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On General Haig

When I read the article on Gen. Alexander Haig in The Washington Post of June 8, it occurred to me that your readers might be interested in the following appraisal of Haig's performance, which was included in a recent letter to me from an official of the British government:

"I have lately been put in a position to form an estimate of General Haig. I have just returned from Bonn where he addressed the Assembly of Western European Union for the first time. He spoke for about 40 minutes, without a note, on politico-defense topics, broadly the political aspects of the defense of the West. He was generally acclaimed as an inspiring leader of men—and this by politicians (of several nations) who have seen it all and don't lightly hand out bouquets of that kind."

John S. Monagan.

Washington.

Why does the Sunday Post continue to carry a second rate magazine supplement like Parade? Potomac has the virtue of a regional appeal, but Parade which is presumably nationally circulated is not worthy of the Post's readership.

An illustration was Lloyd Shearer's adulatory, superficial and misleading article on General Haig. General Haig is not the commander of all military forces in NATO but only the U.S. designated commander of a force which comes into being with the outbreak of war. And it is hardly his job to "hold together an alliance." The North Atlantic Treaty is no less a treaty now than when Congress ratified it, but its future depends on powerful currents of economic and political change, not a handholding by General Haig, no matter how appealing his personality may be to Shearer. The problem of the UK, the Greece-Turkey dispute, Portugal, Spain may be worrisome to General Haig but he may as well relax. There is nothing *he* can do about them.

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