MacArthur's attention at the time.

Friday night, Washington time, MacArthur left Tokyo for the 38th Parallel area of Korea to order United Nations forces to cross into North Korea as tactical requirements made necessary. Before leaving Tokyo he issued a statement to the press.

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In this statement he made a bid for peace talks with his opposite number on the Communist side, said the Chinese Reds were licked and incapable of waging modern war and warned that if the United Nations launched attacks on Chinese bases and coastal area the RED N nation would probably suffer military collapse.

This statement, a check showed, caught the State DEpartment completely unaware. It apparently also caught President Truman without advance notice. After several hours of parleying, including a talk between Secretary of State DEAN ACHESON and President TRUMAN, a rather meaningless statement was issued, designed to say on Saturday that Washington had had nothing to do with what MacArthur declared Friday night .

The statement said MacArthur had authority to conduct military operations but that political issues which "he has stated are beyond his responsibilities" are being dealt with in the United Nations and by the governments having troops in Korea.

Key MacArthur clause which set off the alarm here was that the United Nations could probably succeed in forcing a military collapse of Red China by a limited coastal attack and base bombing war. A Tokyo dispatch Sunday suggested MacArthur probably was trying to divert the Chinese Reds attention from Korea to the danger of a coastal attack.

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Whatever his objective, any statement he makes about extending the war in the Far EAst always sends huge ~~xx~~ shudders among the Canadian, French, British and other friendly governments. When the Europeans come in to the State Department wanting to know "what does MacArthur propose to do?" ACheson and his aides get upset about the problems of holding together the political side of the coalition of which MacArthur is military commander.

THe basic difference between Washington and MacArthur, however, goes back a long time. It involves the relative importance of the Far East and Europe and MacArthur's constant emphasis on the Far East. It involves how to deal with the peoples of the Far EAst and what forces will eventually win there. And it has exploded in a sensational manner two times before.

The first time came last August, about a month after war started in Korea. MacArthur was instructed to find out what Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek needed for the CHinese Nationalist defense of Formosa.

Instead of sending an emissary, he went personally. He thus identified the AMERICAN cause with the Chinese Nationalist leader on FOrmosa, which was at that time about the last thing the Truman Administration wanted to have happen. His action, in a roundabout way, was repudiated.

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THEN came the Chicago meeting of the VEterans of Foreign Wars late in August, BY invitation, MacArthur sent a message. The president ordered him to suppress it but it got out anyway. It pictured the defense of Formosa as of permanent vital importance to American security in the WEstern Pacific and advocated strong-handed methods in dealing with the peoples of the orient. Again MacArthur's views were repudiated.

Since the Chinese entered the war in Korea, MacArthur has repeatedly hammered two points in public statements. One was that Chinese Reds were operating from a "privileged sanctuary," Manchuria, which would not be bombed even though its bases fed the Communist front in Korea. THe other was that he needed much more powerful forces to deal with the new situation.

THere was a time when serious consideration was given here to waging a limited war against China. BUT Washington policy now rules this out. Reasons include the fact that Britain and other Allied countries are dead set against it;also the fear that action against CHINa might bring in Russia or the Communist air force based in Manchuria. ALso the probable diversionary drain on materials which would otherwise go to Europe.

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FIRST LEAD BRITISH REACTION

LONDON, MARCH 27—(UP)— BRITISH AND FRENCH NEWSPAPERS OF ALL PARTIES INCLUDING THE ORGANX OF THE BRITISH LABOR GOVERNMENT LOOSED A BLAST OF CRITICISM AT GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR MONDAY FOR HIS LATEST DECLARATION ON THE KOREAN WAR.

SOME SAID HE HAD EXCEEDED HIS AUTHORITY. SOME SAID HE HAS FLOUTED THE UNITED NATIONS. SOME SAID HE MAY HAVE WRECKED A PLAN FOR A NEW APPROACH TO THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS.

AT THE SAME TIME USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES HERE REPORTED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SOON WILL ISSUE A NEW DECLARATION OF POLICY ON KOREA CONTAINING A NEW INVITATION TO THE CHINESE REDS TO NEGOTIATE PEACE.

SUCH A DECLARATION MIGHT BE BASED ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BUFFER ZONE NORTH OF THE 38TH PARALLELX FRONTIER BETWEEN SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA, IT WAS SUGGESTED.

GENERAL MACARTHUR SAID IN A STATEMENT ISSUED IN TOKYO SATURDAY THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS LACKED THE INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY TO WAGE MODERN WAR. HE SAID THEY FACED THE RISK OF COLLAPSE IF THE UNITED NATIONS DECIDED NOT TO CONTAIN THE WAR TO THE AREA OF KOREA. HE OFFERED WITHINX HIS AUTHORITY AS UNITED NATIONS MILITARY COMMANDER TO CONFER WITH THE ENEMY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BY WHICH "THE REALIZATION OF THE POLITICAL OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN KOREA . . . MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT FURTHER BLOODSHED."

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"A PLAN FOR A NEW APPROACH TO COMMUNIST CHINA MAY HAVE BEEN WRECKED BY GENERAL MACARTHUR'S LATEST MOVE IN THE KOREAN WAR," SAID THE LONDON DAILY HERALD, ORGAN OF THE LABOR GOVERNMENT.

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH SAID THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON IS "ONCE AGAIN VERY ANNOYED WITH GENERAL MACARTHUR."

"THE (UNITED NATIONS) GENERAL ASSEMBLY BECOMES EMBARRASSED, RESENTFUL OR MERELY INCREDULOUS WHEN GENERAL MACARTHUR . . SPEAKS AGAIN OF CARRYING THE WAR TO THE CHINESE MAINLAND," THE INDEPENDENT LONDON TIMES SAID. ". . . HE CUTS ACROSS NEARLY EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN SAID AND DONE AT LAKE SUCCESS FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS."

GENERAL MACARTHUR ROUSED THE BRITISH COMMUNIST NEWSPAER DAILY WORKER TO ASK: "WHO THE HELL IS MACARTHUR THAT HE SHOULD CLAIM ANY ~~XXXXXXXXXXX~~ SUCH FUNCTIONS?"

THE PARIS NEWSPAPER FIGARO SAID GENERAL MACARTHUR'S NEGOTIATION OFFER WAS "AN OLIVE BRANCH WITH A BAYONET HIDDEN AMONGST THE LEAVES."

THE LEFTIST COMBAT SAID IT WAS A PEACE OFFER "WITH AN OLIVE BRANCH IN ONE HAND AND A GOOD DOSE OF DYNAMITE IN THE OTHER."

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NOTE TO DESK SAN FRANCISCO FOLLOWING MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR REGULAR WIRE ALTHOUGH REPRESENTING SOLID BODY OF OPINION HERE STOP SUGGEST USE HOWEVER ON HEARST WIRE SSS SINCERE REGARDS FRANK CONNIFF

BY FRANK CONNIFF

TOKYO, MARCH 27---Has the State Department instigated a new propaganda campaign against Gen. Mac Arthur as a smokescreen for its own failure to achieve a diplomatic solution of the Korean war?

The flurry of inspired speculation in Washington touched off by the Supreme Commander's "surrender" statement only makes sense if the State Department is again trying to get off the hook for its Korean failures.

Tokyo was frankly amazed at the belated Washington reaction to Gen. Mac Arthur's cold estimate of the relative military capabilities on Staurday, especially as it was initially greeted with approval at Lake Success.

The General's statement was recognized here and in Korea as a brilliant stroke both militarily and psychologically and in no way beyond his authority as the military commander of the theater.

Why, then, did the State Department choose to make an issue of it and begin piping stories to the effect that Gen. Mac Arthur was treading on delicate diplomatic ground?

It is reasoned here that the controversy over Gen. Mac Arthur is intended to distract stateside attention from the failure of the diplomatic branch to reach a political solution of the Korean muddle.

Once again Gen. Mac Arthur's UN command, by superhuman effort despite fearsome odds of weather and terrain, has created a "situation of strength" from which the State Department could operate with firmness and imagination against Communist China.

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FIRST ADD CONNIFF TOKYO

The military situation today parallels that immediately following the Inchon-Seoul campaign last autumn, with the UN troops firmly in charge of the initiative and completely dominating the Korean battlefield.

But the State Department failed at that time to capitalize the military success with forceful political ideas that would have liquidated the Korean war.

With the UN command ranging against the 38th Parallel on a wide front, the hour again has struck for the State Department to advance clear, realistic proposals that would impress Mao with the risks of his position.

Its apparent unpreparedness to seize the political initiative at a moment when the UN Troops again hold the upper hand may have influenced the Department to begin another of its propaganda campaigns against Gen. Mac Arthur.

Nor is the concern of the State Department for the tender feelings of Great Britain at a time when 250,000 Americans are locked up in a brutal war particularly appreciated here in Tokyo.

People fresh from Korea, with some idea of the daily misery endured by our men in that wretched theater, are continually surprised by the State Department's ignorance of the feeling of the men in the field.

Morale of the fighting troops remained high throughout the winter. Neither the problems of withdrawal or the bitter fighting dented it particularly. But the morale of the finest troops may dwindle if they are asked to fight under the "abnormal military inhibitions" placed on the Korean command.

A little more concern for the feelings of these men instead of the sensibilities of the British and other allies would strike a happy chord in Korea.

The trumped-up campaign against Gen. Mac Arthur---which appears completely needless from the vantage point of Tokyo and Korea---may have been launched to cover-up the inability of the State Department to match the achievements of the military command

BY EARNEST HOBERECHT

UNITED PRESS MANAGER FOR JAPAN

TOKYO, MARCH 27—(UP)—GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR FEELS HIS RECENT SETEMENTS ON THE KOREAN WAR WERE OF A MILITARY NATURE AND DID NOT GET INTO THE ~~XXXX~~ FIELD OF DIPLOMACY AS SOME QUARTERS HAVE CHARGED, THE UNITED PRESS LEARNED TODAY.

MACARTHUR' SATURDAY MORNING STATEMENT WAS GENERALLY VIEWED HERE AS A MILITARY ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION. MILITARY MEN HERE TOOK IT AS MACARTHUR'S APPRAISAL OF THE SITUATION AND WHAT COULD OR COULD NOT HAPPEN UNDER VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE STATMENT WHICH OFFERED A CONFERENCE WITH THE ~~XEX~~ ENEMY COMMANDER IN THE FIELD WAS PRAISED IN ALL JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS. EDITORIALS HERE IN THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE PRESS GAVE IT THEER STAMP OF APPROVAL.

OBSERVERS HERE POINTED OUT THAT MACARTHUR HAD DESIGNED IT FOR ORIENTAL CONSUMPTION SINCE HIS PROBLEMS ARE IN THE FAR EAST AND THAT IS WHERE HE ~~XX~~ HAS HIS RESPONSIBILITYES.

NEUTRAL DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID THEY CONSIDERED IT ~~XXX~~ WITHIN THE POWER OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMANDER IN CHIEF TO CALL UPON THE ENEMY FOR WAYS AND MEANS TO END THE WAR ~~AND~~ TO GIVE HIS APPRAISAL OF THE SITUATION IN A STATEMENT INVITING THE ENEMY ~~X~~ TO JOIN IN TRUCE TALKS.

