

6 S. F. News Call Bulletin
 Mon., Oct. 26, 1964 ☆☆☆☆



EDWIN WALKER
 Sees rightest trend

Ex-General Here

'U. S. Moves To Right' ---Walker

The United States is undergoing a strong trend toward conservatism, retired Gen. Edwin E. Walker said today.

Walker, an avowed member of the John Birch Society, had some kind words to say at a press conference at Oakland's Athens Athletic Club about Barry Goldwater for the presidency.

"Goldwater is a step in the right direction," he admitted. "I'm out to defeat Lyndon B. Johnson, and Goldwater has a tremendous chance to be elected."

BUT THE former general, who was relieved of his command three years ago for the right-wing indoctrination of his troops, refused to say whether he would vote for Goldwater.

He declared the John Birch Society is not backing his series of speaking appearances in the Eastbay.

He did identify two of his supporters as Birchers—Jack Azevedo and William van Mastricht, both seeking election on Contra Costa County bids for the state Legislature.

WALKER pointed out that October, in recent years, has been "full of surprises," the latest being the ouster of Nikita Khrushchev as Soviet premier.

"The press," he commented, "failed to see that Castro Cuba's emissary was sitting in at the Kremlin while this change took place."

Walker said at least five and possibly nine Soviet astronauts have died in space. Their names were published in Italian magazines, he said, but the American public has not been informed.