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**GOP Uses Truman Tactics In MacArthur Charge Probe**

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WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Republican strategy at the present time seems to have taken a leaf from the same political handbook used by Harry S. Truman in his campaign for the presidency in 1948. It is to attack, attack, attack—relentlessly and repetitiously.

This strategy worked pretty well for the Democrats three years ago. It is working pretty well for the GOP today.

President Truman's target was the Republican-controlled 80th Congress. The GOP targets are the White House and State Department, Defense Secretary George C. Marshall and the Joint Chiefs of Staff as added starters since the firing of Gen. Douglas MacArthur from his Far Eastern command.

That was the technique used by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy in his charges of communism in the State Department last year. It was the technique that defeated Sen. Millard E. Tydings of Maryland in his fight for re-election.

Exactly the same kind of build-up has been started against Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia. He is chairman of the Senate Joint Armed Services-Foreign Relations Committee investigating the MacArthur charges. Because these committees voted on straight party lines in favor of closed hearings, the heat is being turned on Senator Russell.

Already Republican Sen. William E. Jenner, of Indiana, has charged that a "whitewash" is in the works.

SENATOR RUSSELL is in a little better position than Senator Tydings was. Senator Russell doesn't have to run for re-election till 1954. He doesn't have any Republican opposition in Georgia. But he might get into a hot primary fight for renomination if some ambitious opponent wants to make an issue of his apparent support of the administration's Far Eastern policies.

To all outward appearances the Republican attack plus the charges in General MacArthur's speech to Congress have resulted in some changes in the Truman-Acheson policies with respect to the Chinese Nationalist government on Formosa.

It does no good for the administration to say that it started planning greater aid to Chiang Kai-shek's armies last January. It does no good for President Truman to say that his policies have not changed. Those are defenses. Nobody is interested in defense statements or rationalizations. Riding high, the Republicans push the attack against every crack in the now battered and rusting Truman armor.

THE pressure has already forced the Russell committee to make public previously suppressed sections of Lieut.-Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer's 1947 report on China and Korea. This did no particular harm. It is a little hard to see why these sections were not made public before.

Partisans may read excerpts from the Wedemeyer report to prove any previous convictions. In one place General Wedemeyer says: "... it is a certainty that the bulk of the (Chinese) people are not disposed to a Communist political and economic structure. . . . The United States facilitated the Soviet program in the Far East. . . . The Nationalist Government (of China) has consistently, since 1927, opposed communism."

These sentences make the Truman Far Eastern policy look bad. But right along with them are sentences which say:

"There were justifiable reasons for those policies. . . . Adoption by the United States of a policy motivated solely toward stopping the expansion of communism without regard to the continued existence of an unpopular repressive government would render any aid ineffective. Further, United States prestige in the Far East would suffer heavily, and wavering elements might turn away from the existing government to communism."

# Crimson Holiday

By Jane Holsinger

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GERI PALMER'S words lost their coherency. The weird chanting of her voice shattered the silence. Her hands still fumbled behind her and no one in the room knew what Geri was planning.

"Yes, I killed them both," she repeated. "Lavinia Grenable deserved to be killed. And Andrew was no good, either. Besides, I was afraid of him."

Before anyone could even see what she was doing, before anyone could stop her when they did understand, she had released the catch on the French door behind her.

Geri turned and darted, sobbing, out into the fog and the rain and the world of white that had no boundary.

Lisa heard Geri's scream echoing back from the ravine—the same ravine into which Geri had sent Lavinia Grenable to death.

And Lisa Farwell, clinging to Angus Kent, when he put out his arms for her, stared at the mist on the windows. And for a terrible moment, Lisa thought that the mist was tinged with crimson.

Later in the day at her home, Lisa talked to Angus.

"There were so many little things," Angus told her, "that led us to Geri. As Sheriff Lane said, the diary was the key. It struck me that Geri would have had the best opportunity to read it and to know Mrs. Grenable's most minute habits. And then, several times after the murder I was around Grenable's place early in the morning, and each time Geri looked ill. I didn't think she was mourning her employer that much."

