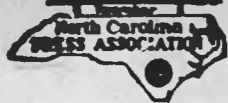


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YOU and YOUR CONGRESS

The shot that was fired by President Truman this week when he dismissed General Douglas MacArthur as Far East Commander will be heard around Congress for many months to come.

This matter promises to outdo even the "Great Debate" over troops-for-Europe, where verbiage and political name-calling are concerned.

The full effect in Congress of the President's explosive action cannot immediately be determined accurately. Most members, Republicans and Democrats alike, still have not recovered from their surprise.

But it would be difficult to overestimate the probable consequences of Mr. Truman's action, especially in view of the political background against which it was taken.

Significantly, the immediate reaction from Congress was almost entirely along party lines, with Democrats supporting and Republicans condemning Mr. Truman.

This was a harsh blow for already weakened foreign policy bipartisanship in Congress.

There was talk of impeachment but the threats were not considered serious. Such proceedings to oust the President would have to be instituted in the House, where the Democrats hold a numerical advantage of 33. Actual ousters would have to be by a two-thirds vote in the Senate, where Democrats outnumber Republicans 49 to 47.

The MacArthur incident meanwhile, was certain to delay Congress' work on legislation already in the mill or forthcoming—including that for appropriations and the inflation controls program.

Lengthy delay will come as questions are raised and answers to them are demanded.

Just what is the Far Eastern policy of the United States? Many members of Congress were dissatisfied with President Truman's attempt to answer this question in a radio talk after he fired the general.

Exactly who makes this policy? How much is it being influenced by our allies?

Noted in this connection are the general satisfaction in Europe with General MacArthur's dismissal, plus Britain's proposal that Communist China be consulted on the Japanese peace treaty and be given Formosa.

Those are some of the questions that will help generate this new great debate. There will be many others.

It appears that henceforth few pieces of major legislation in the 82nd Congress will escape the influence of feelings aroused over the MacArthur incident.

On balance, the incident seems to have done nothing to improve the Administration's relations with Congress. And, meanwhile, while they were greatly overshadowed, a couple of other things happened this week that seem unlikely to improve the Administration's position on Capitol Hill.

Sen. Tobey (R-N.H.) told the Senate that in two telephone conversations which he, Tobey, recorded, President Truman had first said but later denied that he had "good information that a great many" Congressmen "got fees for what they did" in helping to obtain RFC loans. Tobey declared that the President's original statement was a "serious indictment" of Congress.

Immediately raised was the question of how many other leg-

islators would agree with Tobey. Meanwhile, former governor M. E. Thompson of Georgia, a Democrat who had supported Mr. Truman, announced he was resigning as an Office of Price Stabilization consultant because he had no work to do and did not want to be a "parasite on the American taxpayers." In resigning, Thompson sharply criticized OPS Director Michael V. DiSalle's program.

Almost simultaneously, Chairman Maybank (D-S.C.) of the Senate Banking Committee said the committee will begin May 1 to review price and other inflation controls, which are due to expire June 30.

Local Airman With Fighters In Japan

Sergeant Stacy H. Guin, Raeford, is presently serving with the 41st Fighter Interceptor Wing as a sheet metal worker at an airbase in Japan. Sgt. Guin plays a vital role in keeping the planes and vehicles of the wing in condition.

As a part of the Fifth Air Force, F-80 Shooting Stars of the fighter wing, have flown more than 7,500 sorties. They began daily combat operations over Korea in close support of the United Nations forces in September, 1950.

Sgt. Guin entered the service in August, 1946. Since that date he has served at various Air Force Bases throughout the United States. Prior to joining the 51st in Japan, he was stationed at Chanute AFB, Illinois.

Sgt. Guin was graduated from Hoke County High School in 1942. He is the son of Mrs. J. L. McFadyen, Route 2, Raeford.

Many Haven't Filed For Social Security Manager Says

Most Americans these days have a vital stake in the Federal social security program — and that's doubly true since the new amendments were passed last August. As a result of these new amendments many persons became eligible for old-age and survivors insurance immediately. But the local social security office reports that a lot of folks haven't yet filed their claims for social security benefit payments, in spite of an increase of over 200 per cent in claims filed in this area since September 1950, according to Vernon D. Herbert, manager of the local office.

If you have worked a year and a half in employment covered by the Social Security Act and are 35 or over, or if someone in your family who was employed in work covered by social security has died recently, you may be eligible now for old-age or survivors insurance payments. Widows with minor children, and parents who were chiefly supported by a veteran of World War II, are especially urged to inquire about filing a claim whether the veteran died in service or after.