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MacArthur's statement was part of psychological warfare aimed at Chinese and North Korean Communists and has not only been beamed at them on broadcasts but has been dropped on enemy positions in leaflet form and in a propaganda "newspaper" prepared here and showered on the Reds at breakfast ~~xxxx~~ this morning.

Observers here pointed out that in calling upon the enemy to end the war, it would be futile for a commander to ask for a truce unless he could show what disadvantage the enemy~~xx~~ might ~~xx~~ suffer if he not abandon the fight and submit the question to settlement around a ~~xxxx~~ conference table.

MacArthur's Saturday statement pointed out what might have happened to the Chinese under the present situation and also what might happen to them if the United Nations removed the limitations from ~~xxx~~ its forces in the field.

One source said: " If you ask the enemy to surrender and tell him he has nothing to gain by it, how can you expect him to listen? But if you ask the enemy to surrender and point out ~~xxx~~ that things may get worse for him if he does not agree to settle the problem at a conference table, then he may pay some attention."

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EDITORS, IN MACARTHUR, TOKYO (HOBERECHT) 5TH

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BY EARNEST HOBERECHT

United Press Manager for Japan

TOKYO, March 27--(UP)--A study of General MacArthur's statements since the beginning of the Korean war shows that he repeatedly has pointed out the difference between his military duties and the political questions involved in the war.

MacArthur has called time and time again for action on the political matters but thus far no major step has been taken to solve them so far as is known here.

It is known here that military men feel they could do a better job in the present conflict if there were less political interference in their job.

Political considerations have prevented their carrying the war to China and have handicapped their efforts to halt the flow of Chinese Red war materials. Political considerations have prevented the air force from striking at the heart of the Chinese war machine across the Yalu River which divides Korea from Manchuria.

Charges that MacArthur and the military are getting into politics are not well received here where many persons believe the ~~[illegible]~~ politicans have had more than their share to say about the prosecution of the war -- a duty which the military men feel they are best qualified to handle.

Some of the top non-American United Nations military men here and in Korea can not understand why the U. S. State Department is upset with MacArthur. Many believe the State Department ~~[illegible]~~ should be supporting him.

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D MACARTHUR SITUATION, TOKYO, (HOHERECHT) X X X HIM.

In January, President Truman said MacArthur was free to say anything he desired about the Korean war and it is taken for granted here that the President will reject the reported State Department efforts to place a gag on the United Nations Commander-In-Chief.

Relations between MacArthur and President Truman have been steadily improving since before their Wake Island meeting. It is known that at the conference, the President and MacArthur found they had many common beliefs and that the President more and more has supported MacArthur in his conduct of the Korean campaign.

Many neutral observers here believe the State Department's reaction to MacArthur's offer has materially reduced any chances for the enemy accepting the invitation to meet on the battlefield and work out a solution from a military point of view.

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BY HOWARD HANDLEMAN

FAR EASTERN DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE

TOKYO, MARCH 27--(INS)--GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S CALL FOR A CHINESE SURRENDER IN THE FIELD, WHICH HAS CAUSED SO MUCH CONTROVERSY IN WASHINGTON, IS BEING BROADCAST AND DISTRIBUTED TO CHINESE TROOPS BETWEEN THE YALU RIVER AND THE 38TH PARALLEL BY ALL AVAILABLE MEANS.

THE CAREFULLY PHRASED DOCUMENT, FORMULATED WITH GREAT CAUTION TO KEEP WITHIN THE PREROGATIVES OF ANY FIELD COMMANDER, WAS WRITTEN FOR AN ORIENTAL AUDIENCE. IT IS BEING GIVEN TO THAT AUDIENCE IN RADIO BROADCASTS, IN AIR-DROPPED PAMPHLETS AND IN THE AIR-DROPPED "MORNING NEWSPAPER" GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS PUBLISHES FOR THE CHINESE SOLDIERS.

PHRASED FOR ORIENTALS, THE STATEMENT HAS BEEN BETTER ACCEPTED BY THEM THAN BY SOME OCCIDENTAL OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AND LAKE SUCCESS.

JAPANESE EDITORIAL REACTION TO GENERAL MACARTHUR'S BID FOR PEACE ON UNITED NATIONS TERMS HAS BEEN UNIVERSALLY FAVORABLE.

THE ASAHI SHIMBUN OF TOKYO, THE NEWSPAPER WITH A NATIONWIDE CIRCULATION GREATER THAN ANY OTHER JAPANESE DAILY, MADE POINTED REFERENCE TO THE FAILURE OF THE UNITED NATIONS GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE TO WIN ACCEPTANCE OF ANY ONE OF ITS SIX BIDS FOR PEACE, AND SAID PERHAPS THE CHINESE NOW WILL SEE THE INEXORABLE LOGIC OF GENERAL MACARTHUR'S STATEMENT.

YOMIURI SHIMBUN, WITH THE GREATEST CIRCULATION OF ANY PAPER IN THE METROPOLITAN TOKYO AREA, 2,700,000 DAILY, DECLARED:

"GREAT SIGNIFICANCE IS ATTACHED TO THIS STATEMENT, COMING AS IT DID AT A TIME WHEN THE MILITARY SITUATION IN KOREA HAS BEEN DEADLOCKED SINCE THE COLLAPSE OF THE UNITED NATIONS EFFORTS TO SETTLE THE KOREAN PROBLEM BY NEGOTIATION.

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"THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT RED CHINA IS COMING TO REALIZE THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REALIZE THE ORIGINAL OBJECTIVE OF OUSTING THE UNITED NATIONS TROOPS FROM KOREA UNLESS IT IS READY TO MAKE THE HEAVIEST SACRIFICES."

THAT REACTION WHICH GENERAL MACARTHUR AROUSED IN ONE GROUP OF ORIENTALS, THE JAPANESE, IS THE REACTION HE STILL HOPES WILL BE AROUSED AMONG ANOTHER GROUP, THE CHINESE.

ALLIED OFFICIALS ON THE SPOT HAVE EXPRESSED AMAZEMENT TO INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE THAT THE AMERICAN STATE DEPARTMENT HAS FAILED TO SUPPORT THIS NEW MACARTHUR PEACE BID.

ONE NON-AMERICAN IN HIGH POSITION IN TOKYO SAID THAT THE MACARTHUR STATEMENT WAS A "COLD MILITARY ANALYSIS OBVIOUSLY MEANT TO FORCE THE CHINESE TO CONSIDER THEIR POSITION."

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE LEARNED THAT GENERAL MACARTHUR LONG AGO DECIDED HE WOULD ISSUE SUCH A STATEMENT AT THE PSYCHOLOGICALLY PROPITIOUS MOMENT IN ORDER TO ADD THE LOGIC OF WORDS TO THE POWER OF HIS OBSERVERS IN TOKYO FELT THE STATEMENT WAS WELL DESIGNED TO ACCOMPLISH ITS PURPOSE WITH THE CHINESE AND WAS WELL WITHIN THE PREROGATIVES OF A FIELD COMMANDER.

IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT MILITARY COMMANDERS THROUGHOUT HISTORY ALWAYS HAVE HAD THE POWER TO ACCEPT THE SURRENDER OF THEIR FOES IN THE FIELD.

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AND MACARTHUR OFFERED TO DO JUST THAT ON TERMS LONG AGO ENUNCIATED BY UNITED NATIONS, NOT ON TERMS THAT WOULD BE DECIDED AT A FIELD CONFERENCE BETWEEN HIM AND A CHINESE MILITARY COMMANDER.

NEITHER COULD OBSERVERS UNDERSTAND THE OBJECTIONS TO THE "IMPLIED THREAT" OF ATTACK AGAINST CHINA ITSELF. MACARTHUR CAREFULLY MADE IT CLEAR IN HIS STATEMENT THAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT A POSSIBILITY INHERENT IN WARFARE, THE POSSIBILITY OF A REVISION OF DECISIONS MADE IN EARLIER STAGES OF THE FIGHTING.

THERE WAS SPECULATION IN TOKYO, TOO, ABOUT THE REASON FOR THE LONG DELAY IN THE ENUNCIATION OF WASHINGTON REACTION. THE MACARTHUR STATEMENT WAS ISSUED EARLY SATURDAY MORNING IN TOKYO. THE UNFAVORABLE REACTION BEGAN TO ROLL INTO TOKYO MONDAY NIGHT.

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FIRST LEAD BRITISH REACTION

LONDON, MARCH 27 --(UP)-- THE LABOR PARTY NEWSPAPER DAILY HERALD SAID MONDAY GENERAL MACARTHUR'S LATEST DECLARATIONS ABOUT KOREA MAY HAVE "WRECKED" PLANS FOR A NEGOTIATED PEACE.

THE HERALD STORY WHICH REFLECTS CONSIDERABLE GOVERNMENT SENTIMENT WAS MATCHED BY UNFAVORABLE COMMENTS ON MACARTHUR'S INDEPENDENT MOVES BY MOST OF THE BRITISH PRESS MONDAY MORNING.

MACARTHUR HAS BEEN RATHER CORDIALLY DISLIKED BY A LARGE SEGMENT OF THE BRITISH PUBLIC FOR MONTHS BUT MOST OF THE NEWSPAPERS HAVE TAKEN THE STAND HE EXECUTED COMPETENTLY HIS JOB AS UNITED NATIONS COMMANDER BUT HIS DECLARATION ABOUT MEETING THE CHINESE ON THE BATTLEFIELD FOR A TRUCE AND HINTING CONTINUED CHINESE STUBBORNNESS MIGHT LEAD TO EXTENSION OF THE AREA OF CONFLICT WAS EXPECTED TO PROVOKE A STORM OF CRITICISM PARTICULARLY WHEN PARLIAMENT RECONVENES NEXT WEEK.

THE HERALD SAID IN A DISPATCH FROM ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT "PLANS FOR A NEW APPROACH TO COMMUNIST CHINA MAY HAVE BEEN WRECKED BY GENERAL MACARTHUR'S LATEST MOVE IN THE KOREAN WAR. GENERAL MACARTHUR WEARING HIS SELFTAILORED MANTLE OF PRO CONSUL COUPLED HIS INVITATION FOR TRUCE WITH A IMPLIED THREAT OF EXTENSION OF THE WAR INTO COMMUNIST CHINA ITSELF."

THE GENERALLY RESERVED LONDON TIMES SAID "THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BECOMES EMBARRASSED, RESENTFUL OR MERELY INCREDULOUS WHEN GENERAL MACARTHUR AS UNITED NATIONS COMMANDER SPEAKS AGAIN OF CARRYING THE WAR TO THE CHINESE MAINLAND.

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MACARTHUR'S STATEMENT DROVE THE COMMUNIST DAILY WORKER TO PROFANITY. SPEAKING OF MACARTHUR'S OFFER TO MEET THE CHINESE ON THE BATTELFIELD AND ARRANGE A TRUCE, THE WORKER ASKED, "WHO THE HELL IS MACARTHUR THAT HE SHOULD CLAIM ANY SUCH FUNCTIONS?"

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(PLEASE KILL STORY SENT MONDAY NIGHT UNDER LONDON DATELINE BEGINNING WITH "THE GENERALLY RESERVED .....")