The shock was beginning to wear off and Lisa was remembering things, too.

Lisa recalled the telephone conversation Angus had had with Geri Palmer the morning after Lavinia Grenable's murder. Angus had mentioned that Geri seemed to have been crying. Perhaps that was when Angus's suspicion had first been aroused.

"Whenever I saw her in Hilton," she mused, "she was always with Court."

"I recalled seeing her several times with him in Chicago," Angus said. "She was in his car the day he gave Tim that note." He looked at Lisa gravely. "That's why I had to know how you felt about Court before I started anything," he said gently.

"It didn't really matter from the moment I met you," she said honestly.

"I knew after that day at the beach," he said. "When I talked to Dr. Gibson he told me he'd open his books to the police and he admitted Geri's condition. She had been to see him twice. She wanted the baby. I think she loved Court."

THEY were sitting in the Farwell living room, Angus and Lisa with her father and Elizabeth Stratton. Elizabeth was going to have the guest room, for a while anyway, Lisa decided, watching the animation in her father's face.

Court would sell the Grenable house and go away, she didn't know or really care about his plans, but in that interval after Geri's confession he had said: "I suppose this is the end for us, Lisa."

"I believe it is," she had replied quietly, avoiding the black misery and shame in his eyes.

"I don't want you to think I wanted to marry you for the money," he was begging for a crumb of self-respect.

She honestly wanted to help him but she could feel only a very terrible emotion—pity. It was even worse than the first revulsion she had felt.

"It doesn't matter," she told him. It really didn't.

She looked at Angus now and asked the question that remained to puzzle her.

"Why didn't the police find the will and that note when they first searched the house?" she asked.

ANGUS laughed shortly. "A trick," he admitted. "That was just a scrap of paper I handed Lane with information from Dr. Gibson. Lane tricked Geri with that."

He rubbed his chin characteristically. "Nasty job, all around—nobody enjoyed any of it. I think I'm going to drop criminal law and take up farming."

He walked over to the open window where the sun played on the lawn and the fresh sweet smell of the garden came in on the breath of the wind.

"Only thing is," he speculated softly, "a farmer needs a wife."

There was a prolonged silence during which Mr. Farwell accepted Elizabeth's nod and they went out, closing the door behind them with a remaining click.

Lisa Farwell and Angus Kent were alone in the room together. Lisa walked over to the window. She put her hand on Angus's arm. She began to hum softly, gaily:

"The farmer takes a wife,  
The farmer takes a wife,  
Heigho! the derry oh,  
The farmer takes a wife!"

THE END

## "Just Like Shooting Jack Rabbits" Says Kansas Kid About Communists

SOMEWHERE IN KOREA, May 15 (UP)—"Just like hunting jack rabbits," said the lanky, automatic rifleman.

We lay near the crest of a ridge in a clump of evergreens. The G.I. had stripped off his stained field jacket and used it to keep dirt off his B.A.R.

It had been a warm, quiet day—almost peaceful.

"Look," the G.I. said with an electric charge in his voice, "a gook."

I saw a shadowy figure on the slope, almost merging with the scenery in a sandy, shapeless uniform. A thousand imaginary dangers shattered the afternoon calm.

The kid beside me talked as he adjusted the sights of his weapon. He used an unhurried conversational tone. The Communist was between 300 and 400 yards down the slope.

"Did you ever hunt jack rabbits?" the kid asked. "Back home in Kansas we used to hunt 'em with automatic '22's after the wheat was harvested.

"You could see 'em easy in the

stubbled fields. Jack rabbits are a lot of fun. They run like hell when you start shooting and you can see the bullets kicking up dirt all around 'em."

The youngster checked his clip, settled himself flat on his stomach and squeezed his cheek against the worn stock. He looked as if he were on a qualification shoot at a stateside rifle range.

"Will we give him a chance?" He asked casually. "I don't like to shoot 'em a 'sitting."

He squeezed off a single shot. The sound reverberated against the hills and rolled down the valleys like a peal of thunder. The tall grass fluttered in the muzzled blast.

