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an American housing area."

A division headquarters spokesman denied a report on the new fraternization hub-bub carried by the Overseas Weekly, an independent English-language publication primarily for U.S. service personnel. The paper quoted Col. Lynn D. Smith of Carlisle, Pa., division chief of staff, as having told his junior officers:

"It is forbidden to go out with anybody who works for a living This includes ribbon and stock sales clerks at the PX, snack bar employes — anybody who is below your social level."

The spokesman said Smith made no such statement and add

"Any allegations that the Army is against 'working girls' is ab-solutely absurd. After all, we work for a living too."

Army officials said that Maj Gen. Thomas Wallington, the divi-sion commander, had become per-turbed by recent stories in Ger-man papers "about officers who

Portland Men File Contempt **Guilt Appeals**

SAN FRANCISCO & — Appeals of two Portland men from contempt of Congress convictions are under consideration by the U. S. Court of Appeals after arguments Wednesday.

The two, Donald N. Wollam and John Rogers MacKenzie, appear-ed before the House Un-American Activities Committee in Portland in June, 1954. They were charged with contempt of Congress after they refused to answer question as to residence, employment, ed ucation and age.

They were convicted and sen-tenced in January, 1955. Federal Judge George H. Boldt gave Wol-lam a one-year sentence and a \$250 fine: MacKenzie 10 months and \$250 fine.

Their attorney, Norman Leonard, San Francisco, contended Wednesday that the committee's questions "were not related to any valid legislative purpose" but might have been incriminating "as part of the attempt to identify the men with Communist Party activity."

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But Robert R. Carney, assistan But Robert R. Carney, assistant U. S. attorney from Portland, argued that the questions were only for preliminary identification and were not the kind that could incriminate the men. He described their refusal to answer as an abuse of the constitutional privilege they invoked in doing so.

The court gave no indication when it would return a decision.

Demos Oppose Savings Bonds Interest Boost

WASHINGTON & - Opposition developed in Congress today giving the Treasury new author

giving the Treasury new authori-ty to adjust interest rales on gov-ernment savings bonds in line with money market conditions. The Treasury last Thursday an-nounced it would seek legislation in give it the same flexibility in fixing interest rates on savings bonds that it new has on other

marked slowdown in purchases or savings bonds. Last year, re-demptions outweighed purchases by a considerable margin. Some of this situation has been attribu-ted to a general rise in interest rates, making other types of in-

rates, making other types of investments more attractive.

House Democratic leaders said privately a good case could be made for higher rates on Series E and H bonds. But they contended it was a matter for congressional rather than administrative decision.

Key Democrats contend the size of the government's fiscal operaheavily influences interest rates in general.

51 Compete in U.S. Pie Bake

CHICAGO (UP)-Fifty-one young women today vied for the title of "best cherry pie baker" in the

nation.

The cooks, representing all 48 states, Alaska, Hawaii and Canada, matched skills in the grand ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel.

The winner of the "silver jubiles" national cherry pie baking contest will present her pie to President Eusenbower in Washington. She'll also receive a \$500 college scholarship.

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