

Korea U.S. Officers Clubs Told to Shun Native Girls

SEOUL, July 13.—(AP)—United States Eighth Army officers' clubs are quietly shutting their doors to Korean cuties after getting the word from Lt. Gen. John H. Collier, acting Army commander.

Collier gave the verbal order last week. He was a leader in cracking down on United States soldiers fraternizing with German women when he commanded at Stuttgart several years ago.

MANY COURTED.

Army officers have been courting hundreds of Korean girls and taking them to officially sanctioned dances ever since the armistice.

Business fell off sharply last week end in the clubs. Two clubs closed permanently.

"I normally handle about \$1,200 on a Saturday night," said a manager of one of the largest officer clubs. "Last week I took in about \$400."

Officers reaction was mixed. Some thought the ban would cause morale to sag. Others said it would end an embarrassing situation which found some married officers openly dating Korean girls.

Enlisted men's clubs so far have been spared, but they may

be next. Or, as the spokesman phrased it, Collier felt "the officers should first set the example."

AVOID FRICTION.

One source said the reason the rule was not being laid out in print was to avoid friction with the Koreans.

"These people are our allies," he said, "and if there is a problem insofar as the girls are concerned, it's up to the Koreans to correct the situation—not us. All we can do is shut our doors to them."

Profits from the clubs go toward salaries for Korean employes, upkeep of clubs and pay for entertainers.

The ban apparently has not affected clubs run by the Korean Civil Assistance Command. The command is normally under the Far East commander in Tokyo, not the Eighth Army.

In any case, the command's bustling Chosen Hotel in Seoul was doing business as usual Saturday night—Korean girls and all.