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"Operation Vittles" Held Invaluable Lesson in Air Transport Logistics

"Bigger Planes Pay Off"

Written especially for Planes By

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Task Force

If there is an elemental lesson to be learned from the Berlin Air Lift, it is that in today's chapter of air transport anything, in any quantity, can be carried swiftly anywhere in the world at any time.

This is no new concept, but the intense activity demanded by "Operation Vittles" has provided an unequalled laboratory for confirming views long held by air transport people.

The operation in Germany has provided the finest possible concentrated training for our airmen. It has demonstrated that an air transport force-in-being is vital to the national Military Establishment. The techniques used in supplying the western sector of Berlin, a section as large as Brooklyn, by air could be applied just as well, in an emergency, to St. Louis, Mo., a location on the Polar ice cap, or Tokyo.

The pace of the operation in Germany is fast. For example, on last Air Force Day, 895 Allied flights to Berlin's Tempelhof and Gatow airports carried 6,987 tons of coal, in addition to passengers. Cargo aircraft took off or landed at the rate of one every 48 seconds—despite that fact that the pilots had to fly 18 out of the 24 hours on instruments.

Out of this intensive action, we have learned much of importance about aircraft, personnel and methods. I will discuss them in order.

The Berlin Air Lift has demonstrated emphatically that bigger planes pay off. In July, General Clay set the requirements of the Western Zone of Berlin at 4,500 tons daily, equal to 135,000 tons monthly, and this goal has been reached.

If we attempted to handle the assignment entirely with two-engined C-47 transports, as was the case in the early days of the Air Lift, it would call for 39,706 flights a month by 899 aircraft. Considering the limitations of air space alone, this would be impossible.

Using four-engined C-54 Sky-masters, which have now replaced the C-47's in Operation Vittles, the task can be accomplished by 178 aircraft flying 13,800 trips a month.

Recently, we put one Douglas C-47 Globemaster in service on the Berlin shuttle. This plane carried bulldozers, road graders and steam rollers—cargo too bulky for C-54's. From its performance we estimate that only 68 C-74's would be needed to carry the total monthly load. The sav-

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MAJ. PAYNE NAMED AIR RESERVE HEAD

Major A. H. (Pat) Payne, new Carson-Wilson Post member, was elected president of the Air Reserve Association last week. He succeeds Captain Dave Catching.

Other officers elected included Lt. Col. Joseph L. Lindsay, vice-president; Senior Airman 1/c Kenneth M. Potter, secretary, and Lieut. Eddie B. Krider, treasurer.

Col. Albert M. Lehr, Jr., commander of the 340th Bomb group, reported on the recent National Air Reserve Association convention at Orlando, Fla.

It was announced that Brig. Gen. William G. Lewis, executive director of the national association, will be in Tulsa Nov. 19 for the 340th Bomb group's training day program.

Navy Will Need 17,549 Planes

The Navy's role in America's air supremacy, a modern 14,500-plane air arm required to police the oceans of the world, will require delivery of 17,549 new planes in the next six years, according to U. S. Rep. Chester E. Morrow (R., N. H.).

This plane program for the Navy and the 70-group Air Force program constitute "only the minimum air protection for the United States." "It is not air supremacy. Should we be attacked vast and immediate expansion would be necessary," Mr. Morrow recently told the House of Representatives.

Using Storage Planes

Taking 3,000 obsolescent war planes out of storage, the Navy plans to reach 14,500-plane strength next July 1st. However, to build up a modernized fleet air arm will require delivery of the 17,549 modern aircraft over the period of the next six years.

Once a state of combat readiness is reached, the Naval air arm will require 3,300 new planes a year, or approximately \$1,970,000,000 annually, to keep the Navy up to the minute.

Delivery Requirements

Mr. Morrow said that deliveries of aircraft to the Navy for the next six fiscal years should be as follows:

1949, 1,093; 1950, 1,537; 1951, 3,622; 1952, 4,046; 1953, 3,791; 1954, 3,760. Total, 17,549.

