

PROFESSOR W McMAHON BALL, former British
representative on Allied Council for Japan:

Says Gen MacArthur's authority
should be limited.

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PROF. MCMAHON/URGES LIMITATION OF MACARTHUR'S
AUTHORITY

MELBOURNE, JANUARY 8 --(AP)-- PROFESSOR W. MCMAHON
BALL, FORMER BRITISH COMMONWEALTH REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ALLIED
COUNCIL FOR JAPAN, SUNDAY URGED A LIMIT ON GENERAL MACARTHUR'S
AUTHORITY, TO PREVENT THE BOMBING OF MANCHURIA.

HE SAID IN A BROADCAST THAT THE COMMONWEALTH PRIME
MINISTERS MEETING IN LONDON SHOULD ASK THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
TO DEFINE AND LIMIT GENERAL MACARTHUR'S AUTHORITY, ADDING:

"IT SEEMS CERTAIN THAT GENERAL MACARTHUR IS DOING EVERYTHING
IN HIS POWER TO GET AUTHORITY TO BOMB MANCHURIA. THIS WOULD INCREASE
THE RISK OF WAR WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND WOULD ALIENATE WHATEVER
SYMPATHY OR SUPPORT THE WEST STILL HAS IN ASIA." --VMT

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TUGS REACH FREIGHTER PALANA

BRISBANE, JANUARY 8 --(AP)-- TWO TUGS SUNDAY
REACHED THE FREIGHTER PALANA, WHICH HIT A ROCK AND WAS HOLED OFF
THE QUEENSLAND COAST FRIDAY NIGHT. THE TUGS BEGAN PUMPING WATER
FROM THE ENGINE-ROOM AND HOLD.

--VMT 940

DREW PEARSON

McCarthy's charges

Jan 8 , 1951

WASHINGTON, JAN 8--(UP)--COLUMNIST^{AND}/RADIO COMMENTATOR DREW PEARSON
TONIGHT CHALLENGED SEN. JOSEPH R. MCCARTHY (REP. WISC.) TO REPEAT
HIS PRO-COMMUNIST CHARGES AGAINST PEARSON WITHOUT THE CLOAK OF
CONGRESSIONAL IMMUNITY FROM A LIBEL SUIT.

ON HIS WEEKLY ~~AM~~ RADIO BROADCAST OVER THE AMERICAN BROADCASTING
COMPANY NETWORK PEARSON OFFERED TO DONATE \$1,000 TO ^{THE} DAMON RUNYAN^O
CANCER FUND IF MCCARTHY "WILL REPEAT OFF THE FLOOR WHERE I CAN SUE
HIM THE COWARDLY STATEMENTS MADE AGAINST ME FROM THE SAFETY OF A
SENATE FOXHOLE."

MCCARTHY HAS ACCUSED PEARSON OF BEING THE "VOICE OF INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNISM." PEARSON HAS DENIED THE CHARGE AND CITED PRAISES BESTOWED
ON HIM BY THE ^VETERANS ^ORGANIZATIONS FOR ANTI-COMMUNIST ACHIEVEMENT.

BOB CONSIDINE'S STORY

"Our benevolent Occupation of Japan"

8 JANUARY 1951

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BY BOB CONSIDINE

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE STAFF CORRESPONDENT

NEW YORK, JAN. 5-(INS)- THE ENORMOUS EVENTS IN KOREA HAVE ECLIPSED ANOTHER CHAPTER IN A HEARTENING STORY OF ASIA. THAT IS THE STORY OF OUR BENEVOLENT OCCUPATION OF JAPAN. SINCE THE END OF JUNE WE HAVE HEARD MORE OF DOUGLAS MACARTHUR AS A MILITARY MAN THAN WE HAVE HEARD OF DOUGLAS MACARTHUR THE PROCONSUL, BUT HIS HISTORIC DUTIES AS THE LATTER CONTINUE. //

ALMOST UNNOTICED IN THE WELTER OF MORE DRAMATIC NEWS FROM ASIA WAS JAPAN'S APPROACH TO NEAR SOLVENCY, ITS CONQUEST OF COMMUNIST INFLUENCES THAT SOUGHT TO POLLUTE ITS LABOR AND JOURNALISM, THE RETURN OF ITS SHIPPING TO AMERICAN AND OTHER PORTS (JAPANESE SHIPS ARE STILL BARRED FROM AUSTRALIAN AND PHILIPPINE PORTS,) ITS INCREASED PRODUCTION AND THE FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF ITS DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES.

