

WASHINGTON (UP) — Military manpower cuts recently ordered by President Eisenhower have been eased in a surprise move that may save the Army 25,000 troops.

But the administration action was not expected to forestall a stormy inquiry into defense manpower slashes at the start of the new Democratic Congress.

Nor was it considered likely in defense circles that partial restoration of deep Army cuts would prevent Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, chief of staff, from speaking his piece under congressional questioning.

In a letter to Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson Wednesday, Mr. Eisenhower called for a manpower goal of "about 3,000,000" in all the services by next June 30 and about 2,850,000 by mid-1955.

Only on Dec. 20, Wilson told a news conference that "a decision has been reached" to cut to 2,940,000 by next June 30 and 2,815,000 in the following 12 months.

DEMOCRATS RE-ELECT PORTLAND (UP) — Mrs. Alice Corbett Wednesday was re-elected president of Multnomah county Young Democrats.

HOLLYWOOD (UP)—Defense attorneys at the trial of meat packer heir George (Geordie) Hormel charged the state possession charges sought Thursday to prove their 26-year-old defendant was "framed."

Defense attorney Samuel B. Picone tried through cross-examination yesterday to establish whether the prosecution's key witness, Robert (Iggy) Shevak, 35, may have been influenced to testify as he has.

Picone endeavored to learn if Shevak, formerly a musician in Hormel's night club combo, knew narcotics officer John O'Grady. Shevak testified O'Grady had shaken him down for hypodermic marks on his arms and twice had arrested him.

Picone and defense attorney Bentley Harris said over prosecution objections they were seeking to prove Hormel was "framed" and that the marijuana cigarettes

found in his car last Sept. 19 were "planted."

Shevak had testified earlier that Hormel gave him \$20 with which to buy marijuana cigarettes for a parking lot attendant and that on five occasions prior to Hormel's arrest they had smoked marijuana cigarettes together.

Meanwhile, Superior Judge Charles Fricke dismissed Mrs. Cora P. Ford from the jury after she admitted she had discussed the case with another person. It was agreed the trial could continue with 11 jurors.

In addition, Fricke ordered Shevak be taken to the jail hospital for examination to see if he was under the influence of narcotics. When he returned to court Shevak took the stand and indicated he was not under the influence of drugs. Shevak has a record of several arrests on narcotics charges.

FRANKLIN, Ky. (AP) — A bold thief lured a deputy from the sheriff's office Wednesday with a fake accident report and then made off with between \$300 and \$400 of the sheriff's personal cash.

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