DECLASSIFIED E.O. 11652 SEC. 3(E) AND 5(B) OR (E) NNDG # 775 012

BY HAROLD GUARD

UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, MARCH 27 --(UP)-- INFORMED SOURCES SAID MONDAY THE UNITED NATIONS WILL ISSUE A NEW DECLARATION ON POLICY IN KOREA.

THEY SAID THE DECLARATION IS BEING DRAFTED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND OTHER NATIONS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING IN KOREA WHO HAVE BEEN XXX IN CONSULTATION EVER SINCE THE TIDE TURNED IN THE UNITED NATIONS FAVOR.

THE XXXXX DECLARATION WAS EXPECTED TO BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF A MILITARY APPRAISAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ABILITY TO HOLD POSITIONS ALONG THE 38TH PARALLEL AND TO ORGANIZE A "BUFFER ZONE" NORTH OF THE PARALLEL IN ORDER TO FACILITATE TALKS FOR A CEASEFIRE.

INFORMED QUARTERS SAID THE DECLARATION MIGHT BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RENEWED INVITATION TO THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS TO NEGOTIATE FOR A SETTLEMENT.

INFORMED SOURCES SAID EVERYTHING DEPENDS NOW ON SOME SIGN FROM THE PEIPING GOVERNMENT THAT IT IS WILLING TO CONSIDER THE OFFER OF NEGOTIATIONS STILL OPEN BY THE GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE.

THORSTEN HAMMARSTROM, SWEDISH AMBASSADOR IN PEIPING, WAS ASKED LAST WEEK BY THE GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE TO SOUND THE CHINESE FOREIGN OFFICE BUT SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION THE RED CHINESE ARE WILLING TO DEAL WITH THE COMMITTEE.

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DECLASSIFIED E.O. 11,652 SEC. 3(E) AND 5(D) OR (E) NNDG # 775 012

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MEANWHILE, INFORMCED SOURCES SAID THERE WAS EVIDENCE RUSSIA HAS DECIDED AGAINST SENDING FURTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO KOREA. THEY SAID, "THERE CAN BE NO CERTAINTY YET ABOUT THIS BUT IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT THE CHINESE HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVING XXXXX MASSES OF EQUIPMENT WHICH RUSSIA SUPPLIED TO THE NORTH KOREANS IN THEIR ATTACK ACROSS THE 38TH PARALLEL IN JUNE LAST YEAR."

THE SOURCES SAID THE MAIN OBJECTION TO MAKING A FIRM STATEMENT THAT THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD NOT CROSS THE 38TH PARALLEL WAS PURELY A STRATEGIC ONE BECAUSE IT WAS FELT THAT FROM A MILITARY STANDPOINT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP UNITED NATIONS FORCES ON A DEFENSE LINE THAT DID NOT CROSS THE PARALLEL AT ANY POINT.

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DECLASSIFIED E.O. 11,652 SEC. 3(E) AND 5(D) OR (E) NNDG # 775 012

NEW YORK, MARCH 27 --(UP)-- A SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWSPAPERS EDITORIAL MONDAY DECLARED THE HANDICAP UNDER WHICH AMERICAN POLICY MAKERS AND THE UNITED NATIONS ARE FORCING GENERAL MACARTHUR TO FIGHT IN KOREA THREATENS TO DESTROY THE CONFIDENCE OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC IN THE INTEGRITY OF THE UNITED STATES' INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

IT DECLARED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION DISASSOCIATING ITSELF FROM MACARTHUR'S STATEMENT THAT RED CHINA FACED MILITARY DISASTER IF THE UNITED NATIONS AUTHORIZED DIRECT ACTION AGAINST CHINA WAS A "NICE WAY TO FIGHT A WAR - FOR THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS - BUT IT IS AN OUTRAGEOUS HANDICAP TO IMPOSE ON UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE FIELD."

IT SAID "THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS CAN CONTINUE THEIR WAR AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THEY WILL BE SAFE FROM ATTACK."

THE EDITORIAL CHARGED THE BRITISH WITH "PILING UP PROFITS BY TRADING WITH THE REDS AT HONGKONG ...THIS SITUATION STEMS FROM THE FACT THAT WHILE AMERICANS AND THE SOUTH KOREANS ARE DOING MOST OF THE ~~XXXXXXX~~ FIGHTING, THE WAR POLICY IS BEING DICTATED BY GOVERNMENTS SUCH AS BRITAIN WHICH IS SUPPLYING ONE-TENTH OF THE TROOPS OR THOSE NOT SUPPLYING ANY TROOPS AT ALL SUCH AS INDIA.

"THIS WAS THE BILL OF GOODS PRIME MINISTER CLEMENT ATTLEE SOLD TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN WHEN HE RECENTLY VISITED THIS COUNTRY. WE ARE SO BOXED IN THAT IF WE WIN THE WAR IT WILL BE A UNITED NATIONS VICTORY WHILE IF WE LOSE, IT WILL BE AN AMERICAN DEFEAT.

(MORE) LN 130 A

DECLASSIFIED E.O. 11,652 SEC. 3(E) AND 5(D) OR (E) NNDG # 775 012

ADD SCRIPPS EDITORIAL, NEW YORK X X X DEFEAT

"MEANWHILE AMERICANS CONTINUE TO SUFFER THE MOST CASUALTIES. IF ANYTHING CAN DESTROY AMERICAN CONFIDENCE IN THE INTEGRITY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, THIS KIND OF ARRANGEMENT IS MOST LIKELY TO DO IT."

LN 131 A

DECLASSIFIED E.O. 12,032 SEC. 3(E) AND 3(D) OR (E) NNDG # 775 012

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, MARCH 27--(UP)-- THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED THE PENTAGON AND THE WHITE HOUSE TO CURB GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S ACTIVITIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC FIELD, IT WAS LEARNED MONDAY.

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DECLASSIFIED E.O. 11652 SEC. 3(E) AND 5(D) OR (E) NNDG # 775 012

ADD MACARTHUR, WASHINGTON XXXX MONDAY

THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN WORDED "FAIRLY STRONGLY." THE DEPARTMENT AS RESULT OF MACARTHUR'S DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT LATE LAST WEEK HE WAS WILLING TO CONFER IN THE FIELD WITH THE NORTH KOREAN ARMY LEADER TO ARRANGE A CEASE-FIRE.

MACARTHUR'S LENGTHY STATEMTN HAS STRONG DIPLOMATIC OVERTONES AND LEFT STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS MIFFED. EVEN BEFORE THE INCIDENT, STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAD WANTED MACARTHUR TO CURB HIS INCLINATION TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH OCCASIONALLY BORDER ON DIPLOMATIC PROPOSALS.

MACARTHUR'S LATEST STATEMENT WHICH REACHED WASHINGTON FRIDAY NIGHT WAS NOT CLEARED IN ADVANCE BY WASHINGTON OFFICIALS. THESE OFFICIALS WHO WERE TRYING TO NEGOTIATE THEIR OWN PEACE SETTLEMENT IN KOREA FELT MACARTHUR'S ANNOUNCEMENT MIGHT ENDANGER THEIR EFFORTS.

THE STATEDEPARTMENT, HOWEVER, DOES NOT DEAL DIRECTLY WITH MACARTHUR SO APPEALS TO THE PENTAGON AND THE WHITE HOUSE WERE MADE TO GET MACARTHUR TO CONFINE HIS ACTIVITIES TO THE MILITARY FIELD.

IT WAS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THE PENTAGON AND THE WHITE HOUSE RELAYED THE COMPLAINT TO MACARTHUR. THE GENERAL FREQUENTLY HAS BEEN IN THE MIDDLE OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, SOMETIMES BEING ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S SIDE AND SOMETIMES ON THE PENTAGON'S.

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DECLASSIFIED E.O. 11652 SEC. 3(E) AND 5(D) OR (E) NNDG # 773 012

SYDNEY, MARCH 27--(UP)-- COMMENTING ON GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S TRUCE OFFER THE SYDNEY DAILY TELEGRAPH SAID MONDAY "IT PROVES SHOCKING ABSENCE OF ADEQUATE POLITICAL CONTROL OF THE KOREAN WAR."

IT SAID IF KOREA "BECOMES MACARTHUR'S PRIVATE BAILIWICK THIS IS BECAUSE THOSE EMPLOYING HIM HAVE NOT SUPERVISED HIM."

"THAT SAD REFLECTION OF SLOPPY CONTROL FROM LAKE SUCCESS MAY WELL CAUSE GRAVE DOUBTS ON THE USEFULNESS OF UNITED NATIONS INTERVENTION IN FUTURE AGGRESSION...THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD SET UP A COMMITTEE POLITICALLY TO CONTROL THE KOREAN WAR, LEAVING MACARTHUR TO CONCENTRATE ON MILITARY PROBLEMS WHICH ARE IN HIS PROPER SPHERE," THE DAILY TELEGRAPH SAID.

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DECLASSIFIED E.O. 11,652 SEC. 3(E) AND 5(D) OR (E) NNDG # 773 012

MELBOURNE, MARCH 27--(UP)-- THE MELBOURNE HERALD SAID MONDAY GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR APPEARS TO HAVE ACTED WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF ~~REREX~~ RESPONSIBILITY DELEGATED TO A COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WHEN HE ANNOUNCED HE WAS WILLING TO DISCUSS TRUCE TERMS.

THE HERALD'S EDITORIAL SAID, "IF HIS OFFER EMBARRASSED AMERICAN OR UNITED NATIONS DIPLOMACY, IT IS FURTHER EVIDENCE THE POLITICAL OBJECTIVES OF THE KOREAN WAR NEEDED REDEFINING."

THE PAPER POINTED OUT THE FURTHER NORTH THE WAR IS CARRIED, THE MORE DIFFICULT BECOMES THE PROBLEM OF SUPPLY AND SAID, "IN THIS CIRCUMSTANCES, THE WISEST COURSE WOULD BE TO HALT THE UNITED NATIONS ADVANCE AT THE BEST DEFENSIBLE POSITION NORTH OF THE 38TH PARALLEL WHILE DIPLOMATIC ATTEMPTS ARE MADE TO REACH PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT."

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DECLASSIFIED E.O. 11,652 SEC. 3(E) AND 5(D) OR (E) NNDG # 775 012

PARIS, MARCH 27 --(UP)-- FRENCH PRESS REACTION TO GENERAL MACARTHUR'S RECENT PEACE FEELERS IN KOREA WAS UNANIMOUSLY HOSTILE WITH MOST NEWSPAPERS DENOUNCING MACARTHUR'S INITIATIVE AS "MOST INOPPORTUNE."

THE CONSERVATIVE MORNING NEWSPAPER "FIGARO" SAID MACARTHUR'S PEACE OFFER IS AN "OLIVE BRANCH WITH A BAYONET HIDDEN AMONGST THE LEAVES ....IT RUNS THE RISK OF UPSETTING THE WHOLE SITUATION BY GIVING RISE TO CHINESE SUSPICIONS."

THE LEFTIST INDEPENDENT "COMBAT" SAID IT LOOKED AS IF MACARTHUR "WANTS TO END THE WAR IN KOREA IN ORDER TO ENTER ONE WITH CHINA."

