

Secretary Ward's Plea

'17th' Speech Asks Semi-Mobilization

South Boston's annual St. Patrick's-Evacuation Day celebration opened on an ominous military note today when Secretary of State Joseph D. Ward, speaking at the historical Dorchester Heights exercises, called for "partial mobilization" of our armed forces as an answer to Soviet threats to Berlin.

Calling up our armed forces, Ward declared, would "show both our friends and our enemies that we are prepared . . . if we are to lead the free world and block the further advance of Communism."

"We must lead from strength," the state official told a small gathering on windswept Dorchester Heights where on this day 183 years ago Colonial troops stood in such menacing array they forced the British to evacuate.

Following in the wake of President Eisenhower's "we will not retreat one inch" speech last night, Ward's remarks carried an ominous message.

Cardinal Cushing, presiding at the annual St. Patrick's Day Pontifical high Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, called for "fervent prayer" in the face of the frightening world picture today.

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Luck o' the Irish Holds, Sun Shines on 500,000 Wearers of the Green



(Globe Photo by William Ennis)

CLOSEUP LOOK—South Boston boys, John Anotova, 9, left, and Vincent Sperrazza, 8, take positions right up front with Marines during Evacuation Day exercises at Dorchester Heights this morning.



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HISTORICAL EXERCISES for Evacuation Day were held at Dorchester Heights today. Left to right, Horace Still, chairman; Mayor Hynes; Secretary of State Joseph Ward; Alan Brooks, chairman, citizens committee; Vincent McCarthy, commander, Disabled Veterans; Atty. Gen. Edward McCormack; Joseph Feeney, president, Citizens Assn., and Henry Bock, chief marshal.

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"He told of the four phenomena of our time, listing them as the 'tremendous progress in technology, the existence of a force (atheistic Communism) bent on the domination of the entire universe, arsenals of nuclear military weapons that can wipe out the human race, and for the first time Asia and Africa—one-fourth of the human race—on the march.'"

"As we look at the picture today," said the Cardinal, "we'd better get down on our knees and pray."

An hour before the Dorchester Heights exercises, Rev. Gerard D. Barry of St. Augustine's Church opened the day's ceremonies with a memorial Mass in St. Augustine's chapel before a gathering that included many state and city dignitaries.

Following the Mass a wreath was placed on the grave of a former chief marshal of a Mar. 17 parade, John Walsh, who is buried in the chapel burial ground.

At noon the politicians—and the corned beef and cabbage—took over at Dorgan's Old Harbor House where the state legislators held their annual dinner to Gov. Furolo and other dignitaries of the commonwealth, and at Foley's South Boston Athletic Club where Mayor Hynes held forth with his annual luncheon for city officials and parade officials.

At the city luncheon, Very Rev. Michael P. Walsh, president of Boston College, and an honorary marshal of the parade, was honored as "Man of the Year" by the South Boston A.C.

But the parade was the thing—as usual—and bright sunny skies smiled down on the shamrock and flag-decked peninsula as the vanguard of an estimated 500,000 spectators began pouring into Southie seeking vantage points for the five-division line of march.

Participating in the parade this year were 10,000 marchers, including some 50 musical units and featuring C.Y.O., American Legion, and V.F.W. bands, military floats and displays.

Henry J. Bock, chief marshal and past commander of the American Legion, led the long column from the starting point at Andrew sq. promptly at 2 p.m.

Leading the line for the first time was a troop of horses—10 mounted members of the recently-organized Silver Spurs Riding Club.

The first musical unit to be seen was the St. Peter's C.Y.O. band, marching directly behind the chief marshal's staff.

The parade route included Dorchester st. to East 4th to G st. to Thomas pk., where it will circle, then to East 6th to H st., to East 4th, to Farragut rd., to East Broadway, to West Broadway and to Dorchester av., where it will disband.

Reviewing stands for the governor, the mayor and other state and city officials were located at West Broadway and C st.

Gold Star Mothers reviewed the line of march from a stand at O and East 4th sts.

The chief marshal's stand was placed at the Archbishop Cushing High School on West Broadway, near Dorchester avenue.