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CHIEF CORRESPONDENT
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Tokyo, March 17, 1951

Major General Courtney Whitney
Government Section
General Headquarters
Far East Command
Tokyo

Dear General Whitney:

I sent you previously a report on the play Hugh Baillie's interview with General MacArthur received in the afternoon papers.

Here is a cable from our foreign editor, Harry Ferguson, reporting on play in the morning papers:

"16103 Hoberecht Baillies MacArthur interview published worldwide morning newspapers stop publication in United States included New York Times New York Herald Tribune New York News New York Mirrir Boston Globe Dallas News San Francisco Chronicle Raleigh News and Observer Jacksonville Times Union Seattle Post Intelligence stop tear sheets be along shortly. Ferguson."

Sincerely yours,

EARNEST HOBERECHT

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Dear General:

This copy of a story we received this morning indicates Hugh is spreading the good word in the right places.

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Encl.

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Baillie spent nearly a half hour with the Chief Executive telling him of the impressions he brought back from Western Europe and from an earlier visit to Japan and Korea.

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27131 Your 27102 most attention seems focused that portion MacArthurs Communique emphasizing our handicap in not being able bomb enemys rear in Manchuria nor being able reconnoiter north of border stop New York Mirror editorial today says that whoever made decisions which forbade above quote is really responsible for Korean crisis stop An army cannot fight without eyes stop Who put blinders on MacArthur unquote in my broadcast last Saturday bracket story on which published Tokyo unbracket eye pointed out military men do not see how we can continue campaign without bombing enemys rear in Manchuria stop they says that if we had been unable bomb German rear in World War Two that conflict would be going on yet stop seems also that with successful redeployment our troops to Pusan and their return to front theres developing realization that while withdrawal was bitter it not the quote disaster unquote many thought stop question uppermost many minds now is with Reds massed at thirty eighth parallel whether they do not present fine target for heaviest massed bombing attacks by our air forces stop perhaps the General would care to comment on the air war situation and point up further the importance of saturation bombing enemys rear like we did in Japan and Germany BAILLIE

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Please give one copy to General MacArthur.

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"THIS IS THE GRIMMEST CHRISTMAS SINCE 1944 AND ONE WHICH CALLS FOR A PLENTY OF COURAGE FROM ALL OF US," BAILLIE SAID. "I HAVE BEEN OUT AMONG PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING BIG NEWS IN KOREA AND IN EUROPEXONXX BOTH FRONTS XX WHERE A STAND IS BEING MADE AGAINST COMMUNISM. WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH THE SAME DIFFICULTY IN BOTH AREAS. THAT IS, WE ARE GREATLY OUTNUMBERED AND WE ARE SUFFERING FROM DIVIDED COUNSELS.

"THERE IS NO DIVISION OF OPINION ON THE COMMUNIST SIDE OF THE LINE BECAUSE THERE IS NO PUBLIC OPINION.XXXXX UNDER COMMUNISM, PUBLIC OPINION IS NOT TOLERATED.

"IN KOREA MANY FINE MEN ARE DEAD FROM PRIVATES TO GENERALS. ONE OF THE BEST XX/WAS GENERAL WALKER XX WHO WAS KILLED IN HIS JEEP THIS MORNING. I KNEW GENERAL WALKER IN KOREA AND IN FACT WENT UP TO THE FRONT WITH HIM IN HIS JEEP. HE WAS XXXXXXX A TIRELESS, INSPIRATIONAL LEADER WITH A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. WHEN HE WAS HOLDING XXXXX THE TAEGU PERIMETER AND THE FORCES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN KOREA POSSESSED AN AREA OF LAND SMALLER THAN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, WALKER WAS CONSTANTLY ON THE MOVE AROUND THE LINES TALKING TO MEN WHO WERE DOING THE FIGHTING.

"I REMEMBER ONE OF HIS CLASSICAL REMARKS, WHICH WAS THAT HE COMPARED HIMSELF TO THE FIREMAN TRYING TO PUT OUT A BURNING CITY WITH SPIT. ONLY, AS HE SAID, 'I CAN'T SPIT FAST ENOUGH.' "

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THIRD BAILLIE, NEW YORK X X X ENOUGH."

BAILLIE SAID:

"MILITARY MEN DO NOT SEE HOW WE CAN CONTINUE THE CAMPAIGN IN KOREA WITHOUT BOMBING THE ENEMY'S REAR AREAS IN MANCHURIA. IF THE GERMANS HAD ENJOYED A SIMILAR SANCTUARY, IF THEY HAD BEEN ABLE TO ORGANIZE ARMIES AND MANUFACTURE MUNITIONS BEHIND THEIR OPEN FRONTIER WITHOUT MOLESTATION AND SEND FORTH XXXX AIR RAIDS FROM GERMANY WITHOUT ANY ATTACKS ON THEIR BASES, WORLD WAR II IN EUROPE WOULD BE GOING ON YET.

"WHILE I WAS IN EUROPE I TALKED WITH THE PRIME MINISTERS AND FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE AND WITH KONRAD ADENAUER, CHANCELLOR OF WEST GERMANY. AND ALSO I TALKED TO MANY LEADERS AND XXXXXXX MOLDERS OF THOUGHT.

"THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT THE PREDOMINANT IDEA IN EUROPE IS THAT THE UNITED STATES OUGHT TO WIND UP THE KOREAN WAR AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE SO TROOPS FIGHTING THERE CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEFENSE OF EUROPE.

"IN EUROPE ITSELF, EUROPE IS REGARDED AS THE PRIME TARGET OF COMMUNISM AND THE WAR IN ASIA IS LOOKED UPON AS A DIVERSION , A NIGHTMARE, A BOTTOMLESS ABYSS IN WHICH THE WESTERN RACES WILL BE SUNK. THAT IS WHY THEY TALK OF COMPROMISE.

"GENERAL MACARTHUR HOLDS THE OPPOSITE VIEW, AS HE TOLD ME, THAT IF THE ISSUE WAS NOT MET IN KOREA IT WILL BE FOUGHT AND QUITE POSSIBLY BE LOST ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF EUROPE.

"KONRAD ADENAUER IS THE ONE WITH WHOM THE ALLIED HIGH COMMISSIONERS ARE DEALING TO SEE HOW MANY GERMANS WIDL CONSENT TO JOIN GENERAL EISENHOWER'S ARMY AND ON WHAT TERMS. ADENAUER HOLDS THE VIEW, AS HE TOLD ME, THAT THE PURPOSE OF SOVIET RUSSIA IS TO BLEED AMERICAX IN KOREA, BLEED FRANCE IN INDO-CHINA AND BLEED BRITAIN IN MALAYA UNTIL THESE NATIONS WOULD BE TOO WEAK TO RESIST AND THE SOVIETS COULD OCCUPY XXXX GERMANY WITHOUT MUCH FIGHTING AND INCORPORATE IT IN THE SOVIET SYSTEM.

"INCIDENTALLY, WHILE XXDEPENDENTS OF UNITED STATES PERSONNEL ARE STILL ARRIVING IN GERMANY, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO EVACUATE DEPENDENTS AND UNNECESSARY PERSONNEL AS FAST AS POSSIBLE FROM THE WESTERN GERMAN FRONT OF THE COLD WAR.

"AT THE SOUNDING OF AN ALARM, USUALLY A FEW BLASTS ON THE AIR RAID SIREN, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE TO LEAVE ARE TO ASSEMBLE AT DESIGNATED POINTS AND BOARD TRUCKS. THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO KEEP THEIR RATIONS AND CLOTHING READY FOR ANY SUDDEN EMERGENCY.