THE LEFT WING NON-COMMUNIST FRANC-TIREUR COMMENTED THAT MACARTHUR EXCEEDED HIS AUTHORITY AS COMMANDER OF THE UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN KOREA.

THE CONSERVATIVE EVENING NEWSPAPER LE MONDE SAID MACARTHUR'S LATEST INITIATIVE WAS "ESPECIALLY INOPPORTUNE." IT ADDED, "MACARTHUR'S PROPOSAL TAKES THE ASPECT OF AN ~~XXXXXX~~ ULTIMATUM AND WILL PROBABLY HAVE THE RESULT OF STIFFENING THE PEIPING GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE. IN ANY CASE MACARTHUR IS MISTAKEN IF HE THINKS ....THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD ORDER EXTENSION OF HOSTILITIES AND BOMBARDMENT OF CHINA."

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DECLASSIFIED E.O. 11652 SEC. 3(E) AND 5(D) OR (E) NNDG # 775 012

ITEM C MACARTHUR-TRUMAN DISPUTE DEVELOPMENT SURPRISES TOKYO PEOPLE.

BY RUSSELL BRINES.

TOKYO, MARCH 27 -- (AP) -- REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT TRUMAN HAD PUT GEN. MACARTHUR UNDER POLITICAL CENSORSHIP WERE RECEIVED WITH CONSIDERABLE SHOCK AND SOME SURPRISE HERE.

INFORMED SOURCES SAID THIS AFTERNOON NO DIRECT ORDERS TO THAT EFFECT HAD BEEN RECEIVED. BUT THEY ADDED ANY OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE IN WASHINGTON.

THE PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY INSTRUCTED MACARTHUR TO SUBMIT FUTURE STATEMENTS BEARING ON POLITICAL MATTERS TO WASHINGTON FOR CLEARANCE. THE ORDER WAS AN AFTERMATH OF THE GENERAL'S LATEST DISCUSSION OF THE KOREAN WAR, ISSUED HERE LAST SATURDAY.

THAT STATEMENT WAS CHARACTERIZED HERE AS "A COLD ESTIMATE OF A MILITARY SITUATION." CIRCLES WHICH GENERALLY SUPPORT THE GENERAL SAID THEY COULD SEE NO POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS IN IT.

THESE SOURCES APPLIED THE SAME DEFINITION TO WHAT APPEARED AS THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL PART OF THE STATEMENT -- THE GENERAL'S DECLARATION THAT RED CHINA WOULD FACE MILITARY COLLAPSE IF THE UNITED NATIONS CHANGED THEIR MIND AND ATTACKED ITS COASTAL AREAS AND MILITARY BASES.

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ADD ITEM C MACARTHUR-TRUMAN DISPUTE X X X MILITARY BASES

GEN. MACARTHUR'S PURPOSE, THESE SOURCES SAID, WAS TO OUTLINE COMMUNIST MILITARY WEAKNESSES TO THE ENEMY COMMANDER IN CHIEF AND HIS ARMY. HE DECIDED SOME TIME AGO TO ISSUE THE STATEMENT AT THE PROPER PSYCHOLOGICAL MOMENT.

THE STATEMENT WAS BROADCAST TO CHINESE ARMIES IN THE FIELD, DROPPED ON THEM IN LEAFLETS AND WIDELY CIRCULATED IN A "DAILY NEWSPAPER" WHICH PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE EXPERTS PREPARED FOR AIR DROPPING TO RED FORCES.

PART OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE CAMPAIGN DURING THE KOREAN WAR HAS BEEN CONCERNED WITH TRYING TO CONVINCE ENEMY TROOPS OF THEIR MILITARY WEAKNESS.

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SECOND ADD ITEM C MACARTHUR TRUMAN DISPUTE X X X MILITARY WEAKNESS

THE INFORMANTS SAID MACARTHUR WAS ATTEMPTING TO DO THE SAME THING IN THIS STATEMENT, ADDRESSED CHIEFLY TO THE ENEMY COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

HE OUTLINED UNITED NATIONS SUPERIORITY IN VARIOUS SPHERES OF THE KOREAN FIGHTING. THEN HE WARNED PEIPING IT FACED THE "RISK OF IMMINENT MILITARY COLLAPSE" IF THE UNITED NATIONS DECIDED TO ATTACK RED CHINA DIRECTLY. THE SOURCES INSISTED THIS WAS INSERTED AS A PART OF HIS DISCUSSION OF THE MILITARY SITUATION.

THEY SAID THE ENEMY COMMANDER MIGHT BE MORE ACUTELY AWARE OF HIS LOSSES THAN HIS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BEHIND THE FRONT, AND THEREFORE MIGHT BE MORE EASILY PERSUADED TO TALK PEACE. OVERTURES OF THIS KIND HAVE BEEN MADE BEFORE BETWEEN FIELD COMMANDERS.

ALL MACARTHUR SAID, THE INFORMANTS DECLARED, WAS THAT HE WOULD WILLINGLY DISCUSS THE MILITARY ASPECTS OF A PEACE SETTLEMENT. HE MENTIONED IN SATURDAY'S STATEMENT, AS EARLIER, THAT BASIC POLITICAL DECISIONS STILL REMAINED TO BE MADE.

GEN. MACARTHUR HIMSELF REMAINED SILENT ON THE UPROAR CAUSED BY THE STATEMENT AND SO DID HIS STAFF, OFFICIALLY.

BUT THERE WAS APPARENT CONCERN THE RESULT MIGHT BE TO NULLIFY ANY POSSIBILITY THAT THE STATEMENT COULD START PEIPING WORRYING ABOUT ITS SOUTHERN COASTAL FRONT.

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THIRD ADD ITEM C MACARTHUR TRUMAN DISPUTE X X X COASTAL FRONT

"NOW," SAID ONE OFFICER, "WE'VE MADE IT CLEAR THERE IS NOT THE SLIGHTEST IDEA OF CARRYING THE WAR TO WHERE IT COULD HURT THEM" -- THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS.

GEN. MACARTHUR LONG HAS OPPOSED STATE DEPARTMENT POLICIES CONCERNING THE ORIENT, AND HIS OPPOSITION HAS BEEN REFLECTED IN SOME OF HIS STATEMENTS. THE MOVE TO BRING WASHINGTON'S BLUE PENCIL CLOSER TO THE GENERAL'S FREQUENT PUBLIC REMARKS WAS GENERALLY INTERPRET HERE AS A REVIVAL OF A LONG CONTROVERSY OVER FAR EASTERN POLICY.

FOR YEARS THE GENERAL HAS SPOKEN HIS MIND WITHOUT CLEARING HIS STATEMENETS IN ADVANCE. ONCE, SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, TRUMAN ORDERED HIM TO CANCEL A STATEMENET ON CHINA, PREPARED FOR THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, BECAUSE IT CONFLICTED WITH STATE DEPARTMENT VIEWS.

-FHS 1650-

BY EARNEST HOBERECHT

UNITED PRESS MANAGER FOR JAPAN

TOKYO, MARCH 27--(UP)--GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR DID NOT SUBMIT HIS STATEMENTS OF LAST SATURDAY TO WASHINGTON FOR CLEARANCE BECAUSE HE CONSIDERED THEM TO BE SOLELY OF A MILITARY NATURE, THE UNITED PRESS LEARNED HERE.

PERSONS WHO KNOW MACARTHUR WELL SAID THAT IF THE GENERAL HAD CONSIDERED THEM OF A POLITICAL NATURE AND IF HE HAD BEEN UNDER ORDERS TO SUBMIT THEM, HE WOULD HAVE DONE SO BECAUSE HE IS A GOOD SOLDIER.

HOWEVER, IT APPEARED PRETTY DEFINITE HERE FROM ALL AVAILABLE EVIDENCE THAT GENERAL MACARTHUR HAS NOT RECENTLY BEEN GAGGED REGARDING THE KOREAN WAR. PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN SAID IN JANUARY THAT HE COULD SAY ANYTHING HE WANTED ABOUT THE KOREAN AFFAIR.

IF MACARTHUR WERE TO CONSULT ANYBODY IN WASHINGTON, HE PROBABLY WOULD CONSULT THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND NOT THE STATE DEPARTMENT. HE HAS NO CHANNEL TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF ARE HIS ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERIORS SO FAR AS THE KOREAN WAR IS CONCERNED. ON STRICTLY U.S. ARMY MATTERS, HE MIGHT DEAL WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

EFFORTS TO SECURE AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON THE MATTER OF MACARTHUR AND THE FUSS BEING RAISED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT BROUGHT ONLY THE SUGGESTION FROM OFFICIALS HERE THAT THE QUERIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WHICH, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, IS DOING ALL THE TALKING.

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ITEM E UN COMMANDERS TRYING TO CONVINCE REDS NEGOTIATE PEACE CHEAPEST WAY OF WIPING OFF KOREAN GAMBLE

BY RUSSELL BRINES

TOKYO, MARCH 27---(AP)---UNITED NATIONS COMMANDERS ARE TRYING TO CONVINCE THE COMMUNISTS THAT A NEGOTIATED PEACE IS THE CHEAPEST WAY OF WIPING OFF THEIR UNPROFITABLE GAMBLE IN KOREA.

BUT INFORMED SOURCESHERE SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO RED OVERTURES FOR A TRUCE AND THERE IS NO INDICATION WHETHER THEY ARE READY TO BEGIN TALKING TERMS.

THE ALLIES BEGAN THEIR CAMPAIGN OF CONVICTION IN JANUARY WITH AN OFFENSIVE FRANKLY LABELLED AS MAINLY AN EFFORT TO PILE UP RED LOSSES. THE ATTACK, STILL UNDER WAY, HAS COST THE ENEMY MORE THAN 180,000 DEAD AND WOUNDED.

TWO TOP COMMANDERS MADE STATEMENTS OVER THE WEEKEND THAT EVIDENTLY WERE DESIGNED TO STRESS THE POINT DIRECTLY TO COMMUNIST LEADERS THEMSELVES.

ONE WAS GENERAL MACARTHUR'S CONTROVERSIAL SATURDAY STATEMENT. HE TOLD THE REDS THEY HAD LOST FOUR DIFFERENT WAYS AND OFFERED TO MEET THE ENEMY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF TO DISCUSS MILITARY PRELUDES TO PEACE.

BUT HE STIRRED HIS GOVERNMENT MORE, APPARENTLY, THAN PEIPING BYWARNING RED CHINA IT WOULD FACE THE RISK OF "IMMINENT MILITARY COLLAPSE", IF THE UNITED NATIONS DECIDED TO ATTACK ITS COASTAL AREAS AND INTERIOR BASES.

THE NEXT DAY VICE ADMIRAL ARTHUR B. STRUBLE, RETIRING COMMANDER OF THE U.S. SEVENTH FLEET, SAID HIS FORCE WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO BLOCKADE THE CHINA COASTLINE. IT COULD ALSO PROTECT FORMOSA AGAINST A RED INVASION, HE ADDED.