Down the slope, a man was washed with a cold wave of mortal fear. The .30 caliber bullet kicked up the dirt to one side of him like a miniature plow.

The Communist ran, bent double, among the young trees. He ran a zig-zag course like a frightened deer—or a frightened rabbit.

There was no sound save our hoarse breathing and the echoes. Then there was the deafening thunder of the automatic rifle in my ear. It hammered out bursts of four and five shots and the ground around and beyond the frantic figure erupted into geysers of dirt.

There was an earthy scream. The arms of the enemy soldier flapped like the lifeless arms of a scarecrow. He turned two neck-breaking somersaults and lay still among the silent pines.

The young rifleman was grinning. He patted his B.A.R. lovingly and relaxed again in the sunshine.

"Just like hunting jackrabbits," he said.

## War Victims of Nazi Find Peace At Last

PHILADELPHIA (UP)—After being married nearly a decade, Julius Leskiw and his wife, Anna finally are living the life they hoped for.

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They spent some time in UNRRA and IRO camps. Then the National Catholic Welfare Conference helped them come to this country. They are living with their sponsors but are looking for a home of their own.



INSPECTION ON FORMOSA—Maj.-Gen. William C. Chase inspects a Chinese Nationalist honor guard which greeted him when he arrived at Taipei, Formosa, to head a U. S. military assistance advisory group. Behind Chase are Adm. Kwei Yun-ching, commander-in-chief of the Nationalist navy (in white) and Gen. Chou Chih-jou, chief of joint staffs.

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## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