MACARTHUR TOLD THE WRITER IN TOKYO LAST SUMMER THAT HE BELIEVED FUTURE HISTORIANS WOULD REGARD THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF JAPAN AS A MORE MOMENTOUS EVENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY THAN WORLD WAR I AND II.

IN A LITTLE MORE THAN FIVE SWIFT YEARS ALMOST INCREDIBLE ~~CHA~~ CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE COUNTRY THAT ONCE DREAMED OF CONQUERING NOT ONLY ALL OF ASIA BUT THE UNITED STATES AND ANY EUROPEAN POWER THAT BLOKED ITS FIERCE AMBITIONS.

ITS MORE THAN 80 MILLION PEOPLE WERE PREPARED, IF NEEDED AND ORDERED, TO FIGHT THE INVADING AMERICANS TO THE DEATH AND ITS WOMEN AND CHILDREN WOULD BE IN THE FRONT LINES AGAINST US. IT WAS A NATION WHOSE TROOPS IN THE FIELD PREFERRED DEATH TO CAPTURE BY THE AMERICANS, SO SOLD HAD THEY BEEN ON THE PROPAGANDA THAT WE WERE ACCOMPLISHED TORTURERS.

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FIRST ADD, (FC1) CONSIDINE, NEW YORK X X X TORTURERS.

BUT AT THE END OF THE FIFTH FULL YEAR OF MACARTHUR'S STEWARD-
SHIP, THOSE MILLIONS NOW CONSITITUTE OUR FIRMEST FRIENDS IN THE PACIFIC.
WITH ENORMOUS ENERGY AND A MINIMUM OF GRIPES THEY HAVE REBUILT
THEIR BOMB-RUINED CITIES, TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND PRODUCTION
MACHINERY.

THEIR WOMEN KNOW THEIR FIRST EMANCIPATION; WORKERS THEIR FIRST
DECENT WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS. MEN AND WOMEN CAN VOTE AND
WORSHIP AS THEY PLEASE. EDITORS CAN AND DO CRITICIZE THE HIGHEST
AUTHORITY IN THE LAND--THE OCCUPATION. THERE IS NO MORE "THOUGHT
CONTROL," NO MORE SECRET POLICE, NO MORE DEIFICATION OF THE EMPEROR
--THOUGH THERE REMAINS GREAT AFFECTION FOR HIM AND HIS FAMILY IN
THE BRITISH MANNER.

RUSSIA'S INFLUENCE IN JAPAN HAS BEEN STEADILY WHITTLED DOWN BY
MACARTHUR'S BLUNT HANDLING OF ITS CANTANKEROUS REPRESENTATIVES
ON THE ALLIED COUNCIL HE HEADS. THERE IS WHAT AMOUNTS TO A STANDING
ORDER FROM MACARTHUR FOR AMERICAN SPOKESMEN IN TOKYO TO DEMAND THAT
THE SOVIET UNION RETURN THE TENS OF THOUSANDS JAPANESE PRISONERS IT
HAS KEPT CAPTIVE SINCE AUGUST, 1945, THE JAPANESE PEOPLE ALREADY HAVE
BEEN DEEPLY TOUCHED BY OUR CONSISTENT DEMANDS FOR THE RETURN OF
THESE MEN, AND THE PUBLIC INDIGNATION AGAINST RUSSIA MOUNTS DAILY.

BUT RUSSIA DOES RETAIN ENOUGH POWER, BECAUSE OF ITS BRIEF
BUT PAINLESS PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR, TO BLOCK ALL U. S. EFFORTS
TO EFFECT A PEACE TREATY WITH JAPAN, IF A TREATY OF PEACE HAD
EXISTED LAST JULY, AND JAPAN HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS
ITS UNQUESTIONABLY EFFICIENT TROOPS MIGHT HAVE DONE THE MAJOR PORTION
OF THE FIGHTING IN KOREA.

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SECOND ADD, (FC1) CONSULINE, NEW YORK X X X KOREA.