Lewis P. Clephane, 79, who attended the St. Louis, Mo., Caucus of The American Legion in 1919 and served as the first senior vice commander of the George Washington Post 1 in the District of Columbia, is dead in Paris, France, according to cable dispatches.

THE ADJUTANT'S COLUMN

By EDDIE J. SHIELDS

Big Day down here in the Hut today—Armistice Day—had a swell parade at eleven this morning, one of the best in years. You know this yearly parade is sponsored by the Legion and some one has to put out many hours of hard work and I am a pretty good hand to letting credit fall where it should. Well, Blanche Welch was Secretary of the Parade Committee this year, as she has been for many years past and I think that 98% of the credit for the parade should go to Blanche, not one pat on the back but two. Of course you have to have bosses in all affairs of this kind, so thanks to the Bosses. Having a swell feed at the Hut—open house as advertised—food prepared by our good Legionnaire, Ray Barnett. Ray owns a restaurant of his own at 1305 East Third and preparation of food, for large crowds is right down his alley. All in all a grand day.

Say what about the Saturday night dances? We get a lot of calls about them but the crowds at the dances are not what they should be. Let's support the dances, our entertainment chairman, Bob Howe, has changed the picture this year for the dances and is really doing a swell job and trying hard, so try to attend the dances, I am sure you will enjoy yourself. The price, up until last Saturday night was one dollar per person, but Bob, starting last Saturday night, changed the admission to one dollar per man and fifty cents for the ladies. Of course the Legion will not have the dance this Saturday night as the Ladies of the Auxiliary have the hall for a dance. But you are not barred to coming and helping out the Auxiliary this Saturday night. The dance this Saturday night and in fact every Saturday night, starts at 10 and stops at 2.

The picture "Power Behind the Nation", as put out by the Treasury of the United States, was shown at Tuesday night's meeting and it was a grand picture. Hope Mr. Stalin sees the picture because if he does he is sure to realize that we didn't give him all we had, at a time when Germany had him whipped to his knees and would have had him flat on his back if it hadn't been for the United States. Mr. R. K. Lane, president of the Public Service Company, gave a grand talk on "U. S. Savings Bonds". His talk webbed right in with the picture and was appreciated by all those present.

Joe Herman, Funeral Detail Commander, talked about the Alexander E. Wilson, funeral and said he thanked all the Veterans who attended the funeral. This Wilson Boy is the one whom this Post is named after.

There wasn't much took place in the executive meeting. They

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Most War Surplus Property Overseas Sold to Foreigners

Acting Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett reported last Friday that the United States has sold to foreign nations virtually all of the \$10,261,979,000 in war surplus property left abroad.

The sales began three years ago and brought a return to the United States of 19.2 cents on the original dollar of investment. Lovett told Congress in a quarterly report that less than one-half of 1 per cent of the original stockpile still is "available and salable."

The report confirmed that this Government has no surplus stockpile from which it can dish out arms for western Europe. Under the proposed North Atlantic security pact the U. S. probably will be asked to provide some sort of military "lend-lease" to the five "western union nations."

The five nations are Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Lovett reported that the Government is about ready to wind up the surplus sales program.

The Army, Navy and Air Force in most parts of the world will stop declaring property to be surplus after next Sunday. Lovett said this cut-off date would apply to all areas but the Far East, where the program will drag on a few months longer.

The report showed that Germany received far less surplus property than had been expected in the bulk sale completed last months. Originally Germany was to get property with an estimated original value of \$875,000,000. She got only \$475,000,000, the report said.

This discrepancy was attributed to large sales made from the German stockpile to other nations and to "increased requirements" by the U. S. armed services. Germany is to pay 21 cents on the dollar for the property out of future exports.

Yokohama, Japan

With the Eighth Army.

