

Boosts Income Tax 20 Percent

PRESIDENT TRUMAN DISMISSES GENERAL MACARTHUR

Found Unable to Keep In Tune With United Nations

WASHINGTON D.C. (CP)—President Truman fired General Douglas MacArthur today on the grounds that he failed to support and publicly sought to change grand strategy of the United Nations in the war against Communist aggression in Korea.

In a sensational statement, released at the White House at 1 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, after days of soul-searching and indecision, the President announced:

"With deep regret I have concluded that General of the Army Douglas MacArthur is unable to give his wholehearted support to policies of the United States government and the United Nations in matters pertaining to his official duties."

ACTS SUDDENLY
Acting with lightning speed on that conclusion once he had reached it, the President:

Relieved the 71-year-old MacArthur of his four-fold duties as Supreme Allied occupation commander in Japan, United States commander-in-chief for the Far East, and commanding general of the United States Army in the Far East.

Named Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway field commander in Korea to succeed MacArthur in all these commands. That means that Ridgway will not only direct the United Nations command in Korea but will also wind up the Japanese occupation, assuming peace treaty plans go through.

Named Lt. Gen. James A. Van Fleet commander of the Second Army at Fort George G. Meade in Maryland to take over the Eighth Army command in Korea from Ridgway.

The order relieving MacArthur of his command was Truman's answer to the general's persistent campaign of public statements to get the United States to follow a different policy in the Far East and especially, with its United Nations allies, in the Korean war.

Essentially, MacArthur has advocated expanding the war to include direct attacks on Communist China.

His dismissal amounts to reaffirmation by Truman of United States policies for a strictly limited war in Korea, if possible, and for treating Europe as the ultimate decisive area for a contest with Soviet Communist power.

The President told MacArthur that he is free to "travel to such places as you select, thus freeing the General to return to the United States after an absence of nearly fourteen years."

NOT TAKING IT
A Reuters News Agency dispatch said MacArthur was understood to be preparing a "vigorous and forthright public statement in defence of his Far Eastern policy."

Stone of Scone Turns Up In Dramatic Circumstances

DUNDEE (CP)—Britain's coronation stone, stolen from Westminster Abbey early Christmas morning, was handed to the custodian of Arbroath Abbey near here today.

The famed Stone of Scone was placed in the high altar of the Abbey on the grave of King William Lion, King of Scotland from 1143 to 1214.

The abbey, founded in 1178, is now largely in ruins.

Two unsigned letters, one addressed to the King and the other to the general assembly of Scotland, were left with the stone.

People who left the stone did not identify themselves.

The sandstone slab is reliably reported to have been taken from Westminster Abbey by Scottish Nationalists.

Ouster is Approved

Non-American World Pleased at Removal of MacArthur

Bevin is Staying on

LONDON (CP)—A threatened cabinet crisis has been averted with the report today that Minister of Labor Aneurin Bevan will not resign his post over the budget dispute.

It was rumored earlier that Bevan would resign because the budget removed spectacles and false teeth from the free list of public health services. He was reported opposed to any changes.

CCL Ousts Last Reds

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian Congress of Labor today expelled the International Union of Fur and Leather Workers, last major stronghold of Communism within the Congress.

Forecast

North Coast Region—Clear, clouding over by noon today. Occasional light rain beginning this afternoon over the northern part and ending early Thursday. Little change in temperature. Winds southeast (15) today and light tomorrow. Lows tonight and high Thursday—At Port Hardy, 36 and 50; Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 40 and 48.

HIGH LIGHTS

Budget raises present personal income taxes by 20 per cent through new defence levy—effective July 1, 1951.
Basic personal income tax rates and exemptions unchanged. Scattered minor reductions allowed.
Union and professional membership dues and certain travelling and other expenses may be deducted from taxable 1951 income.
Cigarette tax up three cents per package of 20. Beer and liquor taxes unchanged.
Tobacco tax up to \$1.15 per pound from 67 cents; taxes on roll-your-own papers and tubes repealed.
Excise tax on candy, chocolate and chewing gum reduced to 15 per cent from 30 per cent—effective immediately.
General sales tax boosted to 10 per cent from eight per cent—effective immediately.
Special excise tax boosted to 25 per cent from 15 per cent on motor cars, radios and other luxuries—effective immediately.
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New 15 per cent excise tax imposed on household refrigerators, washing machines and cooking stoves—effective immediately.
Three-year tax exemption for new mines extended to mines starting production in 1953 and 1954.
Depreciation write-off for tax purposes withheld for four years on new, non-essential capital assets.
Tax deductions on exploration expenses for oil, mining and natural gas companies extended for another year.
Corporation tax on profits, more than \$10,000 boosted to 45.6 per cent from 38 per cent, retroactive to January 1.
Corporation tax on profits under \$10,000 unchanged at 15 per cent.
Corporation tax increase will not reduce profit rate to less than five per cent of company capital.
Surplus for 1951-52 expected to be \$30,000,000 compared with \$203,456,000 in 1950-51.
Revenues in 1951-52 estimated at \$3,730,000,000 compared with \$3,105,300,000 in 1950-51.
Expenditures for 1951-52 estimated at \$3,700,000,000 compared with \$2,901,844,000 in 1950-51.
Tariff changes eliminate or reduce duties on equipment used by farmers, fishermen and mining companies—effective immediately.

