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CAMPAIGN NOW FOR UMT

Commander O'Neil Here January 15

**LEGION LEADER WILL MAKE
STATE TOUR, APPEARING ON
PROGRAM AT TULSA.**

National Commander James F. O'Neil will be guest of the Carson-Wilson Post on January 15, it has been announced by Department Commander Brad M. Risinger.

Commander O'Neil will arrive in Tulsa shortly before noon on Thursday, January 15. He will speak at a luncheon that will be held in the Chamber of Commerce hall in the Tulsa Building. This hall will accommodate approximately 300 for the luncheon. The committee here will consist of the Executive Committee and all Post Commanders. Tickets are \$1.00 each and may be obtained now from Eddie Shields or Frank Crawley at the Legion Hut 1120 E. 8th St.

When the Commander speaks, the doors will be thrown open so that those who had not arrived in time for the luncheon may hear him. Legionnaires, in northeastern Oklahoma, in large numbers, are expected to converge on Tulsa to hear the National Commander on that date.

From Tulsa, Commander O'Neil will go to Muskogee, arriving there at about 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. He will be guest at a reception from 3:00 until 3:30. This reception will be open to all Legionnaires who care to meet the Commander. At 3:30, he will visit the veterans in the Veterans Administration hospital and make a talk at the close of his tour of the facility.

To Visit Hospital

Immediately following his visit at
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IMPORTANCE OF IMMEDIATE ACTION STRESSED BY TAYLOR

**National Legislative Director Outlines Strategy Which Should Be
Followed in Order that UMT Get Prompt Attention in Congress**

By JOHN THOMAS TAYLOR, National Legislative Director

Under the priority legislative program of The American Legion, our Universal Military Training Bill, H. R. 4278, will require immediate attention insofar as The American Legion, throughout the Departments, Areas, Districts and Posts, is concerned. Every member should make this legislation a matter of personal concern.

Petition forms have been mailed to every post of The American Legion and unit of the American Legion Auxiliary through the post commander and the unit president. Additional quantities of these forms can be obtained from the National Headquarters of The American Legion in Indianapolis. **The importance of gaining millions of signatures to these petitions cannot be over-emphasized.** Every member of our organization should not wait to be asked—they should seek the opportunity to sign.

Contact Organizations

Post, district, and department committees in every town, city, county, district, area and department should contact patriotic, fraternal, business, and civic organizations, especially those whose national groups are participating members in the National Security Committee, and secure and offer full cooperation in the necessary activities to secure the signatures to those petitions which, when completed, should be immediately sent directly to the Congressman from the district in which they are signed. **Letters should be addressed to the senators from the respective state, telling them of the petitions sent in and advising of the number of signatures thereon.**

The holding of meetings and the furnishing of speakers for regular

meetings of luncheon clubs, and other societies for the dissemination of information and knowledge to advise the public on the provisions of H. R. 4278, The American Legion-endorsed legislation, is highly important. That legislation has been reported by the Committee of the Armed Forces of the House of Representatives, with unanimous approval and is now on the calendar of the House.

All members of national committees, department commanders, department adjutants, of The American Legion, department unit presidents and secretaries of the American Legion Auxiliary, members of department legislative and defense committees, and post commanders, and unit presidents should immediately initiate movements to organize and hold such meetings.

The drive is now on to have Congress fully informed that 76 per cent of the American people favor the enactment of UMT legislation and demand that such enactment be immediate.

From now until Congress convenes in regular session, January 6, 1948, this drive must be intensified, reaching its ultimate during Universal Military Training Week, which is being proclaimed in most of our states for January 5 to 12, 1948.

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EXPLANATION OF THE VETERAN HOMESTEAD ACT OF 1948

Introduced in the House by Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (R., Mass.) as H. R. 4488 (and similarly sponsored by other members of congress) and posted in the Senate by Sen. Edward Martin (R., Pa.) as S. 1759. The House committee on veterans affairs commences hearings on this legislation Dec. 18, 1947.