COUNTILESS THOUSANDS OF JAPANESE HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO FIGHT IN KOREA ON OUR SIDE IF WE COULD EQUIP THEM, BUT MACARTHUR HAS BEEN FORCED TO REJECT THEIR OFFERS BECAUSE TECHNICALLY WE ARE NOT AT PEACE WITH JAPAN.

MACARTHUR'S COLORFUL PERSONALITY AND HIS UNSWERVING ATTENDANCE TO THE JOB OF RESTORING THE COUNTRY HAS MADE HIM A MUCH REVERED MAN IN JAPAN. THIS TRANSFORMATION IS AS ARRESTING AS THE TRANSFORMATION OF JAPAN ITSELF. THE JAPANESE WAR-MAKING CLIQUE SINGLED OUT MACARTHUR AS THE CORE OF ~~ITS~~ ^{ITS} HATE AMERICAN PROGRAM AS EARLY AS 1937 WHEN HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO BUILD A FIGHTING FORCE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

NATURALLY, HE HAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED THESE HISTORIC CHANGES IN JAPAN WHOLLY THROUGH HIS PERSONAL CHARM, VIGOR AND INTELLIGENCE. HIS AIDES ARE NUMEROUS AND TALENTED, AND THEY HAVE WON THE FULL CONFIDENCE OF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE WHOM THEY ARE RESHAPING. THE INFLUENTIAL NIPPON TIMES, WHICH SELDOM GOES OUT OF ITS WAY TO PLUG OCCUPATION OFFICIALS, WARMLY SALUTED ONE OF THESE MACARTHUR AIDES RECENTLY. HIS IS MAJ. GEN. COURTNEY WHITNEY, CHIEF OF SCAP'S GOVERNMENT SECTION, AND THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE FOLLOWED HIS ELEVATION TO HIS PRESENT RANK.

"THE JAPANESE NATION SENDS ITS CONGRATULATIONS." SAID THE TIMES, "AND IS GRATEFUL FOR ALL THAT GEN. WHITNEY HAS DONE TO FURTHER JAPAN'S WELFARE AS A STABLE AND PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRACY. ONE OF THE GREATEST TRIBUTES TO THE SUCCESS ACHIEVED IN THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF THE NATION'S POLITICAL SETUP IS THE MANNER IN WHICH MORE AND MORE INITIATIVE AND CONTROLS HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT. THE WISE COUNSEL AND THE FRIENDLY ADVICE RENDERED BY GEN. WHITNEY IN REVITALIZING JAPAN'S POLITICAL LIFE TO A POINT WHERE SHE MAY TAKE HER PLACE AMONG THE FREE NATIONS OF THE WORLD ARE APPRECIATED BY A GRATEFUL PEOPLE.

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SENATOR TAFT

Confidence in General Eisenhower

U.S. should refuse send troops to Europe
Reaction in Europe on his speech

January 6 and 8, 1951

BY R. H. SHACKFORD

UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, JAN. 6--(UP)--EUROPE, ALMOST RECOVERED FROM FORMER PRESIDENT HERBERT HOOVER'S PROPOSAL TO ABANDON THE CONTINENT, WAS JOLTED AGAIN SATURDAY BY SEN. ROBERT TAFT'S ATTACK ON AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY.

TAFT'S DUNUNCIATION OF PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S INTERVENTION IN KOREA AND HIS WARNING THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HAD NOT APPROVED COMMITMENT OF THE AMERICAN ARMY IN EUROPE, REVIVED THE EUROPEAN JITTERS.

OFFICIALS TRIED TO SHOW UNCONCERN. THEY POINTED OUT THAT THE UNITED STATES' GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN HAD REPUDIATED HOOVER'S THESIS AND WOULD REPUDIATE TAFT'S. BUT THEY DID NOT FORGET CONGRESS HOLDS THE PURSE STRINGS AND TRUMAN'S MAJORITY IS SLIM.

THE TIMING OF THE REPUBLICAN OFFENSIVE WAS REGARDED AS UNFORTUNATE. GENERAL DWIGHT EISENHOWER ARRIVES SUNDAY FOR A PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF THE ATLANTIC PACT NATIONS AND THE COMMUNISTS ALREADY HAVE STARTED A PROPAGANDA BARRAGE TO MAKE HIS JOB AS DIFFICULT AS POSSIBLE. MOST EUROPEAN NATIONS HAVE NOT GONE ALLOUT IN REARMAMENT.

