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2. Floyd Long
3. Paul O. Neal
4. N. H. Davis

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE JANUARY 14th - FEBRUARY 14th

Say, this Membership Party that is on from January 14th to February 14th should go over with a bang if the members of the two teams, JET FIGHTERS and the HOT SHOTS, get the lead out. Merl Bernard brought in 21 renewals in two days. All you have to do is work a LITTLE and you would be surprised what can be done. You know our goal this year is four thousand, and as of this date we are four hundred members behind on the same date last year, and last year we only had a total membership of 2900. So with 400 short on last year and last year the total membership was 1100 short of this year's set goal, somebody is sure going to have to do something about it. Don't stand around and put out a lot of propaganda; get busy and do something about it. In case you are not on either of the teams don't get mad about it, as we can assure you it was not intentional. You know a silver star is awarded by the Post each year for those members who obtain during the year 25 members, new or renewals. This star can be worn on your Legion cap and is a mark of distinction. Teams have nothing to do with it. So for the GOOD OF THE LEGION—won't you please help us. You know it takes considerable money to operate a post of this size, and we are only talking about absolute bare necessities. Most of the members of this Post think that the Post gets all of the money paid in for dues. Well, this is not true. The dues, as you know, are \$3.50. Of this, we send to the Department \$2.25 of the \$3.50, so you see that only leaves us \$1.25 in the Post funds, and if we didn't make, throughout the year, some miscellaneous revenue, we would never be able to operate this Post on the money received from memberships. So PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE—Won't you help us?

THE ADJUTANT'S COLUMN

By EDDIE J. SHIELDS

Pig Davis made a report on the STAG PARTY—Booked for the Hut this Friday the 21st. No use saying much about it in this column, because if you have forgotten about it, this issue will reach you too late to remind you about it again. The only thing I can say is this, if you missed it you missed a thrill, according to the report of Davis.

J. Earl Simpson, presented to the Commander, an "ANNUAL AMERICANISM CITATION" from the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion. This citation is made to The Carson-Wilson Post No. 1, Department of Oklahoma, and states that the citation is for worthwhile and outstanding service to the Community for the years 1947-1948, and is signed by National Commander James F. O'Neil.

Had the third reading and voting on the BONUS RESOLUTION. A motion was made by Fred Jarvis, 2nd by Chism, "That the Bonus Resolution Be Adopted. After considerable discussion on the floor by Buddys Simpson, Rollins, Lavery, Neal, Davis, Bernard, Janel Leman, Herman and Sternbach, the motion was called for a vote and CARRIED. So now this Post goes on record as favoring a State Bonus for World

Wilson, Winthrop H.
Williams, George
Waters, O. D.
Wilson, A. E.
Wilke, Cleve

War II veterans. Join this Post NOW for 49 and help us put this over.

Legionnaire Simpson made a motion which was 2nd. by Chism and said motion carried, that Glenn Coddington be requested to appear in person before the Laisson Council, meeting in Oklahoma City on Saturday, Jan. 22, and make a request for the State Convention to be held in Tulsa this year.

Donald McCormick the architect for the new building appeared before the Executive Committee Tuesday night and discussed the feasibility of working out some plans for bowling alleys in the new addition. A committee composed of Belford, Faulkner, Davis was appointed to work out the detail covering the situation.

The trial of Lee I. Cowan, set for Tuesday, 18th, was held and a motion was made, after the trial, that charges be dismissed due to lack of evidence and the motion carried 6 to 2. After the results of this trial the charges pending against T. J. Tison, C. C. Frank and R. M. Wilson, were requested to be withdrawn by the accuser, due to the fact that charges against the other three were based on the same facts as the charge against Cowan and if it was held that evidence was insufficient in the Cowan case, the same would prove true in the pending cases.

SHORT SUMMER WE HAD—SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.

The Minderman - Morehead-Wright Post 289 of The American Legion at Brookville, Ohio, proved a real Santa Claus to the Donovan Aldrich family there by presenting \$2,052 in cash toward the cost of treating 6-year-old Dolores for leukemia.

8-40 NOTICE

The postponed dinner meeting of Tulsa Salon 214 Eight et Forty will be held Tuesday at 6:30 p. m., in the home of Mrs. H. V. Tomlins, 1715 S. Carolina. Mrs. Russell Sullivan and Mrs. John L. Cobb will be assistant hostesses. A business meeting will follow the dinner, according to the chaplain, Mrs. Elwood Taylor.

HARRIET C. LACY,
Publicity Chairman

Tuesday, Jan. 25 Is Initiation Night

Tuesday, January 25 is the 4th Tuesday of the month and is a regular initiation night. This initiation will be held for all those members who have not taken the oath, so please be present for this occasion.