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TOGETHER THE TWO STATEMENTS FORMED A COMPSITE WARNING THAT THE ALLIED COMMAND WAS CONFIDENT OF HOLDING KOREA AND SIMULTANEOUSLY CHOPPING DOWN ANY CHINESE TRUST ELSEWHERE. THEY ALSO IMPLIED THE POSSIBILITY OF WIDENED ACTION AGAINST RED CHINA.

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S STATEMENT WAS BROADCAST AND ALSO DROPPED TO COMMUNIST FORCES. QUALIFIED SOURCES SAID ITS MAIN PURPOSE WAS TO LOGICALLY RECOUNT RED WEAKNESSES TO THE ENEMY COMMANDER AND TO GET THEM MORE WIDELY KNOWN AMONG HIS TROOPS.

INFORMANTS SAID THE COMMUNIST COMMANDER MIGHT BE MORE EASILY PERSUADED THAN HIS POLITICAL COMMISSARS THAT CONTINUED HIGH LOSSES MADE THE GAMBLE UNPROFITABLE. SO THE STATEMENT ACTUALLY WAS INTENDED ACTUALLY FOR HIM.

GENERAL MACARTHUR HAS MADE ONE PREVIOUS BID FOR PEACE. THIS WAS A DEMAND FOR UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER WHEN THE TRIUMPHANT U.N. FORCES FIRST SWEPT NORTHWARD ACROSS THE 38TH PARALLEL. IT WAS ADDRESSED TO KIM IL SUNG, THE NORTH KOREAN PREMIER, AND WENT UNANSWERED.

NOBODY HERE PROFESSES TO KNOW WHETHER THE CURRENT PEACE STRATEGY WILL SUCCEED. SO FAR PEIPING HAS GIVEN NO RECOGNITION TO THE TWO STATEMENTS.

BUT THE MILITARY COMMANDERS GENERALLY AGREE THAT, WHEN THE COMMUNISTS GET READY TO TALK, IT WILL BE BECAUSE BATTLE LOSSES HAVE CONVINCED THEM THEY CANNOT WIN.

SOME COMMANDERS HAVE VOICED IMPATIENCE WITH WHAT THEY SAY ARE HALTING DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO SETTLE THE KOREAN WAR. GENERAL MACARTHUR HAS REFLECTED THIS SENTIMENT BY HIS REPEATED PUBLIC REQUESTS FOR "POLITICAL DECISIONS".

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SECOND ADD ITEM UN COMMANDERS TRYING X X X X DECISIONS.

THE GENERAL'S LATEST STATEMENT INDICATED A CONVICTION THE DIPLOMATS ARE GETTING NOWHERE AND A NEW APPROACH WAS NECESSARY.

SOME OF HIS SUPPORTERS SAY, HOWEVER, THAT WASHINGTON'S TACIT DISAVOWAL OF THE STATEMENT WOULD NULLIFY ANY CHANCE IT MIGHT HAVE HAD TO CONVINCE THE COMMUNISTS. THEY SAY PEIPING WILL DRAW ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THIS EVIDENCE OF HIGH LEVEL AMERICAN DISAGREEMENT; AND WILL GAIN COMFORT FROM WHAT THEY CONTEND IS A FRESH PROMISE THAT THE REDS DO NOT HAVE TO FEAR AN ATTACK ON CHINA ITSELF.

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AP WORLD SERVICE H2B1Z1

ITEM 38 MACARTHUR PUT UNDER POLITICAL CENSORSHIP.

BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER.

WASHINGTON, MARCH 27 -- (AP) -- INFORMED OFFICIALS SAID MONDAY NIGHT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS ASKED GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR TO INFORM WASHINGTON HEREAFTER OF ANY STATEMENTS HE INTENDS TO MAKE HAVING POLITICAL IMPORTANCE.

THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT AMONG STATE DEPARTMENT, DEFENSE DEPARTMENT AND WHITE HOUSE AUTHORITIES, IT WAS SAID, THAT THE MEASURE WAS NECESSARY.

IT IS INTENDED TO TRY TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF THE SITUATION WHICH DEVELOPED WHEN MACARTHUR MADE A PUBLIC DECLARATION BEFORE VISITING THE KOREAN FRONT LAST SATURDAY.

AT THAT TIME, WITHOUT INFORMING WASHINGTON, THE UNITED NATIONS COMMANDER OFFERED TO MEET THE COMMUNIST COMMANDER IN CHIEF IN THE FIELD FOR TRUCE TALKS. MACARTHUR AT THE SAME TIME RAISED, AT LEAST BY IMPLICATION, THE POSSIBILITY THE UNITED NATIONS MIGHT CHANGE ITS POLICY AND AUTHORIZE ATTACKS ON CHINESE MILITARY BASES AND ON CHINA'S COASTAL AREAS.

STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SUBSEQUENTLY DISCLOSED THAT WHAT MACARTHUR SAID HAD NOT ~~BEEN~~ BEEN DISPATCHED TO WASHINGTON BEFOREHAND.

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XXXXX ADD ITEM 33 MACARTHUR PUT UNDER X X X WASHINGTON BEFOREHAND

THERE WAS A ROUND OF TOP LEVEL CONFERENCES ON SATURDAY INVOLVING STATE AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS AND AUTHORITIES AT THE WHITE HOUSE, INCLUDING SECRETARY DEAN ACHESON AND PRESIDENT TRUMAN.

THE MESSAGE WHICH WAS REPORTED MONDAY NIGHT TO HAVE BEEN SENT TO MACARTHUR WAS DESCRIBED AS A REQUEST TO HIM TO INFORM WASHINGTON BEFORE MAKING ANY SUCH DECLARATION IN THE FUTURE.

OFFICIALS HERE SAID HE ALREADY WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, REAFFIRMED IN A GENERAL DIRECTIVE CIRCULATED BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN LAST DECEMBER, TO CLEAR POLITICAL STATEMENTS IN WASHINGTON.

THE LATEST WORD TO MACARTHUR SERVED IN EFFECT AS A REMINDER OF THIS STANDING INSTRUCTION.

INFORMANTS SAID THE EFFECT IS TO REQUEST SUBMISSION OF FUTURE STATEMENTS FOR CLEARANCE HERE, SINCE IF WASHINGTON IS INFORMED BEFOREHAND WHAT THE GENERAL INTENDS TO SAY IT WILL BE IN POSITION TO APPROVE, DISAPPROVE OR SUGGEST MODIFICATIONS IN ANY STATEMENT.

THE STATE DEPARMENT AND WHITE HOUSE ARE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE ON MACARTHUR'S STATEMENTS. WHENEVER HE MAKES AN IMPORTANT COMMENT WITH POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE INQUIRIES ARE ALWAYS MADE OF THEM AS TO WHETHER WHAT HE SAID HAD BEEN APPROVED OR KNOWN ABOUT HERE BEFORE HAND.

THESE INQUIRIES ARE PUT BOTH BY NEWSMEN AND BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ALLIED WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THE KOREAN FIGHTING.

THE BRITISH HAVE LONG BEEN CONCERNED OVER MACARTHUR'S LEADERSHIP OF THE KOREAN CAMPAIGN AND HAVE MADE CLEAR TO WASHINGTON THEIR FEAR HE FAVORED MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE CHINESE ON A FAR BROADER SCALE THAN THE BRITISH HAVE EVER BEEN WILLING TO APPROVE.

-FHS 1836-

AP WORLD SERVICE H2B1Z1 W-42

ITEM 31 MACARTHUR ASKED TO INFORM WASHINGTON ON ANY STATEMENT TO BE MADE

BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, MARCH27--(AP)--INFORMED OFFICIALS SAID MONDAY NIGHT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS ASKED GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR TO INFORM WASHINGTON IN FUTURE OF ANY STATMENTS HE INTEND TO MAKE, HAVING POLITICAL IMPORTANCE.

INFORMED OFFICIALS SAID THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATE, DEFENSE AND WHITE HOUSE AUTHORITIES THAT MEASURE IS NECESSARY.

IT IS INTENDED TO TRY TO PREVENT THE RECURRENCE OF A SITUATION, WHICH DEVELOPED WHEN MACARTHUR MADE PUBLIC A DECLARATION BEFORE VISITING THE KOREAN FRONT SATURDAY WHEN AND WITHOUT INFORMING WASHINGTON, THE UNITED NATIONS COMMANDER OFFERED TO MEET THE COMMUNIST COMMANDER INTHE FIELD FOR TRUCE TALKS.

MACARTHUR AT THE SAME TIME RAISED AT LEAST BY IMPLICATION POSSIBILITY THAT THE UNITED NATIONS MIGHT CHANGE ITS POLICY TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTACK OF CHINESE MILITARY BASES AND CHINA'S COASTAL AREAS.

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ITEM 12
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MACARTHUR STATEMENT ON RED CHINA REPORTED NOT FIRST CLEARED IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, MARCH 25 --(AP)-- STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID FRIDAY THAT SO FAR AS THEY COULD DETERMINE GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S STATEMENT ON RED CHINA, ISSUED AS HE DEPARTED FOR THE KOREAN FRONT, WAS NOT FIRST CLEARED IN WASHINGTON.

IN A FORMAL STATEMENT ISSUED THROUGH A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, THE DEPARTMENT REMAINED ALOOF TO THE MACARTHUR STATEMENT. IT MERELY POINTED OUT THAT POLITICAL ISSUES OF THE KOREAN WAR ARE DEALT WITH BY GOVERNMENTS AND THAT GEN. MACARTHUR IS OPERATING UNDER MILITARY DIRECTIVES FROM THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

PRIVATELY SOME OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER GEN. MACARTHUR'S REFERENCE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EXPANDED U.N. MILITARY OPERATION WHICH MIGHT REACH BEYOND KOREA AND STRIKE AT RED CHINA'S MILITARY BASES AND COASTAL AREAS.

THERE APPEARED TO BE SOME BELIEVE THAT THIS MIGHT ALARM AMERICAN ALLIES EVEN THOUGH GEN. MACARTHUR SEEMED CONFIDENT OF A CHINESE DEFEAT IF THE UNITED STATES SHOULD MAKE SUCH A CHANGE IN POLICY.

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ADD ITEM 12 MACARTHUR STATEMENT ON RED CHINA X X X IN POLICY.

STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ADDED THAT SO FAR AS THEY KNOW GEN. MACARTHUR'S STATEMENT WAS NOT SEEN IN WASHINGTON BEFORE ITS RELEASE IN TOKYO.

HERE IS THE FORMAL STATE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ISSUED BY REGINALD P. MITCHELL:

"GEN. MACARTHUR IS CONDUCTING UNITED NATIONS MILITARY OPERATIONS IN KOREA UNDER MILITARY DIRECTIVES ISSUED THROUGH THE UNITED STATES JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF WHICH, AS THE PRESIDENT STATED IN A RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE, ARE FULLY ADEQUATE TO COVER THE PRESENT MILITARY SITUATION IN KOREA.

"THE POLITICAL ISSUES WHICH GEN. MACARTHUR HAS STATED ARE BEYOND HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AS FIELD COMMANDER ARE BEING DEALT WITH IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS." --VMT 741

EDITORS: STORIES ON FILE INCLUDE:

WASHINGTON, AMERICANS SKEPTICAL OF ARGENTINE ATOMIC ENERGY CLAIMS.

