

Hunches Don't Count—

M'Arthur Takes Risks, But Not Off the Cuff in War to Crush Reds

Planned Inchon Landing in August With Calm Detachment of Chess Player

By HUGH BAILLIE, President of the United Press
NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—Gen. Douglas MacArthur is awaiting the "early decision" of the Korean Communists to lay down their arms and surrender their prisoners, in response to his demand of Oct. 1.

Failure to get a satisfactory response will result in Gen. MacArthur moving swiftly and vigorously to enforce his terms.

Gen. MacArthur considers that the victory over the Communists has been won. It remains for their high command to recognize this fact and avoid further bloodshed and destruction.

Just what form the next operation of the United Nations forces under Gen. MacArthur will take is a military secret.

I have just returned from Korea where I saw the devastating consequences of Gen. MacArthur's strategy which ruined the Korean Communist armies below the 38th Parallel.

This smashing success was planned long in advance. Books complete with maps for distribution to all the commanders in the Inchon landing were ready as long ago as Aug. 15 but remained top secret until a month later when the amphibious landing was launched.

Caught Off Guard

Gen. MacArthur's military successes are not "hunched" on the spur of the moment.

He has the idea of breaking off the engagement in Korea and leaving the Communists behind the 38th Parallel in snug defiance of his call for them to cease hostilities and disarm under military supervision directed by him, in all parts of Korea. The next steps he will take are already planned.

At the outset of the Korean War last June 25 the Americans under Gen. MacArthur's command were caught unprepared only because military defense of Korea against the Communists was not contemplated until the actual aggression occurred.

Gen. MacArthur had planned only for the evacuation of the Americans from Korea. He was called to the telecon at 4 o'clock in the morning and directed to undertake the Korean War to carry out the resolution of the Security Council of the United Nations.

Much Surprised

Gen. MacArthur was very much surprised. However, he proceeded immediately to utilize such forces as he had on hand with such good effect that the Communist offensive was slowed down and finally brought to a halt on the Pusan perimeter.

All the while the General was carefully planning the Inchon landing which would cut the enemy's supply line and throw him into panic disorder far from the supposed sanctuary of the 38th Parallel.

Gen. MacArthur at first was the only one who favored a landing at Inchon. He had to win others over to his point of view and when the blow was launched he bore full responsibility for it on his own shoulders.

But, he knew what he was doing and what was going to happen. He doesn't gamble on money.

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Nap Proves Expensive To Railroad Employee

William J. Dalton took a nap in his nap last night.

A New York Central Railroad employee, Mr. Dalton awoke from a brief snooze on a Union Station bench to find his wallet absent without his leave. It contained \$15, his railroad pass and other papers.

DON'T SMOKE IN BED

A reminder for Fire-Prevention Week:

One breath of flame and your lungs will collapse. Smoking in bed will put you to sleep forever.

Hurricane Heads Out to Sea

MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 4 (UP)—A 100-mile-an-hour hurricane picked up speed 460 miles off the Virginia Coast today in a slow turn away from the mainland.

A squally wave, meanwhile, beat the northern coast of Mexico after catching four fishing boats out of port off the south Texas coast. All were safely escorted to shore. No one was injured.

The Atlantic storm, spinning hurricane-force winds 50 miles from its center, was moving northward at a 15-mile-an-hour clip which was expected to increase during the day. Its path bisected busy sea lanes and ships were warned to steer clear.

Ballooning took place before the dinner. An entertainment of music and magic was presented under the direction of David P. Williams, Rotary entertainment chairman.

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