

GENERAL MACARTHUR AND THE ITALIAN MAYOR

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The New York Times of Sat., October 8, 1955, ran an article on page seven that is well-known to most ufologists, but only via second-hand summaries. I think it would be of interest to directly quote the relevant passages of the article, which was entitled "MACARTHUR GREETES MAYOR OF NAPLES." I'll save the name of the mayor for later.

"Mayor L. of Naples, which was badly damaged in World War II, called on General of the Army Douglas MacArthur yesterday and received the general's cheering opinion that war between countries on this earth was probably obsolete.

"However, war between the planets may replace it, in the general's opinion. Mayor L. reported afterward.

"The Neapolitan Mayor, who is stopping at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel during his four-day stay in New York, was scheduled to visit General MacArthur, who resides at the hotel, briefly, for an exchange of greetings.

"I am delighted that General MacArthur did me the honor of allowing me to remain for 45 minutes. Signor L. said. 'I am also delighted that he is pleased with the Neapolitan workers in his factory in my city.'

"Sperry Rand Corporation, of which General MacArthur is chairman of the board, recently built a plant in Naples employing 600 persons. It is to be expanded to employ 2,000.

"General MacArthur described himself as 'a confirmed optimist' regarding the possibility of another world war. Mayor L. said.

"He thinks that another war would be double suicide and that there is enough sense on both sides of the Iron Curtain to avoid it,' the Mayor went on.

"He believes that because of the developments of science all the countries of earth will have to unite to survive and to make a common front against attack by people from other planets.'

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"The politics of the future will be cosmic, or interplanetary, in General MacArthur's opinion, the Mayor continued. He quoted the military leader as saying that a thousand years from now today's civilization would appear as obsolete as the stone age."

The Italian mayor was Achille Lauro. Yes, the same Achille Lauro after whom was named the Italian cruise ship that made international headlines last October when it was hijacked by Palestinian terrorists in the Mediterranean on October 7, 1985. This was, coincidentally, 30 years to the day after Mayor Lauro met with General MacArthur.

Now you know the rest of the story.

TELEX STATEMENT CONTRADICTED

According to Alan C. Molt, M.S., Physicist, who is working on the U.S. Space Station for NASA, that agency has no intelligence service. This contradicts the statement that NASA has one, as mentioned in the "stolen telex" which was published in CUFORN's Bulletin for November-December, 1983.

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