

Who is a good man? He who keeps the decrees of the fathers, and both human and divine laws.—Horace.



DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

Status Clarified

General MacArthur Said Not Subject To Rules Banning Political Activity By Members Of U. S. Armed Forces

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP)—The army today ruled in effect that General Douglas MacArthur is not subject to regulations banning political activity by members of the armed forces.

The army didn't mention MacArthur by name, but it issued a statement discussing the status of five-star generals which made MacArthur's status clear.

The army said when "officers holding this rank are not assigned any duties, they are considered to be in status similar to retired officers and therefore not subject to the prohibitions of A. R. 600-10 relating to political activities."

MacArthur's status had been widely discussed since he was selected as keynote speaker for the Republican national convention in Chicago next month. The five-star general has openly supported Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio for the Republican presidential nomination.

MacArthur has remained on the army's active list but has not been assigned any specific duties since his assignment by President Truman as Far Eastern commander.

A public relations officer handed reporters this statement:

"The Department of the Army in reply to queries from the press to make the following statement with respect to the obligation of A. R. 600-10 to persons in the army:

Find Schools Able To Take Care Of Additional Pupils

Fitchburg has ample room in its present elementary school buildings to take care of an expected increase of 250 in enrollment by 1960.

This was disclosed at the regular meeting of the committee last night following a discussion of the estimated increase. Making the report School Supt. George C. Francis said it was based upon the birth rate in the city, about evenly divided between the public and parochial schools.

Supt. Francis said that while some elementary schools are now carrying a capacity enrollment many others have vacant rooms. He said, could anticipate the expected increase so that there would be sufficient accommodations without crowded classes.

On a motion by Philip G. Cashman it was voted to conduct a census survey of district lines in order that buildings now crowded might be relieved by shifting some pupils to other schools. Mr. Francis said there are 13 vacant rooms in eight school buildings.

On recommendation of Supt. Francis, Miss Frances M. Posco, now teaching in Windsor, Conn., was elected fourth grade teacher at the Lumburg street school. Miss Posco's home is in this city. She has a B. A. degree and has had two years' experience in teaching. She has

Child Unconscious For 20 Days

Little Jacqueline Marie Gamache, 4½, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred J. Gamache, 313 Canton street, entered her 20th day of unconsciousness today at Burbank hospital.

The child, victim of a three-story 25-foot fall at 13½ Blossom street on May 28, is nearing the 500th hour of constant coma. She is suffering from a fractured skull.

Jacqueline lost her balance on the window sill while visiting at 7 p. m. on the aforementioned date, plunged through a screen to the sidewalk, narrowly missing a sign, parking meter and pedestrian.

Swedish Pilots Told To Shoot If Reds Attack

Infuriated Nation Continues Hunt For Lost Transport

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, June 17 (AP)—Infuriated Sweden kept up her search over the Baltic sea today for a missing transport plane and send along jet fighter escorts with orders to shoot if the Russians attacked.

The traditionally neutral nation's stern action reflected the anger expressed by the government, press and people over the shooting down yesterday of an unarmed Swedish flying boat by two Soviet Mig-15 jet fighter planes.

The seven crew members—two of them wounded—of the downed plane were picked up from the sea by a small German freighter and taken to Hangoe, Finland.

They had been searching for a Swedish transport DC3 missing since Friday with eight men aboard. It was assumed here the Russians had shot down that craft also, but the search continued today.

A Swedish air force spokesman announced early today that all aircraft participating in the continuing search have been supplied with jet fighter escort. He said the fighters had been told to return fire if attacked.

Some 5000 furious Swedes, jeering, shouting, "We will see Stalin hanged," and "Down with the Communist warmongers," demonstrated in front of the Russian Embassy last night in protest against yesterday's attack.

The government handed Russian Ambassador Constantine Rodinov a "strong protest" against the "act of violence" and demanded "swift punishment of those responsible for the outrage."

The captain of the Swedish plane said he was jumped by the two Soviet fighters about 80 miles off the Soviet-held Estonian coast, in an area where the Russians are reported to be holding vast sea and air maneuvers.

Six of the plane crew were flown back to Stockholm last night to appear before an inquiry board of high air force officials. The seventh, who had been shot in the arm, remained in a Hangoe hospital.

Editorials in Stockholm newspapers of all political shades bitterly assailed the Russian attack as "piracy," "gangsterism," and "ruthless terrorism."

The Socialist Morgan-Tidningen, mouthpiece of the government, described it as a "cruel and senseless act," "enraging the whole nation."

The paper will not allow herself to be "pushed around" by the Liberal Stockholm-Tidningen said.