It was recently announced by Headquarters, 933d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, a unit of the 138th Antiaircraft Artillery Group in Yokohama, Japan, that Recruit Eugene Moore, has recently returned from an intensive training period at Katakai, Japan. Included in the training was the firing of 40 mm guns and 50 cal machine guns.

Recruit Eugene Moore resides at 206½ N. Greenwood St., Tulsa, Okla.

High on the agenda of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion at its meeting in Indianapolis, November 18 to 20 was the selection of the 1949 convention site with only two cities, Philadelphia and Greater Miami, bidding for it.

Put Vet Records On File With V.A.

Veterans who have received benefits from Veterans Administration and have been assigned "C" (claims) numbers should place certain public records in their case folders if they think their beneficiaries might be entitled to compensation and pension benefits after they die.

To establish claims for payments, veterans' widows, children and dependent parents must submit public documents to the VA as proof of dependency, age and relationship.

If necessary records were filed in the veteran's "C" folder, his dependents would be spared the delays involved in obtaining them from other sources.

Records to be placed in the file (only if a file already has been established) should include a certified copy of the public record of marriage; certified copies of previous marriages and copies of court records of divorce or annulment; copies of birth certificates of all children under 18, and a copy of the veteran's birth certificate.

The veteran's "C" number should be written on all papers, to insure positive and ready identification.

Dependents of veterans of both World Wars may be entitled to death benefits.

Widow May Qualify

The widow, children and dependent parents of a deceased veteran whose death was due to service may qualify for death compensation. The widow loses her entitlement if she remarries. The child normally loses entitlement upon reaching 18.

The widow and children of a veteran may be entitled to death pension benefits, when the veteran died of causes not due to service.

At the time of death, he must have been receiving, or must have been entitled to receive, compensation for a service-connected disability. Otherwise, he must have served at least 90 days (or have been discharged for a service-connected disability before 90 days of service) and had a service-connected disability of less than 10 per cent.

The widow is disqualified if her annual income exceeds \$1,000, or \$2,500 if she has a child or children. A child with an income of more than \$1,000 a year is not eligible. The widow loses her entitlement upon remarriage, and the child normally becomes ineligible at 18.

The disaster relief organization of the Ernest E. Jobes Post 212 of The American Legion at Donora, Pa., functioned effectively in maintaining a central clearing exchange for all emergency calls for physicians, nurses and ambulances during the 4-day man-killing smog there during which 20 of 600 stricken victims died.

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**Aviation Group Is
Critical of VA on
GI Flight Training**

The ticklish subject of GI flight training, now almost extinct due to Veterans Administration interpretation of a congressional directive, has become one of the most bitterly fought subjects to come before the National Aviation Clinic in session at Detroit, Mich.

Louis E. Leverone, president of the National Aeronautical Association, which sponsors the clinic, said the VA had "arbitrarily misinterpreted and overridden the orders of Congress."

"In spite of an act of Congress ordering continuance of such a program, and in spite of a promise made to our young men in service that such training would be available to them, something seems to have gone wrong," said Leverone. "The VA has apparently decided to override the orders of Congress to stop veterans' flight training at once."

Leverone said there was danger of wholesale bankruptcies of small airports and operators as a result of abrupt cessation of the veterans' training program.

It developed that a nation-wide campaign had been instituted with veterans signing petitions and mailing them to President Truman. The petitions ask that VA be ordered to comply with the Congress' directive. Veterans' representatives say the VA's statement "is saving millions through curtailing of GI flight training is not based on the facts."

A bill of policy to be voted upon at the meeting will contend that GI flight training has become an important part of the national defense program.

GIs and operators contended Congress had no intention of classifying flight training with vocational pursuits such as dancing. They point out that use of flight training does not necessarily mean military service nor airlines service. They list many uses of planes in salesmanship and other occupations.

**1,531,881 Now In
Armed Services**

**Report Shows 18-Year-Olds
Not Enlisting as Hoped For.
Army Recruiting Lagging.**

The strength of the armed forces, Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force, reached 1,531,881 Oct. 1, the National Military Establishment reported on Oct. 19. This was an increase of nearly 33,000 over the Sept. 1 strength.