MANY LIKE FRANCE ARE RELUCTANT TO DO SO. THE RECORD MILITARY BUDGET HAS BEEN DELAYED IN THE FRENCH LEGISLATURE. THERE ARE VOCAL NON-COMMUNIST GROUPS IN ALL COUNTRIES EXPRESSING CONSTANT ALARM OVER THE AMERICAN POLICY WHICH THEY THINK WILL LEAD TO WAR.

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ADD EUROPE JOLTED, LONDON, (SHACKFORD) X X X WAR

SIMILAR FEARS ARE BEING EXPRESSED IN THE CONFERENCE OF BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS WHICH ADJOURNED FOR THE WEEK END SATURDAY IN AN AIR OF MYSTERY. THE USUAL PRESS BRIEFING WAS CANCELLED AND THE DELEGATES WOULD NOT GIVE OUT INFORMATION. BUT SOURCES CLOSE TO THE CONFEREES INDICATED A SPLIT HAD BEEN CAUSED BY CRITICISM OF AMERICAN FAR EASTERN POLICY. SOME ~~MEM~~ DELEGATES BELIEVED THE UNITED STATES ATTITUDE ON RED CHINA WOULD LEAD TO WORLD WAR.

THE LEFT-WING NEW STATESMAN AND NATION SAID, "WAR AGAINST CHINA, PROVOKED BY AMERICA'S EASTERN POLICY OR A WAR IN EUROPE BROUGHT ON BY THE PANIC OF THE REARMAMENT OF GERMANY, WOULD DIVIDE BRITAIN MORALLY AND POLITICALLY AS IT HAS NOT BEEN DIVIDED SINCE THE FRENCH REVOLUTION."

WHEREAS THE UNITED STATES ATTITUDE SEEMS TO BE ONE OF FULL SPEED AHEAD, WESTERN EUROPE STILL FAVORS A CAUTIOUS APPROACH IN THE HOPE RUSSIA WILL DECIDE TO NEGOTIATE. EISENHOWER IN HIS NEW JOB AS HEAD OF THE ATLANTIC PACT ARMY IS AN INTERNATIONAL SERVANT OF THE PACT ORGANIZATION.

BUT HE IS ALSO AN AMERICAN WHO HAS ALREADY WARNED THAT UNLESS EUROPE MATCHES THE SACRIFICE AND DETERMINATION OF THE UNITED STATES THE ATLANTIC COALITION WILL FAIL. HIS JOB MAY BE COMPLICATED BY TAFT'S CHARGES. EUROPEAN OFFICIALS FACE A DILEMMA. THERE ARE STRONG GROUPS IN EACH COUNTRY WHICH INSIST THAT LARGER AMERICAN FORCES BE SENT TO EUROPE BEFORE THEY THEMSELVES REARM TO THE HILT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AMERICANS ARE INSISTING UNDER STRONG PRESSURE FROM THE HOOVER-TAFT CAMP THAT EUROPEANS MUST REARM BEFORE MORE AMERICANS COME OVER HERE.

WASHINGTON, JAN 8--(UP)--SEN. ROBERT A. TAFT SAID SUNDAY HE LACKS CONFIDENCE IN SOME "PENTAGON" OFFICIALS BUT HAS COMPLETE FAITH IN THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL JUDGEMENT OF GEN. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

HE ALSO SAID IT IS HIS IMPRESSION EISENHOWER ~~IS~~ ^{HAS} NOT YET COMMITTED HIMSELF TO TAKE THE JOB AS THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ALLIED ARMY IN EUROPE AND THAT THE GENERAL WILL NOT MAKE THE FINAL DECISION UNTIL HE COMPLETES HIS PRESENT SURVEY MISSION.