Describing the incident as a "part of a ruthless terror campaign," the Liberal Dagens Nyheter expressed confidence that the government would "not resign itself to this reign of terror in international waters."

Academic Liberty Violations Cited By Crimson

CAMBRIDGE, June 17 (AP)—The Harvard Crimson, undergraduate daily, today cited what it termed 53 violations of academic freedom in its fourth annual survey of academic freedoms in higher education.

It said the report covers 25 colleges in 16 states and two territories and is the result of six months investigation of reports of academic freedom violations.

Cases covered included: "The first complete documentation of the American Legion attack on Sarah Lawrence college of the industrialists and the interpretation of the faculty conflict at Fairmount State Teachers college in West Virginia, which has brought nine resignations, three dismissals and a \$100,000 slander suit."

The Crimson, in an editorial, defined academic freedom as a "sort of intellectual free enterprise" which "turns students loose in a flood of viewpoints, problems, and interpretations."

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Steel Strike Slashes Deeper Into Economy Of Nation

PITTSBURGH, June 17 (AP)—The two-week-old steel strike slashed deeper than ever into the nation's economy today as some plants making munitions reported curtailments near because of a shortage of steel.

In addition to the 650,000 CIO steel workers who walked out June 1, when the U. S. Supreme court ruled President Truman had no right to seize the industry, more

than 100,000 workers in allied industries are idled. These include nearly 50,000 coal miners in seven states and more than 30,000 railroaders employed by a dozen carriers.

Nearly 25,000 more are idle in industries dependent on steel. These include sailors on Great Lakes ore boats, ore miners, coke workers, river boat crews, oil and gas pipeline workers, construction crews, and workers in other steel-related fields.

Announcements that three companies will be forced to stop making munitions this week came as the government and the United Steel workers sought to work out a plan to start enough steel flowing from the steel mills to prevent a crippling halt in the production of weapons.

At Cleveland, Lemco Products Inc. said it was forced to halt making mortar shells today because of steel shortages and to lay off 500 employees.

The Oldsmobile division of General Motors said a shortage of seamless steel tubing will force it to shut down its 3.5-inch rocket plant at Lansing, Mich., on June 23.

In Detroit, it was reported the Ford Motor Co. may be forced to close down rocket production before the end of the week because of a shortage of tubing.

Officials of the General Motors Cadillac tank plant at Cleveland said it has enough steel for from 10 days to two weeks of operation.

The government has been assured by Philip Murray, president of the CIO and UMW, that it will "Count on us to produce the essential military products necessary to carry on our fight against the menace of Communist aggression."

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Batteries Sent By Army To Man Posts

Action Follows Orders For 24-Hour Vigil In Operation Skywatch

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP)—The army disclosed today it has sent anti-aircraft batteries to defensive positions about some strategic industrial plants, big cities and air force centers.

An announcement said the move "has no special significance" but it came on the heels of air force orders for an around-the-clock watch for possible enemy planes.

Civilian defense workers will keep the 24-hour vigil, beginning July 14, Maj. Gen. Frederic H. Smith, Jr., deputy director of the Air Defense command, said it is necessary because "the Soviets have had the capability for some time to attack us."

To which Gen. Nathan F. Twining, acting chief of staff for the Air Force, added:

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Ayer Asserts Both Federal And State Administrations Corrupted By Power

TAUNTON, June 17—Frederick Ayer, Jr., of Wenham, candidate for Republican nomination for attorney general, last night charged that Federal and State administration has had so much power so long that they have become corrupted by that power.

"Law enforcement in Massachusetts has been and continues to be strangled by a giant political octopus," Ayer said, "which is the Democratic administration both in Washington and on Beacon hill have, through their abuses of power, come to approximate the early stages of the totalitarian regimes against which we as Americans have fought in the past and are fighting at present," Ayer said.

He said that the state Democratic machine has become more powerful than the infamous Pendergast gang in Kansas City. Ayer, a federal judge, said he had seen many criminal cases in this state which he investigated where high political officials deliberately blocked the Department of Justice.

Ayer told of a \$65,000 liquor high-back case which took months of investigation by the FBI. One suspect told of a payoff man who was a friend of a high city official in Boston. The suspect in this case had already confessed participation in the crime. Despite this no warrant could be obtained for the payoff man. Other suspects were picked up 2 a. m. Twenty minutes later, the assistant corporation counsel for the city of Boston, now widely mentioned as a Democratic candidate for attorney general, went bail for the gang. Of the two best witnesses, one was threatened and the other bribed. The result, Ayer said, was two small fines and one

suspended sentence after months of investigation.