Army strength rose from 604,496 Sept. 1 to an estimated 635,000 Oct. 1, Navy strength from 409,269 to an estimated 413,476 and Marine Corps strength from 74,917 to 77,405. Air Force strength declined from 406,270 to 406,000.

Enlistments of pre-draft 18-year-olds in all services totaled only 6,658 in September. This was only 46 per cent of the 14,450 quota in this age group for the month.

Concerning recruiting of 18-year-olds the military establishment said:

"The Air Force and the Navy showed some improvement over August, but the Marine Corps fell short of August's achievement of 100 per cent of quota and Army continued its downward trend."

The services fell short of their 18-year-old enlistment quotas in September as follows:

The Army had a quota of 10,000 and enlisted 3,202, or only 32 per cent.

The Air Force, long-considered the most attractive of the services to the 18-year-old group, recruited 946, or only 73 per cent of its quota of 1,300.

With a quota of 2,650, the Navy recruited 2,083, or 79 per cent.

The Marine Corps had the smallest quota, 500, but the largest percentage of enlistments, 85 per cent, or 427 recruits.

The Military Establishment voiced hope that "the beginning of actual inductions under the Selective Service Act will operate to stimulate recruiting of 18-year-old volunteers, particularly when inductions reach the 19-20-year-age bracket."

"On the other hand," it continued, "if the present trend continues the Military Establishment will obtain, during this fiscal year, less than half of the 161,000 18-year-old volunteers authorized by the Selective Service Act."

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**LAWS OF INTEREST TO VETS
ENACTED BY 80TH CONGRESS**

Public Law 426

(H. R. 4127)

To amend the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as Amended.

Be it enacted, etc. (Extract).

Sec. 5. The first paragraph of section 5 of the Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"Subject to the provisions of section 9 hereof, the aggregate period of service which forms the basis for calculating the amount of any annuity provided in this Act shall be computed from the date of original employment, whether as a classified or an unclassified officer or employee in the Civil Service of the United States, or in the service of the District of Columbia, including periods of service at different times and in one or more departments, branches, or independent offices, or the legislative branch of the Government, and also periods of service performed overseas under authority of the U. S., and periods of honorable service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the U. S.; in the case of an officer or employee, however, who is eligible for and receives retired pay on account of military or naval service, the period of service upon which such retired pay is based shall not be included, except that in the case of an officer or employee who is eligible for and receive retired pay on account of a service-connected disability incurred in combat with an enemy of the United States or resulting from an explosion of an instrument of war, the period of the military service shall be included: Provided, That an officer or employee must have served for a total period of not less than five years exclusive of such military or naval service before he shall be eligible for annuity under the Act. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as to

affect in any manner an officer's or employee's right to retired pay, pension, or compensation in addition to the annuity herein provided."

Sec. 9. Section 9 of the Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 9. Each officer or employee within the purview of this Act shall deposit, with interest at 4 per cent per annum to Dec. 31, 1947, and 3 per cent per annum thereafter, compounded on Dec. 31, of each year, to the credit of the 'civil service retirement and disability fund' a sum equal to 2½% of his basic salary, pay, or compensation received for services rendered after July 31, 1920, and prior to July 1, 1926; 3½% of the basic salary, pay, or compensation for services rendered from and after July 1, 1926, and prior to July 1, 1942; 5% of said basic pay, salary, or compensation for services rendered from and after July 1, 1942, and prior to the first day of the first pay period which begins after June 30, 1948, and also 6% thereafter, covering service during which no deductions were withheld for deposit in the said fund. Such interest shall not be required for any period during which the officer or employee is separated from the service. Each such officer or employee may elect to make such deposits in installments during the continuance of his service in such amounts and under such conditions as may be determined in

each instance by the Civil Service Commission. The amount so deposited shall be credited to the individual account of the officer or employee in the said fund. Notwithstanding the failure of an officer or employee to make such deposit, credit shall be allowed for the service rendered, but the annuity of such employee shall be reduced by an amount equal to 10% of the amount of such deposit, unless the officer or employee shall elect to eliminate such service entirely from credit under this Act: Provided, That no deposit shall be required for any service rendered prior to Aug. 1, 1920, or for periods of honorable service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States."

