

Stimson Says Order Not Aimed At General

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson said today "with great explicitness" that army regulations banning political activity by soldiers were not aimed at Gen. Douglas MacArthur or any other individual.

The secretary told a press conference that the regulations made public earlier this week embodied war department policy adopted as long ago as 1925 and represented in his opinion an essential safeguard for maintenance of the traditional American policy that no individual should exercise both civil and military authority at one time.

The latest regulation, dated February 25, 1943, prohibits anyone in the army from participating actively in a political campaign, forbids soldiers to seek or accept election to any public office not held by them when they entered active military service, or to accept reelection without prior approval of the war department. Such approval would be granted—with an honorable discharge from the army—only in cases of "ma-

terial hardship."

Stimson, asserting that "I suppose I'm responsible for these regulations," added that no one outside the war department had been consulted in the preparation of the latest one.

Cafe Loses Right To Sell Coffee Because Of OPA Rule Violation

SEATTLE, April 8.—(AP)—The office of price administration issued an order today forbidding the Central Building fountain here to serve coffee for 18 days, April 12 to May 1.

Robert C. Finley, OPA chief enforcement attorney here, said the order was issued after a hearing on OPA charges that D. H. Brennan, fountain manager, failed to declare 180 pounds of coffee on hand. Finley said the order was written by Harry F. Camp, regional OPA administrator in San Francisco.

The order provides that a sign must be posted in the fountain stating that the right to serve coffee has been suspended "for violation of the coffee rationing regulation."

Francescatti—

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ing, and of course music, especially his violin, which he has made one of his life-long hobbies.

"Everyone has hobbies but I don't think so many as I do," the violinist stated. "I was always very active and sportive when young and I still love active things. Both of my parents had many and varied hobbies and I guess I have the love of hobbies from both of them."

Two things the violinist does not care for are hunting and travel, however he does like to read books of science and travel. Mr. Francescatti gave as his reason for disliking hunting the fact that he did not like killing. "I think of these objects as life, and you must respect life."

The great artist feels that it is a good idea for the artists of this time to volunteer for performances in service camps and organizations. "We must make music and more music and keep it living. Now people call more for the soothing qualities of music, and it is good for the spirit," the young man said. He himself enjoys playing for the men in the service and spends

much time doing it. The violinist recalled at this time when he was still a very small child in Marseilles during the last war that he used to go to the hospitals and camps of soldiers of every nationality and play for them. "I can see it all so plainly even now," he said.

"I love to hear jazz and boogie woogie," the violinist continued. And after the last war the artist said that he enjoyed dancing and that it became one of his many hobbies, but now the modern dancing is very difficult.

In the concert to be given by Mr. Francescatti tonight the program will be a varied program of classical and modern violin compositions.

Dorothy Maynor describes Zino Francescatti as a wonderful person and violinist and really "terrific."

DISCRIMINATION CHARGED

PORTLAND, April 8.—(AP)—Formal charges of discrimination against negro workers by the Portland boilermakers union (AFL) were on file in circuit court here today as Lee Anderson, 42, negro worker at the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation, sought to force the union to clear him as a qualified electric welder.



EDWIN T. BUSHNELL, 73, native Eugenean, who died at his home on Rt. 2, Monday night. Born in Lane county in 1868, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bushnell, pioneers who crossed the plains in 1852 by ox team.

24 Billion Navy Bill Laid Before Congress

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(AP)—A navy request for \$24,551,070,000 in new funds for the 1944 fiscal year was laid before congress today with a grim reminder of the cost of repairing and replacing ships damaged in battle.

The estimated financial needs—largest amount ever sought for the sea-fighting forces—were sent to congress by President Roosevelt, and Chairman Cannon (D., Mo.) announced an appropriations subcommittee would begin studying them Saturday.

From Chairman Vinson (D., Ga.) of the house naval committee came the assertion that the unprecedented appropriations would go to add "greater and greater strength to the fleet and its air arm until we drive the enemy from the sea back to his shore as we press forward to victory."

The biggest allocations in the estimates include \$9,024,000,000 for the increase, repair and replacement of naval vessels, \$3,476,800,000 for the bureau of ordnance, \$4,286,211,000 for the bureau of supplies and accounts, \$1,887,000,000 for the bureau of ships, and \$1,640,000,000 for the bureau of aeronautics.

Alexander Receives Congratulations

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 8.—(AP)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower, in a message of congratulations to General Sir Harold Alexander, his deputy in charge of land operations, said that the army, navy and air force "are now in a position to exact the full price from the enemy confronting us in Africa."

His message follows: "I hope that you and all ranks serving under you will accept my personal congratulations and those of the entire allied headquarters on your recent successful operations which joined up the victorious Eighth army with the British, American and French forces that have been carrying on for four months a magnificent fight in central Tunisia under the most unfavorable conditions."

"While everyone of us fully appreciates that great difficulties and bitter fighting still lie ahead of you and that beyond this campaign lie still greater hardships and sacrifices, still you and your 18th army group, the navy and the air force are now in a position to exact the full price from the enemy confronting us in Africa."

Steel Plant May Be Built At Everett

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(AP)—Everett, Wash., has been selected as the site of a \$24,000,000 steel plant, subject to approval of the development by the war production board.

George E. Murphy, Portland, Ore., industrialist, told reporters he had taken options on a 400-acre site for the plant and expressed hope that WPB would approve the undertaking.

Critical materials needed for construction of the plant, estimated at between 15,000 and 24,000 tons, he told reporters, are immediately available. Some of the furnaces originally allocated to the Kaiser company, he explained, are obtainable because that concern has gone into heavy steel production and is not utilizing facilities for light steel manufacture.

Luftwaffe—

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ain plus the Tunisian campaign. While the Luftwaffe periodically has been forced to accept large scale action on two fronts, this was believed to be the first time the allies have forced all-out air-fighting on three fronts.

It was emphasized, however,

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that there is as yet no sign the Luftwaffe's front line strength actually has been weakened, despite the losses. They still maintain crack fighter squadrons in north France and still send reinforcements to Tunisia. But the best opinion here is that the Nazi

bomber strength is strained to its utmost with demands of Tunisia and Russia. This theory was backed up by failure of the Germans to retaliate in strength on London for the recent Berlin raids and by the weakness of previous retaliatory raids in which from 30 to 40

planes were employed. According to reports, the man press has warned the Luftwaffe from fighting merely for retaliatory raids.

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