

Army Shipped Booze for Haig

Brussels

General Alexander Haig Jr. has repaid the Army \$91 in shipment charges for liquor shipped here in crates marked "glassware," an aide said yesterday.

It was the second such embarrassment for the former White House chief of staff — now NATO commander — in less than a month. Last week he paid \$46.92 to cover the Army's expenses for a chauffeur-driven, 100-mile ride for Duncan, his dog.

Haig's executive officer, General Joseph Bratton, confirmed the latest incident after United Press received an anonymous telephone tip about it.

"It's embarrassing and it's too bad, but it was inadvertent," Bratton said. He said Haig included vodka and wine in the government-paid shipment because he thought his diplomatic passport gave him that right.

"Everything indicates to me that even diplomatic status does not give anybody the right to ship alcoholic beverages," Bratton said.

He added that the commercial packers who crated Haig's goods in Washington mistakenly put "glassware" labels on the crates containing liquor.

The mistake was found when an Army team at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Forces Europe, made a routine check of the shipment for breakage.

Sergeant Harry L. Vaughn Jr., who headed the team, said there were "several cases — about five or six" of vodka and wine in the shipment.

Bratton said Haig "was given some very bad advice in Washington."

Liquor is available from the post exchange in Brussels at about one-fourth the prices Haig paid for it in Washington.

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