REWARD

Joe Shoemaker offers a \$10.00 award for the return of an expensive wrist watch picked up by some good Legionnaire in the men's restroom at the Legion Hut Sunday night, January 9. The watch was a Christmas present and if same is returned no questions will be asked.

Contact the Adjutant at the post Phone 3-0723.

The Missouri American Legion has shifted its 1949 state convention from Joplin to St. Louis for August 6 to 8, due to housing problems.

The California American Legion will hold its 1949 state convention at Long Beach, August 13 to 17.

HOT SHOTS

Captain — Ralph Harrison

- Lt. 1. Walter Deppe
2. Sam Bornham
3. Earl Howard
4. Roger Lavery

Members

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EDWARD J. KELLY

National Vice Commander,
The American Legion



Edward J. Kelly, Sr., of Taftville, Conn., was elected national vice commander of The American Legion for 1948-49 by the 30th national convention at Miami, Fla., October 21, 1948 as the climax of many years of distinguished service within the ranks of the world's largest veterans' organization. He is now counselor-instructor for the U. S. Railway Mail Service in which he has served for 36 years in various capacities. At present he is in charge of personnel for the USRMS for all the New England states. He was for many years clerk in charge of the mail service on the Boston-New York run.

Born at Uxbridge, Mass., October 13, 1891, the son of Thomas F. and Catherine Kelly, he was educated in the public schools of his native city and was graduated from the Norwich, Conn., high school.

Kelly enlisted as a Seaman 2nd Class in the Naval Reserve in November 1917 for service in World War I. He served on the U.S.S. Massachusetts and on the Destroyer Blakeslee. He was released from active duty on February 22, 1919 with the rank of

Quartermaster 1st Class, after serving 16 months. He received his honorable discharge in 1921.

A charter member of the Peter Gallan Post 104 of The American Legion at Taftville, Conn., Kelly has been a continuous member since 1923. He served his post in every office. He served his district also in every elective office and was department vice commander in 1931-32. He was a general member of the National Rehabilitation Committee for Area A from 1937 to 1940. In 1941-42 he served as senior department vice commander and was elected commander of the Connecticut American Legion for 1942-43. He was a member of the National Labor Relations Committee from 1943 to 1945, has served as member of the department executive committee, was appointed a member of the National Internal Affairs Commission of The American Legion for a 4-year term in 1947 and served as vice chairman of this commission during 1947-48. He has served as a delegate to 21 consecutive department conventions and has been a member of all convention committees at various times.

Kelly was married to the former Miss Frances L. McCarthy on August 22, 1918. Their union has been blessed with eight children. They are Edward J., Jr., Mary A., John F., Thomas V., Frances L., Kathleen S., Dorothy A., and Patricia A.

A member of the Railway Mail Association, Kelly has found time to work with civic groups in the interest of better local government. He served two terms as a director of the Norwich, Conn., Taxpayers' Association. He is now vice chairman of a citizens' committee drafting a new charter for the Town and City of Norwich.

Soldier AWOL Since 1919 Gives Self Up

Military authorities announced at Fort Knox, Ky., on Thursday, they have taken into custody a 56-year-old World War I soldier who has been absent without leave since Jan. 5, 1919.

He was identified as George Loechel, Cincinnati, whose son served in World War II. The elder Loechel surrendered to military police at Cincinnati.

He said he went to his Cincinnati home on furlough in 1919 and "just decided not to go back." Later he changed his mind but learned his outfit had been shipped overseas.

Loechel said he has been doing odd jobs in Cincinnati for the past 30 years, but told authorities:

"Odd jobs are pretty hard to get at my age, so I'd like to go back into the Army if they'll let me."

He is driving a truck while authorities ponder the case.

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FOR USE AFTER DEATH**Banks for Bones, Cartilage, Corneas Possible Through Legal Gift of Body**

Arkansas Gazette, N. Y. Times,
Tulsa Tribune

Proposed legislation enabling a person to will his body or part of it to disabled or sick persons, will be sponsored in next year's General Assembly by the M. M. Eberts Post, American Legion, of Little Rock.

The post hopes its proposed law will pave the way for establishment of large banks for bones, cartilage, corneas and perhaps other organs, Commander Clovis Copeland said.

Present laws have blocked the "humanitarianism of leaving your body for the benefit of your fellowman," Mr. Copeland said. He explained that after a person's death his body becomes the property of next of kin.

In many cases, a person facing death has agreed for his body to be used for the rehabilitation of disabled or sick persons, but after death, the grieving next of kin has decided otherwise, Mr. Copeland said.