Sec. 15. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Act shall become effective on the first day of the second month following the month of approval.

Approved Feb. 28, 1948.

Public Law 850

(S. 2730)

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Ashiya, Japan

Ashiya Air Force Base, Japan,
Sept.—Pfc. Roy C. Pilgrim, son
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sa, recently arrived in Japan and
has been assigned to the Eighth
Fighter Wing at Ashiya Air Force
Base.

A veteran of the European the-
atre of operations, Pfc. Pilgrim
was a prisoner of war in Ger-
many during the war and was
awarded the following decora-
tions: European theatre of oper-
ations with three battle stars,
American Defense, Pre-Pearl

National Magazine Draws 1,500,000 Names for Prizes

The pulling power of The American Legion Magazine was dramatically demonstrated during the 30th national convention here when more than 1,500,000 readers sent in their names to the convention corporation for the free gifts that were awarded to two Orange Bowl events.

Members of The American Legion anywhere were qualified for the award of four automobiles and a \$4,000 pre-fabricated house. Wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of Legionnaires were qualified for the award of an all-modern \$5,000 kitchen which included even a television set. There were no strings to these gifts and the lucky ones didn't have to be in attendance at the convention. All they had to do was to sign their names to coupons in The American Legion Magazine clip them and send them in.

Such a deluge of mail descended upon the convention corporation that 30 girls had to be hired to open the letters. For days this mail constituted one-third of all letters received by the Miami postoffice.

List of Awards

The four automobiles and the kitchen were given away at the finals of the national championship drum and bugle corps contest at the Orange Bowl on Monday night, October 18, through the courtesy of the J. J. Seagram Post 1283 of The American Legion of New York City.

The cars went to:
Delbert E. Bauer, member of the Carey Davis Post 180 of Georgetown, Ohio.

Charles E. Vaneck, member of Ft. Dearborn Post 268, Chicago, Illinois.

Walter F. Landowski, member of Alonzo Cudworth Post 23, Milwaukee, Wisc.

Wayne Forrest Lambdin of New Bern, N. C., a member of Emmet J. Shields Post 55, Hannibal, Mo.

The \$5,000 kitchen went to Mrs. L. L. Downs of Fayetteville, N. C., whose husband is a member of Cumberland Post 3 there.

The 5-room, all-steel bungalow was awarded at the big circus days' cavalcade at the Orange Bowl, October 20, through the courtesy of the Schenley Post 1190 of New York City which also sponsored the show.

The house went to Ray B. Douth of Stanley, N. C., a member of the Rhyne-Cannon Post 266 there. He also received \$850 to purchase a lot on which the house will be erected.

Harbor, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, Infantry Combat Badge, Presidential Unit Citation, and others.

Re-enlisting in the Air Force in April, 1948, he served at Lake-land Air Force Base prior to being alerted for shipment to the Far Eastern Command.

Arriving in Japan in the latter part of July, he was assigned to the Fifth Air Force under the Far East Air Forces and was subsequently reassigned to the 8th Fighter Wing at Ashiya Air Force Base on the southernmost Japanese home island of Kyushu. Pfc. Pilgrim is currently working as a cook in the consolidated enlisted men's mess at this base.

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Legion Auxiliary Now Largest In World

"New members enrolling in the Carson-Wilson Unit No. 1 of American Legion Auxiliary may be surprised to learn that they are joining the largest organization of its kind in the world," Mrs. C. O. Gittinger, the Auxiliary's membership chairman, said today, when reporting the progress of the current membership campaign.

