

MACARTHUR STEPS DOWN

They met for the first time at Wake Island, in mid-Pacific, the President and General Douglas MacArthur. Now, in President Truman's judgment, events have forced him to divest MacArthur of all his commands. Taking his place as Supreme Commander in Korea is Lt. General Matthew Ridgway. Commanding the U.S. 8th Army, Ridgway proved himself a brilliant General in smashing the great Chinese onslaught. But what manner of man is MacArthur? In World War I, General Pershing had cause to decorate him. Only 38 then, he led a brigade against the Germans in the vital battles that led to victory. Between the wars he visited Germany and was received with military honours.

Later he was U.S. Chief of Staff and some of today's commanders learned wisdom from his experience. Driven from the Philippines by the Japs, he came back to Batnan with the conquering armies, as he had promised when he went to Australia to continue the fight.

And when victory came in the East, Japan signed the article of surrender before MacArthur onboard the world's largest battleship "Missouri." It was his supreme moment.

For witness came two whom victory had freed, General Percival of Singapore and Wainwright of Corregidor. In Korea, MacArthur performed miracles when miracles were needed. But away from the battle, says the President, he broke the good soldier's first commandment - obedience.