Need of many disabled veterans of World Wars I and II led the post to sponsor the legislation. The post will seek to promote an educational program designed to encourage the practice of willing bodies for all disabled or sick persons, Mr. Copeland said.

Joe Wirges, veteran Gazette police porter, pioneered in helping blind persons by inducing prisoners awaiting execution at Tucker Farm to will their corneas.

Corneas removed from two prisoners were transferred to five other persons.

New York, North and South Dakota, Oklahoma, California, Maine and Minnesota have laws authorizing the willing of bodies to science and surgery, and Florida has a law covering eyes only. Mr. Howell said. He understood plastic surgery especially was in need of sound organs.

What such gifts have meant to men and women who had resigned themselves to perpetual darkness can scarcely be imagined.

More than 90 ophthalmologists in the United States now perform

the corneal graft operation, as against the merely 10 or 15 who claimed proficiency in it in 1945 when the Eye-Bank was founded. Every day the Eye-Bank answers as many as 150 appeals for information and guidance, and every request receives thoughtful attention. The work and research constantly going on to keep the Eye-Bank equal to the demands upon it are leading to new advances that in time are bound to cure or aid additional forms of blindness. Surely the appeal of this agency for new members and generous contributions should strike a responsive chord in many hearts.

Renew Demand For USO Restoration

The United Service Organization is staging a comeback. Latest news is that the USO is being restored to meet the demand created by the expansion of the armed forces. It would be hard to find an ex-sailor or soldier who doesn't have a warm spot in his heart for that grand entertainment unit. Thanks to the USO, the average serviceman managed to see a great many live shows during the war, whether he was in a training camp, on the battlefront or in some far-flung island in the Pacific. Thru USO clubs, he kept up his precious ties with the civilian world. We're sure glad to hear that the USO is back on the job, and we're equally sure

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that many veterans will want to assist in this work.

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26,714 Names For Legion's Who's Who

A total of 26,714 names of key
Legionnaires has been submitted
as eligible for biographies in the
first edition of "Who's Who in the
American Legion," now being
compiled by Harry Kehm, a past
national child welfare chairman,
at his office in the Allerton Hotel
in Chicago, Ill.

Kehm said a check by State ad-
jutants has reduced this list to
approximately 21,500 names of
present and past living officers of
the district, department and na-
tional levels of the American
Legion and its fun and honor
group, the 40-8.

Editor Kehm said he has re-
ceived more than 1,600 letters
from individual Legionnaires in
addition to routine mail from
national and department officers
in regard to the proposed new
publication.

"Corrected lists of names have
now been returned by all except
two departments," Kehm said.
"As soon as all lists have been re-
turned, biographical question-
naires will be mailed to all indi-
viduals on all the lists. Legion-
naires who are eligible but who
do not receive questionnaires
should write the editor. However,
all individuals must be certified
by department adjutants to re-
ceive questionnaires."

Week's Legion News In A Nut Shell

The National Legionnaire will
make its first bow to more than
3,000,000 readers in its new form
as an 8-page news insert in The
American Legion Magazine in the
February 1949 issue.

Past Department Commander
Lawrence F. Quigley, 55, of the
Massachusetts American Legion
who served in 1946-47 and who
was commandant of the Soldiers'
Home at Chelsea, Mass., since
1934, died in a Boston hospital
following a lengthy illness.

Past National Commander Jas.
F. O'Neil of The American Leg-
ion, has accepted the chairman-
ship of a nation-wide campaign
to raise \$300,000 for St. Anselm
College at his home at Manches-
ter, N. H.

Policeman Arthur Crombie of
Hartford, Conn., now a Legion-
naire, served as a pallbearers on
Guam, April 28, 1945, for 1st Lt.
John F. O'Brien of the Army
Medical Corps and again in the
same capacity at his reburial in
New London, Conn.

The Bielenberg-Schooler Post
58 of The American Legion at
Genesee, Idaho, has broken
ground for its \$100,000 new club-
house.

Fire of undetermined origin
destroyed the Corning Armory

owned by the Ourcq Post 117 of
The American Legion at Corn-
ing, Iowa, with a loss estimated
at \$125,000 only partly covered
by insurance.

The American Legion has join-
ed the National Federation of
State High School Athletic As-
sociations in accepting the offer
of the National Association of
Professional Baseball Leagues to
hold a series of clinics for sand-
lot baseball coaches in 12 states
on February 13.

North Dakota has been declar-
ed the 1949 winner of the Henry
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ion Department Membership
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the 20th annual national tele-
graphic roll call.

Ministers who insist on turn-
ing their congregation against
UMT just don't know the score,
says National Chaplain Thomas
Grice of The American Legion
at his home at Camarillo, Calif.

