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Paik Sun Yup contributes to the Milburn Memorial Scholarship

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Paik Sun Yup, Korean Ambassador to France and former comrade in arms to the late Lt. General Frank Milburn, has forwarded a $300 contribution to the Milburn Memorial Scholarship fund for R. O. T. C. cadet athletes at Montana University, it was announced by Harry Adams for the fund committee.

General Paik was in command of the 1st ROK Division in September 1950 when Lt. Gen. Milburn went to Korea to take command of the U. S. I Corps for the United Nations. The ROK Division became a part of Milburn's command and was considered by military men to be the best ROK Division in Korea. Later, Gen. Paik became Chief of Staff of the Korean Army.

In a letter written to Adams from Paris, Gen. Paik said, "I think you would like to know that I had the pleasure of spending the day with General Van Fleet this week between 'planes on his way to Greece. We had a long talk about the Lt. Gen. F. W. Milburn Memorial in which he is also very interested."

General Paik's command had the honor of being the first United Nations Division to enter Pyongyang, and was the first to encounter the Chinese who were fighting on the side of the North Koreans. Subsequently, Paik became commander of the 1st ROK Corps and was the only ROK member of the United Nations team that negotiated the cease fire in the Korean Conflict in July, 1951.

In a letter transmitting his gift to the Milburn fund, General Paik described Milburn as "...a great and distinguished general, and his death came as a cruel blow to me as to all those who had the privilege of knowing him and on whom he had bestowed his precious gift of friendship."

According to Adams, proceeds of the Milburn fund will be used to present an annual scholarship award to an outstanding advanced R. O. T. C. cadet, with prime consideration to be given to a cadet who is also a letterman. Adams said that the Milburn Memorial fund now totals $4,435 against a goal of $13,500 which the committee hopes to realize.

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