"NO ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR SIMILAR EVACUATION OF BERLIN BECAUSE THERE WOULD BE NO PLACE TO GO. BERLIN ITSELF IS ABOUT 100 MILES INSIDE THE IRON CURTAIN. THE ONLY POSSIBLE WAY TO LEAVE THE TOWN WOULD BE BY AIRPLANE AND IT GENERALLY IS CONCEDED THAT THE RUSSIANS WOULD SEIZE THE AIRFIELDS BEFORE ANY PLANES COULD LEAVE.

"THE GERXMANSXXX/ARE VERY MUCH AFRAID OF BEING CAUGHT ON THE WRONG SIDE XX IN ANOTHER WAR. THERE IS GREAT FEAR IN EUROPE OF BEING OCCUPIED.

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FIFTH BAILLIE, NEW YORK X X X X OCCUPIED.

/"BOMBING THEY KNOW ALL ABOUT ALREADY. THEY DO NOT WANT ANY MORE OF THAT, EITHER. BUT EVEN WORSE THAN BOMBING IS BEING OCCUPIED BY THE ENEMY, AND THERE THE WAY THINGS ARE TODAY IN EUROPE, IF THE RUSSIANS WANTED TO MARCH THERE, WOULD BE NOTHING TO KEEP THEM FROM WALKING ALL THE WAY TO THE CHANNEL.

"GENERAL EISENHOWER HAS BEEN GIVEN ONE OF THE GREATEST RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL TIME IN BEING CHARGED WITH THE TASK OF CONSTRUCTING AN ARMY WHICH WILL BE ABLE TO STAND UP TO THE RUSSIANS. . . .

"ALL EUROPE IS DELIGHTED OF COURSE THAT EISENHOWE HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO COMMAND THE DEFENSE OF THE ATLANTIC PACT NATIONS. TO THEM THE APPOINTMENT MEANS THAT THE YANKS ARE COMING. THEY FEEL THE PENTAGON WILL NOT LET GENERAL EISENHOWE DOWN.

"THE FEELING IN EUROPE ALSO IS THAT THE RUSSIANS WILL NOT MOVE AT THE PRESENT TIME BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT READY FOR WAR. THEY EITHER DO NOT HAVE THE ATOM BOMB AT ALL OR DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH OF THEM.

"THE FEELING ALSO IS THAT FOR THE PRESENT AT LEAST THE RUSSIANS WOULD MUCH RATHER CONTINUE ASIATIC WARS IN KOREA, INDO-CHINA AND MALAYA AND THUS BLEED THE AMERICANS, FRENCH AND BRITISH.

"THE BIG QUESTION IN KOREA IS WHETHER THE WAR WILL BE TRANSFORMED INTO AN AIR WAR, WHICH MEANS ATTACKING THE ENEMY'S BASES AT HOME IN MANCHURIA. THERE ALSO ARE OTHER TREMENDOUS PROBLEMS. THEY WILL NOT BE SOLVED IMMEDIATELY. MEANWHILE, WE SHOULD ALL TAKE HEART. WE HAVE BEEN IN WORSE SITUATIONS BEFORE AND THIS WAR IS YOUNG YET."

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HUGH BAILLIE'S APPRAISAL OF EUROPEAN WAR.....

19 Dec

BULLETIN

(EDITORS: HERE IS AN APPRAISAL OF THE EUROPEAN WAR PICTURE BY HUGH BAILLIE, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED PRESS. BAILLIE WRITES FROM LONDON AFTER A SERIES OF FRANK DISCUSSIONS WITH GOVERNMENT HEADS IN BRITAIN, FRANCE AND GERMANY. BEFORE GOING TO EUROPE, HE VISITED GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS IN TOKYO AND FIGHTING FRONTS IN KOREA. THUS, HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE SCENE IN EUROPE IS WRITTEN AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF FIRST HAND REPORTING IN BOTH THEATERS OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION.)

BY HUGH BAILLIE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED PRESS

LONDON, Dec. 19 —(UP)— THE PEAK OF THE LATEST EUROPEAN WAR SCARE HAS PASSED.

WITH THE UNITED STATES GETTING ON A WAR BASIS, THE ATLANTIC PACT MINISTERS MEETING IN BRUSSELS AND A EUROPEAN ARMY SHOWING SIGNS OF ACTIVITY, THERE IS A FEELING THAT A GENERAL WAR - IF THERE IS GOING TO BE ONE - WON'T COME FOR A WHILE YET.

THE CRISIS DEVELOPED FASTER THAN EXPECTED, FINDING RUSSIA UNPREPARED FOR AN ATOMIC WAR WHICH FULL SCALE HOSTILITIES WOULD SPEEDILY DEVELOP. THEREFORE, WHAT PREVAILS THIS CHRISTMAS-TIDE MIGHT BE DESCRIBED AS A "TRUCE OF THE ATOM BOMB."

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ADD WAR PICTURE, LONDON (BAILLIE) X X X BOMB

OPINION IS STILL NX SHARPLY DIVIDED REGARDING THE ATOM BOMB. WHEN YOU ARE SO CLOSE TO THE ENEMY AS THE BRITISH AND EUROPEANS, YOU SOMETIMES WONDER WHAT THE OTHER SIDE MIGHT DO TO YOU.

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S CLASSIC REFERENCE TO USING THE BOMB BEFORE THE ENEMY USES IT FIRST BROUGHT NO DEMONSTRATION IN THE COMMONS BUT BOOING OF CHURCHILL A FEW MINUTES KX LATER WHEN HE ASKED THE GOVERNMENT TO WITHHOLD STEEL NATIONALIZATION IN THE INTEREST OF HARMONY IN A CRISIS SHOWED A STARTLING HOSTILITY.

IT WAS QUITE A SPECTACLE TO BEHOLD THE MAN, WHO TO MANY AMERICANS PERSONIFIES JOHN BULL, FACING YELLING GESTICULATING SOCIALISTS AND BAITING THEM.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S DECLARATION OF A STATE OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY WYILE NOT UNEXPECTED CAUSED A JOLT IN EUROPE AND PRODUCED SOME GLOOMY APPREHENSIONS. THERE WERE THOSE WHO/XXXXXXX THOUGHT RUSSIA MIGHT MOVE AT ONCE IF SHE FELT AMERICAN REARMAMENT WAS DIMINISHING HER CHANCE OF A SUCCESSFUL WAR.

THERE WAS AS MUCH EYEBROW ARISING OVER PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S ATOM BOMB UTTERANCE AS THERE WAS OVER GENERAL MACARTHUR'S MANCHURIAN BORDER OFFENSIVE.

NOW THERE'S SOME FEELING THAT WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAID WAS CALCULATED TO GIVE A PAUSE TO THE RUSSIANS. IT IS BEING REALIZED THAT NEITHER BRITAIN NOR ANYBODY ELSE HAS ANY STRINGS ON THE ATOM BOMB DECISION.

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THIRD WAR PICTURE, LONDON (BAILLIE) Z Z Z DECISION

ATLANTIC PACT NATIONS, MEETING IN BRUSSELS, ARE READY TO GIVE A GO AHEAD TO THE BIG THREE TO TRY TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE GERMANS AND GET THEM TO AGREE TO TAKE PART IN AN ATLANTIC PACT ARMY BUT IT WILL BE MONTHS BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS BRING A DECISION.

RUSSIA'S NOTES TO BRITAIN AND FRANCE ACCUSING THEM OF VIOLATING TREATIES OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION THREW A XXXXX SCARE INTO EUROPEANS AT BRUSSELS WHO FEAR THE RUSSIANS MIGHT DECIDE THE QUESTION OF GERMAN REARMAMENT COMING UP TODAY IS TOO MUCH OF A PROVOCATION.

MOST OBSERVERS FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT THE MOST THE RUSSIANS MIGHT DO AT THIS TIME WOULD BE TO RENOUNCE THE FRIENDSHIP TREATIES.

