

## Wilson Cancels Plan For Statement Today On Labor's Charges

By James Y. Newton  
The status of organized labor in the national defense effort was further complicated this morning when Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson cancelled issuance of a statement in answer to labor's bitter criticism of his agency.

Mr. Wilson had planned to present his views on the crisis resulting from the resignations of union officials from defense agencies. However, it was called off without further explanation.

Most of organized labor voted a boycott of the agencies because leaders say the unions have not been given a voice in high councils of the mobilization program. Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston, meanwhile, moved cautiously to rebuild the Wage Stabilization Board, shattered by resignation of the three labor members.

**Johnston Encounters Obstacles.**  
But Mr. Johnston encountered an immediate obstacle in the form of a wide difference of opinion between labor and industry. The union officials insist that a reconstituted board must be given authority to handle disputes resulting from wage controls as well as administration of wage policies.

Industry so far has refused to furnish manpower for such a set-up, declaring that a dispute board would be used to bypass the Taft-Hartley Act. Industry fears that an agency of the type of the old War Labor Board might invoke forms of "union security" inimical to management interests.

Mr. Johnston envisions an 18-member tripartite board with six representatives each of the public, industry and labor. The new defunct wage board had nine members. He may call a big labor-management conference to thrash out the argument over disputes handling.

**Trying to Placate Labor.**  
Fearing possible widespread strikes, Mr. Johnston took two actions last night which were designed to placate labor.

1. He relaxed the 10 per cent ceiling on wage increases to permit workers to get full benefit of cost-of-living pay boosts up to June 30, providing the so-called wage escalator clauses were written into contracts signed before January 25.

It is estimated that the pay of nearly 2 million workers is protected by living costs escalator clauses, about half of them employed by the automobile industry. Some of them were entitled to increase as of yesterday and Mr. Johnston feared they would strike unless they get it.

2. He set a precedent for handling special hardship cases. A three-member panel was named to decide whether CIO and AFL workers in the meat packing industry should get the full 9-cent-per-hour wage increase won recently from the industry.

The packinghouse workers pay increase would seem to pierce the 10 per cent wage ceiling. The Wage Stabilization Board has been flooded with mail from workers urging approval of the pay increase. Through yesterday more than 4,000 cards and letters had been received.

**"Peace" Statement Sought.**  
Some officials were counselling President Truman to sit tight for a while in the matter of the labor boycott of the mobilization program.

But others urged him to issue a "peace" statement, fearing widespread labor unrest unless the controversy is ironed out at an early date. They were working quietly behind the scenes trying to straighten out the admittedly grave situation.

Some of the labor officials were angry with President Truman who yesterday turned their walkout on the Government as not serious. In New York, one of the labor leaders denounced Mr. Wilson mobilization program as "com-

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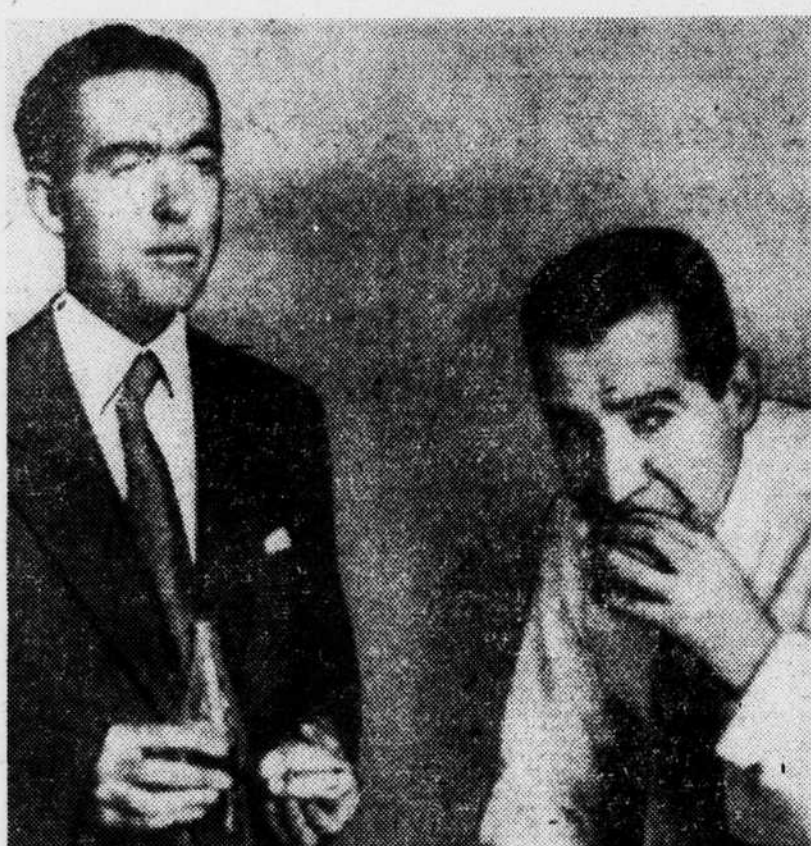
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**RELEASED IN LA PRESNA DISTURBANCES**—Frank Shea (left), Time and Life correspondent, and Leonard McCombe, a British subject and a photographer for the magazine's New York office, eat sandwiches and drink soda after their release yesterday from 36 hours in a Buenos Aires jail. They were held on charges of inciting disturbances—they photographed street fighting outside the strike-bound newspaper La Presna in which one man was killed and 15 hurt—and were sentenced to 30 days in prison but pardoned by President Peron.