"No one other organization of women has anywhere near as many dues-paying members as the Auxiliary," she said. "Enrollment for 1948 has reached approximately 950,000 in the United States and we are expecting the million mark in 1949."

Units of the Auxiliary are active in practically every city and town in the United States and its territories as well as in some foreign countries."

We take special pride in inviting the eligible women to membership in the American Legion Auxiliary which is established for you. We are working sincerely for peace and freedom. May we see all new members and prospective members at the next meeting which will be held November 16th at Legion Hut, 1120 East 8th street, 8 o'clock p.m.

(s) Mrs. C. O. Gittinger.

Here is a letter from a disabled Buddy written to the Auxiliary after their contact with his family:

Dear Mrs. Craig:

I don't know how to start thanking the American Legion Auxiliary for what you have done for my family and myself.

I have been in the Veteran's hospital for three months and you and your auxiliary have gone out of your way to make it possible for me to go home and see my children and while home on this two days pass, you have also arranged to have a doctor come to my house and relieve me of pain that was caused not just due to the trip from the hospital home, but after I realized what I was up against.

I am not a minister but what I am telling you is straight from my heart.

You have helped me and kept my children from going hungry.



Cars For Everybody

By **GEORGE S. BENSON**
 President of Harding College
 Searcy, Arkansas



MOST PEOPLE thought Henry Ford's ideas about putting wheels under every American were just a lot of bunko. They just couldn't see how anything like that could be done. Some of Ford's early partners failed to grasp the idea, for they thought of automobiles as belonging to the rich. Ford's idea was too "harebrained" for them. They couldn't understand how anybody could possibly make a living selling cars to "poor" people.

But Henry Ford had the grain of an idea and the courage to see it through. America was a nation that encouraged such things. With an original investment of \$28,000, he put the nation literally on wheels. Mass production was brought into its own, and costs came down. Ford wanted to make only a small profit on each car, and this sold millions of them. Competitors had to offer good values, too.

Jobs and Payrolls **TIN LIZZIE** and her imitators called for roads. Dozens of new industries came into being, in the building of roads. Our highways would circle the globe 41 times. Lizzie and the others had a thirst for gasoline. America's petroleum industry grew enormously. Filling stations had to quench that thirst. All these things made jobs. America became an industrial power, with this Ford-inspired motive power all the while adding to her efficiency and activity.

This new mass production created great industrial empires: mines for coal and iron, rubber plantations, timberlands and saw mills, hydroelectric works, chemicals, glass, textiles. The result was more and more jobs, bigger and bigger payrolls, more and more goods and products that people wanted. Then, with our cars we became a touring nation. All our states became neighbors. We came to know the face of America, the beautiful.

You sent boxes of foods that if we had not have had my children would have gone to school hungry, and it was the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary that saw to it that my family won't be hungry.

Were I only able to get to a loud speaker and sound out, how you have made everything so much easier for me I would, without shame, do so.

I want to thank all of the ladies and those particularly that took part in caring for my family. I am to leave in a matter of days for Topeka and before leaving this hospital here I have turned everything over to the American Legion and should I come back soon, I most certainly, with my wife will become members, and only hope to God, someday, someway to repay you for all you have done for me and other veterans that may ever come into this predicament.

Again say thanks to Mrs. Turnea, Mrs. Petty, Mrs. Johnston and any other ladies whose

Plowed-Back Earnings **OUT OF** that \$28,000 and his idea, Ford developed a great industrial empire, with factories and assembly plants and branch offices. Yet, aside from the factories and the equipment that he owned, Henry Ford probably never owned more than 2 per cent of the wealth that he created. He was called a billionaire, but he counted his resources in buildings and machinery, not in money.

Ford was free to plow back his earnings into an industrial empire that created jobs and produced wealth, mostly for other people. There were no personal income taxes to penalize individual effort. In fact, corporation taxes did not begin until Ford's industry was five years old, and then the tax was only 1 per cent. It did not exceed 13 per cent any year until 1932. Today, taxes are a multi-million dollar item on many a company's books.