Gov't Wins House Vote

VICTORIA (CP)—A CCF-sponsored motion of non-confidence in the Coalition government was beaten down early today by a vote of 33 to 10.

The motion was brought on by an increase in compulsory insurance premiums and implementation of co-insurance charges.

Coalition members voted solidly to support the government after a night session carried on into the early hours of the morning. W. A. C. Bennett and Mrs. Tilly Rolston, Coalition rebels, voted with the Opposition.

"I have no regrets that we have brought hospital insurance in," said Premier Johnson. "In order to maintain that service it must be paid for."

Finance Minister Herbert Anscomb said bluntly: "This government is not going to resign."

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

VANCOUVER	
American Standard	.33
Bralorne	6.15
B R X	.03
Congress	.71 1/2
Hedley Mascot	.52
Indian	.22
Pioneer	2.20
Premier Border	.23
Privateer	.10 1/2
Reeves McDonald	4.50
Reno	.04
Sheep Creek	1.60
Silbak Premier	.42
Taku River	.6 1/2
Vananda	.16
Valmon Gold	.03
Spud Valley	.4 1/2
Silver Standard	2.50
Western Uranium	1.75
Oils—	
Anglo Canadian	6.10
A P Con	.41
Atlantic	3.05
Calmont	1.25
C & E	11.85
Home Oil	N.00
Mercury	.15
Okalta	2.60
TORONTO	
Athana	.8 1/2
Aumaque	.25

CIGARETTES UP 5 CENTS

MONTREAL (CP)—Edward C. Wood, president of the Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada, last night said: "Our brands of cigarettes might go up five cents a pack."

He was commenting on the increase in tax on cigarettes as announced in the budget.

Allies Are Grinding on

TOKYO (CP)—The United Nations drive into Red Korea ground ahead today but censorship obscured the progress of some units.

Allied air and artillery barrages wiped out the key Chinese base of Chonwon on the western front and American, British and Turkish troops scored new gains.

EFFECTIVE DATES

OTTAWA—Effective dates of tax changes in Finance Minister Abbot's budget:
Defence surcharge of 20 per cent on personal income taxes—July 1, 1951.
Corporation income tax boosted to 45.6 per cent from 38 per cent on profits of more than \$10,000—retroactive to January 1, 1951.
Sales tax increased to 10 per cent from eight per cent—immediately.
Tax on package of 20 cigarettes increased to 23 cents from 20 cents—immediately.
Tobacco tax increased to \$1.15 pound from 67 cents pound—immediately.
Repeal of tax on cigarette papers and tubes—immediately.
Reduction to 15 per cent from 30 per cent of tax on candy, chocolate and chewing gum—immediately.
Special excise tax of 15 per cent now extend to include stoves, washing machines and refrigerators—immediately.
Tariff changes, eliminating or reducing duties on equipment used by farmers, fishermen and mining companies—immediately.

Woolworths Purchase 3rd Avenue Property And Will Build Store

PURCHASE "OLD POST OFFICE" SITE

F. W. Woolworth Co. Ltd., continent-wide chain variety store organization, is coming to Prince Rupert. The company has purchased property with 64-foot frontage by 100 foot depth on Third Avenue opposite the Post Office from G. W. Nickerson and W. J. Scott. As soon as the material situation permits, a two storey building the entire size of the lots will be erected.

Deal for the property, which for many years was held by the federal government as a possible Post Office site and a couple of years ago was acquired by its present vendors, was closed yesterday by G. W. Milne of Toronto, real estate superintendent for Woolworth's. Price is undisclosed.

In view of the material situation, Mr. Milne was hesitant about committing himself as to when construction might be expected to begin other than "as soon as materials are available." Steel, plumbing and electrical wiring he mentioned as being items in short supply. Plans are being prepared at once, however, with a view to calling for tenders.

The main floor of the two-storey building will be entirely devoted to sales premises. Upstairs will be stock and staff rooms.

Prince Rupert is being added to the British Columbia Woolworth chain which already consists of Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster, Penticton, Chilliwack, Trail, Nelson, Nanaimo and Kamloops—all thriving centres of population.

"It is not necessarily the present population or purchasing power which decided us to locate here," Mr. Milne said, "but, rather, because we are convinced of the great growth and development which is due for the northern part of the province and the important position of Prince Rupert in connection therewith."

It will be a typical Woolworth store. Except for the store manager, local help will be employed if possible.

Mr. Milne, having arrived here on Monday, left by plane today for Vancouver.

Labor Renewing Control Demands

OTTAWA (CP)—Demands for price control were renewed before the government today by the 360,000-member Canadian Congress of Labor.

In its annual brief to the cabinet, Congress declared that federal credit restrictions and similar measures are "wholly inadequate" and discriminate against low-income workers.

Flash!

CASUALTY LIST

OTTAWA—The eighth casualty list of the Korean war has been issued. Walter Francis Cuthill of Vancouver is listed as wounded in action. So far 22 Canadians have been killed, 56 wounded and four injured.