THESE CONCLUSIONS IN THIS DISPATCH ARE BASED ON FIRST HAND OBSERVATION OF THE EX EUROPEAN SCENE INCLUDING CONVERSATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT LEADERS IN FRANCE, BRITAIN AND GERMANY. I HAVE BEEN AT BOTH FRONTS, AT THE OREAN FRONT WHERE ACTUAL AGGRESSION IS BEING RESISTED AND AT THE EUROPEAN RONT WHERE PREPARATIONS ARE AT LEAST GETTING STARTED TO RESIST IT IF IT OMES.

THE UNITED STATES FINDS ITSELF IN THE SAME POSITION AS THE LAST AR, ACTIVE ON TWO FRONTS. IT IS CARRYING THE XXXXX MAJOR LOAD IN KOREA D AFTER GENERAL DWIGHT EISENHOWER SECURES COMMAND OF THE ATLANTIC PACT MY IT WILL CERTAINLY BE EXPECTED TO FURNISH A LARGE SHARE OF MEN AND TERIALS HERE ALSO NO MATTER WHAT THE BLUEPRINT CALLS FOR NOW.

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FOURTH WAR PICTURE, LONDON (BAILLIE) X X X X NOW

THERE IS GREAT ENTHUSIASM OVER THE ANTICIPATED EISENHOWER APPOINTMENT. IN THE FIRST PLACE HE REPRESENTS VICTORY. SECONDLY, EVEN IF HE CAN'T FETCH HIS 1945 LEGIONS WITH HIM, THERE IS CONFIDENCE WASHINGTON ~~XXXXX~~ WON'T LET HIM DOWN AND/~~XNE~~ THAT HE MORE THAN ANY OTHER COMMANDER WILL BE ABLE TO GET WHAT IS REQUIRED TO MAKE AN INTERNATIONAL ARMY SUFFICIENTLY FORMIDABLE TO DETER AGGRESSION. IN THIS CONNECTION IT MUST BE REMEMBERED BRITAIN AND FRANCE HAVE MEN FIGHTING IN ASIA WHOM THEY FERVENTLY WISH COULD BE RELEASED FOR THE EUROPEAN ARMY.

THERE IS A BRITISH CONTINGENT IN KOREA AND ALSO ABOUT 20,000 BRITISH IN MALAYA PLUS GURKHAS AND NATIVES.

FRANCE HAS APPROXIMATELY 150,000 FRENCH AND FRENCH UNION TROOPS IN INDO-CHINA.

THESE ARE NOT ORGANIZED INTO DIVISIONS BUT IF THEY COULD BE BROUGHT TO EUROPE THEY WOULD ENABLE FORMATION OF SEVEN DIVISIONS.

FRENCH CASUALTIES IN FIVE YEARS OF WAR IN INDO-CHINA TOTAL 40,000 INCLUDING 8,000 DEAD AND 10,000 EITHER PRISONERS OR MISSING. OFFICER CASUALTIES ARE ABOUT 1,000 ANNUALLY BUT THE INTAKE OF JUNIOR OFFICERS IS ONLY 800.

ALL THIS GIVES POINT TO THE THEORY RUSSIA DESIRES TO KEEP WESTERN POWERS TIED DOWN IN ASIA AND POURING MEN AND COURAGE INTO WHAT ONE HIGH EUROPEAN STATESMAN DESCRIBED AS A "BOTTOMLESS PIT."

IN ANY EVENT NO MATTER WHAT OCCURS IN KOREA, THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD NOT COUNT ON EUROPE FOR ANY IMPORTANT FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS. THESE COUNTRIES ALL BELIEVE THE DEFENSE OF EUROPE COMES FIRST AND THEY STILL HOPE SOME AVENUE OF ESCAPE FROM THE KOREAN WAR CAN BE FOUND WITHOUT PROLONGED HOSTILITIES.

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FIFTH WAR PICTURE, LONDON (BAILLIE) X X X HOSTILITIES

THE PESSIMISTIC VIEW IS THAT THE CHINESE WILL OBTAIN AT LEAST A WINTER STALEMATE, THUS CONSUMING UNITED STATES MILITARY ENERGIES. THIS VIEW FORESEES THE POSSIBILITY OF A CIVIL WAR BEING ENGINEERED AT THE SAME TIME IN GERMANY WITH EAST GERMAN "POLICE" DOING THE ATTACKING AND THUS CREATING ANOTHER KOREA.

INCIDENTALLY THE ALLIES HAVE ADEQUATE STRENGTH IN GERMANY TO HANDLE ANY POSSIBLE ROUGHOUSE BY EAST GERMANS. IT MIGHT, HOWEVER, DEVELOP TO QUITE SOME LOCAL WAR AND THEN THE QUESTION WOULD ARISE WOULD THE WEST GERMANS GET INTO IT AND WOULD THE RUSSIANS STAY OUT.

THE QUESTION OF WHAT THE UNITED NATIONS WILL ASK MACARTHUR TO DO NEXT IF CEASE FIRE EFFORTS FAIL ENTERS MILITARY CONVERSATIONS OVER HERE. IT IS FREQUENTLY MENTIONED THAT IF THE ALLIES HAD REFRAINED FROM BOMBING GERMANY LEAVING GERMAN INDUSTRIES INTACT AND ALLOWING GERMAN PLANES TO OPERATE FROM INVIOLATE BASES AND PERMITTING GERMANS TO CONCENTRATE TROOPS ON UNTOUCHABLE FRONTIERS, WORLD WAR II WOULD BE GOING ON YET.

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MEMO TO EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS:

BAILLIE RETURNED TO LONDON YESTERDAY AFTER A VISIT TO THE CONTINENT WHERE HE TALKED WITH PLEVEN AND SCHUMANN IN PARIS AND WITH COMMISSIONER MCCLOY, CHANCELLOR ADENAUER, PRESIDENT HEUSS, GENERALS HANDY AND TAYLOR, MAYOR REUTER AND OTHERS IN GERMANY. PREVIOUSLY HE HAD SEEN ATTLEE AND BEVIN IN LONDON. HE CABLED ME AN APPRAISAL OF EUROPEAN THINKING AND POLITICAL TRENDS IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN KOREA AND WASHINGTON. I AM SENDING THIS ON THE WIRES FOR THE INFORMATION OF U.P. CLIENTS WITH THE REQUEST IT NOT BE USED FOR PUBLICATION IN THIS FORM. I SEE NO OBJECTION, HOWEVER, TO QUOTING FROM IT JUDICIOUSLY IN EDITORIALS OR COLUMNS.

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BAILLIE'S CABLE FOLLOWS:

JOHNSON REPLYING YOUR INQUIRIES YES SAW MCCLOY FRANKFURT HANDY HEIDELBERG TAYLOR REUTER BERLIN OTHERS AM UP TO HERE WITH INFORMATION MOST WHICH IS UNPUBLISHABLE. HOWEVER WOULD SAY EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTAL OPINION WHICH WAS AGHAST AT MACARTHURS ASSAULT ALONG MANCHURIAN BORDER, THEN PANICKED WHEN TRUMAN MENTIONED ATOM BOMB (HENCE ATTLEES TRIP) NOW AT LEAST TEMPORARILY PACIFIED BY WASHINGTON NEWS INDICATING UNISTATES NOT ABANDONING EUROPE. ATTLEE'S PRESS CLUB SPEECH THREW MUCH COLD WATER ON PRESS CRITICISMS PUBLIC EYEBROW LIFTING MACARTHURWARD. GENERAL COLLINS' STATEMENT EIGHTH ARMY CAN TAKE CARE ITSELF STEADIED FEARS.

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NEWSPAPERS WHICH WEEK AGO EXPRESSED DISTRUST MACARTHUR NOW PRAISE HIS MILITARY GENIUS CALL FOR WITHHOLDING JUDGMENT, PROCLAIM "THIS NO TIME FOR CRITICISM." SHINWELL'S BACKWARD SOMERSAULT IN PUBLIC UTTERANCES ABOUT MACARTHUR TYPIFIES TREND.