Ayer told of the FBI attempt to smash a New England-wide lottery ring which was quashed by corrupt politicians. He said that conclusive evidence, including photographs of money and tickets passing hands, was obtained by the department of justice. A federal grand jury returned 81 indictments. Warrants were issued by the FBI agents. The afternoon before the day the

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As Scoutmaster of Troop 18, Mr. Briggs has given distinguished service to Scouting, receiving the Silver Beaver, highest award in Scouting, in recognition of his achievements.

Under his leadership 37 boys have become Eagle Scouts. On the national Boy Scout staff, he is now serving as advisor on merit badges and other policies pertaining to Scouting. For the past six years he has been a member of the local executive board and has also served as vice-president.

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Light Standard On Water Street Belted Again

Ho-hum! It's becoming a habit.

The traffic light standard on the northeast corner of Water street and Bemis road was belted again last night.

Police say the pole resembles a punch-drunk fighter unable to come out for the last round. It is badly battered.

And last evening it was definitely kayoed—for the seventh time in the past year and fifth since January.

Lights on all four corners were "killed" as the result of the latest blow which found the uppermost part of the standard being flung to the highway.

And once more, police claim a trailer truck was responsible. Twice before the standard was completely destroyed. Cost of replacement each time was about \$1000.

The most recent mishap occurred last Wednesday when some truck's trailer end hit the top of the lights, spinning them around.

Chief Carlisle F. Taylor, has been waiting for the city council's next public safety committee meeting when he will recommend that the pole be moved to prevent any further accidents.

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Big POW Pens Emptied Of Prisoners

Chinese Attack Fails To Budge Allies Holding Korean Hill

KOJE ISLAND, Korea, June 17 (AP)—Four big prisoner-of-war pens were emptied today of 22,500 Chinese and North Korean Communist POWs. The only excitement was provided by two POWs who broke ranks to get away from Red prisoner leaders.

Eleven thousand North Koreans were to remain out of Compounds 92 and 96 only long enough for American guards to search the stockades for weapons and escape tunnels.

About 5500 Chinese from 602 and 6000 North Koreans from adjoining 603 were dispersed to new smaller units housing about 500 each.

The Chinese sang lustily to their own string music and handed Brigadier Gen. Haydon L. Boatner, Koje commander, a present: a miniature tank fashioned out of ration cans. Boatner has used the threat of tanks frequently in the past few weeks in gaining uncontested control over the island's 80,000 prisoners.

The Chinese eventually will be sent to Cheju island off South Korea. About two months ago 15,000 Chinese POWs who do not want to return to Red rule were transferred to Cheju.

Boatner plans to move a total of 30,000 POWs from Koje to other islands.

SEKOU, June 17 (AP)—Chinese Communists today shot off their big guns at probably the fastest clip of the Korean war. They failed to budge United Nations infantrymen defending a T-shaped knobby hill.

A battalion of about 750 Chinese struck at the hill three times in 2½ hours today and were turned back each time by bayonet-wielding UN doughboys standing fast at the bottom.

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Two Policemen Play Roles Of 'Cowpokes'

Although minus the expensive linen worn by "cowpokes" following a drawn-out round-up, two policemen showed up at headquarters wearing the same satisfied grin.

Dusty and covered with sweat beads, P.I. Henry M. Carboni, 34, and Michael R. O'Brien, 21, turned in their lassos at 8 o'clock after a job well done.

The pair were summoned to the Ashby state road at 6:15 o'clock in answer to a call about "loose horses" impeding vehicular traffic near Paul's cafe.

At 6:30 the two policemen alighted in an attempt to corral what turned out to be a well-groomed horse and a frisky colt. The animals objected and the chase began.

Deciding to leave their "pasture" in the center of the ditch, the horse and colt started trotting toward Ashby. The policemen were in pursuit.

For some five miles, over hills and dales, through fields and around fences—the two cops chased the animals for over an hour.

Finally the owner, Edw. C. Sheppard, Davis road, Ashby, showed up when the horses approached Willard brook. At this

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C. Of C. Members At Capital Parley

High level of government expenditures and federal taxes were discussed in Washington this morning by five members of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce national affairs committee and three district Congressional representatives. The visit with the congressmen culminated a two-month's protest campaign against high taxes and government spending, conducted here by the Chamber's national affairs committee.

Leading the Fitchburg delegation to Washington was Henry G. Bowen, C. Of C.

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Wiggins Airways Decision May Cause City Council To Hold Up Appropriations

There was speculation here today as to the effect the decision of the Civil Aeronautics Board examiner to refuse renewal of the E. W. Wiggins Airways, Inc., certificate of operation will have on the plans of the airport commission for a new administration building at the airport.

While E. W. Wiggins, vice-president of the company, and local airport officials contend that the decision of Examiner R. V. Radcliffe is not final and may be upset by the CAB there was doubt here that the city council will favor any additional appropriations for an airport building until it is definitely determined that Wiggins or some other airline company will continue to operate out of the local field.

