



LEAVES SCHOOL OVER NEGRO GIRL—Robert McAlister, 23, (right) of Ithaca, N.Y., has left Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., by request because the school frowned on his pending marriage to Negro co-ed Miss Grace Cunningham, 22, (left) of Berkeley, Calif. He is continuing his studies by mail and announced the wedding for June 6 in Ithaca.

Builders Deny Charges Air Force Work Inferior

WASHINGTON (AP)—American contractors whose rush construction of secret air bases in North Africa has been criticized severely in Congress defended their work Wednesday.

Clark Arrives In Far East

TOKYO (AP)—Gen. Mark W. Clark arrived Wednesday to take over Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's post as United Nations and U.S. Commander in the Far East.

Sleeping Couple Gets Surprise

NEWPORT NEWS Va. (AP)—It wasn't Goldlocks Mrs. Dorothy McManney and her husband found sleeping in their bed recently when they awoke in the middle of the night. They told a Municipal Court judge here Tuesday the intruder was Bobby Aveock, 42, in court on a trespass count and a fourth offense charge of being drunk. Said Aveock to the judge: "I guess I lost my way. I normally sleep about eight blocks further up town."

have been trying to get a chance to deny these charges under oath for many weeks.

ONE-SIDED
Bonny, in prior written protests, has contended that the Congressional testimony, investigations and reports have been one-sided unbalanced and misleading.

"We are proud of the work performed," Bonny said, denying that the contractors added to costs, did slipshod work or wasted taxpayers money.

Lyman Wilbur son of former secretary of the Navy and resident partner for the contractors in French Morocco, was another scheduled witness.

Secretary of the Army Pace stepped into the dispute on March 22 with a shake-up of officers of the Army Engineers in charge of the projects and a threat to terminate contracts unless reforms asked by Congressional probes were put into operation.

Chairman Johnson (D-Tex.), of the Senate Defense Watching subcommittee has publicly criticized the North African Air Bases project as "one sordid mess."

Johnson said testimony indicated that original costs of about 300 million dollars had been upped to 455 million, that runaway specifications were ignored and that there was inefficiency, kickbacks and graft.

The top secret project was started soon after the Communists invaded Korea in June 1950. It was placed under supervision of the Army Engineers.

Because of the urgency and size of the project, five large private contractors were asked to form Atlas Constructors, Inc. to rush the job.

This firm was given a fixed-fee of five million dollars to do the job and another combine of architect-engineers a half million fixed fee to supervise the project.

LONG DELAYS
Bonny, speaking for Atlas, said

the contractors ran into long delays in landing equipment and men, through a hitch in agreement between French Moroccan and U. S. authorities.

Sites and plans for the bases were changed several times, he said, so that instead of building one new field and reconstructing four old World War II bases, five new bases were finally started.

He said two of them were completed on the deadline and have been in use by heavy bombers. Others are being completed.

"You can build air bases fast or you can build them cheaply,"

Bonny stated. "But not both." Bonny stated that French Moroccan suppliers and officials took advantage of the American contractors on materials obtained locally.

He agreed there was some loafing and lack of supervision of workers, but he insisted that the rush job was the biggest and fastest of its kind in history.



Warren Thinks President Limited by Constitution

PORTLAND (AP)—Gov. Earl Warren of California, campaigning in Oregon for the Republican presidential nomination, believes the powers of the President are limited by the Constitution.

In a discussion of the recent seizure by the government of the steel industry, Warren said at the Oregon Press Club's annual awards dinner:

"I don't know the merits of the steel controversy, the facts are still in dispute. But I do know that we are passing through some sort of crisis when it is asserted by the government of the United States in one of its own courts that the President is not limited by the Constitution in times such as we are living in and that the courts are powerless to enjoin him from doing anything he desires to do."

(Warren was referring to statements made by Assistant Attorney General Holmes Baldrige when the government was presenting its case on the steel seizure.)

PRAYER
Warren added that he did not know how the Supreme Court will decide "concerning the right of the President to seize the steel industry in the crisis that confronted the nation, but we all can hope and pray that it will never say the power of the President is not limited by the Constitution of the United States."

"This entire subject of inherent powers of the executive, as recently asserted, is to me the most frightening thing that has occurred in our governmental life in many years," he said.

Warren criticized news barriers which he said can be found at all levels of government.

"Since the war," he said, "in many quarters there has not only been a reluctance on the part of public officials to abandon the practice of withholding information, but there has been a positive trend toward accelerating it. Last fall the trend was given impetus by the executive order giving federal authorities the right to determine what they will make public and what they will conceal as confidential."

Warren concluded his talk by saying he had been shown "scandalous literature" designed for the purpose of discrediting a great American who is a candidate in this primary—General Eisenhower.

Warren said he would not want to benefit from such propaganda.

The California governor spoke Wednesday in McMinnville, and Corvallis. He was to address a dinner meeting in Albany sponsored by the Linn County Republican Committee and the Albany Chamber of Commerce.

He will be back in Portland Thursday.

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