PARIS, BIG-FOUR TO MAKE ANOTHER STAB AT AGREEMENT.

--VMT 742

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ADD ITEM 12 MACARTHUR STATEMENT ON RED CHINA X X X CONSULTATIONS."

THERE WAS NO COMMENT ON A LATER MACARTHUR STATEMENT, MADE ON HIS RETURN TO TOKYO, IN WHICH HE SAID HE HAD DIRECTED THE U.S. 8TH ARMY TO CROSS THE 38TH PARALLEL "IF AND WHEN ITS SECURITY MAKES IT TACTICALLY ADVISABLE."

--VMT 806

BY DONALD J. GONZALES

UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON, MARCH 25--(UP)-- GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR DID NOT CLEAR WITH MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC LEADERS HERE EITHER HIS OFFER TO NEGOTIATE PEACE IN KOREA OR HIS THREAT OF A POSSIBLE UNITED NATIONS ATTACK ON RED CHINA,IT WAS LEARNED SATURDAY.

IT WAS SAID FLATLY ON HIGH AUTHORITY THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER DID NOT CONSULT WITH WASHINGTON ON EITHER MATTER BEFORE ANNOUNCING THEM IN TOKYO.

(MORE) ..LG0600AM

ADD MACARTHUR OFFER, WASHINGTON (GONZALES) XXX TOKYO

THE STATE DEPARTMENT, HOWEVER, SEEMED TO UNDERWRITE MACARTHUR'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE UNITED STATES EIGHTH ARMY HAS BEEN ORDERED TO CROSS THE 38TH PARALLEL, IF NECESSARY, IN THEIR DRIVE AGAINST THE CHINESE AND NORTH KOREAN REDS.

A BRIEF STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT SAID GEN. MACARTHUR IS CONDUCTING THE UNITED NATIONS' MILITARY OPERATIONS IN KOREA UNDER MILITARY DIRECTIVES ISSUED THROUGH THE UNITED STATES JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF WHICH, AS PRESIDENT TRUMAN STATED IN A RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE, ARE FULLY ADEQUATE TO COVER THE PRESENT MILITARY SITUATION IN KOREA.

POLITICAL ISSUES, WHICH GEN. MACARTHUR HAS STATED ARE BEYOND HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AS A FIELD COMMANDER, ARE BEING DEALT WITH IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND BY INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS.

MACARTHUR HAS BEEN PRESSING FOR INSTRUCTIONS THAT WOULD FREE HIS AIR POWER TO ATTACK COMMUNIST BASES INSIDE MANCHURIA. BUT THERE IS LITTLE INTEREST HERE OR ON BEHALF OF THE OTHER UNITED NATIONS ALLIES TO GRANT THIS AUTHORITY UNLESS RED AIR POWER ATTACKS THE UNITED NATIONS GROUND FORCES ON A MAJOR SCALE.

..LG0700AM

THIRD MACARTHUR OFFER, WASHINGTON (GONZALES) XXX SCALE

THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT APPEARED TO BE A SLAP AT MACARTHUR'S BOLD PEACE PROPOSAL AND HIS STATEMENT THE UNITED NATIONS MIGHT ATTACK RED CHINA UNLESS IT AGREED TO END THE WAR.

OFFICIALS HERE WERE SAID TO ~~XXXX~~ FEEL THE OPINION THE THREAT OF WAR AGAINST RED CHINA WAS NOT WARRANTED UNTIL ALL PEACE POSSIBILITIES HAD BEEN EXPLORED. UNDOUBTEDLY, DIPLOMATS BELIEVE THE SINO-SOVIET MILITARY ALLIANCE MIGHT BRING RUSSIA INTO THE WAR ON A BASIS CONSIDERABLY STRONGER THAN THAT NOW ~~XXX~~ EXISTING IF RED CHINA TERRITORY WAS ATTACKED. AS OF NOW, THE ADMINISTRATION REGARDS THE KOREAN WAR AS A SUCCESS.

**LG0950AM

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ITEM 34 U.S. DOES NOT INTEND TO ASK FOR PERMISSION TO EXTEND KOREAN WAR TO CHINA MAINLAND

BY STANLEY JOHNSON

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, MARCH 25 --(AP)-- THE UNITED STATES SAID SATURDAY IT HAS NO PLANS TO ASK THE UNITED NATIONS FOR PERMISSION TO EXTEND THE KOREAN WAR TO THE MAINLAND OF CHINA.

GENERAL MACARTHUR SAID SATURDAY "A DECISION BY THE UNITED NATIONS TO DEPART FROM ITS TOLERANT EFFORT TO CONTAIN THE WAR TO THE AREA OF KOREA, THROUGH AN EXPANSION OF OUR MILITARY OPERATIONS TO HIS COASTAL AREAS AND INTERIOR BASES, WOULD DOOM RED CHINA TO THE RISK OF IMMINENT MILITARY COLLAPSE."

WHILE DECLINING DIRECT COMMENT ON THE GENERAL'S REMARKS, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION REITERATED THAT THIS COUNTRY HAS NO INTENTION OF PRESSING THE UNITED NATIONS TO MAKE SUCH A POLICY SHIFT.

WESTERN DIPLOMATS RESENTED THE U.N. COMMANDER EXPRESSING HIMSELF SO FREELY ON SUBJECTS IN WHICH THEY ARE INTIMATELY CONCERNED, WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATIONS.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT CIRCLES IN PARIS INDICATED THEY MIGHT APPROVE GEN. MACARTHUR'S PEACE EFFORTS, BUT COULD NOT APPROVE THE THREATS OF EXTENDING THE WAR. THIS VIEW SEEMED TO BE GENERAL HERE TOO.

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ADD ITEM34 U.S. DOES NOT INTEND TO X X X HERE TOO.

ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT NASROLLAH ENTEZAM OF IRAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE U.N. GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE SEEKING PEACE WITH RED CHINA, SAID:

"WE SHALL WELCOME EVERY EFFORT IN THE DIRECTION OF PEACE THROUGH OUR GROUP OR FROM THE OUTSIDE."

HE TOLD NEWSMEN THE CHIEF DIFFICULTY WAS ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH THE PEIPING REGIME. ALL PROPOSED PEACE PLANS, HE SAID, ARE BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE. THIS, HE SAID, IS NOT THE CASE.

FOR THAT REASON ENTEZAM INDICATED THE U.N. WOULD BE GLAD OF A TRUCE ARRANGED BY THE MILITARY COMMANDERS IN THE FIELD.

ENTEZAM SAID, WITHOUT MUCH OPTIMISM, THAT "IF THE CHINESE ARE WILLING, IT WOULD BE EASY TO FIND A WAY."

AMBASSADOR SELIM SARPER OF TURKEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE U.N. SANCTIONS COMMITTEE, HAILED THE MACARTHUR STATEMENT.

EMPHASIZING THAT HE SPOKE PURELY IN HIS PERSONAL CAPACITY AND WITHOUT HAVING CONSULTED HIS GOVERNMENT, SARPER SAID:

"THE QUESTION OF THE 38TH PARALLEL IS PURELY MILITARY. ONE CANNOT EXPECT A COMMANDER IN CHIEF TO FULFILL HIS DUTY AND AT THE SAME TIME PUT LIMITS ON HIM WHICH WOULD PREVENT HIM FROM FULFILLING IT."

--VMT 1235

BY RICHARD WITKIN

UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

NEW YORK, MARCH 25--(UP)-- THE UNITED STATES HAS NO INTENTION OF ASKING UNITED NATIONS PERMISSION TO BOMB COMMUNIST CHINA EVEN IF GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S CEASE-FIRE BID IS REJECTED, AN AMERICAN SPOKESMAN SAID SATURDAY.

(MORE LATER) ..LS0710AM

ADD RED CHINA, NEW YORK (WITKIN) XXX SATURDAY

MACARTHUR HAD SAID UNITED NATIONS DECISION TO EXTEND THE WAR BY AUTHORIZING ATTACKS ON THE CHINA COAST AND INTERIOR BASES "WOULD DOOM RED CHINA TO THE RISK OF IMMINENT MILITARY COLLAPSE."

SOME KEY DELEGATES AND OFFICIALS FEARED THIS WAS IMPLIED THREAT TO ASK FOR UNITED NATIONS PERMISSION TO CARRY THE WAR INTO CHINA PROPER IF PEIPING REFUSES THE BID TO CALL OFF THE FIGHTING.

BUT THE UNITED STATES SPOKESMAN INDICATED SUCH FEARS ARE GROUNDLESS. WITHOUT GOING DIRECTLY INTO THE MACARTHUR STATEMENT, HE SAID FLATLY THE UNITED STATES HAS NO PLANS TO SEEK UNITED NATIONS AUTHORIZATION TO ATTACK CHINA. AND HE IMPLIED SUCH PLANS ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE FORMULATED IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID NEITHER THE AMERICAN DELEGATION NOR, SO FAR AS HE KNEW, THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD ANY ADVANCE NOTICE OF MACARTHUR'S STATEMENT.

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THIRD RED CHINA, NEW YORK (WITKIN) XXX STATEMENT

THE GENERAL REACTION HERE TO MACARTHUR'S INVITATION TO PEIPING TO HALT THE FIGHTING THROUGH BATTLEFRONT TALKS WAS EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS. GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT NASROLLAH ENTEZAM SAID HIS THREE-MAN GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE "WELCOMES EVERY EFFORT THAT MAKES FOR PEACE." AND TURKEY'S SELIM SARPER, HEAD OF THE SLOW-TREADING COMMITTEE TO STUDY SANCTIONS AGAINST PEIPING, SAID IT WAS CERTAINLY THE COMMANDER'S JOB TO SEEK MILITARY TRUCE.

BUT SEVERAL IMPORTANT NON-AMERICAN OBSERVERS FELT THE MENTION OF WHAT DISASTER MIGHT BEFALL CHINA IF THE UNITED NATIONS EXTENDED ITS OPERATIONS WAS HARDLY CALCULATED TO BRING ACCEPTANCE OF THE CEASE-FIRE BID.

THE GENERAL FEELING HERE ALSO WAS THAT MACARTHUR'S ATTEMPT TO DIVORCE THE KOREA SETTLEMENT FROM OTHER ASIAN PROBLEMS, LIKE FORMOSA AND CHINA'S UNITED NATIONS MEMBERSHIP, WAS NOT REALISTIC.

..LG0830AM

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BY PIERRE J. HUSS

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., MARCH 25-(INS)--A TOP UNITED NATIONS DELEGATE SAID SATURDAY THAT CHINESE COMMUNIST LEADER MAO TSE-TUNG HAS A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO END THE KOREAN WAR BY ACCEPTING GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S OFFER FOR A BATTLEFIELD PEACE TALK.

ARRANGEMENT OF A TRUCE IN A FACE-TO-FACEMEETING BETWEEN THE UN SUPREME COMMANDER AND MAO OR HIS FIELD LEADER WOULD BE HAILED BY EVERYONE AT LAKE SUCCESS EXCEPT THE SOVIET BLOC.