—AP Wirephoto via radio from Buenos Aires.

pletely lopsided and unworkable.

Jacob S. Potofsky, president of the 375,000-member CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers, said labor "is being treated with contempt" by Mr. Wilson's Office of Defense Mobilization. He resigned yesterday from the Labor-Management Advisory Committee of the Office of Defense Manpower.

The committee appointed by Mr. Johnston to determine whether the meat industry increase falls within wage control policy, is headed by Dr. Edwin E. Witte, economics chairman at the University of Wisconsin and a former member of the War Labor Board. Other members are Pearce Davis of the Illinois Institute of Technology and Phillips Garman of the University of Illinois.

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with less training to serve immediately.

Committee members sharply questioned costs of the ROTC training to see, in view of large numbers of boys who drop out of school, how much it costs to turn out an ROTC graduate. Officials promised to give the committee a breakdown later today. The committee was told that all the ROTC programs this year cost more than \$68 million and that the services next year want to spend more than \$115 million.

The Army this year has in ROTC programs 123,000 men, while the Navy has 12,446 and the Air Force has 61,723.

Senator Morse took the floor earlier this week to outline his criticism of a bill which has the general support of defense and administration officials. Contending that the measure is more in line with Pentagon demands than the wishes of the people, he argued yesterday in favor of an amendment to make 18½ the minimum draft age, instead of 18.

**Attacks Ceiling Proposal.**  
Senator Cain denied that the bill approved by the Armed Services Committee is either an administration or Pentagon measure, but that it represents "the combined efforts of a great number of people, from practically every responsible segment of our Government and our public life."

Senator Cain also attacked Senator Morse's proposals to place a manpower ceiling of 3 million or 3.1 million men on the armed forces. Senator Morse had contended that there is great "waste" of both manpower and money by the military, and that Congress should use the ceiling as a means of forcing the Pentagon to eliminate the waste.

Senator Cain said he agreed that there is waste, but that "we are not wasting any manpower in Korea." He declared that to place military expansion on a "hit-or-miss, day-to-day basis" would make it impossible to build anything "as complicated as a Navy, an Air Force, a Marine Corps or an Army."

**Would Force Them to Join.**  
An Army volunteer in World War II, Senator Cain said he agreed that the Pentagon has not developed an adequate reserve program. But the bill under consideration by the Senate, he argued, would develop a suitable enlisted Reserve for the first time by forcing draftees and enlistees to join Reserve units.

In opposing the amendments "of my distinguished colleague and very good friend (Senator Morse)," Senator Cain declared: "I am simply trying to be realistic. If we set induction quotas, or periods of service, we must relate them to something concrete and definite."

"We simply cannot pass a series of vague amendments, which attempt to please everybody, but completely ignore the realities of a force even as small as 3 million." Senator Cain is the fourth member of the Senate Armed Services Committee to urge passage of the draft bill in a speech on the floor.

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## Collins Summoned to Closed Session on Troops for Europe

By J. A. O'Leary

Senators considering the troops-for-Europe issue called Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, to a closed session today to get a line on the overall cost of running the Army next year.

Meanwhile, Senators said they learned yesterday that only two additional American divisions are expected to go to Europe this year to supplement the two already in Germany. The Defense Department is reported to have advised Congress that unless war breaks out, it expects to have only six divisions in Europe by July 1, 1952.

Although the public hearings ended two days ago, members of the Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees are seeking further information from defense officials in closed session before deciding in what form the Senate should express its approval of Western European defense plans.

Gen. Eisenhower, supreme commander for Western Europe, may have 30 divisions in all by the end of this year, counting the contributions of all 12 North Atlantic treaty nations.

France, Great Britain and the United States are expected to have a dozen of these divisions ready for front line defense if trouble starts. Italy is a member of the pact, but her military strength is limited by the Italian peace treaty. Reports here are that other pact countries—Belgium, the Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, Portugal—have or hope to have a division each by the end of the year.

In calling Gen. Collins back into executive session today, some Senators said they want to inquire about reports that the defense budget may reach the \$100 billion mark in the fiscal year 1953, which starts July 1.

## Lewis

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of numbers slips and once for illegal possession of liquor.

Scott was listed as having been fined once for possession of numbers slips, placed on probation at one time on a gambling charge and as having to forfeit collateral on a drunkenness and disorderly charge.

