

# President Eisenhower Defends Decision To Cut Army

By WILMOT HERCHER

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Eisenhower said Wednesday his decision to cut the size of the Army was not reached "lightly," and that he doesn't see any chance of his changing his mind at this time.

Discussing defense policy at his news conference, the President made these two points in connection with plans to reduce Army strength by 143,000 men over the next 17 months:

1. There is not now any intention of committing American ground forces to the defense of Formosa. He indicated the job on the ground will be left to Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Chinese army.

2. The nation's defense is being charted on a long-term basis, taking into account economic as well as military factors, and a smaller Army is part of this overall plan.

Appearing before the House Armed Services Committee Monday, Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, Army chief of staff, testified that a reduction of Army manpower

in these critical days would affect the safety of the nation and "jeopardize security to a degree."

Eisenhower was asked how he felt about Ridgway's statement and whether there was any possibility of the reduction order being rescinded.

"My decision in the matter was not reached lightly," the President replied. "It was reached after long study of every opinion I could get now, in consultation with every single individual in the government that I know of that bears any responsibility whatever about it."

"Gen. Ridgway was questioned in the Congress as to his personal convictions and, naturally, he had to express them," Eisenhower went on.

"His responsibility for national defense is, you might say, a special one, or, in a sense parochial. He does not have the overall responsibility that is borne by the commander in chief, and by him alone, when it comes down to making the recommendations to Congress."

"My recommendations, I repeat, were made from my best judgment

of what is the adequate defense structure for these United States, particularly in the long-term basis

and, naturally, the decision has not been altered, and at this time I don't see any chance of its being altered."

1955, stood at 1,700,000. It is later. At the same time, the Army strength as of last July scheduled to go down to 1,100,000 strength of the Air Force will be 1, the beginning of the fiscal year by June 30 and to 1,227,000 a year increased.

## Houston Man Finds Truck Zones Taboo

By DON FAIRCHILD

AUSTIN—(AP)—If you ever get that frustrating desire to duck your car in a truck loading zone for "just a minute" . . . don't do it.

H. K. Stecher, a stationery business owner in Houston, carried such a parking case all the way to the Supreme Court.

The court ruled a city does have the right to tell you where to park your car.

Stecher was seeking to have a Houston truck loading zone ordinance declared unconstitutional.

Also, he claimed his rights were being invaded by police officers who consistently plastered parking tickets on his car when it was parked in a truck zone.

Stecher claimed he uses the car in his business, so it is a commercial vehicle.

But no luck. The district and civil appeals courts said they had no right to rule on a penal case,

and the Supreme Court found no error in their judgments.

Stecher said since he uses his four-door passenger car in delivering stationers' supplies in downtown Houston, it is a commercial vehicle, and he should be allowed to park it in restricted zones.

Houston said since Stecher's vehicle had no commercial license plates, it wasn't a commercial vehicle.

Stecher said the state wouldn't issue commercial plates for a passenger car, and that he was being forced into buying a truck.

Houston said it was very sorry but that it wasn't traffic regulations—just Houston ordinances, one of which says no vehicle may park in a truck loading zone unless it has a commercial license.

Stecher also claimed he was bodily hauled off to jail one time by a Houston policeman, was refused bond, and had to obtain a writ of habeas corpus to get free.

## Violinist Olevsky Plays Friday Evening In Bryan

The Bryan-College Station Civic Music Association looks forward to an unusual privilege Friday at 8:15 p.m. when virtuoso Julian Olevsky plays one of his rare instruments at the Stephen F. Austin Auditorium in Bryan.

Already the possessor of an Amati and a Stradivarius, Olevsky flew from New York to Switzerland in the summer of 1953 to acquire the famous "Emperor" violin made by Guarneri del Gesu, and presented by Napoleon to a general in the French Army. This is one of the finest Guarneri instruments in existence, is in perfect condition, and has a rich baritone quality of tone.

Though still in his twenties, Olevsky has made repeated concert tours of Europe and America, receiving the highest praise from critics in Vienna, Rome, Milan, London, Paris, Stockholm and elsewhere abroad, and in the United States from New York to Los Angeles. He has been noted especially for sparkling tone, aristocratic style, and "a musical refinement rare in young artists." An Amsterdam critic referred to him as "one of the very great ones."

Olevsky was born in Germany, lived for a time in Luxemburg,

then moved with his family to Argentina at the age of nine. After making his debut at ten, he toured South America for several years, appearing with orchestras and in solo recital. At twenty he came to the United States, and has since become an American citizen. When not on tour he lives in New York City with his charming young wife, two small children, their beloved Schnauzer called "Scherzo," and a growing collection of books and paintings.

## Father Time

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to the ring. He had five exhibitions and 20 bouts.

In his 20th Father Time caught up with him. The Garden held 21,893 for this 1932 battle but it was pitiful to see. From the opening gong, McLarnin gave Leonard a terrific beating. The bout was stopped in the sixth round.

While refereeing a 1947 bout in New York's St. Nicholas Arena, Leonard dropped dead. He had left a net estate of \$40,000. This was almost nothing considering Benny once drew \$363,000 and twice fought before gates of more than \$126,000 in the days when the tax bite was almost nil.

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