

SECOND TRIAL DUE
FOR SEA FERGUSON

Sea Ferguson, well-known Indiana ave. night club operator, was to go on trial for the second time this afternoon in connection with charges growing out of a recent raid on his Cotton club.

Yesterday Ferguson was convicted on a charge of keeping a gambling house by George R. Jeffrey, special judge.

This afternoon Ferguson was to be tried on charges of violating the state liquor law on evidence allegedly seized by police during the raid.

Sentencing of Ferguson on the gambling charge was deferred pending trial on the liquor charge.

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DEFENSE UNITY
AT CANAL ASKED

Military Consultant Says
Army and Navy Work
At Cross Purposes.

By CHARLES T. LUCEY

Times Special Writer
WASHINGTON, May 22.—Lack of unity of command and operations between the army and navy is jeopardizing our Panama canal defenses, in the opinion of Col. Hugh J. Knerr, retired, military consultant and veteran air officer with a service record in both army and navy.

Col. Knerr, recently returned from a study of canal defenses, today cited instances of failure of the navy to co-operate with the army which showed, he said, that "we haven't learned a thing since Pearl Harbor."

The remedy, he said, is to establish a department of national defense in which military aviation has a place to co-ordinate with land and sea forces.

Seeks Complete Freedom

Autonomy granted the army air forces recently, allowing them to have their own staff for planning and operations within the war department, is viewed by air officers as only an intermediate step on the way to complete freedom from domination of the older branches, he said.

Elaborating on an article in the American Mercury, Col. Knerr asserted that while Lieut. Gen. Frank M. Andrews nominally has been given "full responsibility" for command of the Canal Zone, actually this authority is handicapped by lack of co-ordination with the naval forces, which have resented his command status.

Col. Knerr pointed out that actual command of operations is under a naval officer, although "administrative" responsibility for the area rests with Gen. Andrews.

Claims Data Withheld

In operations on the Pacific side of the canal, Col. Knerr said, the navy actually has refused to give Gen. Andrews information of vital importance to effective operations by the army air forces in the Canal Zone.

He said that if the bomber pilots do not have complete information about disposition of U. S. warships in the area, they will be handicapped in recognition of enemy surface craft which might come into the area.

He said that under divided command army planes operated offshore come entirely within navy operational command. The navy, he continued, has done most to hold back the emergence of aviation as an independent striking force.

On the failure to unify over-all military command, he commented that "you still have nothing but co-operation—pre-Pearl Harbor co-operation."

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Mr. Barnard left America at the age of 19 to become a roving reporter for James Gordon Bennett. He moved from one capital to another and knew well such personages as Lincoln, Bismarck, Tennyson, Hugo, Pasteur and Princess Eugenie. He was best known, however, for his close friendship with the ex-Kaiser and Czar Alexander.

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