"IN MY OPINION," A POPULAR DIPLOMAT FROM THE PACIFIC SAID, "THE ASSEMBLY WOULD MEET AND APPROVE WITHIN 24 HOURS ANY AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BETWEEN MACARTHUR AND THE CHINESE FOR ENDING THE KOREAN WAR BELOW OR ABOVE THE 38TH PARALLEL."

A TOP UN DELEGATE FROM THE WESTERN RANKS DECLARED IT WOULD BE A MATTER OF GREAT REGRET IF MAO MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY HELD OUT TO HIM BY MACARTHUR FOR STAGING A MASTER DIPLOMATIC STROKE. HE SAID:

"IT TAKES A BIG MAN TO ACT BOLDLY. MACARTHUR IS THAT KIND OF MAN. MAO MUST DEMONSTRATE HE TOO CAN MEASURE UP TO THE FINAL STANDARD OF GREATNESS. ANYONE WHO HAS THE INTEREST OF HIS COUNTRY AT HEART WOULD SEIZE THIS OPPORUNITY TO CALL OFF THE BLOODSHED AND TALK TERMS.

"WE MUST REALIZE, OF COURSE, THAT MAO IS IN MANY RESPECTS A PRISONER OF THE KREMLIN, BUT HE CAN TEAR HIMSELF LOOSE FROM HIS MOSCOW MASTERS AND WIN A PERMANENT SPOT IN HISTORY FOR HIMSELF AND CHINA. ANY OTHER WAY, HE WILL HAVE ONLY HIMSELF TO BLAME FOR THE CONSEQUENCES."

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SHOULD MAO REMAIN SILENT OR REFUSE TO MEET MACARTHUR, UN DIPLOMATS FEEL THAT A HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATION FOR A SHOWDOWN ON THE POLITICAL FRONT WOULD IMMEDIATELY BE HELD AFTER THE CURRENT UN OFFENSIVE HAS RUN ITS COURSE.

A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE UNIFIED COMMAND SAID THAT BASIC DECISIONS ON THE UN POSITION ON NORTH KOREA WILL HAVE BEEN REACHED BY THE TIME MACARTHUR HAS CONSOLIDATED HIS VICTORY ON THE 38TH PARALLEL AND HAS MANEUVERED HIS TROOPS TO WHERE HE CONSIDERS IT ADVANTAGEOUS FROM THE STANDPOINT OF FUTURE MILITARY REQUIREMENTS IN KOREA.

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LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., MARCH 25-(INS)-WESTERN SPOKESMAN SAY THAT A REVISED PLAN FOR A NEGOTIATED PEACE IN KOREA IS BEING CONSIDERED AT THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE SPOKESMEN SAID THAT THE PLAN ADHERES TO THE PRINCIPLE OF A FREE AND INDEPENDENT KOREA AND ADDED THAT IT MAY BE SUBMITTED SOON TO MAO TSE-TUNG, PREMIER OF COMMUNIST CHINA, AS A BASIS FOR ENDING THE SHOOTING WAR.

THE INFORMANTS INDICATED THAT FINAL DRAFTING OF THE BLUEPRINT AND A DECISION ON MAKING IT PUBLIC ARE KEYED TO MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS IN KOREA, ESPECIALLY CONSOLIDATED OF POSITIONS AT OR BEYOND THE 38TH PARALLEL BY U.N. FORCES.

THE REVISED PLAN OMITS MENTION OF AN OCCUPATION OF NORTH KOREA BY U.N. FORCES BUT PROVIDES FOR APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN AN ENVISIONED PLEBISCITE.

WESTERN POWERS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THEY WILL RESIST A REPETITION OF THE PEACE-MAKING EFFORTS OF LAST YEAR WHEN THE ASIAN-ARAB BLOC DICTATED THE PROCEDURE. NOW, THEY SAY, NEW MOVES MUST BE LEFT TO THE U.N. MEMBERS WHOSE COMBAT TROOPS AND AFFILIATED UNITS ARE IN KOREA.

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RM 0730 ET

NEW YORK, MARCH 25--(UP)-- THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE EDITORIALLY COMMENTED SUNDAY ON GENERAL MACARTHUR'S TRUCE OFFER IN KOREA.

THE TIMES SAIDX "NO ONE CAN QUARREL WITH HONEST EFFORTX TO STOP FURTHER X BLOODSHED," BUT THE X TIMES SAID GENERAL MACARTHUR'S RE-STATEMENT OF THE POLITICAL OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH TRUCE "GIVES A CERTAIN AIR OF UNREALITY TO HIS TRUCE PROPOSAL SINCE IT IS PRECISELY TO PREVENT CONSUMMATION OF THESE OBJECTIVES THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS INTERVENED IN KOREA. . .

"THE POSITION WAS X WEAKENED BY ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ THE MACARTHUR STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT COMMUNIST CHINA ALREADY HAS BEEN BADLY DEFEATED AND IF IT CONTINUES,~~XXX~~ FACES A COMPLETE COLLAPSE. SUCH A DECLARATION INVITES THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS TO ACCEPT A TRUCE ON THE BASIS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THEIR OWN OVERWHELMING LOSS. IT IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THEY WILL DO SO AND THIS REVIEW OF THEIR PRESENT SITUATION MAKES THE POSSIBILITY EVEN MORE REMOTE.

"SIMILARLY THE THREAT THAT THE UNITED NATIONS MAY AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF HOSTILITIES TO COASTAL CHINA AND INTERIOR BASES WILL NOT FURTHER CAUSE PEACE. IF ANYTHING, IT WILL STIFFEN COMMUNIST RESISTANCE AND BE USED AS A PRIMARY ARGUMENT FOR JUSTIFYING IT.

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MORECVER, THIS IMPLICIT THREAT ALSO IS X UNREALISTIC SINCE IT IS EXTREMELY XXXXXXXX UNLIKELY THAT THE UNITED NATIONS,XX BENT UPON LIMITING HOSTILITIES, WOULD AUTHORIZE THE ACTION THUS GREATLY ENLARGING THEM."

THE TRIBUNE SAID:

"MACARTHUR OFFERED TO NEGOTIATE IN THE FIELD, THE UNITED NATIONS XX STANDS READY TO SEEK PEACE AT PEKING, LAKE SUCCESS OR ANYWHERE ELSE CHINA ELECTS.

"RAVAGED KOREA STANDS AS A TERRIBLE REPROACH TO COMMUNIST AGGRESSION, PLEADING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO REBUILD IN SECURITY AND FREEDOM. IT NOW IS UP TO MAO. HE CAN LIFT THE CURSE OF WAR FROM HIS OWN PEOPLE, AS WELL AS XXX FROM THE ANGUISHED KOREANS AND VASTLY REDUCE TENSIONS OF THE WORLD SIMPLY BY FACING FACTS."

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WASHINGTON, MARCH 25-(INS)-THE STATE DEPARTMENT DECLARED SATURDAY THAT GEN. MACARTHUR'S DECISION TO DIRECT UNITED NATIONS TROOPS TO CROSS THE 38TH PARALLEL IS IN ACCORD WITH THE VIEWS OF THE U.S. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT SAID:

"GEN. MACARTHUR IS CONDUCTING U.N. MILITARY OPERATIONS IN KOREA UNDER MILITARY DIRECTIVES ISSUED THROUGH THE U.S. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, WHICH, AS THE PRESIDENT STATED IN A RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE ARE FULLY ADEQUATE TO COVER THE PRESENT MILITARY SITUATION IN KOREA."

THE DEPARTMENT, AT THE SAME TIME, SAID THAT "POLITICAL ISSUES WHICH GEN. MACARTHUR HAS STATED ARE BEYOND HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AS A FIELD COMMANDER ARE BEING DEALT WITH IN THE U.N. AND BY INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS."

MACARTHUR ACCOMPANIED HIS ORDER TO RE-CROSS THE 38TH PARALLEL WITH A STATEMENT THAT HE "STANDS READY" TO MEET THE COMMUNIST LEADER TO HALT FURTHER BLOODSHED BUT AT THE SAME TIME SAID ANY SETTLEMENT MUST INCLUDE THE "REALIZATION OF THE POLITICAL OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN KOREA."

DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, WHO DECLINED TO BE NAMED, INDICATED THAT MACARTHUR HAD MADE HIS OFFER TO MEET WITH THE RED LEADER WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH WASHINGTON.

BRITISH QUARTERS WERE EXTREMELY ACTIVE THIS MORNING IN DISCUSSING ONE PARAGRAPH IN MACARTHUR'S STATEMENT WHICH APPEARED TO CARRY AN IMPLIED THREAT TO ATTACK RED CHINA'S COASTAL AREAS AND INTERIOR BASES.

THIS PARAGRAPH SAID:

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"THE ENEMY...MUST NOW BE PAINFULLY AWARE THAT A DECISION OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO DEPART FROM ITS TOLERANT EFFORT TO CONTAIN THE WAR TO THE AREA OF KOREA THROUGH EXPANSION OF MILITARY OPERATIONS TO HIS COASTAL AREAS AND INTERIOR BASES WOULD DOOM RED CHINA TO THE RISK OF IMMINENT MILITARY COLLAPSE."

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RM 0745 TT

WITH MACARTHUR

BY BRUCE W. MUNN

United Press Staff correspondent

LAKE SUCCESS, March 24--(UP)-- General MacArthur's offer to negotiate with the Chinese commander in the field was welcomed by United Nations sources to whom it came as a surprise.

American sources said that the United States mission to the U.N. -- which is the go-between for the world organization and the Pentagon -- had no advance information that General MacArthur planned to make his far-reaching statement.

The reaction of other U.N. sources reflected relief that General MacArthur had taken the intiative in seeking to end the Korean war.

But many had expected after Britain's grudging agreement Thursday to permit a new crossing of the 38th parallel that the U.N. would formulate a new statement of principles on a Far Eastern settlement that would have been broader than General MacArthur's military-phrased blunt statement.

The U.N. itself twice had unsuccessfully sought to negotiate a cease-fire with the Communists of China.

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ADD MACARTHUR'S OFFERX,LAKE SUCCESS (Munn) x x x China.

The first time -- early last winter -- Peiping summarily rejected the U.N. peace feeler.

The General Assembly then set up a new organ -- a good offices committee of three headed by Assembly President Nasrollah Entezam ~~xxxx~~ -- which was empowered to sound out the Chinese Communists on a new approach to peace.

The committee,appointed nine weeks ago,has received nothing but silence from Peiping in reply to several communications sent through the Swedish Ambassador to the Communist capital.

A leader of the 12-nation Arab-Asian bloc which led the first unsuccessful attempt to reach a settlement said that he hoped that General MacArthur's direct appeal for a military agreement to end the war ~~xx~~ would bring more response from the Chinese Reds than the good offices committee had been able to elicit.

Most U.N. officials and delegates including Secretary General Trygve Lie shied away from comment on General MacArthur's statement until they have an opportunity to study the text.

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BY DONALD J. GONZALES

UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON, MAR. 24 ---(UP) --- THE UNITED STATES AND ITS UNITED NATIONS ALLIES WILL ~~AIM~~ aim A NEW PEACE OVER ~~THE TURNS~~ tune AT CHINESE COMMUNISTS TO FOLLOW GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S BOLD BID TO END THEKOREAN WAR, AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS SAID SATURDAY.