Sick veterans at the Downey,
Ill., VA hospital have been giv-
ing a deluxe television set by the
Internal Revenue Post 1086 of
The American Legion of Chicago,
Ill., who passed up their annual
Christmas party to use the mon-
ey to buy the present.

Chicago will name a public
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The Preamble is printed especially for you—so please won't you please clip it from this paper and paste it on a card and keep it with you so that when we recite the PREAMBLE in our meeting you will be able to enunciate each word clearly and if possible from memory. Let's not mumble our preamble—we can learn from each word the meaning of our organization so let's fully realize that while we say it we understand each sentence clearly.

Reports by Chairman

Regardless of what Chairmanship you hold, you are expected to make a report of the work that you are doing or expect to do. While it is usually more interesting to do the work than to make the report, they are equally important. The making of a report can be made quite simple if we, first consider WHY we are asked to make such a report and, second, the best method to fol-

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low. So Chairman, please be prepared at all times to report on your office.

Personal Contacts with "People In Trouble"

The best attitude and a fair test in approaching those in need, or who believe themselves in need of aid and service, is to follow a procedure that one would expect for oneself if in need. The application of the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is a safe guide to follow.

Unemployment, illness, death of a member of a family and many other conditions can bring about a situation that may cause people to have to look outside of the immediate family circle for service and aid. Sometimes merely friendliness by you in such a situation will give the help that is

needed. To be a friend and to know where to turn to get help in such a situation will many times be of much greater benefit than for you to give a little hand-out.

Don't Violate Confidence

Keep private information about people a confidential matter. Do not exploit people and conditions that necessitate their coming to you for assistance. Do not publicly at any meeting identify by names, addresses, etc., those to whom you render aid and service and cause them embarrassment. In your closed committee meetings you can present facts in confidence but it is thoroughly unethical to hurt people by telling about their problems in a public meeting.

Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, February 1, 1949, at 8 o'clock p. m., at Legion Hut, 1120 East 8th street. All members and eligible member urged to attend.

The American Legion's new handbook on the needs of the Merchant Marine, entitled "Ships and America," containing 24 pages of pictures, charts and information, is now being distributed by the National Security Commission.

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LEGION PENSION BILL IN HOPPER

Legislation granting age pensions to veterans of World Wars I and II was introduced in the 81st Congress last week by Representative John E. Rankin, of Mississippi, on behalf of the American Legion. The number of the bill is H. R. 898.

The measure, which was referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, would entitle World War veterans to monthly payments of \$60 at the age of 60 years and \$90 at the age of 65.

Before attaining the age of 60 years, veterans having disabilities not connected with service in the armed forces would be compensated according to the rated degree of disability. The payment schedule for nonservice-connected disabilities would be \$20 a month on a 20 per cent rating, \$40 on 40 per cent, \$60 on 60 per cent, and \$90 on total disability.

Under the provisions of the bill, income would not be considered upon application for pension. The measure provides that veterans receiving compensation for service-connected disability shall be paid pensions in addition to such compensation.

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honorable, would be eligible for pensioning.

Two resolutions calling for veterans' pensions were adopted at the 1948 national convention of the American Legion at Miami. The "60 at 60" provision and other features embodied in the Rankin bill were subsequently decided upon by a subcommittee of the Legion's National Executive Committee, appointed by National Commander Perry Brown to clarify the convention action.