IN A RADIO INTERVIEW TAFT SAID HE CONSIDERS EISENHOWER A "CAPABLE" MAN AND RESPECTS HIS POLITICAL AND MILITARY JUDGEMENT. *///*

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BY JAMES LEE

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WASHINGTON, JAN 6--(INS)--SEN^{ROBERT} TAFT (R) OHIO, FRIDAY DEMANDED THAT THE U. S. REFUSE TO SEND TROOPS TO DEFEND EUROPE AND ACCUSED PRESIDENT TRUMAN OF "USURPING AUTHORITY" BY PLUNGING THE NATION INTO AN "UNDECLARED WAR" IN KOREA.

TAFT CALLED UPON AMERICA TO BUILD IMPREGNABLE AIR AND SEA STRENGTH AGAINST COMMUNIST AGGRESSION AND PULL OUT OF WHAT HE LABELED A UNITED NATIONS "TRAP."///

THE SENATOR CHARGED THAT THE UN IS "UTTERLY INEFFECTIVE" AGAINST MILITARY AGGRESSION. HE SAID THE UN SHOULD BE SCRAPPED AND A NEW ONE CREATED IF RUSSIA BLOCKS CHANGES IN THE PRESENT CHARTER.

TAFT'S 10,000-WORD FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH, LONGEST OF HIS CAREER, TOUCHED OFF HOT DEBATE IN THE SENATE. SENS. DOUGLAS (D) ILL., AND LEHMAN (D) N. Y., CHALLENGED TAFT'S VIEWS, MAINTAINING THAT HIS PROGRAM WOULD DOOM FREE NATIONS OVERSEAS.

BUT THE OHIOAN ARGUED THAT UNDER THE ATLANTIC PACT THE U. S. IS "PRODDING EUROPE" INTO A "GREAT MILITARY PROGRAM THAT ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL LEAD TO WAR."

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TAFT SPEECH INCLUDED:

1. THE SENATOR LABELED MR. TRUMAN'S REFUSAL TO AID CHIANG KAI-SHEK IN THE HOPE OF AVOIDING WAR WITH COMMUNIST CHINA "RIDICULOUS." HE DECLARED CHIANG SHOULD BE ENABLED TO BATTLE THE REDS "IN CHINA ITSELF."
2. TAFT DECLARED THAT "WHEN AMERICAN BOYS ARE BEING KILLED BY CHINESE ARMIES AND PEIPING ANNOUNCES THEY ARE FIGHTING THE UNITED STATES AND TRYING TO DESTROY AMERICAN FORCES, WE MIGHT AS WELL HAVE A DECLARED WAR."

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FIRST ADD, (FO11) LEE, WASHINGTON X X X WAR."

3. HE SAID THERE IS "NO CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE" THAT RUSSIA WANTS WAR AND DENOUNCED THE ATLANTIC PACT AS THE "GREATEST INCITEMENT" TO WAR. TAFT DECLARED THE PACT "CREATES THE GREATEST PROBABILITY OF WAR OF ANY STEP WE COULD TAKE."

4. THE SENATOR SAID TH U. S. IS UNDER NO LEGAL OBLIGATION TO SEND A LAND ARMY TO EUROPE. HE ADDED: "THE COMMITMENT OF A LAND ARMY TO EUROPE IS A PROGRAM NEVER APPROVED BY CONGRESS INTO WHICH WE SHOULD NOT DRIFT."

5. HE CHARGED THAT "THE POLICY OF SECRET EXECUTIVE AGREEMENTS HAS BROUGHT US TO DANGER AND DISASTER" AND THAT IT "THREATENS THE LIBERTIES OF OUR PEOPLE."

6. TAFT ACCUSED MR. TRUMAN OF "USURPING AUTHORITY" IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW AND THE CONSTITUTION BY SENDING U. S. TROOPS TO KOREA "IN AN UNDECLARED WAR." BUT HE SAID CONGRESS "HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO BACK UP WHOLEHEARTEDLY THE BOYS FIGHTING IN KOREA."

7. HE CALLED FOR A BUILDUP OF AIR AND SEA STRENGTH "UNTIL WE HAVE CONTROL OF THE AIR OVER THIS COUNTRY AND OVER THE OCEANS WHICH SURROUND OUR CONTINENT" AND FOR AN ARMY OF "REASONABLE SIZE," FAR SMALLER THAN THE THREE MILLION MAN--FORCE NOW PLANNED.