The airport commission has on hand \$28,000 in a building loan fund which it could use with the sanction of the mayor but the amount is not sufficient to erect the type of building planned by the commission. The commission has before the council an order authorizing the transfer of \$19,000 insurance on the destroyed building to the airport building fund.

This order met with sharp opposition when it came before the council and it is now in the finance committee.

If the examiner's recommendation on the Wiggins line should be upheld and no other company is assigned to take over the routes it is unlikely that the council would approve any additional funds for building.

Talking from his office in Norwood today Mr. Wiggins said he has not yet received the official report of the examiner. He said his company will file exceptions to the report immediately on its receipt.

Already, he said, he had received word from officials of several cities now served by his company and that they are planning also to file exceptions. He said that generally where a certificate is so refused the CAB designates some other line to take over the routes. This has not been done in this case.

The Wiggins company has been operating out of the Fitchburg port for about two and a half years. One flight leaves Boston at 11:30 a. m. and leaves here at 12:00 noon for Albany, N. Y. On the return trip it leaves Albany at 3:30 arriving here at 4:32 and leaves here at 4:38 p. m. for Boston. Passenger, express and mail business on these flights has slowly but steadily increased.

The decision of the CAB examiner would put the Wiggins company in a bind. It now operates four routes between Boston and Albany and services many cities and towns. One route operates through Manchester and Keene, another through Worcester, Westfield and Springfield, a third through Providence and Hartford and the fourth through Fitchburg, Orange and North Adams.

The company has been operating on an annual certificate and in the petition rejected by the examiner it was asking for a 10-year certificate to make it possible to finance the purchase of larger planes and helicopters. It also asked for permission to operate directly to New York city, its plans contemplating three trips a day between this city and New York.

Mr. Wiggins said that since the report of the examiner was made public his company has received assurances of support from officials and towns now serviced by the company.

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Annual Prizes Awarded Students At Fitchburg High

General excellence prizes were awarded to Judith Arnold with honorable mention to Nina Jarvela and Raymond Deneen, at the annual awards day this morning at Fitchburg high school.

These annual prizes are given to pupils who make the most of themselves and have done the most for the school from date of entrance to graduation.

Prizes were presented by Principal Laurence H. Scanlon, Mayor Peter J. Levanti, and George C. Francis, superintendent of schools. Prizes presented by Mayor Levanti: Probuc club awards—Two prizes of \$5 each, established by the Fitchburg-Leominster Probuc club, to be awarded annually to the senior boy and the senior girl who have done the most to promote the general school welfare through the medium of the student council. Won by Judith Arnold and John Cameron.

Reader's Digest award—Subscription for one year to Class Speaker, elected by members of Senior Class, from Gold F student: Polly Ann Davis.

Good Citizenship certificate: Awarded by the Daughters of the American Revolution to the senior girl who has been most distinguished during her entire high school course, the qualities of dependability, leadership, service, and patriotism, Polly Ann Davis.

Helen Stratton dramatic prize. A prize of \$5 established by the Class of 1955, in memory of Miss Helen Stratton, to be awarded each year to the senior who excels in dramatics. Duplicate prizes are awarded this year to Judith Arnold and Janet Mirjanian.

History medal: United States history medal is presented by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Fitchburg Post No. 794, to create and stimulate a desire for thorough study of the history of our country, and as a recognition of exceptional knowledge of the subject. Won by John V. Nikula. Honorable mention: Polly Ann Davis and Carole Glickman.

Commercial prizes, two prizes of \$5 each, are awarded, one in Stenography III and one in Bookkeeping III; Stenography III, winner Dolores Kelley; honorable mention, Jane Graves. Bookkeeping III, winner

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BULLETINS (By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON—The House today gave its final approval to legislation increasing social security benefits at least \$5 a month for the 4½ million Americans now receiving payments. It is expected to cost about 300 million dollars a year.

ROME—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, in blistering denial of Communist propaganda claims, today said "as God is my witness, germ warfare has never been used by the United Nations forces in Korea."

LOS ANGELES—Gov. Earl Warren of California says he plans an all-out fight for the Republican presidential nomination and he wants his delegates to "stay with me at the convention as long as we have a fighting chance."

WASHINGTON—This nation's top military strategist was on record today as saying Russia could overrun Europe now if she so desires. The statement was made by Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

WASHINGTON—Owen Brewster's career in national political office started with his election to the House Sept. 10, 1934, and it was unbroken until yesterday, when Maine Republicans rejected his bid for a third term in the Senate, in favor of Gov. Frederick G. Payne.