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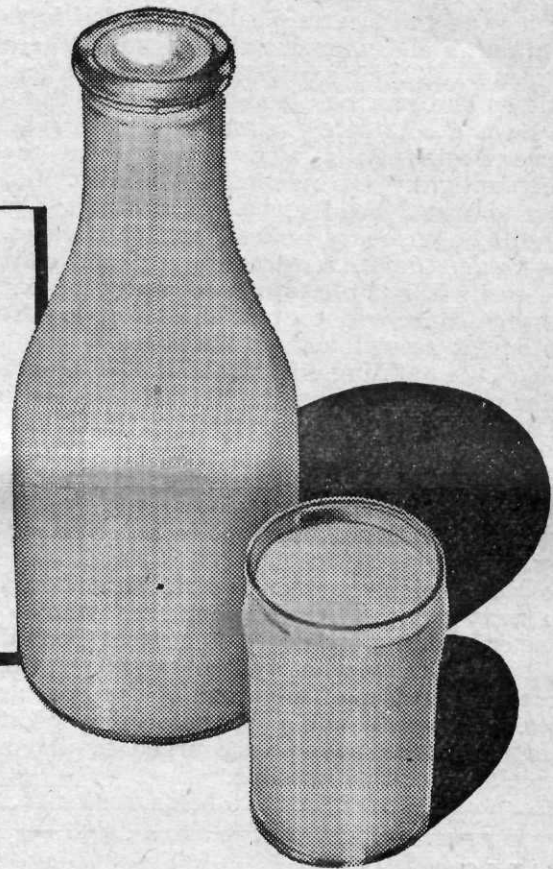
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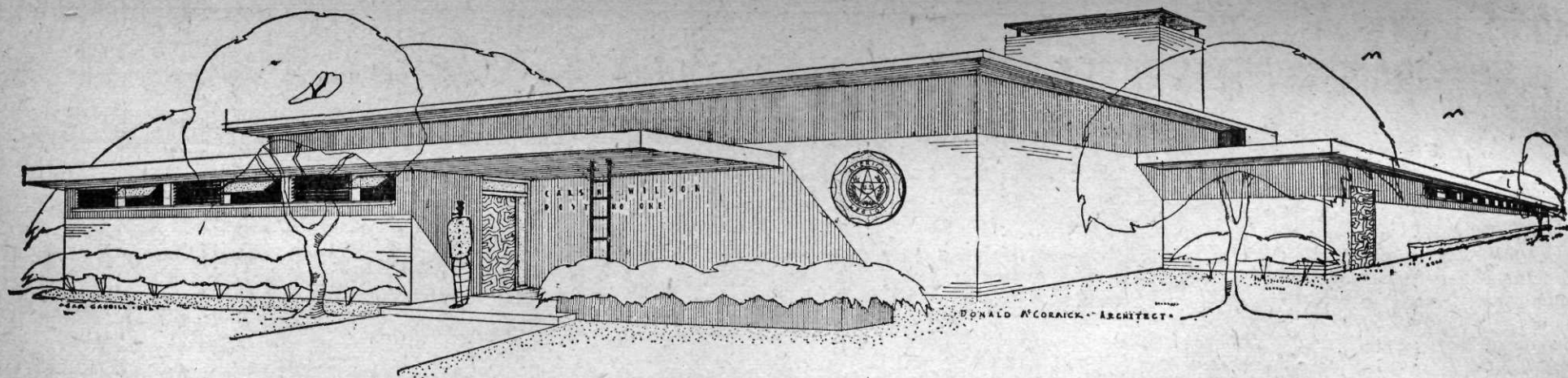
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PLANS FOR RECREATIONAL BUILDING NEAR COMPLETION

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The new recreational building for the Post is truly going to be the ultimate in modern design and practicability. I have just returned from a conference with Donald McCormick, the architect, and I would like to give you a brief idea of what this much-needed building will offer entertainment-seeking Legionnaires.

It will have a good-sized entrance lobby which is to lead into separate men's and women's club rooms. These club rooms will also have their separate cloak rooms and rest room facilities. The spacious lounge adjoining these club rooms will have a completely glassed-in south wall which will assure Legionnaires who never leave the lounge, plenty of sunlight. Of particular interest and beauty is the large terrace dance terrace. In a wing to the south there will be a roomy billiard and card room. By the way, the lounge, dance terrace, billiard and card rooms all will be easily accessible to one centrally located bar. A small service room will contain the latest in air-conditioning equipment as well as storage space.

The total area of the building will be about 4000 square feet. The exterior construction will be brick. The walls will be fireproof masonry and the floors asphalt tile. Lighting will feature the new "flush lighting," thus eliminating hanging fixtures. This building will certainly be in step with the practical modern design in building and is sure to provide complete recreational facilities in most attractive surroundings.

According to McCormick, work on the building should start within the next month. All Legionnaires who do work in any phase of building are urged to contact Donald McCormick and let him know what type of work you do, so that he can use the services of members of the Post as much as possible. It is impossible to determine what work each Legionnaire does, so you are urged to phone or write McCormick as soon as possible.

NO DRAFT CALLS FOR TWO MONTHS

The Army will draft no men in February and March, but Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, National Selective Service Director, said last Saturday that there were no plans to abandon the present draft organization.

"It's just like the case of a fireman who returns from putting out the fire," Gen. Hershey commented. "You wouldn't ask him to close up the fire house. Similarly, we've got to keep our machinery ready to go into action if voluntary recruiting goes off—or if any other of a number of circumstances arise."

Army Secretary Royall said that "voluntary enlistments and re-enlistments, averaging 35,000 a month for the past two months, have made Selective Service calls unnecessary for the next two months."

Therefore, he canceled the Army's call for 5,000 men in February.

Noting that the Selective Service Act requires the Army to limit its draft calls to the difference between requirements and intake through voluntary enlistments, Royall said:

"As long as voluntary enlistments and re-enlistments remain

sufficient to maintain the strength of the Army there will be no calls for inductions."