BEST OPINION GLEANED FROM GERMAN TRIP WAS BELIEF RUSSIANS WON'T TAKE ADVANTAGE PRESENT SITUATION OCCUPY BERLIN OR "UNIFY" GERMANY, ALTHOUGH NOBODY PRETENDS HAVE THE ANSWER AND CANT BE FORGOTTEN CHINESE WERENT ACTUALLY EXPECTED INTERVENE KOREAN WAR EITHER. SO THROUGH GERMANY THERES GENERAL ATTITUDE OF ALERTNESS LIKE "STAND TO." SOME THINK EAST GERMAN "POLICE" MIGHT USED PRECIPITATE GERMAN CIVIL WAR WITH RUSSIANS ON SIDELINES.

INCIDENTALLY ALLIES HAVE ADEQUATE STRENGTH GERMANY HANDLE ANY POSSIBLE ROUGHOUSE BY EAST GERMANS WHICH MIGHT HOWEVER DEVELOP INTO QUITE SOME LOCAL WAR AND THEN QUESTION WOULD ARISE WOULD WEST GERMANS GET INTO IT, WOULD RUSSIANS STAY OUT?

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SOME MILITARY PEOPLE CONVERSATIONALLY FAVOR BOMBING MANCHURIAN BASES, EVEN USING ATOM BOMB FORTHWITH IF DEEMED EFFECTIVE WEAPON ASIATIC OPERATIONS, URGING RUSSIANS WOULDNT SEIZE OPPORTUNITY MAKE ANYTHING OF IT UNLESS THEIR MILITARY PLANS CONTEMPLATED IMMEDIATE MARCH ANYWAY.

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REVERTING ATTITUDE BRITISH NEWSPAPERS THEY INDICATE RELIEF THAT THREATENED RIFT BETWEEN UNISTATES EUROPE OVER UNISTATES PREOCCUPATION ASIAWARD FAILED EVENTUATE. HOWEVER MUST REMEMBERED EUROPEAN PUBLIC OPINION VERY FLUID MIGHT CHANGE FAST IF DEVELOPMENTS INDICATED EUROPES DEFENSES ACTUALLY BEING NEGLECTED ACCOUNT ASIATIC COMMITMENTS. IN ENGLAND AT LEAST ATTLEES PRESS CLUB SPEECH STARS STRIPES BRITISH FLAG FLYING SIDE BY SIDE STIRRED PATRIOTIC EMOTION LAST COUPLE DAYS.

YOU RECALL EYE SAW PLEVEN WHILE WOULDNT ATTRIBUTE ANYTHING HIMWARD SINCE ALL OFFRECORD HE CERTAINLY HEARTILY FAVORS CONCENTRATING ON EUROPEAN ARMY BUT SEES IMPORTANCE LIQUIDATING KOREAN WAR SPEEDILY THEN TRANSFERRING SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO INDOCHINA PRONTO. AND AFTER ALLS SAID DONE NOTHING HAS OCCURRED TO CHANGE FUNDAMENTAL EUROPEAN CONVICTION THAT ASIATIC WARS ARE DIVERSIONS WHICH WILL WEAKEN UNISTATES AND ITS ALLIES TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THE IRON CURTAIN WILL NEVER RECEDE BUT EVEN ADVANCE FURTHER.

(END BAILLIE CABLE)

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Dec. 2

MESSAGE TO HUGH BAILLIE

BULLETIN

(EDITOR'S NOTE: GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR SENT A MESSAGE TO HUGH BAILLIE, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED PRESS, GIVING HIS LATEST VIEWS ON THE WAR IN KOREA. THE MESSAGE WAS RELAYED TO BAILLIE AT FRANKFURT, GERMANY.)

BY HUGH BAILLIE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED PRESS

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FRANKFURT, GERMANY, DEC. 2--(UP)--GENERAL MACARTHUR SAID TODAY HIS UNITED NATIONS FORCES ARE FIGHTING IN KOREA AGAINST "MILITARY ODDS WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN HISTORY" AND WARNED THAT FAILURE TO MEET THE ISSUE THERE WILL LEAVE IT TO "BE FOUGHT, AND POSSIBLY LOST, ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF EUROPE."

GENERAL MACARTHUR CABLED ME FROM TOKYO IN RESPONSE TO A MESSAGE I HAD SENT HIM ON TUESDAY FROM PARIS. I TOLD THE GENERAL THAT ŻXEXEXEXXXXX AFTER CONFERRING WITH EUROPEAN STATESMEN, I HAD FOUND THEY SAW THE WAR IN ASIA AS A NIGHTMARE RETARDING THE SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZATION OF EUROPEAN DEFENSES.

IN HIS REPLY, GENERAL MACARTHUR DECLARED THAT FROM THE BEGINNING EVERY EFFORT HAD BEEN MADE TO "FURTHER THE UNIVERSAL DESIRE THAT THE (KOREAN) WAR BE LOCALIZED."

HE SAID THAT THROUGHOUT THE WAR AGAINST THE NORTH KOREANS, HE HAD "METICULOUSLY RESPECTED AND HELD INVIOLATE THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND I AT NO TIME EVEN RECOMMENDED THAT AUTHORITY BE GRANTED TO RETALIATE BEYOND IT."

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ADD MACARTHUR MESSAGE, FRANKFURT (BAILLIE) X X X X BEYOND IT

AS TO OPINION IN EUROPE, THE GENERAL SAID: "THERE APPEARS TO BE GENERAL FAILURE, INTENTIONAL OR FROM MISINFORMATION, TO COMPREHEND THE MISSION PRESCRIBED FOR THIS COMMAND BY RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF WHICH THEIR GOVERNMENTS WERE JOINT ARCHITECTS AND DIRECTORS OR FAIRLY TO RECOGNIZE THAT IN SUCCESS OR ADVERSITY, THIS COMMAND HAS PROCEEDED UNERRINGLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONTROLLING POLICIES AND DIRECTIVES."

MACARTHUR SAID HE COULD ONLY ATTRIBUTE SUCH COMMENT TO A "SOMEWHAT SELFISH THOUGH MOST SHORTSIGHTED VIEWPOINT." HE SAID, "TO THE EUROPEAN, THE WELFARE AND SECURITY OF EUROPE IS NATURALLY PARAMOUNT. HE HAS NO FEAR OF ATTACK FROM THE WEST, SOLELY FROM THE EAST. IT IS NOT UNUSUAL THEREFORE THAT HE SEES IN EVERY DEDICATION OF FRIENDLY RESOURCE TOWARD THE STABILIZATION OF ASIA BUT A SUBTRACTION FROM THAT AVAILABLE FOR THE BETTERMENT AND SECURITY OF EUROPE. THIS IS OF COURSE FALLACIOUS REASONING. ANY BREACH OF FREEDOM IN THE EAST CARRIES WITH IT A SINISTER THREAT TO FREEDOM IN THE WEST. THE ISSUE IS A GLOBAL ONE AND FAILURE TO COMPREHEND THIS FACT CARRIES THE GERMS OF FREEDOM'S ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION.

"IF THE FIGHT IS NOT WAGED WITH COURAGE AND INVINCIBLE DETERMINATION TO MEET THE CHALLENGE HERE, IT WILL INDEED BE FOUGHT, AND POSSIBLY LOST, ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF EUROPE.

"EVERY STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL MOVEMENT MADE BY THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND HAS XEX BEEN IN COMPLETE ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DIRECTIVES UNDER WHICH I OPERATE, EVERY MAJOR STEP HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AND FULLY APPROVED."

