

SQUIRES' TESTIMONY ACCEPTED  
CHIEF OF MOOSE CLUB'S GAMBLING

## ON IKE'S PROGRAM

Democrats To Use  
Legislative 'Veto'

By JACK BELL  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas said today Senate Democrats will outmaneuver Republicans by one-way exercise a "veto" power on individual items of President Eisenhower's overall legislative program.

"The Democrats will give his program careful study, item by item," Johnson said after listening to the lengthy state of the union message. He did not, however, spell out any plan of action he may have in mind.

But Sen. Byrd (D-Va.), who gave

indirect support to the President in the 1952 political campaign, said he will try to stamp the first Congressional veto. Eisenhower requested an increase in the 275 billion dollar debt limit. The President renewed it when he outlined his program yesterday to Congress.

While Republican leader Knowland of California was urging bipartisan support for what he called the President's "sound and forward-looking program," Democrats were gathering their ammunition for a blast at the administration's new farm proposals—due Monday.

As reaction rolled in on the President's 7,000 word state of the union message—which he delivered in 34 minutes yesterday for all tax payers to hear—some Senators complained that he had stood—controversies flared up over several issues.

Beside the farm and debt limit proposals, lawmakers voiced sharp differences of opinion over tax revisions, heavier reliance on federal weapons, a plan to take a ship away from those convicted of conspiring to overthrow the government by force, and a proposed Constitutional amendment to permit 18-year-olds to vote.

This added up to a major segment of a program that some Democrats delight in describing as "New Dealism."

One of these, Sen. Lehman (D-NY) said in a statement he was "gratified indeed to note that the President has accepted and endorsed the basic objectives of the New Deal and the Fair Deal, namely, the responsibilities of government for the prosperity and welfare of the individual citizen."

Elsewhere, in his state of the union address yesterday, declared "fewer reductions in taxes can and will be made... as additional reductions in expenditures are brought gradually but surely into sight."

But the President didn't hint when, or where, new cuts might come.

RENEWALS PLEA  
And he renewed a plea for Congress to cancel three billion dollars in annual tax reductions now set automatically for April 1. These cuts would apply to corporate income taxes and excises on liquor, automobiles, cigarettes, beer, wine and sporting goods.

House Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. (R-Mass.) conceded the tax program probably would be the toughest to exact among Eisenhower's many proposals. "I rather expect that is where we will have our biggest difficulty," he told reporters.

Out of 13 of the 25 Ways and Means members reached for comment, only one—Rep. Goodwin (R-Mass.)—did not call for some tax cuts now. The emphasis was heavy on cuts in excise or in the field where the big battles may come.

## OUR WEATHER

Generally fair and warmer to day and tonight. Increasing clouds and mild temperatures. High temperature yesterday, 51 degrees; high expected today, 57 degrees; high expected tomorrow, 60 degrees.

Low temperature this morning, 28 degrees; low expected tonight, 35 degrees; low expected tomorrow night, 45 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:22 a.m.; sunset, 5:28 p.m.

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Ex-Head Of Moose  
Cites 3 Instances

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RECESS TOMORROW  
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Korean POW  
Disposal Issue  
Gets Hotter

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD  
SEOUL (AP)—The Korean Repatriation Commission, caught in the middle of an Allied-Red brawl, today faced what may be the most critical problem of its existence.

What to do with some 22,000 unrepatriated war prisoners Jan. 23.

The commission has two weeks until that day of decision when the allies insist the POWs be released under armistice terms.

No matter which course it chooses—freedom or further captivity for the prisoners—the answer means protests and possible violence.

The Reds insist that the prisoners be kept in their neutral zone compounds until a Korean peace conference talks over their fate for 30 days. The conference is far from a beginning; even talks to set up are bogged down.

Both Allies and Reds cite the truce document as support—but their interpretations vary.

The repatriation commission cancelled a meeting set for Friday afternoon to consider Allied and Red answers to a request for guidance.

The answers showed that neither side was giving an inch.

DEMANDS  
The Reds demanded Thursday that the prisoners be kept in custody under Indian troops until the conference meets and also that ex-plantations to POWs home be extended until it has completed 90 actual days of interviews. The 90-day period set by the armistice ended Dec. 23. The Reds conducted interviews on 10 of the 90 days.

Gen. John E. Hull, U. N. commander, Friday revealed a secret note he sent the commission declaring the Allied demand for "firm" in its demands for release.

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## WITNESS WITH ATTORNEY

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for the arrest of Ratcliffe and his associates were issued by the state's attorney.

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## Ratcliffe Shows Up In Court

By DONALD MACDONALD  
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Former night club operator Frank Ratcliffe waited quietly outside Superior Courtroom today, having voluntarily returned to Charlotte from Augusta, Ga., to answer charges that he violated the state's gambling laws.

Mr. Ratcliffe is accused on three counts—all misdemeanors—connected with alleged gambling at the Flamingo Night Club, which was closed almost three years ago.

Mr. Ratcliffe said he had been in Augusta, Ga., on a business trip.

Roy W. Davis, local automobile dealer, signed Mr. Ratcliffe's bond on the three charges. His bond totaled \$5,000.

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## Evening Prayer

O Lord, our wise and good and gracious Father, help us always to pray with the consciousness that Thou art near, and to know that Thou wilt answer our prayers in accordance with Thy divine will. In Jesus' name. Amen.