THESE MOVES ARE EXPECTED SOON : FIRSTLY, UNITED NATIONS GOOD OFFICES COMMISSION WILL REDOUBLE ITS EFFORTS TO PERSUADE THE CHINESE REDS TO CONSIDER CEASE FIRE PATTERNED ON UNITED NATIONS' DECEMBER 14 PEACE FORMULA.

AMONG OTHER THINGS THIS WOULD HAVE ESTABLISHED 20 MILES OF BUFFER ZONE AT THE 38TH PARALLEL.

SECONDLY, PRESIDENT TRUMAN ON BEHALF OF THE ALLIES IS BEING URGED TO OUTLINE THE WILLINGNESS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ALLIES TO SETTLE THE WAR OR FIGHT IT OUT -- IF THE REDS WANT IT THAT WAY. OFFICIALS SAID BATTLEFIELD EVENTS WILL WILL DETERMINE THE TIMING OF ANY PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT. THE STATE DEPARTMENT DECLINED TO COMMENT ON GEN. MACARTHUR'S SURPRISE OFFER TO MEET COMMUNIST COMMANDER AT PEACE TABLE AND HIS THREAT UNITED NATIONS MIGHT CARRY THE WAR TO CHINESE SOIL. IT HINTED GEN. MACARTHUR'S STATEMENT WAS ENTIRELY ON HIS OWN AND HAD NOT BEEN CLEARED IN ADVANCE HERE. NEVERTHELESS/THE ADMINISTRATION REGARDS THE KOREAN WAR AS A SUCCESS AND WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER BOFIDE CEASE FIRE SUGGESTIONS.

MORE SA 8.15 P.M.

ADD PEACE BID , WASHINGTON (GONZALES) X X X SUGGESTIONS

ALTHOUGH CHINA REJECTED EARLIER PEACE OFFERS THERE IS HOPE THE REDS MAY TRY FOR CEASE FIRE TO ESCAPE FURTHER PUNISHMENT. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION ,HOWEVER,THE CHINESE ARE HAVING DIFFICULTIES AGREEING ON A FACE SAVING PEACE FORMULA.

THERE ALSO HAVE BEEN REPORTS THEIR LEADER MAO TSE TUNG IS ILL OR LOSING HIS GRIP ON THE GOVERNMENT.

GEN. MACARTHUR'S THREAT TO ATTACK RED CHINA CAUSED SOME SURPRISE IN OFFICIAL QUARTERS HERE. THE FEELING IS LITTLE SHOULD BE SAID AT THIS TIME OF THREATENING NATURE UNTIL PEACE POSSIBILITIES HAVE BEEN EXPLORED.

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE ALLIES DONOT WANT TO AUTHORIZE ATTACK ON CHINA COAST OR THE MANCHURIAN BASES. THIS POLICY WILL CONTINUE UNLESS RED AIRPOWER IS THROWN AGAINST UNITED NATIONS GROUND TROOPS. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT UNITED STATES AS GENERAL MACARTHUR HAS SUGGESTED WILL INSIST ON KOREAN SETTLEMENT THAT WOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY TAKE UP THE QUESTIONS OF FORMOSA, RED CHINA'S UNITED NATIONS MEMBERSHIP OR OTHER FAR EASTERN PROBLEMS. THESE QUESTIONS COULD BE CONSIDERED LATER IF CEASE-FIRE IS ACCOMPLISHED.

SA 8.30 P.M.

BULLETIN

CORRECTION

IN PEACE BID, WASHINGTON (GONZALES) 1ST PARA MAKE IT READ: XX X XXXX WILL AIM A NEW PEACE OVERTURE AT CHINESE COMMUNISTS X X

(NOT: X X X WILL AIM A NEW PEACE OVER THE TURNS X X)

UPA/TOKYO SA 9.25 P.M.

WITH MACARTHUR

WASHINGTON, March 24--(UP)-- General Douglas MacArthur's offer to talk with Communist leaders on the Korean battlefield was regarded in official quarters ~~Friday night~~ as a bold move designed to prod the Chinese into a peace conference.

Authorities pointed out that the General's statement in effect has left the next move up to the Chinese.

State Department Press Officer Lincoln White, when informed of General MacArthur's ~~[illegible]~~ statement, said the Department "has no comment."

It was understood that the MacArthur statement was not backed by any new moves in the diplomatic ~~m~~ field for a truce.

The United States is under heavy pressure from the 13 United Nations allies fighting with it in Korea to outline from Washington the United Nations ~~mg~~ objectives now that South Korea has been virtually ~~free~~ freed again.

Consideration is being given for President Truman to issue a statement next week on the Korean war.

Most Allies regard the Korean war as a success at this point and would be willing to settle the war on any honorable terms.

They hope the Chinese might be persuaded that the time has come to arrange a cease-fire in the general area of the 38th parallel.

Refusal of such a proposition would put heavy responsibility on the Chinese Reds for continuing the war.

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ADD MACARTHUR'S OFFER, WASHINGTON X X X war.

(repeating last pgh with addition of "it was said.")

Refusal of such a proposition would put heavy responsibility on the Chinese Reds for continuing the war, it was said.

The Allies are urging that the Communists be told again that the United Nations forces want to avoid further bloodshed in an indecisive and prolonged campaign in which neither side appears capable of winning a final military victory.

But it is expected the conciliatory move will be coupled with another warning that refusal of a cease-fire by the Reds would be the signal for a continued campaign into North Korea.

Official informants have been disturbed because the Chinese Reds have made no reply to recent peace feelers.

The experts regard this as a possible sign that Peiping and Moscow may be at odds on the Communists' future course in Korea.

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DECLASSIFIED EXT. PROV. SEC. 3(E) AND 3(D) OR (E) NNDG # 775 012

BY ART GOUL

UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

TAIPEI, MARCH 24 --(UP)-- NATIONALIST CHINA WILL SUPPORT THE EARLIEST PEACE POSSIBLE IN KOREA BUT NOT AT THE COST OF SACRIFICING ITS OWN STAKE IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE OR POSITION OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SHEN CHANG-HUAN DECLINED COMMENT ON THE REPORT THAT GENERAL MACARTHUR HAD OPENED THE DOOR TO THE COMMUNISTS FOR DISCUSSION OF PEACE BUT EMPHATICALLY RESTATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WITH REGARD TO ENDING THE KOREAN CONFLICT.

"NATIONALIST CHINA WANTS PEACE IN KOREA AS MUCH AS ANY OTHER POWER ON EARTH," HE SAID. "BUT IT MUST XXX BE A JUST PEACE, NOT A PEACE ON COMMUNIST TERMS. THIS GOVERNMENT WILL NEVER SUPPORT ANY SETTLEMENT THAT PLACES DEMOCRATIC HOPES IN KOREA ON THE ALTAR OF APPEASEMENT.

"IT WILL NEVER SUPPORT A SETTLEMENT WHICH SACRIFICES OR JEOPARDIZES ITS OWN POSITION IN ASIA AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL PICTURE. THIS GOVERNMENT WILL OOPOSE JUST AS STRONGLY ANY NEGOTIATED AGREEMENTS THAT FALL SHORT OF THE ORIGINAL UNITED NATIONS OBJECTIVE OF ENDING AGGRESSION AND BRINGING COMPLETE UNITY OF ALL KOREA.

SHEN REITERATED THE NATIONALISTS CONVICTION "THERE CAN NEVER BE A SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATED PEACE WITH COMMUNISM. SOVIET RUSSIANS AND CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAVE PROVED AND OVER THEY WILL NEGOTIATE ONLY FOR GREATER GAINS OR NEW OPENING WEDGES FOR SPREADING OPPRESSION."

THE NATIONALISTS HAVE ALL ALONG SUPPORTED THE CONTENTION DECISIONS ON KOREA MUST BE BASED ON MILITARY, NOT POLITICAL, ASPECTS UNTIL FIGHTING IS ACTUALLY ENDED.

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ITEM 28 STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS NO COMMENT ON MACARTHUR'S STATEMENT

WASHINGTON, MARCH 24 --(AP)-- STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICERS SAID THERE WOULD BE NO COMMENT ON GENERAL MACARTHUR'S STATEMENT IN TOKYO INVITING THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS TO CONFER ON A SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN WAR.

--VMT 1200

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
UNITED NATIONS COMMAND
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

Tokyo, Japan
24 March 1951

Press Release:

General MacArthur left Tokyo this morning to visit the Korean battle front. Before his departure he issued the following statement on the military situation in Korea:

"Operations continue according to schedule and plan. We have now substantially cleared South Korea of organized Communist forces. It is becoming increasingly evident that the heavy destruction along the enemy's lines of supply, caused by our round-the-clock massive air and naval bombardment, has left his troops in the forward battle area deficient in requirements to sustain his operations. This weakness is being brilliantly exploited by our ground forces. The enemy's human wave tactics have definitely failed him as our own forces have become seasoned to this form of warfare; his tactics of infiltration are but contributing to his piecemeal losses, and he is showing less stamina than our own troops under the rigors of climate, terrain and battle.

"Of even greater significance than our tactical successes has been the clear revelation that this new enemy, Red China, of such exaggerated and vaunted military power, lacks the industrial capacity to provide adequately many critical items essential to the conduct of modern war. He lacks the manufacturing base and those raw materials needed to produce, maintain and operate even moderate air and naval power, and he cannot provide the essentials for successful ground operations, such as tanks, heavy artillery and other refinements science has introduced into the conduct of military campaigns. Formerly his great numerical potential might well have filled this gap but with the development of existing methods of mass destruction, numbers alone do not offset the vulnerability inherent in such deficiencies. Control of the sea and the air, which in turn means control over supplies, communications and transportation, are no less essential and decisive now than in the past. When this control exists as in our case, and is coupled with an inferiority of ground fire power as in the enemy's case, the resulting disparity is such that it cannot be overcome by bravery, however fanatical, or the most gross indifference to human loss.

"These military weaknesses have been clearly and definitely revealed since Red China entered upon its undeclared war in Korea. Even under the inhibitions which now restrict the activity of the United Nations forces and the corresponding military advantages which accrue to Red China, it has

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shown its complete inability to accomplish by force of arms the conquest of Korea. The enemy, therefore, must by now be painfully aware that a decision of the United Nations to depart from its tolerant effort to contain the war to the area of Korea, through an expansion of our military operations to his coastal areas and interior bases, would doom Red China to the risk of imminent military collapse. These basic facts being established, there should be no insuperable difficulty in arriving at decisions on the Korean problem if the issues are resolved on their own merits, without being burdened by extraneous matters not directly related to Korea, such as Formosa or China's seat in the United Nations.

"The Korean nation and people, which have been so cruelly ravaged, must not be sacrificed. That is a paramount concern. Apart from the military area of the problem where issues are resolved in the course of combat, the fundamental questions continue to be political in nature and must find their answer in the diplomatic sphere. Within the area of my authority as the military commander, however, it should be needless to say that I stand ready at any time to confer in the field with the Commander-in-Chief of the enemy forces in the earnest effort to find any military means whereby realization of the political objectives of the United Nations in Korea, to which no nation may justly take exceptions, might be accomplished without further bloodshed."