Demands from the tax collector have made impossible a contribution like Ford's from any individual American in this generation. Present tax laws, and mushrooming growth of a revenue-taking government, make it almost certain that there will not be another Henry Ford, or anyone like him. Are we thus penalizing the future of America? Who knows what need may arise for the genius of a Ford, in years to come?

Our nation must never lose its inventive genius. This genius can best thrive in a climate of complete economic freedom. The spirit of industrial venture that Ford typified must be kept alive, for the good of America. Ford's contribution brought untold blessings to all of us. We should not make it impossible, through heavy taxation burdens, for any future Henry Fords to develop in America.

names I cannot now recall, and although a bit early, may I say Merry Christmas to all of you ladies of the Auxiliary.

Let me thank all of you again for everything.

Sincerely yours,
 Mac Sperger.

This is only one of the many who have been helped through the Auxiliary and now that we have a Benefit Dance to be held the 13th of this month, Saturday night, we hope all of you will see fit to purchase a ticket, even though you may not use it. Our welfare must go on and our Finance Chairman urges all of you to make this one of your First-Nighter Affairs and turn out for it.

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Body arrived Saturday, Nov. 6, 1948, Sgt. B. F. Francks, escort. Honor guard at depot:

Colors—Ike Reese, Frank H. J. Crawley.

Guard—Walter Deppe, Ralph Harrison.

Funeral at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, 1948. Springdale Baptist church, Rev. Carlos Berry officiating. Tulsa Funeral Home directing. Burial, Rose Hill Cemetery.

Legion Graveside Rites

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Representation from Purple Heart, American Legion, American Veterans Committee, American War Dads and Moms, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In our Parade for Armistice Day will be our beautiful float and I hope all of you will see it—in naming the persons who contributed their help to make this beautiful float, we forgot "Sugar" Humphrey (Mrs. G. W.) so now before it is too late may we say "Thanks to you" and if we missed anyone else, we apologize. Yours, Irene (Mrs. N. H.) Davis.

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Sgt. Malcolm M. Ridley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd M. Ridley, 2203 East Ute, is returning to the Zone of Interior for discharge, it was announced recently by Col. Walter C. White, Commanding Officer, Nagoya Air Force Base, Nagoya, Japan.

Enlisting at Oklahoma City, Okla., January, 1946, Sgt. Ridley attended Clerk-Typist School at Lowry Field, Colorado, and remained on duty in the United States until alerted for shipment to the Far East Air Force.

Upon arriving in Japan, December, 1948, Sgt. Ridley was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Fifth Air Force, and subsequently reassigned to 6103rd Installation Squadron, Nagoya Air Force Base in Nagoya, Japan.

Sgt. Ridley is a graduate of the Will Rogers High School Class of '45 and prior to his entry into the military service was employed by Oklahoma Steel Castings Corporation, at Tulsa.

Nat'l Commander Perry Brown headlined the 28th annual Armistice Day ceremonies of The American Legion at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, Nov. 11th.

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STATE BONUSES

Nearly 1½ million War II vets were this week added to number virtually assured of receiving state bonuses for war service—when six states overwhelmingly endorsed either specific bonus proposals—or endorsed a bonus in principle—leaving specific action to state legislatures.

Addition of these veterans to five million already receiving state bonuses now brings grand total to over 40% of all War II vets—in nearly one-third of the states—having 42% of the national population—and electing 42% of the House of Representatives—a major factor to be considered in evaluating the possibilities of eventual enactment of a Federal bonus.

Four states rejected bonus proposals.

States endorsing specific bonus proposals in Tuesday's election were:

South Dakota: (58,000 estimated veterans); provides payment of 50c per day for stateside service, to maximum of \$500—75c per day for foreign service—to \$650 maximum—requires minimum 90 days' service between Dec. 7, 1941, and Sept. 2, 1945—legal residence in State at least 6 months prior to entering service.

