

Scott's Disservice  
Governor Scott's stand on the city street issue is a grave disservice to the people of North Carolina, the editors of The News say today. Turn to page 4-A for a discussion of this issue.

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## Truman, Congress Leaders Confer On Wage Crisis ALLIANCE SHOVES REDS B

### President May Step Into Row Labor Support Of Program At Stake

By HAROLD W. WARD  
WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman talked over with Congressional leaders today the crisis growing out of the dispute between the labor union planners and labor union leaders.

House Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) told reporters after the White House meeting that a general wage increase was discussed in a general way. He added that he imagines Mr. Truman is keeping in close touch with Mobilization Chief Charles E. Wilson on the matter.

Mr. Truman may have to step in to mediate the wrangle which threatens to smother the nation's defense program, Rayburn reported. However, that nothing was said at any conference between the President and the labor union chiefs.

### OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warm at night and Tuesday with scattered showers tonight. Low temperature tonight, 35 degrees. Tomorrow's maximum, 70 degrees.

### Armed Force Training Centers Investigated

By EDWIN B. HASKINSON  
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Investigating Senators who accused the Air Force of a greedy grab for the cream of the nation's young manpower set out today on a nationwide probe of armed forces training centers.

"This has resulted in a needless waste of critical manpower," the report said. "The men's time and the taxpayers' money have been wasted to an unjustifiable degree."

Summing up its findings, the committee said: "If ever there was a persuasive argument for compelling all the armed services to draw their manpower from the common pool through Selective Service, this performance by the Air Force is it."

At the same time Johnson made public results of two separate investigations on complaints at Lackland by the Air Force. One was by a three-member civilian committee and the other by the Air Force inspector general.

Despite Saturday's rain, President Truman had a busy day at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. He climbed aboard a new T-41 tank which will be known as the Walker Bulldog, in honor of the late Gen. Walton Walker, conferred with Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, and walked through a chow line in the enlisted mess to eat

### Paris Talks Proposed To Moscow Allies Suggest March 5 As Date

MOSCOW—(AP)—The United States, Britain and France delivered notes to the Soviet Union today proposing that the Big Four deputy foreign ministers meet in Paris March 5 to work out details for four-power talks on East-West differences.

This was the latest exchange in a series of notes dealing with a four-power conference. The diplomatic representatives here of the U. S., Britain and France delivered the notes to Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinskiy.

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### THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD UNHAPPY IN ARMY



Pvt. George Raymond, the thirteen-year-old Brooklynite (left) said to be the youngest soldier since the Civil War, tells a reporter that life in the Army is nothing but floor scrubbing and underdone pork chops. His true age was discovered when a trust officer started checking on his absence from school. He'll be discharged today at Aberdeen, Md. (Listening in on the interview is Michael Phillips, a nine-year-old from Washington, D. C. (Acme Telephoto.)

### Senators Hear Gen. Collins West Europe Has 16 Divisions

By JACK BELL  
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Gen. J. Lawton Collins said today Western Europe has "something on the order of" sixteen divisions for defense against possible attack.

Collins previously had said he has convinced Western Europe intends to build up its strength. He also had told the Senate Foreign Relations committee that Russia has 175 to 200 divisions under arms.

### Shakeup In RFC Proposed To Congress By Truman

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman today bowed to Congressional criticism from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and proposed that the present five-member board of directors be replaced by a single top boss.

### President Truman Clambers, Consults And Chomps At Aberdeen



### Big Victory Is Claimed By Ridgway Says Foe Can Stop 38th Crossing

By OLEN CLEMENTS  
TOKYO—(AP)—Counter-attacking Americans smashed four miles into the heart of a Korean Red stronghold in east-central Korea today. Hundreds of Communists were killed.

On the central and western fronts, the badly mauled Chinese withdrew from the battlelines. U. N. troops established a small bridgehead on the north bank of the Han River five miles east of Seoul but were driven back by Red mortar and machine gun fire.

The Allies advanced all along the western front, as much as four miles in some areas. Their lines were jammed solidly up to the south bank of the Han near the ruins of the Korean capital.

The action on the central front was developing at two points north of Chechon, key highway and rail center 20 air miles northwest of Wonsu.

### Korean Troops To Get Relief

WESTERN FRONT, Korea—(AP)—Little-known American troops on the Korean front will be taken out of the lines and replaced by fresh soldiers from the United States, Gen. Mark W. Clark said today.

Clark, chief of the Army Field Force who is now touring the Korean front, said the rotation plan was "in the mill" and would be announced soon.

He said a stepped-up training program is in progress in the United States to bring relief to many veterans of the Korean war who have been overseas for a long period. He gave no details.

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Collins said that question ought to be reviewed before any public answer was made.

Wherry said it was his understanding the total North Atlantic defense force under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, would be 37 to 40 divisions in the United States.

Wherry asked who would make any decision to use the atomic bomb. Collins said Eisenhower would have to consult the President who would make the decision.

"In my judgment, no military man should have the power to make that decision," Collins added.

Collins earlier had argued that failure of sea and air power alone to stop the Communists in Korea demonstrates the need for U. S. ground forces to help defend Europe.

IDEA GAIN FAVOR  
Congress itself seemed more ready to accept the idea than it was last week before Defense Secretary Marshall and other top officials argued for it. An indication of this came in a statement from Senator George (D-Ia.) to reporters that he considered the plan "reasonable" and thought Congress should not put any quota on the troops.

Collins, a ruddy-faced, gray-haired man, told the Senators Korea has also showed that it is difficult to build up forces in any area after the enemy has launched his attack.

2. Outnumbered ground troops, equipped with superior fire power and using natural barriers, can reduce the offensive power of aggressors who are depending largely upon superior numbers.

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