About 50 per cent of the Army strength gains in the past three months have been in re-enlistments and extensions of existing enlistments.

It was learned that Army officials had debated its decision to draft no men in February and March up to the last possible moment. The March call was scheduled to have been forwarded to the Munitions Board, which controls the drafting of men for the armed forces, 10 days ago.

The Air Force and Navy have not used the draft system, since they obtain sufficient men from recruiting.

Gen. Hershey said that he expected "little reaction" from his volunteer local board members for awhile and added that he and other officials had discussed means of keeping their interest in the work.

He pointed out that the registration of 18-year-olds would continue as they reach the registration age and that the Army's action had no effect on the law in this respect.

The Lee Gautreaux Post 26 of The American Legion at Jeanerette, La., has presented its community with an iron lung.

Surplus Textbook Project Saves VA About Five Million

A surplus textbook project under which the Veterans Administration saved about \$5,000,000 is coming to an end.

The project called for textbooks declared surplus by the armed forces, to be distributed to veterans studying under the GI bill and the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (Public Law 16) for the disabled.

During the year and five months the project was in operation—from May 15, 1946 to Oct. 15, 1947—approximately 2,000,000 surplus books were sent to 2,036 educational institutions for possible use by veteran students.

One and a half million of them were issued as required textbooks, which otherwise would have been purchased for them by the VA at an average cost of \$4 per book. Instead, the surplus books cost the VA 56 cents per volume. As a result, the project saved the Government more than \$5,000,000.

The remaining half million surplus textbooks soon will be offered by the VA for sale to educational institutions.

The schools will be given the opportunity to purchase the volumes they now have on hand, before other schools may bid on them.

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U. S. Army Recruits Must Disavow All Leanings to Reds

The Army has disclosed that it has ordered all new volunteers to sign non-Communist affidavits.

The action is said to be part of a drive to purge Army ranks of Communists and fellow-travelers and block future infiltration.

At the same time, the Army issued new and stringent regulations which:

Ban virtually all present and former Communists and fellow-travelers from enlisting or accepting officer appointments in any component of its service.

Prescribed iron-clad procedures for discharging subversive personnel already in the service.

The Army said that "in no case will any person who admits, or whose available records show, that he was at any time engaged in disloyal or subversive activities be appointed or enlisted in any component of the Army without the specific approval of the Department of the Army."

The service further ruled that "membership in, affiliation or sympathetic association with" any of the groups designated by Attorney General Tom Clark as "totalitarian, Communist or subversive," constitute grounds for rejection or discharge.

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LEGION'S UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING BILL IS INTRODUCED

WASHINGTON, D. C., (ALNS) Comprehensive new UMT legislation designed to replace the temporary, peace-time draft and embodying the carefully-worked out American Legion plan of civilian-controlled universal training, providing educational, moral and employment safeguards for all trainees, was introduced in the Senate of the 81st Congress, January 5.

U. S. Senator Millard Tydings, Democrat of Maryland, presented the bill in the Senate on behalf of The American Legion. Its companion bill was to be introduced in the House later. The legislation was to be referred in each House to its Armed Services Committee.

The legislation is the product of five years of intensive study, research and conferences by The American Legion in an effort to develop a practical plan of Universal Military Training that would serve as the backbone of the nation's future security establishment. It calls for four months of basic training. It provides 9 options under which trainees can complete advanced training to meet the requirements of a full year's preparation.

Declaring The American Legion would press for early hearings on the UMT legislation, National Commander Perry Brown said:

"To warn our enemies and to strengthen and to encourage our friends with a nation prepared and a youth trained and united, The American Legion has again caused to be introduced in the Congress a National Security Training Bill, in the firm belief that the program provided in this measure is the one greatest single step that can be taken to insure peace for the world and security for our nation."

Strong Support Mobilized

Commander Brown said The American Legion has mobilized more than 4,000,000 members of its 17,169 posts, 12,666 Auxiliary units, 750 Forty and Eight Voitures and 362 salons of the Eight and Forty, behind its UMT legislation.

"Fighting with The American Legion in behalf of UMT also are 69 other national organizations," Commander Brown stated. "Our information from communities everywhere is that 70 per cent of the American people are in favor of UMT as a fair, democratic and less costly, long-range substitute for the peacetime draft which is an unfair and inefficient, temporary makeshift."

National organizations aligned with The American Legion in support of UMT enactment, Commander Brown said, include near-

ly all other organized veterans' groups; American Associations of Colleges; American Association of University Women; American Council of Christian Churches; the Elks; Kiwanis International; The National Civic Federation; The National Council of Women; The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs; The National Guard Association; The DAR; The National Sojourners; The Reserve Officers Association; Rotary International; U. S. Chamber of Commerce; U. S. Conference of Mayors; and many others.

