

## M'ARTHUR GREETS MAYOR OF NAPLES

**Lauro Quotes Him as Saying  
Wars Between Nations  
Are Now Obsolete**

Mayor Achille Lauro 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 Lauro 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 forty-five minutes," Signor Lauro 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.

### **Factors for Uniting World**

General MacArthur described himself as "a confirmed optimist" regarding the possibility of another world war, Mayor Lauro 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 on earth will have to unite to survive and to make a common front against attack by people from other planets."

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.

During the visit the two men discussed Dr. Albert Einstein.

"General MacArthur said he admired him as a scientist although not as a politician," Signor Lauro said.

"He quoted Einstein's reply when asked what weapons would be used in a third world war—that he did not know what weapons would be used in a third world war but that a fourth global conflict would be fought with sticks and stones."

### **Rapprochement With Soviet**

Mayor Lauro said General MacArthur was optimistic even about the differences between the Soviet Union and the democracies. He quoted the general as saying:

"The Soviets and the democracies will adopt the best characteristics of each other, and, in the process of many years, there will not be a strict line of demarcation between their ideals; therefore no causes for war between them."

Before ending the visit, Signor Lauro obtained General MacArthur's promise that whenever he went to Europe he would certainly visit Naples. His young son, Arthur MacArthur, visited Naples last summer.

Mayor Lauro spent yesterday morning sightseeing in New York Harbor, and had luncheon on a tugboat. He was the guest of Pan American Airways at a reception in the afternoon and attended a dinner given at the Waldorf by Mayor Wagner. Tomorrow he will fly to Washington.



**GENERAL IS HOST TO MAYOR:** General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, right, receiving Mayor Achille Lauro of Naples yesterday at the Waldorf, where both are staying.