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THIRD MACARTHUR MESSAGE, FRANKFURT (BAILLIE) X X X APPROVED

MACARTHUR SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO SUGGESTION FROM ANY AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE THAT UNITED NATIONS TROOPS SHOULD STOP AT THE 38TH PARALLEL/OR PYONGYANG, OR ANY OTHER LINE SHORT OF THE MANCHURIAN BORDER. HE SAID, "IT IS HISTORICALLY INACCURATE TO ATTRIBUTE ANY DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ONSLAUGHT OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST ARMIES TO THE STRATEGIC COURSE OF THE CAMPAIGN ITSELF. THE DECISION BY THE CHINESE COMMUNIST LEADERS TO WAGE WAR AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN A BASIC ONE, LONG XXXXXXXXX PREMEDITATED AND CARRIED INTO EXECUTION AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE DEFEAT OF THEIR SATELLITE NORTH KOREAN ARMIES."

THE TEXT OF MACARTHUR'S CABLE FOLLOWS:

"NEVER BEFORE HAS THE PATIENCE OF MAN BEEN MORE SORELY TRIED NOR HIGH STANDARDS OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR BEEN MORE PATIENTLY AND FIRMLY UPHELD THAN DURING THE COURSE OF THE KOREAN CAMPAIGNS.

"FROM THE INITIATION OF THE NORTH KOREAN AGGRESSION AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA UNTIL THE TOTAL DEFEAT OF THE NORTH KOREAN ARMIES, SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNIST CHINESE FROM BEHIND THE PRIVILEGED SANCTUARY OF NEUTRAL BOUNDARIES WAS OPEN AND NOTORIOUS AND ALL INCLUSIVE.

"LONG LINES OF SUPPLY FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY TO THE SOUTHERN BATTLE FRONT OFFERED SOME OPPORTUNITY FOR AIR INTERDICTION AND PROVED A TORTUOUS ROUTE, WITH XXXX MUCH THAT ENTERED DESTROYED BEFORE REACHING ITS DESTINATION. WHEN THE LINES OF BATTLE MOVED NORTHWARD FOLLOWING THE INCHON LANDING, HOWEVER, THE AREA OF POSSIBLE INTERDICTION OF SUCH SUPPLY MOVEMENTS CONTRACTED UNTIL THERE WAS LEFT BUT A NIGHT'S MARCH FROM THE BORDER SANCTUARY TO THE AREA OF IMMEDIATE HOSTILITIES.

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FOURTH MACARTHUR MESSAGE, FRANKFURT (BAILLIE) X X X HOSTILITIES

"THIS PROVIDED THE MEANS FOR THE CHINESE COMMUNIST XXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX AUTHORITIES TO MOVE TROOPS AS WELL AS SUPPLIES FORWARD IN GREAT FORCE AND QUANTITY WITH THE ABILITY TO XXXXX ELUDE AIR DETECTION AND INTERDICTION UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS AND RUGGED TERRAIN.

"OUR GENERAL ASSAULT LAUNCHED ON NOVEMBER 20TH REVEALED THAT AVAILING THEMSELVES OF THESE DISTINCT MILITARY ADVANTAGES, CHINESE COMMUNIST FORCES IN ARMY, CORPS AND DIVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF AN ESTIMATED AGGREGATE STRENGTH OF OVER 200,000 MEN THEN CONFRONTED OUR LINES.

"SUCH REVELATION, THROUGH THE TIMELINESS OF OUR ATTACK, DISCLOSED THAT THE TACTIC OF THE NORTH KOREANS IN INITIALLY EFFECTING PREPARATIONS FOR WAR BEHIND THE CONCEALMENT OF POLITICAL BOUNDARIES AND THEN STRIKING WITH OVERWHELMING FORCE WITHOUT WARNING OR NOTICE OF BELLIGERENCY WAS FOLLOWED WITHOUT VARIATION BY THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS.

"THIS STRATEGIC PLAN --WHICH MAY WELL FIND REPETITION IN FUTURE AGGRESSIONS --UNDOUBTEDLY ENVISAGED A MASSING, UNDER COVER OF XXXXXXX CONCEALMENT, OF SUCH A POWERFUL FORCE AS TO ENABLE THE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AND CONQUEST OF ALL OF KOREA, UNQUESTIONABLY THE COMMUNIST OBJECTIVE, IN ONE INVINCIBLE MOVEMENT.

"THE PREMATURE EXPOSURE OF THE PLAN, WHILE NOT DENYING THE ENEMY SOME TACTICAL SUCCESS THROUGH FORCE OF NUMBERS ALTHOUGH AT STAGGERING PERSONNEL LOSS, RESULTED IN A PARTIAL STRATEGICAL FAILURE.

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FIFTH MACARTHUR MESSAGE, FRANKFURT (BAILLIE) X X X FAILURE

"THE EXISTING SITUATION UNDER WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IS CONFRONTED WITH A NEW AND FRESH AND WELL TRAINED AND EQUIPPED ENEMY OF VASTLY SUPERIOR AND EVER INCREASING NUMBERS INITIATING AN ENTIRELY NEW WAR TO COVER THE NORTH KOREAN DEFEAT, RESULTS LARGELY FROM THE ACCEPTANCE OF MILITARY ODDS WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN HISTORY --THE ODDS OF PERMITTING OFFENSIVE ACTION WITHOUT DEFENSIVE RETALIATION.

"THESE ODDS HAVE BEEN AND ARE BEING CHEERFULLY ACCEPTED IN THE EFFORT TO UPHOLD THE HIGH PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS WHICH HAVE CHARACTERIZED GUIDING POLICY AND GIVEN NOBILITY TO THE CAUSE FOR WHICH WE FIGHT, AND TO FURTHER THE UNIVERSAL DESIRE THAT THE WAR BE LOCALIZED. INDEED, THROUGHOUT THE WAR AGAINST THE NORTH KOREANS WE METICULOUSLY RESPECTED AND HELD INVIOLATE THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND I AT NO TIME EVEN RECOMMENDED THAT AUTHORITY BE GRANTED TO RETALIATE BEYOND IT.

"AGAINST SUCH ODDS, OFFICERS AND MEN OF ALL SERVICES AND PARTICIPATING NATIONS HAVE FOUGHT AND IF NEED BE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT WITH UNEXCELLED GALLANTRY.

"WITH THIS BACKGROUND OF DEVOTION TO HIGH PRINCIPLES AND INVINCIBLE DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE THE STATED OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, IT IS DISTURBING INDEED TO NOTE THE IRRESPONSIBLE COMMENTS APPEARING IN RESPONSIBLE SECTIONS OF THE RXRXR EUROPEAN PRESS.

"THERE APPEARS TO BE A GENERAL FAILURE, INTENTIONAL OR FROM MISINFORMATION, TO COMPREHEND THE MISSION PRESCRIBED FOR THIS COMMAND BY RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF WHICH THEIR GOVERNMENTS WERE JOINT ARCHITECTS AND DIRECTORS, OR FAIRLY TO RECOGNIZE THAT IN SUCCESS OR ADVERSITY THIS COMMAND HAS PROCEEDED UNERRINGLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH CONTROLLING POLICIES AND DIRECTIVES.

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SIXTH MACARTHUR MESSAGE, FRANKFURT (BAILLIE) XCX X X DIRECTIVES

"I CAN ONLY ATTRIBUTE THIS TO A SOMEWHAT SELFISH THOUGH MOST SHORT-SIGHTED VIEWPOINT.

"TO THE EUROPEAN THE WELFARE AND SECURITY OF EUROPE IS NATURALLY PARAMOUNT. HE HAS NO FEAR OF ATTACK FROM THE WEST, SOLELY FROM THE EAST. IT IS NOT UNUSUAL THEREFORE/~~XHX~~THAT HE SEES IN EVERY DEDICATION OF/~~RXXXXXXXX~~FRIENDLY RESOURCE TOWARD THE STABILIZATION OF ASIA BUT A SUBTRACTION FROM THAT AVAILABLE FOR THE BETTERMENT AND SECURITY OF EUROPE.

