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... "Old Soldiers (Forts) Never Die"

Historic Huachuca Reactivated

Forum Speakers Support Bricker

In order that members could obtain a comprehensive picture of the highly-controversial Bricker amendment to the U. S. Constitution, the regular meeting of Morgan McDermott Post, American Legion, last Wednesday was given over to an open forum on the subject.

Sponsored by Arizonians for the Bricker Amendment, the 200 persons present were urged to support the measure. The Bricker amendment would require that all treaties, executive agreements and United Nations agreements be ratified by both the Senate and House of Representatives. At present, treaties require a two-thirds vote of the Senate only, and executive and UN agreements need not be ratified.

It is feared that constitutional rights will be abridged by international laws if the provision making treaties the supreme law of the land is not curtailed.

Opponents to the Bricker amendment say the President of the U.S. would never agree to any treaty which would infringe upon constitutional rights. If the President has the power to make treaties, there is no safeguard to prevent such treaties from usurping the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. This is where the "checks and balances" as provided by the Constitution should be used.

Members participating in the forum included Mrs. Clifford Parsons, Pima county chairman of the Bricker group; Joseph Reilly, chairman; Clifford McFall, president of the state bar association; Tim King, state commander of the American Legion; Judge J. Mercer Johnson, Judge Robert Tullar, Dr. Charles Woods, Douglas S. Holschaw and Lawrence P. D'Antonio.



Selected as Site For Electronics Proving Grounds

Selection of Ft. Huachuca to be used as a permanent super-secret electronics proving ground for the Army was revealed in a joint announcement made by Arizona's congressional delegation.

Fred Stofft, 1953 president of the Tucson Chamber of Commerce, predicts that, "It is only the beginning of an operation that in a year or so may total 15,000 to 20,000 men." In Phoenix Gov. Pyle said, "This is the culmination of a tremendous amount of work on the part of Arizona's entire congressional delegation, state and civic officials.

Transfer of signal corps electronic and aviation activities from Ft. Monmouth to Arizona will be made Feb. 1. The necessity for more space for experimental purposes is now available. Personnel will include about 7,500 service men and 1,000 civilians with a payroll of 9½ million dollars.

The historic Fort was established 76 years ago to quiet Indian raids on the Arizona frontier. It became a permanent military post and at one time included complete Negro units. By 1931 it was one of the most modern military posts in the country and with the threat of World War II trained as many as 30,000 soldiers at one time. In June last year, it was ordered deactivated as a military economy move.

Over 60 million dollars have been spent on Ft. Huachuca. This includes some 15 million preparing it as a training center during World War II and another 15 million for the training of air force engineers during the Korean conflict.

There are 1,156 buildings on the post. They include administration buildings, barracks, detached and semi-detached officers' quarters,

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Visiting Far East

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 4 (ALNS) —Mrs. Harold S. Burdett of Brooklyn, N. Y., national president of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Mrs. Jane Rishworth of Indianapolis, national secretary, left San Francisco by air on December 28th for a trip to the Far East.

They were scheduled to visit Hawaii, the Philippines, Japan and Korea before returning on January 16. One of the highlights of their trip was being the official guests of Ramon Magsaysay in Manila when he was inaugurated as the new president of the Filipino Republic on December 30. Both Auxiliary officials were to be the guests of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek while visiting the Island of Formosa.

During their trip they planned to be busy organizing new Auxiliary units in the Far East, visiting orphanages, veterans' hospitals and the famous Tala Leprosarium near Manine.

Citizen Best Paper

The Tucson Daily Citizen was announced as winner of the "best daily newspaper" in the state in the annual competition sponsored by the Arizona Newspaper association.

Judging of the various contests was done under the supervision of the faculty of Journalism, University of Southern California.

Valley National Bank

The Valley National Bank's 34-branch statewide system now ranks 70th in size among the nation's 15,000 financial institutions.

An all-time high for Arizona banking deposits has been established by the Valley National Bank in 1953. Deposits of \$218,046,509.64 insure its position as the largest banking institution in the eight-state Rocky Mountain area.

Carl A. Bimson, president, said, "It is gratifying to see Valley Bank continue to keep in close step with Arizona's economic growth."

Legionnaire's Hobby

Legionnaire Charlie Adams, who operates a pharmacy at 2508 East Speedway, was written up in "Drug Topics" regarding his hobby of specializing in animal and veterinarian supplies. His interest in animal medication extended over 20 years when he was in business in Montana in the midst of a ranching area. On his own small "ranch" he produces prize Nubian goats.

Legion Calendar

Thurs., Jan. 14, 8:30 P.M.
Auxiliary Dinner honoring Dept. President - Mrs. Ellis Martin
Sat., Jan. 16, 6 P.M. - 1 A.M.
Monthly Stagger Party
Sat., Jan. 16, 1 P.M.
S.A.L. Model & Hobbying
Tues., Jan. 19, 12 noon
Legion Luncheon Club
Wed., Jan. 20, 8 P.M.
Game Night
Wed., Jan. 20, 7 P.M.
Boy Scout Troop
Thurs., Jan. 21, 8:30 P.M.
Reg. Meeting & Initiation
Morgan McDermott Post 7

Community Activities Headed by Legionnaires



HENRY DAHLBERG is president of the Old Pueblo Club; president of El Rio Golf and Country Club; 1953 president Arizona Security Dealers association; director, Tucson Better Business Bureau; member, exclusive "Hole-in-One" club at Tucson Country Club; president, Henry Dahlberg & Co.



ORLANDO FLADACA has been elected president of the Italian-American club of Tucson. He is vice-president of the Old Pueblo Savings & Loan association, a University of Arizona graduate and former varsity football player.



CARL M. HITT has been appointed Purchasing Agent for Tucson School District No. 1. He is an experienced administrator and former newspaper man. For more than 10 years he served as Tucson's city clerk. Tucson has been his home since completion of service in World War I.



R. W. F. (Bob) SCHMIDT was principal speaker Monday evening at the kickoff banquet of the Sunshine Climate club's annual membership drive. Schmidt is manager of the Tucson airport authority. He was recently given the "President's award" of the American Association of Airport Executives.



COL. FREDERICK E. STOFFT is commanding officer, 158th Infantry, regimental combat team; immediate past president Tucson Chamber of Commerce; graduate University of Arizona, 1933 Alumni award, past president U of A alumnae association; manager, Howard & Stofft, stationers.