History—The Veterans Homestead Act of 1948 was drawn up by the National Housing Committee of The American Legion after more than a year of study. It is the official program of The American Legion. It is designed to overcome the problem facing the average veteran, that is, that current housing is now priced beyond his means of payment. Provisions of the Act—(1) VA

would be authorized to issue federal charters to non-profit corporations to be known as Veterans Homestead Associations, upon applications of five (or more) honorably discharged veterans of World War II of good character and responsibility.

(2) Such Veterans Homestead Associations would construct and purchase housing to be sold to veterans for occupancy by themselves, personally, together with their families and dependents; construct, purchase, maintain and operate housing to be rented to veterans; make loans to veterans for the purchase of housing. Veterans participating as members in the Associations would be required to post \$100. Housing units provided by this program could not cost more than \$10,000.

(3) The VA would completely guide and supervise the program.

(4) The permanent financing of property acquired or loans made by the Associations would be done by the medium of bonds sold by the VA (up to a total of 2 billion dollars) as the fiscal agent of these Associations and with the guaranty of payment by the U. S. government. The income derived by the purchasers of these bonds would be tax free, an incentive for private financial institutions to bid for and buy the bonds at low interest rates. This would permit the Associations to borrow money at from 2 to 3 per cent interest, about half the cost of current financing. As an example, interest at 4½ per cent on a \$10,000 home is \$450 per annum. Interest at 2.5 per cent on a \$10,000 home would be \$250 per annum. In carrying charges, this would reduce the monthly payments for veterans by about \$16.

(5) Interim financing for such associations, pending the issuance of bonds, would be provided by loans from the VA. Such loans would be made from a revolving VA fund of \$100,000,000.

(6) The Federal Works Administration would be given \$200,000,000 to make not in excess of 50 per cent

Flash !

ALL MEMBERS who have paid their 1948 dues by January 16, will be admitted **FREE** to a **Sooner Membership Party**. Details later.

grants-in-aid to states, cities, counties or other political subdivisions or associations for provisions of streets, sidewalks, utilities, fire protection, street lighting, schools, recreational facilities, etc.

Summary — By the non-profit method, by mass buying and construction, by the lower interest rate and by the federal contribution to land development (6 above) experts who have studied the bill believe it will reduce the monthly payments by veterans on their private homes or for rental quarters, from 20 to 25 per cent over current levels. Without the benefit of the lower interest rate or the federal grants-in-aid, Legion posts have sponsored a number of cooperative housing projects. More than 3,000 units have been erected. Average cost was between \$6,500 and \$7,500.

Mrs. J. B. Allred, Unit President of the Auxiliary to Carson-Wilson Post No. 1, announces that the next regular meeting will be held in The American Legion Hut on Tuesday, January 6 at 8:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend this first meeting of the New Year.

The Appellate Division of the State of New York has affirmed the ruling of Supreme Court Justice Benjamin F. Schreiber who refused to issue an injunction to Sidney Reiter, World War II combat veteran, to restrain the General Duffy Post 1141 of The American Legion from expelling him as an admitted Communist.

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**Week's Legion News
In a Nutshell**

The Second Annual National Invitational Basketball Tournament of The American Legion will be sponsored by the Department of Indiana at Jeffersonville, Ind., April 2 to 4, 1948.

Fifty members of Broad Ripple Post 312 of The American Legion in Indianapolis, Ind., rebuilt over a weekend the fire-swept home of Charles Brethauer, 56-year-old blind World War I veteran.

A newly-chartered post 1701 of The American Legion in the Bronx has been named after the late New York Legionnaire Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia.

Containing 36 pages of old rules, amended rules, new rules, records and pictures, The American Legion Junior Baseball Handbook for 1948 is off the press and on its way to 16,772 posts.

The Louis E. Davis Post 56 at Bloomington, Ill., not only leads all posts in the Department in 1948 membership but also has enrolled 146 recruits for the 396th Illinois National Guard Anti-aircraft Battalion.