Simultaneous with the sentencing, another gambling case involving Lewis and Frank Billeci was dismissed. An earlier conviction in that case had been reversed by the United States Court of Appeals.

In dismissing the case, Judge Kirkland expressed the view that it would constitute "double jeopardy" to bring Lewis to trial on the other indictment.

When defense counsel moved for dismissal the motion was opposed by Assistant United States Attorney William Hitz. Lewis was represented by Attorney William H. Collins and Mitchell and Scott by Attorneys Myron Ehrlich and Charles E. Ford.

When the trio pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge Mr. Fay termed the pleas the "biggest victory in gambling prosecution here in the last 18 years."

The three men were arrested in March, 1949, in a raid on their gambling headquarters at 4310 Forty Sixth street in Bladensburg, Md.

Eleven others who had been named on the conspiracy count with Lewis, Mitchell and Scott were cleared at District Court when the three pleaded guilty. The 11, however, remain under sentence in Maryland.



**CAPT. GEORGE C. WRIGHT**  
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## Battleship Missouri Changes Commanders

By the Associated Press

**YOKOSUKA, Japan, Mar. 2.**—The Mighty Mo changed bosses today in the same bay where the vanquished Japanese empire changed bosses on her deck in 1945.

New commander of the battleship Missouri is Capt. George C. Wright, 109 Worthington drive, Westmoreland Hill, Md.

He took over from Capt. Irvin Terrill Duke of Richmond, who brought the 45,000-ton battleship into the Korean war last September.

The Missouri's 16-inch guns have hammered Communist targets on both the East and West Korean coasts. This was her first trip to Tokyo Bay since Japanese envoys signed terms of surrender in World War II on her deck in September, 1945.

Capt. Wright, 48, has made his home in the District area for five years. A native of Iowa, he was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1925.

He began his sea duty in destroyers and served as an escort commander during World War II in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. He holds the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit for his work during that period.

## Menzies Names Spender As Ambassador to U. S.

By the Associated Press

**CANBERRA, Australia, March 2.**—Percy Claude Spender, Minister of External Affairs, today was appointed Australian ambassador to Washington.

The appointment was announced by Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies. Mr. Spender succeeds Norman J. O. Makin.

Menzies issued this statement: "In the crucial years ahead the Washington post is of uncommon significance. Spender goes to Washington with a wealth of up to date knowledge and clear conception of Australia's policies. His strength and clarity in negotiation never were more clearly displayed than in the recent discussions (in Australia) with John Foster Dulles. Press reports said Eric Harrison, resident Australian minister in London, probably would take over Mr. Spender's foreign office post."

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1952. Senator Byrd, Democrat of Virginia, said he had heard such reports. He said he is afraid such a budget would splinter the country's economy.

The members of the Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committee are asking, in effect, for a breakdown of the military budget for the next year or two.

While the committees considered the problem in closed session, Republican Senators continued to inject the troops-for-Europe issue into the floor debate over the new Selective Service bill.

Senators Bricker of Ohio and Kem of Missouri, Republicans, attacked President Truman's handling of defense and foreign policy.

Senator Bricker said he would vote against stationing any more American ground troops in Europe, declaring:

"In my opinion, stationing a large number of American troops in Europe cannot be achieved within the framework of a national mobilization plan which makes the most efficient use of our limited resources of manpower and money."

Senator Kem said Congress, rather than the President, should decide whether any additional troops are to be sent to Europe. He charged the President with having taken a major step toward establishing a "military dictatorship" when he ordered troops into Korea, and went on:

"Is the 82d Congress willing to be bridled and saddled and to serve as the charger for an American Napoleon?"

**Lehman Attacks Isolationism.**  
Senator Lehman, Democrat of New York, told a civil liberties conference here last night "any sign of neglect of our obligations in Europe would be disastrous."

Asserting that "latter-day isolationists," don't want to send any American troops at all, Senator Lehman declared:

"Acceptance of the fantastic Hoover plan would mean the defeat surrender of all of Western Europe, all of Middle Asia, and much of Africa. It would mean that most of the free nations of the world would sink into the abyss of slavery."

"It would mean that the United States, isolated from the rest of the world, would, I believe, ultimately collapse either by attack from without or deterioration from within."

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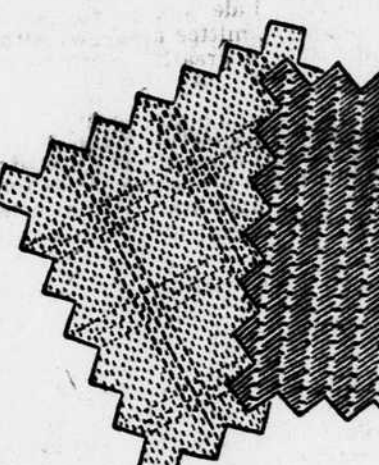
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