

# Aspin Accuses Gen. Haig of

## Washington

Representative Les Aspin (Dem-Wis.) said yesterday that General Alexander M. Haig Jr., the White House chief of staff, is delaying his departure from active duty until August 1 to gain an extra \$3300 a year in Army retirement pay.

Aspin called it "one of the chintziest deals I ever heard of."

Aspin noted that the General Accounting Office, an investigative arm of Congress, has ruled that Haig could not legally serve in the White House post while on active military status and that the White House had said Haig would not leave

the army until the end of this month.

"It is incredible that this administration continues to condone flagrant law breaking by White House officials," Aspin said. "But to General Haig an extra \$3300 of booty in his own pocket is more important than obeying the law."

Haig was promoted from

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major general to full general last January 4. He must serve in that rank for six full calendar months to receive the full \$24,403 a year in retirement pay for that rank, Aspin said.

If Haig had resigned his army commission when the President appointed him last May 4 to replace H. R. Haldeman at the White

House, he would have lost the extra pay.

Aspin said Haig should have resigned his commission immediately despite the loss and criticized Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson for having "refused to enforce the GAO's ruling that Haig was serving illegally at the White House."

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