8. IN HIS SPEECH, TAFT SAID THERE IS NO NEED FOR A "SPECIFIC LINE OF DEFENSE" AGAINST RUSSIA. BUT DURING DEBATE HE SAID "THE DEFENSE LINE MUST BE THE RHINE." HE ADDED THAT THE COMMUNISTS COULD BE BOMBED FROM BASES IN ENGLAND OR AFRICA, RATHER THAN CONTINENTAL EUROPE.

9. TAFT DEFENDED FORMER PRESIDENT HOOVER'S "HEMISPHERIC GIBRALTAR" PROPOSAL. HE SAID HOOVER'S VIEWS WERE "COMPLETELY MISREPRESENTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION PRESS."

SECOND ADD. (PG 11) LEE, WASHINGTON X X X PRESS."

10. HE CALLED FOR A "DECLARATION OF PEACE" WITH JAPAN AND JAPANESE REARMAMENT. MEANWHILE, HE SAID, U. S. FORCES IN KOREA MUST BE WITHDRAWN, IF NECESSARY TO ASSURE AN ADEQUATE FORCE FOR THE DEFENSE OF JAPAN.

TAFT STATED HIS VIEW ON GENERAL MILITARY POLICY IN THESE WORDS:

"I SEE NO CHOICE EXCEPT TO DISREGARD THE UNITED NATIONS AND DEVELOP OUR OWN MILITARY POLICY, AND OUR OWN POLICY OF ALLIANCES, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE NON-EXISTENT POWER OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO PREVENT AGGRESSION."

THE SENATOR SUGGESTED A "REASONABLE" ALLIANCE WITH BRITAIN, FRANCE, THE NETHERLANDS, AUSTRALIA AND CANADA. HE INSISTED THAT SUCH A COMBINATION, WITH PREEMINENT AIR AND SEA STRENGTH, COULD "ESTABLISH A POWER WHICH CANNOT BE CHALLENGED BY RUSSIA AND WHICH CAN PROTECT EUROPE."

TAFT ASSAILED THE IDEA OF "PREVENTIVE WAR." HE SAID:

"WE MUST AVOID WAR LIKE POISON EXCEPT WHEN IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO PROTECT OUR LIBERTIES. IT SEEMS TO ME MOST UNWISE EVER TO ADMIT THAT WAR IS INEVITABLE UNTIL IT HAS OCCURRED AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT TODAY OUR POLICY IS BASED TOO MUCH ON THIS PREMISE."

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SECRETARY DEFENSE MARSHALL:

Korean war developing as anticipated
but "odds heavy and almost incredible"

5 January 1951

WASHINGTON, JAN. 5--(UP)-- DEFENSE SECRETARY GEORGE MARSHALL SAID THURSDAY THE KOREAN WAR SITUATION IS DEVELOPING AS ANTICIPATED BUT THAT THE "ODDS ARE HEAVY AND ALMOST INCREDIBLE IN SOME RESPECTS."

MARSHALL, MEETING NEWSMEN AT A PENTAGON BRIEFING, WAS ASKED ABOUT REPORTS THAT ALTHOUGH THE COMMUNISTS OUTNUMBERED THE UNITED NATIONS TROOPS BY THREE OR FOUR TO ONE, THEY WERE PRIMARILY "FOOTSLOGGERS" WHO LACKED ARTILLERY AND FIRE POWER.

MARSHALL SAID THE COMMUNIST FORCES, ALTHOUGH THEY LACK MUCH IN THE WAY OF AIR POWER, HAVE MUCH MORE IN THE WAY OF ARTILLERY THAN THEY HAD IN THEIR INITIAL DRIVE. HE SAID THE ODDS ARE HEAVY AND ALMOST INCREDIBLE IN SOME RESPECTS BECAUSE OF THE BASTLY GREATER NUMBER OF TROOPS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNISTS.

THE DEFENSE SECRETARY SAID THE REDS ARE ABLE TO COVER ALMOST IMPASSABLE COUNTRY BY FOOT AND CARRY ENORMOUS PACKS ON THEIR BACKS.

ALTHOUGH MARSHALL ADMITTED THE SITUATION IS SERIOUS, HE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE DOWNHEARTED. HE SAID THE "SITUATION IN KOREA IS DEVELOPING ALMOST EXACTLY AS WE ANTICIPATED AND DEPLOYMENT OF OUR FORCES IS BEING CARRIED OUT TO MEET THIS ANTICIPATION."

