

# MacArthur Calm At Hearing News

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP)—President Truman touched off a worldwide uproar today by firing General MacArthur and then he moved quickly to wage a fighting defense of his decision by radio.

MacArthur also was ready to make a fight of it. He was quoted by Republican leaders—who called him by trans-Pacific telephone—as saying he was ready and willing to tell his story to a joint session of Congress. Democratic leaders are certain to oppose any such move.

Republican leaders talked of "impeachment" of the President. They thundered angry criticism of his action while Democrats defended the President in a new "great debate" which has become an issue in many countries.

Reports from London and Washington diplomatic sources hinted that MacArthur's removal may clear the way for new political moves to end the fighting in Korea.

However, doubt was also expressed here that the Chinese Reds will really talk peace unless and until their expected big spring offensive is crushed.

TOKYO, Thursday, April 12 (AP)—General MacArthur yesterday calmly heard the news he was fired and cleared his desk for a return to the homeland he has not seen in 14 years.

It was far from the homecoming the 71-year-old general no doubt long had envisaged. He had hoped for a return after the Japanese occupation was ended by treaty. This would have been in triumph.

MacArthur himself refused to say anything as the controversy thundered and echoed through the capitals of the world.

It was shortly after a lunch yesterday with friends that the news came to him. The dismissal order from Truman was in a plain envelope marked "flash."

MacArthur's staff was alternately stunned and angry. But the United Nations commander in the Korean war, who has run the occupation of Japan from the outset, was calm.

Maj. Gen. Courtney Whitney, military secretary of the U.N. command, said: "He received the word of the President's dismissal from command magnificently. He never turned a hair."

## Student Deferment Amendment Passes

WASHINGTON, April 11—(AP)—The House today by voice vote adopted an amendment to prohibit the deferment of college students solely on the basis of mental tests.

The student amendment leaves the matter of educational deferments largely in the discretion of local draft boards and in effect makes useless the recently announced program to conduct uniform aptitude tests. It doesn't ban the tests but makes it plain that draft boards do not have to recognize them.

## Korean Rain Slows Down Allied Drive

TOKYO, Thursday, April 12 (AP)—Allied forces slogged slowly ahead on the rainswept Korean battlefield Wednesday as news of General MacArthur's dismissal spread like wildfire.

Chinese and Korean Red resistance toughened on the western and central fronts. Heavy rains and low overcast virtually stripped United Nations ground troops of air support.

These were the mid-April rains which frontline officers expect will signal a massive Red counter-offensive. The Communists have built up a force estimated at more than 500,000.

American and Turkish troops pushed slowly toward a high ridge line in that sector, south of Chorwon. Chorwon, formerly a key Chinese base 17 miles north of parallel 38, was reported wiped out by concentrated Allied artillery fire and air strikes.

The push on the Western front was aimed at the left point of a defense triangle, the base of which is at Chorwon. The big Red buildup is inside the triangle.

Chinese artillery, mortar and machinegun fire was steady all along that mountainous stretch Wednesday. Frontline officers said the Reds seem to be willing to pay a heavy price to hold that high ground.

# Inductions Delayed To Avoid Confusion

WASHINGTON, April 11—(AP)—Draft boards were directed today to hold up the inductions planned for May and wait for a new decision on how many men are to be called.

The aim is to avoid any such mixup as took place when the April requisition from the Army was reduced from 80,000 to 40,000.

The plans for May now provide for taking in 60,000 but officials have indicated the number may be reduced.

A spokesman for selective service said the delay will prevent registrants from quitting jobs, selling homes and taking other such steps while there is still a chance they may not be taken immediately.

He added that the holdup also will keep state directors from having to make out new sets of quotas for local boards in case of a change in the number called.

There will be plenty of time after the final decision has been made, the spokesman said.

In each of the three months up to April 80,000 were drafted. The May figure was set at 60,000 when the April reduction was made.

At that time defense officials said the call for draftees was reduced because of the number of men who had volunteered for service.

## Senator Tobey Defends Using Phone Record

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP)—The White House today described Senator Tobey's recording of telephone conversations he had with President Truman as "outrageous," but the New Hampshire Republican defended the practice.

Presidential ire was directed specifically to the recording of two Truman-Tobey phone talks about Congressional influence on RFC lending.

Shortly afterwards Tobey told the Senate that in the conversations Truman said "a good many" members of Congress received fees in connection with Reconstruction Finance Corporation loans but later acknowledged he did not have evidence to support the charges.

Tobey defended the propriety of using a recorder while talking to the President. He said many Senators keep recording devices in their offices to provide accurate records of telephone calls.

Whether the words will be published, seemed to be up to Tobey and a Senate banking subcommittee which has charged that the RFC was influenced in its lending policy by a clique which had White House connections.

## Club Pres. Names Officers To Head 2nd Horse Show

Margaret E. Warner, president of the Penn State Riding club has announced officers for the second annual Horse Show to be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6.

Officers and committee chairmen for the show are: manager, Charles Amend; secretary, David Fitzcharles; treasurer, Fern Rodale; ring master, Richard M. Bard; ring gate keeper, Dr. Charles Stewart; ribbons and trophy purchase, George S. Reese; advertising, Nancy Higgins; class sponsorship, Jeanne Reist and Marion Whitmore; publicity, Edna Grabiak; grounds, George Reese and William Brodnax; tickets, Donald Duncan; concessions, Ross Steadman; program editor, Ruth Rand; advisor, Capt. Gregory Gagarin.

### Bulletin

NEW YORK, April 11—(AP)—Sen. James H. Duff (R-Pa.) tonight called the plan to defer high school and college students from military service an "un-American thing." Duff said he was sure the "people will not tolerate putting bright college students on a pedestal."

### Mourant To Give Talk

Dr. John A. Mourant, head of the Philosophy department, will deliver the first of a series of four lectures sponsored by the Newman club on "The Basic Concepts of the Philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas" tonight at 7 o'clock in 107 Main Engineering. The lecture is open to the public.

### Soccer Candidates

Candidates for the varsity soccer team are asked to report for practice at 4:30 this afternoon at the practice field on the golf course.

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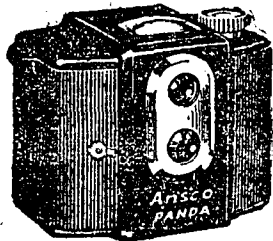
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## Truman—

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While declaring that the limited war in Korea will be carried on with "vigor and determination" and without appeasement, he offered the Communists peace if they want it on acceptable terms. And he said:

"Defeat of aggression in Korea may be the turning point in the world's search for a practical way of achieving peace and security."

He said he removed MacArthur with the "deepest regret" but added that "the cause of world peace is more important than any individual."

"I have thought long and hard," he said, "about this question of extending the war in Asia. I have discussed it many times with the ablest military advisers in the country. I believe with all my heart that the course we are following is the best course."

"I believe that we must try to limit the war to Korea for these vital reasons: to make sure that the precious lives of our fighting men are not wasted; to see that the security of our country and the free world is not needlessly jeopardized; and to prevent a third world war."

"A number of events have made it evident that General MacArthur did not agree with that policy. I have therefore considered it essential to relieve General MacArthur so that there would be no doubt or confusion as to the real purpose and aim of our policy."

The President quoted from secret Communist intelligence reports to show that the attack on South Korea was part of a "greater plan for conquering all Asia." But he expressed the belief that United Nations resistance has "taught the enemy a lesson."