"THIS IS OF COURSE FALLACIOUS REASONING. ANY BREACH OF FREEDOM IN THE EAST CARRIES WITH IT A SINISTER THREAT TO FREEDOM IN THE WEST.

"THE ISSUE IS A GLOBAL ONE AND FAILURE TO COMPREHEND THIS FACT CARRIES THE GERMS OF FREEDOM'S ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION. IF THE FIGHT IS NOT WAGED WITH COURAGE AND INVINCIBLE DETERMINATION TO MEET THE ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ CHALLENGE HERE, IT WILL INDEED BE FOUGHT, AND POSSIBLY LOST, ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF EUROPE.

EVERY STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL MOVEMENT MADE BY THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND HAS BEEN IN COMPLETE ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DIRECTIVES UNDER WHICH I OPERATE, EVERY MAJOR STEP HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AND ~~XXXX~~ FULLY APPROVED.

"I HAVE RECEIVED NO SUGGESTION FROM ANY AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE THAT IN THE EXECUTION OF ITS MISSION THE COMMAND SHOULD STOP AT THE 38TH PARALLEL OR PYONGYANG, OR AT ANY OTHER LINE SHORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY. TO HAVE DONE SO WOULD HAVE REQUIRED REVISION OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE DIRECTIVES RECEIVED IN IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF.

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SEVENTH MACARTHUR MESSAGE, FRANKFURT (BAILLIE) X X X THEREOF

"IT IS HISTORICALLY INACCURATE TO ATTRIBUTE ANY DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ONSLAUGHT OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST ARMIES TO THE STRATEGIC COURSE OF THE CAMPAIGN ITSELF. THE DECISION BY THE CHINESE COMMUNIST LEADERS TO WAGE WAR AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN A BASIC ONE, LONG PREMEDITATED AND CARRIED INTO EXECUTION AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE DEFEAT OF THEIR SATELLITE NORTH KOREAN ARMIES."

(SIGNED) MACARTHUR.

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WITH MACARTHUR MESSAGE

WASHINGTON, DEC.2—(UP)— GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S ME CABLE TO HUGH BAILLIE, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED PRESS, PROMPTED NEW EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FRIDAY FROM CONGRESSIONAL ADVOCATES OF GIVING THE GENERAL A FREE HAND IN THE FAR EAST.

REPUBLICAN SENATOR OWEN BREWSTER SAID THAT ALTHOUGH ONLY THE PRESIDENT HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ORDER THE USE OF THE ATOMIC BOMB, GENERAL MACARTHUR SHOULD BE GIVEN R THE POWER"TO USE ANY WEAPON HE SEES FIT TO USE."

BREWSTER SAID THE MESSAGE"CONTINUES TO CONFIRM MY CONFIDENCE IN MACARTHUR. HIS DIFFICULTIES PROBABLY ARE WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN MILITARY HISTORY IN VIEW OF THIS CONFUSION IN POWER AND COMMAND."

DEMOCRATIC SENATOR RICHARD RUSSELL SAID " THE COMMAND IN KOREA MIGHT BE CRITICIZED FOR VERY DEFECTIVE INTELLIGENCE" BUT NO MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS HOULD CRITICIZE ~~XXXXXXXX~~ GENERAL MACARTHUR "NOW THAT THEY HAVE VOTED TO RESTORE PEACE IN KOREA."

REPUBLICAN SENATOR STYLES BRIDGES TOLD REPORTERS HE WAS "HAPPY THAT MACARTHUR HAS SPOKEN OUT IN THIS SITUATION, IT CONFIRMS MY FAITH IN MACARTHUR AS A LEADER."

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THERE WAS NO COMMENT FROM XXX SOVIET BLOC DELEGATES, WHO SHRUGGED

WITH MACARTHUR MESSAGE ~~XXXX

ADD BEN LIMB, FLUSHING (ROSENTHAL) X X X ISSUE.

LIMB WAS ESPECIALLY CAUSTIC ON WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WARNING AGAINST ENLISTING WESTERN FORCES IN XMXMXXXMXXXXXX A FAR EASTERN WAR AT THE SACRIFICE OF EUROPE'S XXXXXXX SECURITY.

"SUPPOSE, IN ORDER TO APPEASE RUSSIA, YOU CUT HALF OF ENGLAND OFF. TELL THAT ARGUMENT TO CHURCHILL IF HE WANTS THE COMMUNISTS NOT TO ATTACK HIM OR ANYONE."

HE SAID THE CHURCHILL IDEA FOR A DEFENSE LINE ACROSS XMXMXXXXXX KOREA'S WAIST WAS "ABSOLUTELY UNREASONABLE, UNWORTHY AND SILLY. THE KOREANS ARE DETERMINED TO STAND GUARD AGAINST ANY SUCH IDEAS IN ORDER TO KEEP THEIR LAND INVIOLATE."

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CORRECTION

IN BEN LIMB, FLUSHING (ROSENTHAL) XXX FIRST PARAGRAPH, PLEASE MAKE IT READ X X X COL. BEN LIMB, SOUTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER X X XETC. (NOT X X X SOUTH AFRICAN X X X AS SENT.)

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THIRD BEN LIMB, WASHINGTON (ROSENTHAL) INVIOLATE."

A SPOKESMAN FOR ANOTHER ASIATIC POWER XMXXXMXXXXMXXXXM EXPRESSED "GRAVE CONCERN" OVER GENERAL MACARTHUR'S WORDS.

HE SAID:

"THERE IS ONLY ONE SOLUTION, ONE HOPE, AND THAT IS NEGOTIATIONS. NO EXTRANEOUS ELEMENTS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE FORE WHICH COULD INTERFERE WITH SUCH POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS."

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FOURTH BEN LIMB, WASHINGTON (ROSENTHAL) X X X NEGOTIATIONS."

HE CONTINUED:

"MACARTHUR'S APPEAL TO MEET THE CHINESE COMMUNIST ISSUE IN KOREA — DOUBTLESS LEADING TO A WAR — X WOULD BE SUCH AN EXTRANEOUS ELEMENT."

"KEY LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATES PROVIDED PROMPT AND UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT TO GENERAL MACARTHUR'S STATEMENT.

PERUVIAN DELEGATE VICTOR ANDRES BELAUNDE, CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S AD HOC POLITICAL COMMITTEE, SAID:

"I AGREE COMPLETELY WITH MACARTHUR THAT PEACE IS INDIVISIBLE AND THAT A THREAT IN ONE PART OF THE WORLD IS A THREAT TO ALL OTHER PARTS. WE HOPE THE CURRENT WAVE OF SENSELESSNESS BY COMMUNIST CHINA AND RUSSIA WILL NOT BE REPEATED AND THAT THEY WILL UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THEIR PEOPLE TO AVOID XXX A WAR THAT WILL DESTROY CIVILIZATION."

THE PERUVIAN DELEGATE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE MEETING NEXT XX/XXXXX WEEK IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN PRESIDENT TRUMAN AND BRITISH PRIME MINISTER CLEMENT ATTLEE WOULD PRODUCE PRACTICAL RESULTS WHICH WOULD PRESERVE A"UNITED FRONT OF FREEDOM-LOVING COUNTRIES AND RULE OF THE LAW IN THE WORLD."

CHIEF BRAZILIAN DELEGATE CARLOS MUNIZ, PRESIDENT XXXXXXX OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEE, DECLARED THE WESTERN POWERS COULD LOSE A WAR AS XX EASILY IN ASIA AS IN EUROPE BY FAILING TO TAKE A FIRM STAND.

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FIFTH BEN LIMB, FLUSHING (ROSENTHAL) X X X X STAND.