The new law extends wage credits to veterans for each month spent in service. So even if you were previously told that you were not eligible for old-age and survivors insurance payments, you should inquire now at your local social security office. Under the new law, you may be eligible. If you are, you can still draw back payments to last September, if you act now! The new law permits six months back payment — but no more.

So that means that you have until the end of April to file your claim and still receive a payment for last October. Don't wait — act now! If you delay filing your claim beyond April, you will lose the October payment — and each month of delay beyond April will result in the loss of one month's



back payment. The social security office doesn't want to see anyone lose any payments! That is why they urge you to act now. Visit your local social security office and let them give you the information you need to determine whether you are eligible now for social security benefit payments under the new law. The social security office for this area is located in the Huske Building, Fayetteville, N. C.

GARDEN TIME

By Robert Schmidt

The crop that you produce will be no better than the seed that you plant. Use only the best you can get.

Failure of seed to germinate when planted is not always due to low viability. Often when seeds — especially beans and corn — are planted in wet and cold soil they will rot in the ground, even if they have passed a good germination test. Also, germinating seeds may be killed when they come into direct contact with strong chemical fertilizers. Be very careful in applying concentrated fertilizer. Do not allow them to come into contact with the seeds.

It is now safe to plant all warm season crops in eastern and central North Carolina — such crops as beans, cucumbers, muskmelons, watermelons, okra, tomatoes, peppers and eggplants. Collard seed may be sown for an early crop, but the best collards are produced when seed are sown in July and August. Have you tried the "Hand-over" collard? I'll be glad to send a few seed on request.

Some gardeners believe that cucumbers and muskmelons will cross if planted near each other and that the melons will taste like cucumbers. This is a mistaken idea. Cucumbers and muskmelons will not cross in the field and, if the melon is tasteless, it is due to too much rain at ripening time or to soil conditions. Different varieties of muskmelons will cross with each other but will not effect this year's crop — only next year's crop if you save your own seed.

If you plant yellow and white sweet corn varieties near each other the resulting cross will show up in the present season, and you will have a mixture of white and yellow kernels on the same ear.

Save Scrap Metal Farmers Are Urged

Scrap metal is needed once again to keep the nation's steel mills rolling at full capacity, says the local farm agent for the State College Extension Service.

About 67 million tons of scrap from all sources will be required to keep steel furnaces going in 1951. The alltime high of 61 million tons was reached last year. Therefore, about 6 million more tons will be needed this year than was used in 1950.

The county agent believes that spring clean-up offers farmers a good opportunity to salvage the scrap so urgently needed for military and civilian products.

He points out that worn-out tractors, plows, rakes, and harrows — even such small pieces as plow points, bolts, and washers — are to be found on almost every farm. All of these are needed to make the steel required for mili-

tary equipment as well as new farm machinery.

The farmer should dispose of his scrap by selling it. This means hauling it to salvage dealers in town, or selling to trucker-buyers who call at the farm. National ceiling prices have been established on scrap metal, but these are prices to the dealer after he has sorted, processed, prepared, and shipped the scrap to the mill. Local prices will necessarily be less.

A senior at Dobson High School, Surry County, has hit on a novel idea to make spending money in his spare time. The student, Charles Bingham, will cut and sell dogwood timber, which is now in good demand.

Only one Tar Heel cotton grower out of every four made any attempt to overcome boll weevils last year by applying even two or three treatments of poison. Less than one grower in 10 carried out a complete poisoning program.

ATTEND FUNERAL OF MRS. SMITH

Among the out-of-town folks who came to Raeford Thursday afternoon of last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. E. M. Smith were: Mr. and Mrs. Don Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Creech, Mrs. B. A. Small, Mrs. Johnnie McNeill, Pat Pierson, Mrs. M. H. Miller, Mrs. W. M. Boyd, Mrs. O. B. Kinlaw, Mrs. Thomas Jackson, Mrs. Carson Arnette, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Braswell, Mrs. Julia Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stone, Mrs. Edna McNeill, Mrs. Frances McNeill, all of Lumberton; William Byrd, Mrs. Isabel McLeod, Mrs. Frances McCall, Fayetteville; Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Inman, Mrs. Irman Inman, L. A. Maultsby and Irvin Smith, Whiteville; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gibson, Mrs. Annie B. Stewart, Mrs. Acie Grooms, A. S. Gibson and Janet and L. C. Gibson, all of Johns, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Grey Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDonald, Miss Velma Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mitchell, Mrs. M. L. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Andrew, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Davis, all of Fairmont; Mr.

and Mrs. Ed Smith, Maxton; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith, Dillon, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Smith, Mrs. Fred Bailey, Florence, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hooper, Aberdeen, N. C.; Mrs. D. Lawson, Mrs. Woodrow Ward, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. KISSAM, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. KISSAM, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leggett, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leggett, June and Franklin Leggett, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Shaw, Mrs. Ned Holloman, Mrs. Jack Icard, Mrs. D. Inman, Mrs. R. F. Benton, Mrs. Julia Bullard, Mrs. J. E. Rook, Mrs. E. M. Griffin, all of Evergreen.

