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# Coast Guard Screening Held Unconstitutional

SEATTLE (AP)—Coast Guard loyalty-screening procedures were ruled unconstitutional in U.S. District Court here Tuesday. Federal Judge John C. Bowen, holding the manner in which the Screenings are conducted violates the Fifth Amendment, dismissed indictments against three marine stewards. The three—Guy Joseph Wickliffe, George B. Rogers and Lonnie Gray—had been arrested while working on ships after the Coast Guard had classified them as security risks. They are charged with taking jobs in the Merchant Marine without proper shipping documents. Judge Bowen sustained the con-

tion of defense attorneys that the screening procedures used by the Coast Guard were "summary and arbitrary" and deprived the defendants of their liberty and property without due process of the law. The judge said the defendants "were not advised of the nature of the disloyalty charges against them and given a hearing on those charges before the adverse findings are made." Actions against the three were brought under the Magnuson Act, which provides the Coast Guard shall screen seamen applying for papers to work American ships. Seamen of doubtful loyalty or considered a security risk are barred from being signed on a ship. In his decision, Judge Bowen said he was not ruling against the Magnuson Act but against the procedure set up under the act. Asst. U.S. Attorney John Helcher argued the hearings were legal under the President's emergency war powers. He said the decision will be appealed and has "no doubt" it will reach the Supreme Court of the United States.

## West Leads Nation

WASHINGTON (AP)—For the first time, the West led every other region of the country in actual population gain in the 1950 census, as well as in percentage gain. The West has been the percentage leader repeatedly. The three Pacific Coast states accounted for most of the region's gain of 5,678,260, compared to 5,531,187 for the South, the runner-up. The three West Coast states gained 4,753,265 and the other Western states, in the mountain division, 924,995. The Pacific Coast gains by states were: California 5,678,836; Washington 642,772; Oregon 431,657.

## Body Armor Helps GIs

CHICAGO (AP)—Body armor looks good for helping American fighting men in Korea, the American Medical Association was told Wednesday by an Army doctor. Lieut. Col. Robert Holmes said a chest-and-belly vest, made of compressed fiberglass and nylon, has been under test by the Marines and the Army as possible protection against small-arms and shell-fragment fire. "Results of the present trials... are restricted (secret), but it can be said that thus far indications are encouraging," Col. Holmes, of the Army Medical Corps, declared in a report to the AMA's annual meeting. "It appears," he added, "that body armor will provide another

means of preventive medicine for the armed forces and will contribute to the total medical effort to conserve the fighting strength."

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