Army Ban May Be Restrictive To MacArthur

Could Be Limited As Key Speaker

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WASHINGTON — (AP) — The naming of Gen. Douglas MacArthur for keynote speaker at the Republican national convention may compel nervous Pentagon lawyers to lay out political ground rules for the former Pacific commander.

The Army's legal experts are known to have been tip-toeing for some time around the question of whether MacArthur's activities have strayed beyond the bounds of military regulations that forbid officers on active duty to engage in political campaigning.

UP TO NOW, all they worried about were MacArthur's speeches, statements and support of Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio for the Republican presidential nomination. Acceptance by MacArthur of the bid to keynote the GOP convention will lead to even more fingernail biting. For the regulations specifically ban "activity at political conventions" and "the making of political speeches."

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower freed himself for such activity by applying for retirement and getting it. Although it wasn't necessary, he also gave up his pay and allowances of $19,541 a year. MacArthur, by applying for retirement, too, could make himself as free as Eisenhower to mix in politics. At present he is a salaried officer on active duty but without any command.

EVEN IN retirement, some military lawyers say, it would be necessary for both Eisenhower and MacArthur to pull their punches at the Democrats. The Uniform Code of Military Justice, applying to active and retired officers, says in Article 88 that an officer who uses "contemptuous words" against the President, vice-president, cabinet, members of Congress, governors or state or territorial legislators "shall be punished as a court martial may direct."

Driver Suspected

BROWNSTOWN, Ind. (U.P.)—Samuel D. Bailey, 46, was held in $500 bond Tuesday on a charge of driving a motor boat while drunk.

Police arrested Bailey near the White River Sunday after spending several hours dragging the river for his body. They had received a report he had fallen from the careening motor boat and drowned.

Attack Fatal to Driver

Clinton Landis, 56, of Oakridge died about 5 p.m. Monday just after he had pulled his car to the side of the road while driving on River Road north of Eugene. A heart attack was responsible, according to the county coroner's office. His wife, Margaret, was with him in the car. Services will be handled by Poole-Larsen Chapel.

(NEA Telephoto)

PERON BEGINS SECOND TERM—President Juan D. Peron and his wife, Eva, wave to crowds as they ride through the Plaza de Mayo in Buenos Aires on way to Capitol for ceremonies inaugurating Peron's second term. Mrs. Peron appears pale following her recent series of of serious illnesses.

State Tax Group Outlines Program

SALEM — (AP) — The Oregon Legislature's Tax Interim Committee decided Monday to draft a series of new tax bills to be submitted to the 1953 Legislature.

The bills would be submitted without recommendation, with the Legislature to decide which, if any, of the measures would be needed.

Among them would be proposals to disallow the federal income tax reduction for paying state income taxes, a gross business tax, reduce the personal tax exemption, and enact a state sales tax.

Sen. Dean H. Walker, Independence, proposed that the bills be drafted.

However, State Rep. Giles L. French, Moro, said the next legislature should cut expenses so that no new revenue would be needed.

The committee took a long step forward in simplifying the state's tax system by recommending that all state revenues be lumped together into one fund. Then all expenses would be paid out of that fund.

This system would do away with the complicated system of having several different funds.

The State Tax Commission advised the committee that the state's finances will be 12 million dollars better off at the end of the biennium than the 1951 legislature expected.

The Legislature anticipated there would be a 2½ million dollar deficit when the biennium ends on July 1, 1953. This deficit will be wiped out because income tax collections are higher than expected.

If spending keeps on at the present rate, the next legislature might face a deficit of 40 millions or so for the two-year period beginning July 1, 1953. Tthis could be wiped out by increasing taxes, reducing expenses, or both.

Ethel Merman Seeks Quick Mexican Divorce

MEXICO CITY — (AP) —Ethel Merman, star of "Call Me Madam" who decided she would rather be called Miss, left Monday for Ciudad Jaurez and a quick divorce.

The New York singer booked reservations from El Paso, Texas, across the border from Juarez.

Miss Merman came here Saturday planning on a Morelos State divorce from Robert Levitt. But a new governor in Cuernavaca has tightened up the residence requirements, ruling out a former weekend divorce.

ROYAL GIFT

LONDON—(U.P.)—The Sultan of North Borneo brought a present for Queen Elizabeth on his visit to Britain this week. The gift is a sarong, made especially for the Queen by Borneo women.

Govt. Counsel Found Guilty

'Fees Accepted To Push Cases'

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A federal grand jury Tuesday indicted Charles E. Shaver on charges of accepting $3,100 in fees to push cases before government agencies while he was counsel for the Senate small business subcomittee.