"These are all realistic groups which clearly see that security for America means peace for the world," said Commander Brown.

Meet the "NSTC"

Under The American Legion UMT legislation, every young man in the United States between the ages of 17 and 20 would be required to register with local draft boards for training. All youths upon reaching their 17th birthday would be required to register. The boards would induct the registered youths upon their 18th birthdays for their basic training. This training would be given at a time during the year when it will cause the least interference with the academic, educational or economic life of the majority of those trained. The training would be given as near as possible and practical to the homes of the trainees.

Trainees would receive a cash allowance during the period of training at the rate of \$30.00 a month. The President would prescribe the kind of uniform to be worn by the trainees which would include a distinctive insignia. The uniform would become the property of the trainee. Trainees would be granted dependency allowances of \$50.00 a month for one dependent and \$65.00 for two or more. They would be fully protected by the law in restoration to jobs held at the time they were inducted. They would be entitled also to the benefits of the Soldiers and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended.

The trainees would constitute the National Security Training Corps of the United States (NSTC) which would be created under The American Legion legislation.

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program would be a National Security Training Commission. It would consist of three members appointed by the President with Senate approval, no one of whom would be a member of the armed forces. The members of the Commission would be paid \$12,500 a year, with the chairman getting \$15,000. The commission would appoint an executive director at a salary of \$12,000 a year.

The civilian Commission would determine the policies and standards of the entire training program. It would be charged also with general supervision, inspection and control of the program. It would have exclusive control of its appropriations. The actual operation of the program as to military instruction would be the responsibility of the armed services.

There would also be created a General Advisory Board of not less than 10 nor more than 25 members whose responsibility it would be to provide the Commission with the best technical advice available on all matters that may enter the training program. This Board would devote particular attention to the formulation of policies pertaining to the moral, religious, recreational, information and educational and other non-military phases.

The members of the Board would be appointed by the President from outstanding civilian leaders but at least three members would be selected from the armed forces.

Clauses D-1 of Section 100, Title A of the Act, would declare: "The training under this Act in the NSTC shall be administered and carried out on the highest possible, moral, religious and spiritual plane."

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Clauses D-2 and 3 would ban houses of ill fame, saloons, planes of entertainment which are public nuisances and any other detrimental surroundings from the vicinities of all NSTC camps. They would also ban the supplying of intoxicating liquors to any trainee. Stiff penalties would be provided.

Nine Options Offered

The basic training of every trainee would consist of 16 continuous weeks of instruction devoted to elementary military principles in the ground, naval or air components of the NSTC.

Subject to quota limitations and standards of qualification and selection, each trainee would have the choice of nine alternatives as to how he may complete his advance training to meet the requirements of a full year's preparedness instruction. The options all feature educational opportunities for trainees. Scholarship and government aid for higher education would be available to specially selected trainees who demonstrate ability.

The nine options for advanced

training open to trainees upon completion of the 4-month basic course, would be:

1. Voluntary enlistment in any of the Regular services, including the Coast Guard for a prescribed period.

2. Enlistment in the Federally Recognized National Guard or Air National Guard or Organized Naval Reserve or Organized Marine Corps Reserve for a period of three years.

3. Enlistment in the Enlisted Reserve Corps of the Army or of the Air Force and assignment to any service with a Class A Unit of the Organized Reserve of the Army or the Air Force for a period of three years.

4. Entrance into either the Military, Naval or Coast Guard Academies.

5. Enrollment in the Naval or Marine Corps officer procurement program.

6. Enlistment in the Enlisted Reserve Corps of the Army or Air Force or Naval Reserve for a period of four years and entrance upon a course, including ROTC or Air ROTC or NROTC and an agreement to accept a reserve commission in the appropriate service if offered upon completion of the course.

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Committee Named To Study Reserve And Guard Setup

Kenneth C. Royall, Secretary of the Army, named a committee of 12 civilians and officers last week to determine whether the National Guard and Organized Reserve Corps are "adequate and practicable" in their function of supplementing the national defense.

James T. Byrnes, former Supreme Court Justice and Secretary of State, is chairman of the group, which will consist of two other representatives of civil life and three each from the Regular Army, the National Guard and the Organized Reserve Corps.

Civilian representatives in addition to Byrnes are Charles E. Wilson, president of the General Electric Corporation, and Frank E. Holman, president of the American Bar Association, Maj. Gen. Julius Ochs Adler, vice president and general manager of the New York Times and commanding general of the 77th Division, is one of the Organized Reserve Corps representatives.