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ADD MARSHALL, WASHINGTON XXXX ANTICIPATION."

THE SECRETARY DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER HE THOUGHT THE PRESENT UNITED NATIONS LINE WOULD BE HELD IN ITS PRESENT GENERAL AREA. THEY HAVE RETREATED FROM SEOUL.

MARSHALL PRAISED THE FIGHTING ABILITY OF TROOPS FROM OTHER UNITED NATIONS MEMBERS.

"I REALIZE THE NATURAL INTEREST IN THIS COUNTRY GOES TO OUR YOUNG AMERICAN TROOPS IN KOREA," MARSHALL SAID. "IT ALSO IS IMPORTANT TO REALIZE THE SPLENDID FIGHTING IN SEVERAL RECENT INSTANCES OF THE EXCEPTIONAL FIGHTING OF OTHER UNITS IN KOREA."

HE SAID HE REFERRED PARTICULARLY TO THE BRITISH BRIGADE, THE PUERTO RICAN GROUP, THE SOUTH KOREANS IN AMERICAN DIVISIONS AND IN THEIR OWN DIVISIONS "AND THE VERY HEROIC PERFORMANCE OF THE TURKISH UNIT LAST MONTH."

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EASING OF INCOME TAX LAW:

Pres Truman signs 2 bills.

3 January 1951

FIRST LEAD TAX BILLS

WASHINGTON, JAN. 3--(UP)-- PRESIDENT TRUMAN SIGNED TWO BILLS TODAY EASING THE INCOME TAX LAW.

ONE PERMITS SERVICEMEN TO DEFER PAYING FEDERAL TAXES AND FILING RETURNS WHILE THEY ARE IN COMBAT. THE DEFERMENT APPLIES TO HOSPITALIZED SERVICEMEN.

THE OTHER BILL WAIVES THE PENALTY FOR INCORRECTLY ESTIMATING INCOME TAX FOR 1950 IF THE ERROR IS DUE SOLELY TO LAST FALL'S INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE.

MEANWHILE, THE CORPORATION TAX BILL SENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY CONSISTS OF A BOOST IN THE REGULAR CORPORATION INCOME TAX, PLUS A LEVY ON EXCESS PROFITS.

THE EXCESS PROFITS TAX PORTION OF THE BILL IS RETROACTIVE TO LAST JULY 1. THE INCREASE IN THE REGULAR TAX RATE BECOMES EFFECTIVE AT THE START OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS YEAR - JANUARY 1 FOR MOST FIRMS.

(ELIMINATE EARLIER STORY.)

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WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION:

76th Engineers improving fruit
juices sent over

3 January 51

CINCINNATI, OHIO, JAN. 3--(UP)-- THE WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN
TEMPERANCE UNION, WHICH HAS BEEN SENDING FRUIT JUICES TO KOREA
IN AN ATTEMPT TO WEAN SOLDIERS FROM BEER, REPORTED IT HAS
RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM KOREA:

"DEAR LADIES OF THE WCTU,

"WE MEN OF THE 76TH ENGINEERS COMBAT BATTALION REALLY DO
APPRECIATE THE FRUIT JUICES YOU ARE SENDING OVER HERE IN PLACE
OF BEER. IT DOESN'T QUITE TAKE THE PLACE OF BEER BUT YOU CAN
GET A BETTER BUZZ ON WITH IT. WE JUST ADD A LITTLE YEAST AND
SUGAR TO IT, HEAT IT ON A STOVE AND GET SOME OF THE FINEST
WINE....

"AS YEAST AND SUGAR ARE SCARCE OVER HERE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE
IT VERY MUCH IF YOU WOULD SEND SOME WITH THE NEXT SHIPMENT.

"THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND KEEP THE JUICES COMING OUR WAY."

MRS. ANNA BRUMMER, LOCAL PRESIDENT OF THE WCTU, CHARGED
SABOTAGE. SHE SAID THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF JUICE HAD NOT BEEN
RECEIVED IN KOREA AND WHEN IT ARRIVES, IT WILL CONTAIN NEITHER
YEAST NOR SUGAR.

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