By Merrill Blosser



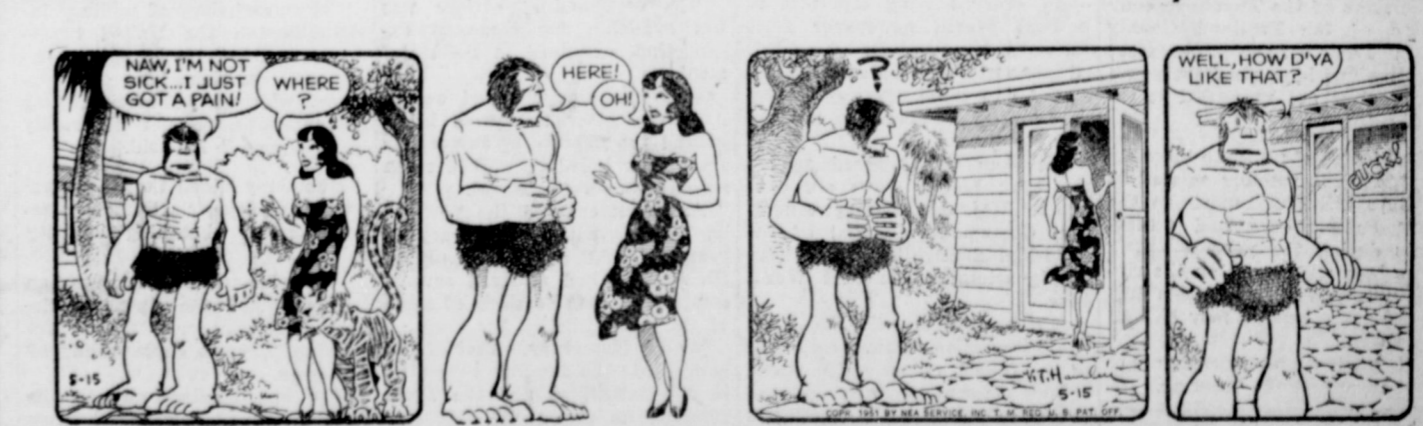
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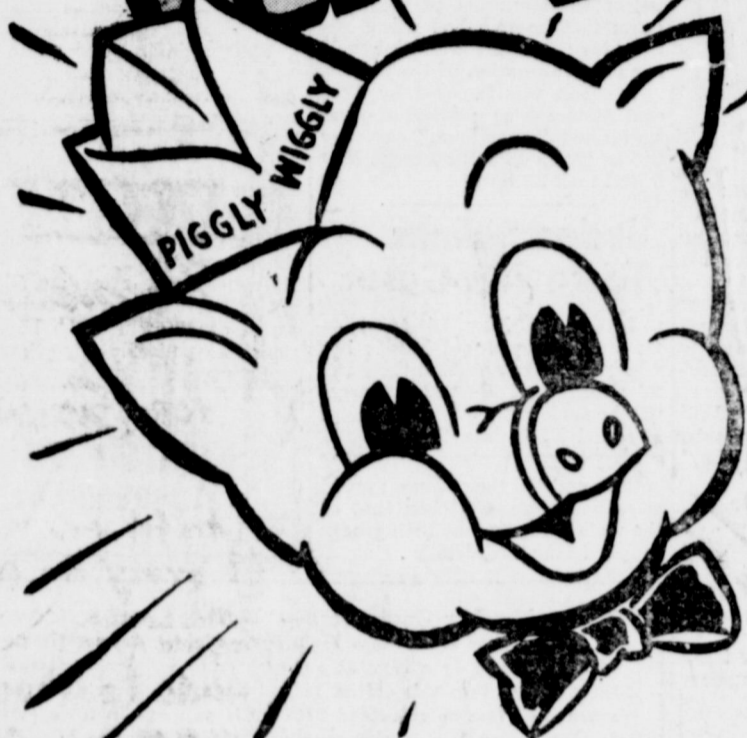
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T. D. Sadberry to William Griffith, warranty deed.
Lela Ann Taylor to Sam Moran, warranty deed.
T. C. Terrell to Billy Bacon, release of oil and gas lease.
T. C. Terrell to Byrd Bacon, release of oil and gas lease.
T. C. Terrell to Mrs. Ida Huber, release of oil and gas lease.
Eunice Terry to J. A-Ban Oil Company, oil and gas lease.
U. S. v. G. D. Stephenson, notice of tax lien.
M. E. Wallace to Bankline Oil Company, oil and gas lease.
O. C. Whitaker Oil Company to W. T. Duncan, release of oil and gas lease.
Max Witt to W. I. Agnew, extension of lien.
Mack White to Wayne B. Tyson, lease.
Mrs. I. M. Wright to V. L. Shamburger, Sr., oil and gas lease.
A. H. White to White, Garrett & Speir, warranty deed.
N. O. Whitfield to L. A. McMillan, release of vendor's lien.
Emmett M. Wood to Y. Jewell Allen, deed of trust.
Raymond Young to E. F. Baehms, assignment of oil and gas lease.

Monroe B. Brock to Ruby Fay Beard, Abilene.
Willie Bryant Sikes to Opie Mae Green, Ranger.
PROBATE
J. H. Latson, deceased, Application for probate of will.
Jack & Clara Stephenson, deceased, application for administration.
CIVIL
Cisco Lumber & Supply Company v. Carroll Michael, et ux, suit on account.
Cisco Lumber & Supply Company v. T. C. Cage Construction Company, garnishment.
SUITS FILED
The following suits were filed for record in the 91st District Court last week:
Mary Inramenta Boggs v. T. F. Boggs divorce.
Cisco Lumber & Supply Company v. Alton Lomax, suit to collect debt.
Frances E. Jones v. Allen C. Jones, Jr., divorce.
Jeri Erwin v. Ida Leona Erwin, divorce.
W. R. Woodruff v. Frances Woodruff, divorce.
ORDER AND JUDGMENTS
The following orders and judgments were rendered from the 91st District Court last week:
Order appointing Jury Commissioners for April Term, 1951.
Lena Margaret Pittman v. John Wayne Pittman, judgment.
Ardella Hayes v. Edgar B. Hayes judgment.
John W. Tickner v. Luther Blanton Culpepper & wife Murie Culpepper, order of dismissal.