Other members of the committee are:

For the Regular Army: Gen. Mark W. Clark, commanding general of the Sixth Army; Lt. Gen. Leonard Gerow, commanding general of the Second Army, and Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, commandant of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kans.

For the National Guard: Maj. Gen. Ellard S. Walsh, Adjutant General of Minnesota and president of the National Guard Association; Maj. Gen. Sumter Lowry, commanding general of the 51st Division, and Brig Gen. John A. Harris, Adjutant General of Missouri.

For the Organized Reserve Corps: Maj. Gen. Hanford MacNider, former Assistant Secretary of War and Minister to Canada; Col. Clarence E. Barnes, president of the Reserve Officers Association, and Gen. Adler.

The specific assignment of the committee, according to Royall, is an examination of "the troop basis of the National Guard and the Organized Reserve Corps to determine whether the size and distribution of the Army civilian components are adequate and practicable in the light of present national defense needs."

This committee, said the Army chief, will be provided the necessary background information on strategic requirements, mobilization plans and current logistical and budgetary limitations which will be essential to the completion of the study.

Secretary Royall stated that the Army has had "under consideration" the forces of both the Regular Army and the civilian components that would be required "to implement joint plans for the security of the United States." He pointed out that national and international situations have

"changed considerably" since the current limitations on strength were authorized shortly after the end of the war for the Guard and Reserve Corps.

The committee is expected to have its first meeting early next month.

GI House Loans Remain at 4%

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ALNS) A priority housing mandate of the 30th national convention of The American Legion at Miami, Fla., was brought into consummation when Veterans' Administrator Carl B. Gray here ruled against a proposed increase in the interest rate on GI home loans.

Gray declined to raise the loan interest rate from 4 to 4½ per cent, despite authorization granted him by the 80th Congress to do so. The VA chief explained that "the evidence fails to indicate that an increased rate will make more houses available to veterans."

The VA decision was rendered after a nationwide survey and consultation with The American Legion and other interested organizations. The American Legion maintained that hiking the interest rate not only would fail to make available more housing for veterans but, by increasing the buyer's cost, would price additional veterans out of the housing market.

Meanwhile, American Legion officials tagged for the 81st Congress a barrage of legislative proposals specifically aimed at reducing the cost of housing for veterans. These include provisions for direct loans and other assistance by the government to enable veterans to make better use of housing cooperatives and a balanced program of federal, state and local aid to produce housing for families in the low income bracket with first priority going to eligible veterans.

Have You Seen the new membership badge of the Blinded Veterans Association? It's a tricky little number, based on the fellowship theme. A white hand clasps a black one beneath two religious symbols—the Cross and the Star of David. In the background is a star from the flag of the U. S. and a sword to denote the member's combat record. Watch for it around town—it's more than a lapel pin—it's an illustration of a way of life—the American way.

Legislation Under Way For Old Age Pensions to Vets

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ALNS) Legislation granting old age pensions to veterans of World War I and II was introduced in the 81st Congress by Representative John Rankin, Democrat of Mississippi, on behalf of The American Legion on January 5.

The measure was assigned to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. It would entitle all veterans of the two World Wars to monthly payments of \$60.00 at the age of 60 years and \$90.00 at the age of 65.

Before attaining the age of 60 years, veterans having disabilities not connected with service in the armed forces would be compensated at \$20.00 a month on a 20 percent disability rating, \$40.00 on 40 percent, \$60.00 on 60 percent and \$90.00 on total disability.

The bill also provides that income shall not be considered upon application for pension and that veterans receiving compensation for service-connected disabilities shall continue to receive such benefits in addition to pension payments.

Veterans of either World Wars who served 90 days or more on active duty or who were discharged for service-connected disability incurred in the line of duty, and who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, would be eligible for pensioning.

Two resolutions calling for the old age pensions for veterans were adopted at the 1948 national convention of The American Legion at Miami, Fla., last October. The "60 at 60" provision and other features embodied in the Rankin Bill were subsequently determined by a subcommittee of

the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, appointed by National Commander Perry Brown, which met in Indianapolis last month.

Truman's Buddies To Be At Inaugural

President Truman has invited his World War I buddies to the inaugural reception. On the list are members of Batty, D, 129th Field Art. 35th Division, with which the President served as a captain.

A complete list of groups to be invited to the reception was released by Mrs. James Helm, White House secretary, at a press conference held in the east wing of the White House. Family and friends of the President and Mrs. Truman and those of the Vice President-elect are included. The names will be given out at a later date.

Governors of States, electors, members of the Supreme Court, the Cabinet and the joint congressional committees and their wives have also been invited. These groups will be received before others. Labor officials and officials of farm organizations will be included among the guests.

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