CARS UP \$200

TORONTO—The average increase on the price of new cars will be about \$200, it was estimated today, as a result of the budgetary boost from 15 to 25 of the luxury tax and eight to ten per cent increase in the sales tax.

BIG FLOOD POTENTIAL

VICTORIA—The highest snow level on record in the mountains of British Columbia exists and there is a large flood potential for this year, depending on the nature of the run-off within the next three months. A continuing cold spring and sudden warm spell would present a flood menace.

ASSISTANT BISHOP

VICTORIA—Rt. Rev. Victor Howard, Bishop of Hong Kong, has been appointed assistant bishop of British Columbia for the Anglican Church, it is announced.

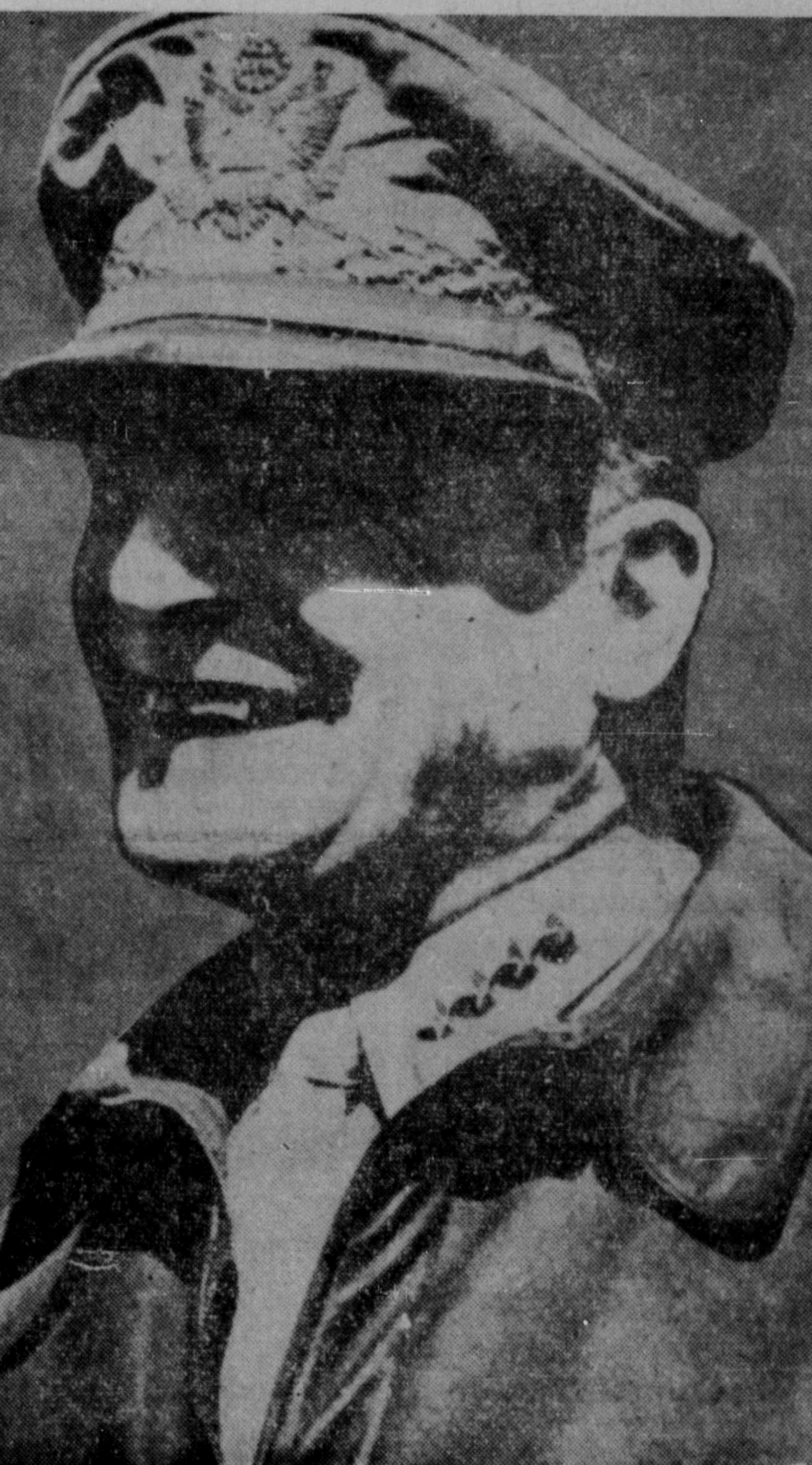
M'Arthur Would Face Congress

WASHINGTON—Senator Waring said today that he had had telephone conversation with General Douglas MacArthur and they had discussed the possibility of a joint session of Congress to hear the General in regard to his dismissal and the circumstances leading up thereto.

There is talk in Republican quarters of the possible impeachment of President Truman.

TIDES

Thursday, April 12, 1951	
High	4:23 18.4 feet
	17:44 15.3 feet
Low	11:20 6.3 feet
	23:00 10.6 feet



GENERAL DOUGLAS MacARTHUR