HE SAID:

"WE MUST LEARN TO THINK GLOBALLY. WE MUST CHANGE OUR HABITS OF THOUGHT IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE IN OUR THINKING THE WORLD AS A WHOLE. WE CANNOT ANY LONGER THINK ALONE IN TERMS OF THE WORLD AS LIMITED TO WESTERN CIVILIZATION. THE GREATEST PHENOMENON OF OUR TIMES IS THE EMERGENCE OF ASIA AS A PARAMOUNT FACTOR IN THE DESTINY OF THE WORLD. HISTORY HAS REALLY BECOME A UNIVERSAL HISTORY."

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NEW YORK, Dec. 2--(UP)-- General Douglas MacArthur's statement to United Press President Hugh Baillie that the Communist challenge must be met successfully in Korea or fought later and perhaps be lost in Europe, was greeted with approval Saturday in the western capitals with the exception of London and Paris.

High British and French officials said they felt it was their duty to defend Europe first, if these was a choice between defending Asia and defending Europe. They expressed the fear that Russia might tie up the West's manpower and war material in Asia and then move in for the kill in Europe. Comment was as follows:

Washington -- State Department officials said privately MacArthur's statement underscored in a timely fashion the government's belief that surrender to Communist aggression in Asia would encourage it elsewhere. They pointed out that the tenor or MacArthur's remarks was in complete accord with the statement contained in President Truman's message to Congress Friday in which he declared the United States would not "falter or turn back."

Democratic Sen. Richard Russell noted MacArthur's statement carried the reply to European criticism of his Korean campaign. He said the United Nations command in Korea might be criticized for "very defective intelligence" but no United Nations member should critize MacArthur," now they have voted to restore peace to Korea."

Republican Sen. Owen Brewster said MacArthur's cable "confirms my confidence in the General." He said MacArthur was faced with "difficulties probably without precedent in military history" due to the confusion in power and command. Repu LIcan Sen. Styles Bridges said he was happy MacArthur has spoken out in

LONDON, DEC. 2--(UP)--BRITAIN'S LEADER S DISAGREED TODAY WITH GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S STATEMENT THAT THE SHOWDOWN AGAINST COMMUNISM IS NOW HERE AND IN ASIA.

THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL REACTION AS YET TO THE STATEMENT GIVEN BY THE SUPREMEX COMMANDER IN THE PACIFIC TO PRESIDENT HUGH BAILLIE OF THE UNITED PRESS.

BUT LEADERS OF BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE OPPOSITION MADE IT CLEAR DURING THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT THEY BELIEVE EUROPE MUST TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ASIA IN BRITAIN'S DEFENSE PLANNING.

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MANILA, DEC. 2--(UP)--AN UNCONFIRMED PRESS REPORT SAID THAT HUK LEADER LUIS TARUC WHO IS A WIDOWER HAD RECENTLY MARRIED A YOUNG PHARMACIST.

THE REPORT WHICH CAME FROM ARAYAT IN XHE PAMPANGA DID NOT GIVE THE NAME OF TARUC'S BRIDGE BUT SAID THE CEREMONY WAS PERFORMED IN A TOWN NEAR MANILA. IT ADDED THAT THE BRIDE OWNED A DRUGSTORE IN MANILAX AND IS THE SISTER OF A HUK COMMANDER NAMED SOL.

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ROME, DEC. 2--(UP)--AN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SOURCE ENDORSED GENERAL MACARTHUR'S WARNING AGAINST DANGERS OF MINIMIZING THE THREAT TO THE FREE WORLD POSED BY THE KOREAN CRISIS.

COMMENTING ON MACARTHUR'S STATEMENT TO PRESIDENT HUGH BAILLIE OF THE UNITED PRESS, THE SOURCE SAID, "IT XX IS DIFFICULT TO DENY THE TRUTH OF MUCH OF MACARTHUR'S STATEMENT."

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PARIS, DEC. 2--(UP)-A FRENCH FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID IF THE UNITED NATIONS HAD A CHOICE OF DEFENDING EUROPE OR DEFENDING ASIA, THEN "WE MUST DEFEND EUROPE."

HIS STATEMENT WAS MADE IN COMMENTING ON A STATEMENT SENT BY GENERAL MACARTHUR TO HUGH BAILLIE, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED PRESS.

"THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIET UNION PLANS TO TIE THE MAIN STRENGTH OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES DOWN IN ASIA SO THAT WE CAN BECOME AN EASY PREY TO SOVIET DESIGNS," HE SAID.

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1 December 1950

Radio Reply to Mr. Hugh Baillie, President, United Press, New York, N.Y.:

The question contained in your radio of the 28th involve so much matter of a political and diplomatic nature, beyond the scope of my authority as United Nations Commander, that I believe categorical answers would be inappropriate. I am, however, sending you the following statement of views for such use as you care to make of it.

Never before has the patience of man been more sorely tried nor high standards of human behavior been more patiently and firmly upheld than during the course of the Korean campaign. From the initiation of the North Korean aggression against the Republic of Korea until the total defeat of the North Korean armies, support from the Communist Chinese from behind the privileged sanctuary of neutral boundaries was open and notorious and all inclusive. Long lines of supply from the international boundary to the southern battle front offered some opportunity for air interdiction and proved a tortuous route, with much that entered destroyed before reaching its destination. When the lines of battle moved northward following the Inchon landing, however, the area of possible interdiction of such supply movements contracted until there was left but a night's march from the border sanctuary to the area of immediate hostilities. This provided the means for the Chinese Communist authorities to move troops as well as supplies forward in great force and quantity with the ability to elude air detection and interdiction under cover of darkness and rugged terrain. Our general assault launched on November 20th revealed that availing themselves of these distinct military advantages, Chinese Communist forces in army, corps and divisional organization of an estimated aggregate strength of over 200,000 men then confronted our lines. Such revelation, through the timeliness of our attack, disclosed that the tactic of the North Koreans in initially effecting preparations for war behind the concealment of political boundaries and then striking with overwhelming force without warning or notice of belligerency was followed without variation by the Chinese Communists. This strategic plan--which may well find repetition in future aggressions--undoubtedly envisaged a massing, under cover of concealment, of such a powerful force as to enable the complete destruction of the United Nations Command and conquest of all of Korea, unquestionably the Communist objective, in one invincible movement. The premature exposure of the plan, while not denying the enemy some tactical success through force of numbers although at staggering personnel loss, resulted in a partial strategical failure.

The existing situation under which the United Nations Command is confronted with a new and fresh and well trained and equipped enemy of vastly superior and ever increasing numbers initiating an entirely new war

to cover the North Korean defeat, results largely from the acceptance of military odds without precedent in history--the odds of permitting offensive action without defensive retailation. These odds have been and are being cheerfully accepted in the effort to uphold the high principles and standards which have characterized guiding policy and given nobility to the cause for which we fight, and to further the universal desire that the war be localized. Indeed, throughout the war against the North Koreans we meticulously respected and hold inviolate the international boundary and I at no time even recommended that authority be granted to retaliate beyond it. Against such odds, officers and men of all services and participating nations have fought and if need be will continue to fight with unexcelled gallantry.

With this background of devotion to high principles and invincible determination to achieve the stated objectives of the United Nations, it is disturbing indeed to note the irresponsible comments appearing in responsible sections of the European press. There appears to be a general failure, intentional or from misinformation, to comprehend the mission prescribed for this Command by resolutions of the United Nations of which their governments were joint architects and directors, or fairly to recognize that in success or adversity this Command has proceeded unerringly in compliance with controlling policies and directives. I can only attribute this to a somewhat selfish though most short-sighted viewpoint. To the European the welfare and security of Europe is naturally paramount. He has no fear of attack from the West, solely from the East. It is not unusual therefore that he sees in every dedication of friendly resource toward the stabilization of Asia but a subtraction from that available for the betterment and security of Europe. This is of course fallacious reasoning. Any breach of freedom in the East carries with it a sinister threat to freedom in the West. The issue is a global one and failure to comprehend this fact carries the germs of freedom's ultimate destruction. If the fight is not waged with courage and invincible determination to meet the challenge here, it will indeed be fought, and possibly lost, on the battlefields of Europe.