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Judge Orders Venue Motion In Case Of Hillbilly Thugs

DALLAS, May 15 (UP)—Criminal District Judge Robert Hall today granted an uncontested change of venue motion which moves the murder trials of three hillbilly musicians to Brownwood.
The four Lamont, Calif., musicians were captured in Hardy, Ark. on Jan. 26( two days after a hail of bullets from their car mortally wounded officer Sides and injured his partner, Officer Harold Dawson.
In a death-bed statement to Assistant District Attorney Jimmie McNicoll before his death on Feb. 7, Officer Sides identified Marvin Johnson as the man who shot him in the stomach.
Dawson and Sides had stopped the Johnson car after it moved through a stop signal. The young policemen became suspicious of the group and started to search the car. Guns blazed from the auto. Sides died after a gallant two-week fight for his life. Dawson recovered from an arm wound.
"Uncle Robert," head of the hillbilly band to which the defendants belonged, figured in a daring jail escape attempt shortly after his conviction.
Johnson attempted to lower himself from the third floor of Dallas County Jail on a rope made from strips of sheeting and blankets. The makeshift rope broke shortly after officers spotted Johnson, and the prisoner fell 30 feet to a service station roof. He was painfully injured.
Sheriff's Deputies left Dallas for Brownwood with the three prisoners immediately after Judge Hall ordered the change of venue.
Prosecutor McNicoll said he would go to Brownwood Wednesday in preparation for the trials.
Florida, California, Louisiana, and Texas rank in that order ahead of the 17 other coastal states in length of general seacoast, says the National Geographic Society.

Attorneys Read This Account

WACO, May 15 (UP)—Attorney's take note: your eyewitness probably doesn't know what he is talking about.
Following a test with 45 Baylor University undergraduates, Psychology Professor Dudley Rouse concluded that a truly accurate description of an unexpected occurrence is the exception rather than the rule.
Gerald Maness of Houston, assistant to the professor, arranged a special scene for Rouse's introductory psychology class.
A girl entered the class room, asking for "Bill." he was not present, and the girl sat down to wait.
Shortly thereafter, "Bill" rushed in and began to question the girl. She admitted she had been unfaithful to him and he seized her. The "bad actor" began to strangle the girl and she broke loose to flee screaming from the room. Bill chased her out.
The white-faced students were quieted by Prof. Rouse as Maness passed out questionnaires intended to determine whether men or women make the most reliable witnesses.
The study revealed there was not one thoroughly accurate report of the incident, although it had lasted one minute and 22 seconds.
The redheaded man called "Bill" was given black and brown hair, his name was listed as "John," "Joe," "Jack" and "Gerald."
His black tie was listed as red, green, blue, brown and yellow.
Some described flowers in the girls hair, and said the man fired a gun with his right hand. There was neither gun nor flowers in the scene.
In general, Maness said, the

Newsman Plan Investigation

FORT WORTH, Tex., May 15 (UP)—A committee official of the American Society of Newspaper Editors today asked for "a prompt explanation" of the banning of Ft. Worth Press reporters from Carswell Air Base.
James S. Pope, Managing Editor of the Louisville, Ky., Courier-Journal, wired Editor Walter Humphrey of the Fort Worth Press and said he had telegraphed Maj. Gen. Samuel E. Anderson asking for an explanation.
Pope is chairman of the ASNE Committee on freedom of information.
Pope, who congratulated the Press on its vigorous protest against the ban, said in the Telegram that he also had wired Air Secretary Thomas Finletter asking an investigation of the matter.
The ban was imposed by General Anderson as a result of what he termed "sensational" coverage by the paper of a B-36 crash May 6 that took 23 lives.

Judge Salinas To Review Case

LAREDO, May 15 (UP)—Case of a 16-year-old Laredo boy who police say admitted the April 22 shooting of Ernestina Vargas will be reviewed by Juvenile Judge Ezequiel D. Salinas today.

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The youth first told police Miss Vargas was shot from a moving pick-up truck as he, the victim and her sister walked along a sidewalk near Laredo's Martin High School.
The girl, 16, died from a bullet wound in the left temple the next day.
The youth later confessed the shooting and said it was accidental, police said, after an ancient .22 caliber pistol was found in the patrol car in which the boy had ridden to police headquarters.

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