Winding up an investigation which started last February, the grand jury also idicted three associates of Shaver. They were accused of aiding the allegedly unlawful deals.

Shaver was charged, on 11 counts in three indictments, with violating a federal law which prohibits any government employe from accepting compensation to represent outside parties before government agencies in any matter in which the government is interested.

Shaver faces a total of possible maximum penalty of 28 years in prison and $110,000 in fines, or both, if convicted. However, maximum sentences are rarely imposed.

Others indicted along with Shaver were Leonard H. Cooper of Miami, Jerome H. Weinkle, Miami attorney, and Raymond W. Lopatka, Chicago attorney.

Assistant District Attorney John W. Fihelly said the investigation cleared Flo Bratton, a secretary to Vive President Barkley, who was linked with reports of influence attempts at the time the cases were first made public last year.

Last fall a Senate committee looked into reports that Mrs. Bratton and Shaver helped swing a $1,100,000 government loan sought to build a Florida luxury hotel.

Altogether, five alleged attempts at influence were cited in the indictments.

British Go to Sea With Their A-Bomb

PORTSMOUTH, England — (AP) —The Aircraft Carrier Campania, with Britain's first atom bomb aboard, sailed Tuesday for Gibraltar en route to Australia.

The bomb will be assembled and set off late this summer or in early autumn at a testing ground in the barren Montebello Islands, off Australia's northwest coast.

'Weak Eyes' No Excuse Now For Speeders

Barring fog, dust storm and near-sightedness, it's now possible to spot a state policeman at a thousand yards during the day and only slightly less at night.

Hotrodders can no longer claim "We wuz trapped," or that they thought they were being followed by a State Highway Dept. car.

A new patrol car just received at the state police post in Eugene has a Scotchlite sign on the door which says "Oregon State Police." All new cars issued will carry the sign.

The big yellow state seal, on all state cars for many years, will still be used by other state agencies.

Marines Tell Of 'Night Kill'

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Marines have claimed the first "confirmed night kill" of a first-line Russian fighter in Korea.

The Marines said that First Lieut. John William Andre, Miami, Fla., shot down a YAK fighter near Haeju, Korea, Saturday night.

The squadron of which Andre is a member, VMF N 513, claimed three enemy planes shot down at night between last July and September. However, all three were of the PO-2 type, considered obsolete. The Yak on the other hand, is a modern fighter.

Andre's squadron flies F-4-U and F-7-F fighters. It was not known here which type Andre was flying.

Federal DAs Asked For Criminal Report

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Atty. Gen. James P. McGranery told the nation's U. S. district attorneys Tuesday to give him an immediate report on the criminal cases which have been pending longest in their offices.

McGranery said he wanted ex- cases where no prosecution has act and detailed information on been undertaken.

It was the first major step taken by McGranery since he was sworn in as head of the Justice Department, May 27.

McGRANERY, a former U. S. district judge in Philadelphia, was named to replace J. Howard McGrath, who was let out of the cabinet on April 3, the same day he fired Newbold Morris as his corruption hunter.

McGranery issued his instructions to some 94 federal prosecutors assembled here to get acquainted with their new boss.

"SOME MATTERS pending as long as six months may be too long," McGranery told the district attorneys, "if no prosecution has been started I want to know your reasons."

McGranery, who has said he will head his own drive against whatever wrongdoing he finds in the government, said that among other things, he wants the prosecutors to give him detailed information on any private law practice held by them or their chief

Such practices are not forbidden by law provided the federal prosecutor gives first attention to his official duties and takes no part as a private attorney in cases involving the U. S. government.

X-Ray Exams Urged for Men

CHICAGO — (AP) — Twice-a-year X-ray examinations for middleaged men who are heavy smokers were recommended Tuesday by a Washington, D.C., doctor as a means of improving the attack on lung cancer.

Declaring that there is a higher proportion of lung cancer among heavy smokers than among nonsmokers, Dr. J. Winthorp Peabody said he believed such an X-ray procedure would assure spotting any such cancers early enough to allow successful surgical operation.

"Until this is done," the Georgetown University doctor told the annual meeting of the American Medical Assn., "mortality from lung cancer will continue to be high."

He said that a definiate diagnosis of lung cancer is possible in 85 per cent of people who have it. He declared the diagnosis may be made eadly in the disease, even while in the "silent stage" or when cough is the only apparent symptom.