Lt. and Mrs. Herbert Lockett and daughter, Karla, spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Niven Sunday.

What was part of Raeford's first Presbyterian church is undergoing a face lifting. A. K. Stevens bought this house which is next door to his own house from the Covington estate and is remodeling it into an attractive and comfortable home. When it was stripped down for repairs it brought back many memories of the old church and old timers. Furman Clark and family who have occupied the house for sometime, have continued to live in it during the remodeling.

Mrs. A. L. Smith of Lumberton entered Baker's Sanatorium in Lumberton Thursday night and is seriously ill. She is the mother of Mrs. John Culbreth, formerly of this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Younger Sneed and Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Thomas attended the ice show in Raleigh last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Dalton had as their over night guests last week Mrs. Dalton's brother, Jack Spivey and daughter, of Whaleyville, Virginia. They were en route to Biloxi, Mississippi to visit Mr. Spivey's son, who is stationed there.

Mrs. Ralph Hastings of Ocean City, Maryland, is visiting Mrs. Walter Maxwell. Mrs. Hastings and her late husband were formerly residents of Raeford.

Mr. and Mrs. Starr McMillan, Mrs. Margaret Cummings and Mrs. Ralph Hastings spent Sunday in Wilmington with Mr. and Mrs. Starr McMillan, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Culbreth, Mrs. Arthur McNeill and Mrs. R. P. Brown, of Southern Pines visited in Raeford Sunday. Mrs. McNeill and Mrs. Brown are sisters of Starr McMillan.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gullede last Sunday were: their daughter, Miss Nita Gullede of East Carolina College, Lt. Buck Wilson of the Air Corps at Keesler Field, Miss., and Crawford Wilson of the U. S. Coast Guard at Elizabeth City.

Mrs. W. A. Wright has been sick at her home near town for the past several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Gatlin and family and Mrs. Arah Stuart attended the Ice Cycles in Raleigh last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bethune and children of Concord were guests in the home of Mrs. J. A. Blue Sunday.

Pfc. Percy McNeill of Camp Atterbury, Indiana, is spending a furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Annie E. McNeill.

Mrs. H. E. Stinchcomb of Black Mountain and Mrs. Mary Helton spent several days last week in Chapel Hill in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alexander, Jr. While away they also visited relatives in Roxboro.

Lt. and Mrs. Dan Wyckoff of the Air Force, Pope Field, who have an apartment with Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Niven, spent Sunday at Wilmington and Carolina Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lewis went to Winston-Salem Friday and took Miss Marian Lewis and her roommate, Miss Marilyn Summe, to Richmond, where the girls attended a formal dance at the Richmond Medical College that night. They spent Saturday in Williamsburg and returned to Winston and Raeford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Faye Morris of New Bern were visitors in Raeford the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Harris had as their week end guests, Mr. and Mrs. McIver Featherstone and daughter, Susan, Jerry Stanfield and son, Butch, all of Roxboro.

Dr. and Mrs. Alvis Dickson and sons, Alvis Barnes, Jr. and John Wyatt of Charleston, S. C. spent the week end in Raeford with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dickson and Dr. Dickson's mother.

Miss Louise Blue and Miss Agnes Mae Johnson were visitors in Salisbury from Friday till Sunday evening. Miss Blue visited her cousin, Mrs. H. C. Trexler, and Miss Johnson visited her friend, Miss Alice Purcell.

William McPhail of Portsmouth, Virginia, spent last week at the home of his father, J. F. McPhail. Mrs. Harry Logan of Asheville and Mrs. M. A. Dewar and children of Raleigh were also guests in the home of Mr. McPhail during the week end. Mr. McPhail celebrated his 85th birthday last week.

Mrs. Arthur Matheson was hostess to the Book-Bridge club last Thursday afternoon. Playing began at four o'clock. Mrs. T. B. Lester and Mrs. Alfred Cole were guests other than club members. Mrs. Lester won the visitor's prize.

Mrs. Matheson served a delicious meal in two courses following the game.

Cartoon Quiz

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