Every strategic and tactical movement made by the United Nations Command has been in complete accordance with United Nations resolutions and in compliance with the directives under which I operate, every major step having been previously reported and fully approved. I have received no suggestion from any authoritative source that in the execution of its mission the command should stop at the 38th parallel or Pyongyang, or at any other line short of the international boundary. To have done so would have required revision of the resolutions of the United Nations and the directive received in implementation thereof. It is historically inaccurate to attribute any degree of responsibility for the onslaught of the Chinese Communist armies to the strategic course of the campaign itself. The decision by the Chinese Communist leaders to wage war against the United Nations could only have been a basic one, long premeditated and carried into execution as a direct result of the defeat of their satellite North Korean armies. MacArthur

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With my best wishes and highest regards in this momentous hour, believe me always sincerely yours,

HUGH BAILLIE,

President,

United Press.

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(Editors: Hugh Baillie, president of the United Press, is in Korea. Baillie is the first major newspaper executive to go to the fighting front, the same as he was the first to reach many fronts in Europe during World War II. His first dispatch is an independent appreciation of the position of the United Nations troops in Korea as they set the stage for an eventual counter-offensive to end the existing stalemate. The story is told in terms of comparison with what he saw in Europe and North Africa during World War II.)

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BY HUGH BAILLIE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED PRESS

KOREA, Sept. 15--(UP)..Americans, with other United Nations forces, accomplished a military miracle in Korea, holding the present perimeter, inflicting casualties at a rate of five to one, destroying the enemy's best troops, and setting the stage for an eventual counter-offensive to end the existing stalemate.

The highest possible credit is due the soldiers who had to learn bushwhacking tactics in this most difficult campaign the hard way, mostly by actual experience against a crafty, cunning, resourceful foe who knew all the tricks in advance.

This is no German campaign with crashing barrages and massive assaults. It is fought largely on an individualistic basis by small groups here and there, often completely out of communication with their rear and with wide gaps between units. The circumstances called for improvisation and personal courage in the highest degree.

It was a big mistake to underestimate the North Koreans and, as usual, even after all the lessons of the past we found ourselves starting out with totally inadequate forces, fantastically outnumbered, against an enemy who has as many strategems and moved as craftily as the Indians in their wars of many years with the United States Army during the winning of the West.

Only this time we were up against tanks and automatic weapons as well. Many enemy outfits were built around hard cores of veteran Koreans who had fought in Chinese armies. They were masters of the technique of envelopment

which, with our small forces, they found easy on account of unprotected flanks and no reserves close behind.

Fortitude, grim determination and endurance of the very highest order was required of our men who were required to remain in the lines fighting day and night, weeks longer than usually necessary.

The "thin red line" of Balaklava has been justly celebrated almost 100 years for the stand it made, which probably lasted about 45 minutes. This thin, green line of tired guys in fatigues has stood and fought, then retreated to escape encirclement, and stood and fought again for over two months.

To paraphrase Chruchill, probably nothing so important has ever been accomplished with so little on a modern battlefield.

The sharpest fighting is now around Taegu, apex of the United Nations perimeter, or "beachhead."

On the Taegu front, areas around division headquarters and other command posts are blacked out during the night. Wherever you go you are challenged to give the password at night.

I witnessed the powerful air support given an attack by the Eighth and Seventh (Custer's old outfit) Cavalry Regiments on a ridge among frowning hills. The cavalrymen inched their way up the steep slope, digging in, squirming, running and dodging ahead from shelter to shelter.

In a sandbagged command post, both regiments heard telephonic reports and conversations regarding the air support to blast the enemy off the hill.

Planes first appeared high above the targets, then went into steep dives. You could see the flick of light when their rockets were discharged, then heavy explosions reverberating and rumbling among the mountains, followed

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by the stimulating sound of rapidly whacking machine gunnery and the occasional thump of bombs, then black smoke plumes showing where napalm, or jellied gasoline, was blazing in enemy positions.

The planes returned again and again. Each time their fire hit higher up the side of the ridge as the Communists fled from this rain of flaming death from the sky. Finally the stuff went behind the ridge, showing that the Reds had retreated over the skyline to the reverse side of the hill.

Artillery got in on the show, sending shells whispering overhead and thundering into the enemy's dispositions.

Later, an officer said grimly, "Well, we got the hill. Now let's see if we can hold it." This illustrates the tenacity with which the North Koreans hang on.

There used to be a saying in the old unregenerate days: "The only good Indian is a dead Indian." The same might well be said of the enemy Koreans here except that all our prisoners are treated well. Their wounded are doctored and hospitalized.

I saw a big prisoner-of-war compound in a rear area and noticed many tents therein, indicating that they have shelter from the weather, which is better than we treated the Germans in at least one stockade I saw in Normandy.

Illustrating the intensification of effort which has been required, it might be noted that in Europe the fighters of the Ninth Air Force flew 35 percent of their total sorties in close support of the ground forces.

All along the front line now a wide belt of territory has been depopulated to guard against infiltration and enemy sharpshooters posing as peasants or refugees.

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The result is that as you approach the front among the scowling mountains, you pass through many deserted villages where there seemingly isn't even a stray dog left behind.

When you take a jeep ride toward the front, you always have a shotgun guard. The GI's do it too. They call it "riding shotgun."

In one such empty village outside a farmhouse compound, our escoring soldier alerted his carbine and froze, whispering "I think there's a Gook." The Gook turned out to be a great grandmother who had been left behind to starve when her family left. She moaned and rocked, holding her hands as in prayer. She pointed to a crippled foot as the reason they left her.

Even so, the soldier approached her with utmost caution, carefully and gingerly examined a little bag of oddments she had wrapped in a dirty rag lest it contain a grenade. In this war, it wouldn't be at all surprising to find great grandmother abandoned and booby-trapped.

In addition to furnishing artillery for ground forces, the Air Force, of course, bombs and strafes military objectives in rear areas whenever the weather permits and sometimes these lads, their planes loaded with rockets, bombs and napalm, go out over the enemy's country in weather you wouldn't care to tackle in a nice fat DC-6 or Constellation transport, riding on the beam with a beautiful stewardess to tuck you in with pillows.

It's this constant air attack which has helped mightily in cutting the enemy down to size despite his big headstart, his greater numbers, his familiarity with guerrilla fighting in a very primitive country of steep mountains and deep valleys, and the lousiest roads ever seen, where he is quite at home everywhere and where he feels, because of the Communist lies

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with which he has been indoctrinated, that the Americans have come to seize his country.

On the British front we found men with plenty of high morale and eager to support the great traditions of the Middlesex Regiment and the Argyll and Sutherland highlanders.

The British have fought all over the world but seldom in a more God-forsaken place than now.

They receive you cordially amid sniper fire and appear to be very keen about their situation. Across a wide river bottom lies the enemy and you are told that that distant stream is the Naktong, which has become famous in this war.

In the foreground, white smoke shows where the British have a mortar going, trying to knock out enemy guns which shell them occasionally.

And here and there as you go along you see a tam sticking out of a foxhole which tells you the Scots are here. But there are no bagpipes. It isn't that kind of a war.

The enemy makes his presence felt by once in a while a distant rifle crack or the quick zing of a passing bullet.

Only maybe it isn't the enemy back over there that's shooting. Maybe its a simple peasant slipped back to have a look at his rice crop which had better be harvested pretty soon or else there won't be any.

We were jeeping across a shallow stream in another part of the rear area, not far from where the howitzers were speaking at intervals, when a GI came along in another jeep and gave us a wave. He spotted the correspondent's patch on my shoulder and called with a grin, "Say, when do we get some more troops?"

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