Lots of Waist

AUGUSTA, Maine—(U.P.)—The potato shortage didn't do anything to milady's waistline. Stanley Painter of the Maine Agriculture Department, said a survey of more than 100 women showed they gained an average of two pounds, six ounces eating substitutes during the

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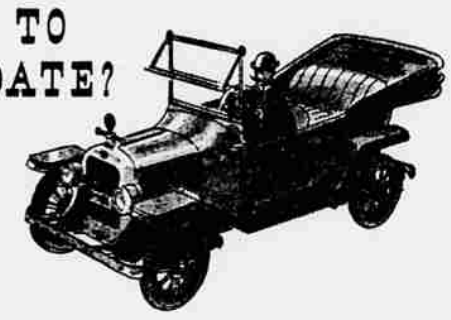

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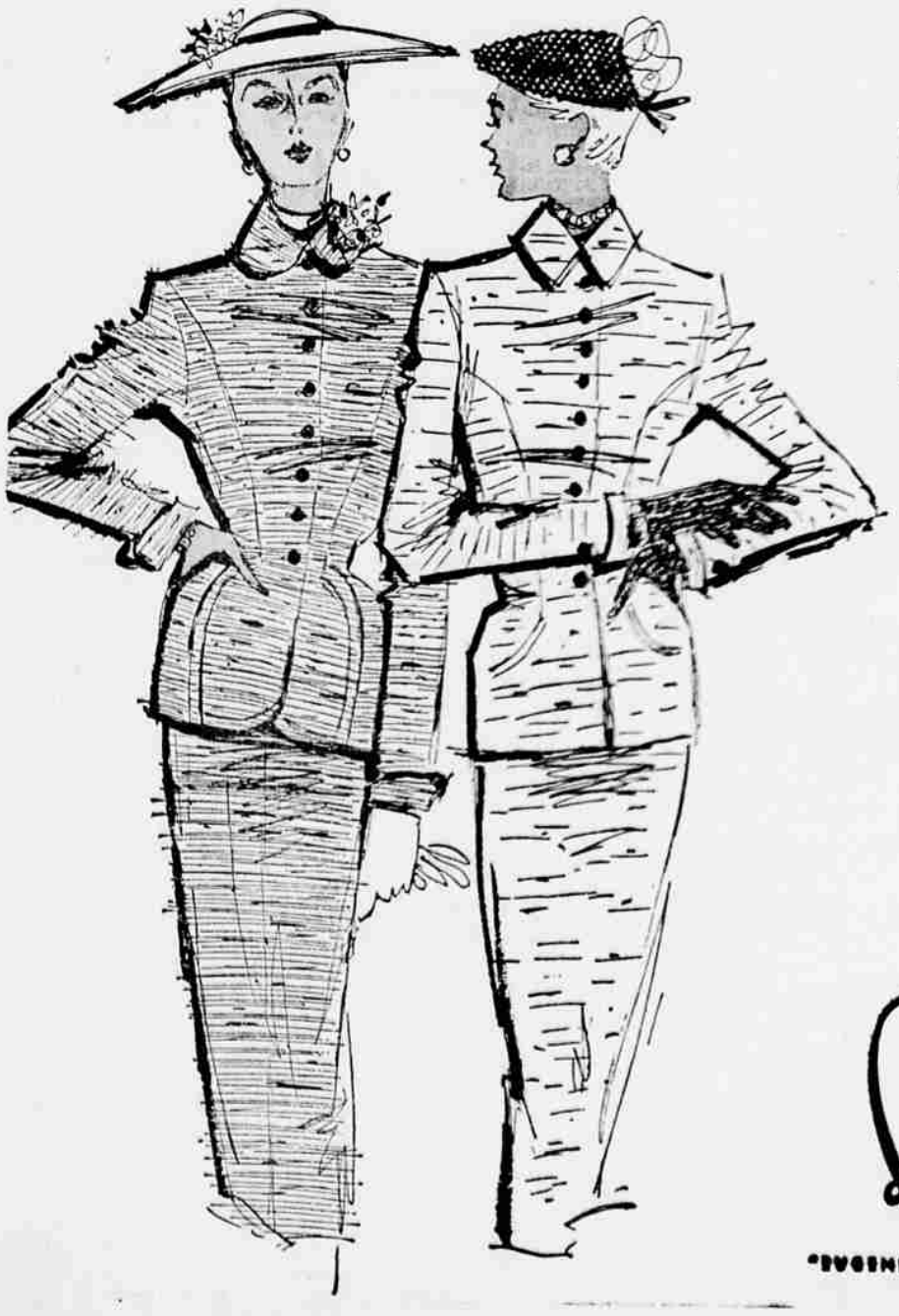

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