

Thousands

March in N.Y.

For POWs

New York

Bands thundered, bagpipes skirled, forests of American flags waved wildly and large sidewalk crowds roared their approval Saturday as tens of thousands of marchers paraded up Broadway in tribute to the men who served the nation in southeast Asia.

The parade sponsors, the "Home With Honor" committee, estimated that 100,000 to 150,000 persons formed the march column, with perhaps as many spectators on the sidelines.

With Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force and Coast Guard contingents leading the way, there were units representing scores of veterans, civic, labor and uniformed city services groups.

The parade began at 11:45 a. m. and lasted through most of the afternoon.

FLAGS

Along the line of march, the most common sight besides people were American flags. "This is the most patriotic crowd I've ever seen in New York," said one observer in Times Square which has been the scene of many antiwar demonstrations in past years.

There were flags fluttering from buildings, flapping atop color guard standards in the parade and waving in the hands of thousands along the route. Small flags attached to little sticks were stuck in the helmets of firemen atop the engine com-

Flight Pay Without Flying

Washington

Representative Les Aspin (Dem. Wis.) released yesterday the results of a General Accounting Office study which found nearly 30,000 military officers receiving flight pay, even though they hold non-flying jobs.

The report said the Pentagon will give \$75 million in flight pay this year to non-flying personnel such as generals and admirals. The total budget for flight pay is \$228 million.

The House Appropriations Committee last year voted to eliminate flight pay for colonels and generals unless

the Pentagon proposed a new pay program by Oct. 31 of this year.

Aspin said the Pentagon's new plan reportedly still permits colonels and Navy captains to collect \$245 per month in flight pay even though they do not fly. However, he said, all officers would be cut off from the pay after 23 years of service.

Aspin termed the proposal "totally unsatisfactory."

With the defense budget skyrocketing upward, "we must eliminate all of the old little boondoggles designed to pad the paychecks of officers," Aspin said.

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pany 23 truck at 56th street and in the jackets of patrolmen at Columbus circle.

STATUE

Sharply at noon, the head of the parade came to a halt at father Duffy's statue between 46th and 47th streets, Times Square — normally the city's busiest crossroads — then fell silent for a minute of prayer led by Terence Cardinal Cooke, archbishop of New York, for the 55,000 Americans who lost their lives in the 12-year Vietnam war.

Navy Captain Edward Biddle, of Brooklyn, placed a wreath of red carnations, white pom-poms and blue-dyed orchids before the

statue of the famed fighting chaplain of World War I, and an army band played the national anthem.

Cardinal Cooke called on the assemblage to pray with him "in a spirit of gratitude and reconciliation."

As the memorial ended and the bands struck up marching music, and the parade resumed, the top Broadway window display fluttered down in waves by skyscrapers.

The parade was believed to be the largest of its kind in the country since World War II. American Legion members marched this year.

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