

# House Group Throws Out Limit on Size of Forces

## Ceiling Of 4 Million Is Rejected

### Military Men Oppose Curb

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Armed Services Committee today knocked out of its military manpower bill the 4-million man limit on the size of the armed forces.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) said the vote was 18 to 15 in support of a move he made to strike the ceiling from the committee's bill to amend the draft and set up universal military training.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The action was taken in closed session.

"Any limit on the size of the armed forces has been opposed by President Truman and military leaders, but the 4-million man ceiling was passed by the Senate," Vinson said.

The committee also rejected an amendment by Rep. McNichols (R-Mo.), ranking Republican member, to impose a \$3,000,000 man ceiling.

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## McCabe Reported Quitting FRB Job

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Thomas B. McCabe has resigned as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, the Evening Bulletin said today.

The newspaper reported McCabe's resignation "as President Truman's office awaiting action."

McCabe plans to return to private life in his old post as president of the Scott Paper Co. of Chester, the Bulletin said. It reported his letter of resignation was sent to President Truman last Friday but that McCabe's decision to go back to his former civilian post was long before that.

McCabe, a Republican, succeeded Mariner S. Eccles as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board in April, 1948.

## Racketeers' Tax Returns Probed

WASHINGTON (AP)—A special "racketeer" force of revenue agents is making an "intensive investigation" of last year's tax returns involving \$57,000,000 in taxes and penalties.

The Internal Revenue Bureau gave its report to a House Appropriations Subcommittee which made it public today.

The bureau is considering the Treasury's 1952 budget. It made a special inquiry into tax enforcement policies as a result of complaints by Senate investigators that tax collection was lax with respect to racketeers and gangsters.

## OUR WEATHER

Fair and warmer today. Fair and cold tonight with scattered rain. Friday, fair and warmer. Saturday, fair and warmer. Sunday, fair and warmer. Low last night, 29 degrees.

Sunrise, 6:24 A. M.; sunset, 6:04 P. M.

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## BAROMETER AND SCAPEL

Has your appendix been bothering you lately? If it has, the appendix is the blame with the weather. For reasons still unknown to the medical profession, appendicitis attacks are prone to occur with a falling barometer, ahead of a storm. Since storms are most frequent in the Spring and Fall, many surgeons have come to expect epidemics of appendicitis at these changeable seasons. The disease has been discovered to be most severe and common in stormy weather; and it is only mild and infrequent cases.

## COSTELLO: Confidence, Nervousness, Wariness



## Johnston Warns U. S. Officials

By STERLING F. GREEN

WASHINGTON (AP)—Eric Johnston, has told Government leaders that the anti-inflation program is in distress and could founder unless they give it stronger support.

Well-placed officials reported today the economic stabilizer pointed his finger at a top-level meeting yesterday, and accused each in turn of giving less than needed backing to the stabilization program.

Johnston was quoted as saying that unless there is stiffened support from the White House and the Cabinet, in Congress, and in the mobilization command, the Government will well abandon its effort to stabilize prices and wages.

The ESA chief made his impromptu appeal at a meeting of the Defense Mobilization Board. It is headed by Charles E. Wilson, mobilization director, and is made up of six Cabinet officers and the heads of five important agencies.

Among other things, he reportedly mentioned the declared opposition of cotton-state Senators to the new price ceiling on raw cotton. He mentioned also the signing by unions and employers of wage contracts which excited the pay ceiling, with the implied or spoken threat of strike if the wage board is not approved by the Government.

A few hours after the meeting, Johnston turned down just such a pay increase—the 11-cent hourly rate granted to 220,000 AFL and CIO packhouse workers by major packers on Feb. 8. It would exceed the ceiling by eight cents, Johnston said.

The president of the CIO union, Ralph Heistein, promptly told reporters:

"There will be a strike later if this is not approved." He said the



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## Hidden Foe Hunted Inside Korea

TOKYO (AP)—United Nations troops returned in force to Seoul today and searched the rubble-streets of the old South Korean capital for hide-out Communist soldiers.

The capital's remnant population of old folks and children cheered the return of the Allied fighting men. Communists had held the city since Jan. 4, their second occupation of the war.

All along the Korean front, Allied troops surged northward on the heels of retreating Reds. At some points, Allied troops were less than 18 miles from the old Parallel 38 border to North Korea.

American assault troops stormed into Hongcheon Thursday and found the former main Communist supply base on the central front in ruins.

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## Victory Not Yet Near In Korea

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP)—So far as official Washington can judge, there is still a lot of hard fighting ahead in Korea.

The Chinese Communists have not yet set a sufficient punishment to show any interest in making an acceptable political settlement.

Furthermore, despite frontline setbacks of Communist retreats and the reconquest of Seoul, some bitter battles may have to be fought by the United Nations forces before they come up to the 38th Parallel across the peninsula.

If and when they do reach the parallel the U. N. command has ample authority to push on across in accordance with military requirements. However the general accepted view here is that the area of the parallel, either a little north or a little south, probably is about as far as the U. N. forces will try to go in great strength.

Responsible officials discussed the situation today in the light of reports, which have been circulating, that the Communists are expected to end in a few days.

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