The 135 American Legion posts in Kings County, New York, are raising \$10,000 to provide an auditorium for the showing of movies at the Manhattan Beach hospital.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, one of the outstanding leaders of World War II and a life member of the American Legion, is retiring from active naval duty on Dec. 15, 1947.

The Veterans Administration now receives about 14,500,000 pieces of mail a month at its central, its branch and its regional offices.

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Commander O'Neil—

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the Muskogee hospital, Commander O'Neil will go to Ponca City where he will spend the night. Friday, he will make an early morning inspection of the American Legion Home School where he will visit with the more than 100 orphan children, of veterans, now living there. After his visit with the children, he will go to the Continental Company Cafeteria for breakfast where many Legionnaires from northern Oklahoma are expected to assemble to meet him and to have breakfast with him.

All those expecting to have breakfast at Ponca City with Commander O'Neil, should write to Willis McCabe, Adjutant, American Legion Post No. 14, at 104 N. 2nd, Ponca City, Okla., asking that a place be set for them.

The National Commander will complete his appearances in Oklahoma when he is guest of honor at a luncheon to be held in Oklahoma City at 12:30 Friday, the 16th. This luncheon will be held in the Venetian Room of the Skirvin Hotel. Tickets for the luncheon will be \$1.53 each and these tickets may be secured by writing to Gene Hassman, Service Officer, American Le-

gion Post No. 35, at 10th and Robinson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Following the luncheon, Commander O'Neil will be available for visits from Legionnaires who care to call on him. At 2:00 o'clock he will visit the Will Rogers hospital and later in the evening will depart for Baton Rouge, La.

It is expected that Legionnaires from the western and central portion of the state will come in great numbers to see Commander O'Neil while he is in Oklahoma.

UMT Could Save Us From World War III

By WARREN H. ATHERTON
National Chairman,
Universal Military Training Comm.

World War III would be the most dire catastrophe that could curse the human race, you think. There could be one worse disaster. That would be to fight a World War III and lose it.

The United States must be kept strong. Peaceful conciliation from us as the strongest nation on earth may prevent World War III. If the extended olive branch does not save us from attack, we will sorely need strength and preparedness to save our freedom, our homes, or families and ourselves.

Only an all-out preparedness and a balanced defense plan can stave off attack and organize the winning thrust.

Atom scientists, air strategists, naval experts and army leaders tell us that there is no single weapon or branch of the service which can protect our country by itself. All agree that the tide of battle always has been and always will be finally turned by men.

In our country, we get men for defense and attack from the ranks of civilian youth. Therefore, to strengthen our national defense, we must afford American youth the opportunity to train to defend America if war should be forced upon us.

The American plan of training which provides for only six months

in camp to be followed by instruction in school or in civilian components will cause a minimum of interference with job or education. This training plan now being demonstrated at Fort Knox is military, educational and spiritual. Its universal adoption will make better Americans and a stronger America.

PROCLAMATION

December 26, 1947

WHEREAS, The President's Advisory Commission on Universal Military Training, composed of outstanding American citizens, after long study unanimously endorsed and recommended universal military training as an indispensable factor in a well designed program of security for the nation; and WHEREAS, such universal military training has been endorsed as a wise and prudent investment in security, liberty and peace for the nation and its people; and

WHEREAS, the subject of universal military training is worthy of sincere study by all the people of the nation in order that they may know the necessity for, advisability of, and obligations attached to the proposed system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lee Price, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tulsa, in the County of Tulsa, State of Oklahoma, proclaim the week of January 5 to 12, A. D., 1948, as Universal Military Training Week in Tulsa, during which week our people should fully inform themselves regarding all aspects of national security, preparedness and defense.

LEE PRICE,

Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

S. MAXWELL SMITH,
City Auditor.

Chicago Police Post 207 of The American Legion with a 1947 record membership of 2,253 operates with 58 adjutants.

**SPECIAL!
GET A FREE LUNCH**

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