

# Johnston Studies 10 Per Cent Pay Hike Proposal

# ALLIES REPULSE RED FLANK ATTACKS

KOREA IS MORE THAN A MAP AND A PICTURE TO HIM



Pfc. Embry Vance Cox points on a map of North Korea to the Chosin Reservoir where he was wounded and captured by Chinese Communists, and remembers long cold

marches through Korea. The former Charlotte News carrier boy, who enlisted when he was seventeen, stole a truck from the Reds and escaped.

## Wool Workers Out On Strike

BOSTON — Picket lines began forming before daybreak yesterday afternoon. 70,000 to 100,000 textile workers struck against 169 wool and worsted mills in the first industry-wide walkout in the textile union's 11-year history.

Some 700 men and women formed a picket line at 5:30 A.M. (EST) outside two American Woolen Co. plants — the Wood and Ayer Mills — at Lawrence, Mass.

Other pickets marched around three mills in Pawtucket, N. J., and about 11,000 workers and their families, beginning at 6 A.M. The plants there are those of the Forstmann Woolen Co., Botany Mills, Inc., and N. J. Worsted Mills.

The picketing, so far, has been termed "without incident."

The third shift workers at Lawrence left their jobs a hour before the strike began to join the picket line. Only office workers and department heads were permitted to enter the plants where 7,000 workers are employed.

The Wool mill was described as the largest worsted goods plant in the world.

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## Local GI Tells Of Escape From Reds

By EMERY WISTER

Charlotte News Staff Writer

Pfc. Embry Vance Cox, a man

who doesn't know

the meaning of eighteen

year old, is

a veteran of the Korean war.

He was shot, taken prisoner,

beaten and nearly starved by the Chinese Communists before he escaped to return to his own lines.

That was back in November. It

was then cold and snow covered

the ground. The Chinese jumped

out of their holes, shouting

and firing from a "burn gun."

The bullet, about the size of a 22 cartridge, entered his hand. Before he

had time to do much about it, the Chinese were on him and took him prisoner.

**STRUCK BY REDS**

"They asked me a lot of questions," said Pfc. Cox, a former Charlotte News employee spending his furlough here. "Every time

they asked me something and I replied 'I don't know' they hit me in the head. I have bruises all over my head from the drafting of eighteen year old men."

The Chinese, with never enough food for their own soldiers, were not prepared for their prisoner guests.

"They gave us a handfull of rice every day," said Pfc. Cox. "I mean just plain cooked rice. No gravy or meat or anything. We were hungry all the time and kept asking for more."

We were in a Korean village and every time we got the chance we would slip in a house and swipe some fruit," said Cox. "The Chinese didn't worry with them too much but did make them march a lot. They would make them march a lot to get them to work."

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"When I was captured they took a look at my wounded hand and bandaged it for me," he said.

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**SEES ENEMY CHANCE**

The Americans were imprisoned about five miles from the famous Chosin Reservoir. One day Pfc. Cox saw a few American Army trucks the Chinese had captured. They were driving them when the jeep calls 6 by 6, two and one half ton truck. Pfc. Cox took a quick look around and saw his chance.

He jumped in the truck and took off running. "I saw that I should have heard those Chinese soldiers. They ran out into the road a jabbering and cursing. Some of them fired at me and I

I knew I was in trouble."

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## Faster Enemy Jets Reported

By ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGON — The Red

Air Force battle-testing a new

ultra-high-speed jet fighter in

Roaring American airmen, it became

known today, recently have caught

a few brief glimpses of a mysteri-

ous, unusually fast jet fighter,

presumably a supersonic jet

designed to make it salutes from

the Manchurian sanctuary.

Whether the fighter is an en-

emy that has not yet sur-

passed the MIG-15 or the LA-15, is not yet known.

Because the United States Air Force is not yet sure, it has

attempted to designate it as a pro-

ject either of the design team of

Mikoyan and Gurevich (from

the same name) or Mikoyan and

Gurevich. These two organizations are Russia's foremost de-

signers of jet fighter types.

Whether the American fighter is

the secret that the mysterious

Red jet was able to keep ahead

(one report said it pulled away

from the fastest operational jet

fighter the USAF has, the F-86 Sabre.

One of the early models of the

Sabre set a speed record for all

planes except the supersonic ex-

perimental X-1 rocket plane by

travelling 670 miles an hour about two

times faster than the F-86.

Several subscribers said they

were getting much more out of

the Sabre than the F-86.

McFarland, superintendent of

city cemeteries: "It's fine.

It's a real easy to read. I like it."

J. V. Felvey, 1619 South Blvd.

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cials, receptionists, waitresses, etc. — all of them others told New reporters of their approval of the change. Here are some typical reactions:

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## Labor Men Quit Board In Protest

Formula Would Limit Raises

WASHINGTON — Eric Johnston tackled the problem of whether to order a proposed new wage ceiling, amid mounting concern today over how far labor unions might go in backing up their representatives' angry denunciation of the formula.

The tough question reached Johnston today.

The six public and industry members of the Wage Stabilization Board voted early today to ban wage raises — more than 10 per cent between Jan. 15, 1950, and Jan. 15, 1951.

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walked out of the board, con-

demning the restriction as unfair

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**STRIKES POSSIBLE**

The strike had brought the whole stabilization program to a crisis point. Many officials fear that unions will not support the formula so long as their representatives' anger continues.

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