IOWA: (240,000 estimated veterans); proposal already approved by 1947 General Assembly, now ratified by voters, provides \$10 per month domestic service, 12.50 per month for foreign service, maximum \$500, requires minimum of 120 days' service between Sept. 16, 1940, and Dec. 31, 1946, legal residence at least six months immediately prior to entering the service, also provides flat \$500 payment to war widows and certain other dependents.

LOUISIANA: (240,000 estimated veterans); already enacted by 1948 legislature subject to Tuesday's approval, provides \$250 for overseas veterans; \$50 to \$150 for domestic service, \$1,000 to war widows and certain other dependents, counts service between Jan. 1, 1941, and March 1, 1946, requires Louisiana "citizenship" at time of induction.

WASHINGTON: (200,000 estimated veterans); provides \$10.00 per month for domestic service, \$15 for overseas service, between December 7, 1941, and Sept. 2, 1945, no maximum amount, requires Washington residency at time of entry into service and year prior thereto, bars conscientious objectors even if they served in uniform.

States endorsing bonus payment in principle, although endorsement not necessarily binding on state legislatures:

INDIANA: (355,000 estimated veterans); 3 to 1 approving vote on question: "Do you favor pay-

ment of a state soldier's bonus for veterans of World War II?", no tabulation yet available on which of five suggested financing methods was favored.

MINNESOTA: (281,000 estimated veterans); referendum approval was strictly for "guidance" of state legislature, which can take action in next session.

Rejection of bonus proposals by voters of four states was due less to opposition to bonus proposals than to opposition to proposed methods of financing, or to hazy, apparently discriminatory, wording of referendum question.

States rejecting were:

WISCONSIN: Rejection due solely to overwhelming objection to provision for 3% sales tax as means of financing bonus, rejection votes running 3 to 1 over those in favor.

MISSOURI: Rejection apparently based also on financing provision, which would have boosted sales tax another penny, estimated rejection plurality 150,000.

NEBRASKA: Closer vote here indicated somewhat less opposition to financing proposal, special tax on tangible property, but defeat was assured after see-saw of returns.

OREGON: Not financing, but wording of referendum, played biggest role in bonus defeat, many believing that limitation of bonus after Pearl Harbor might rule out to those enlisting or re-enlisting Oregon's National Guardsmen called into Federal service before outbreak of war.

A Firm Position Offers Best Hope

Miami, Fla.—President Harry S. Truman, wearing his American Legion cap, told 10,000 delegates and visitors at the opening of the 30th national convention at Dinner Key, Miami, October 18, that "a firm position on reasonable grounds offers the best hope of peace and we have been open to reason at every point."

Delivering a major address on national security before the 1948 national convention of The American Legion, the President, himself a delegate-at-large from the Department of Missouri, presented his version of the hopes and dangers of tomorrow, reviewed United States foreign policy of the past two years and discussed current international problems. He pointed out that "the world has learned that it is weakness and appeasement which invite aggression." He made it clear that America stood firm where her

rights are threatened but emphasized "so long as I am President of the United States, there will be no chip on the shoulder of America."

He received loud applause when he said, "I would rather see the peace of the world preserved than be President of the United States."

On the rostrum as the President spoke, were military, civic and political great and near great. On the floor of the convention were 3,466 delegates and an equal number of alternates to the national American Legion convention, and some 2,500 delegates and alternates to the Auxiliary conclave. The huge auditorium was a riot of color, with bunting decorating the ceiling and walls. Huge 75-foot doors that formerly served the Navy hangars which were converted into a giant auditorium, were slid aside on the South side. A special bleacher stood in the open in the blinding sunlight. It, too, was jammed with humanity.

Sits With Delegation

When the President completed his address, he went to the Missouri delegation, seated at the rear of the auditorium, and took his seat among his fellow department delegates. He became the first President of the United States to serve as a delegate at an American Legion convention. However, it was no new experience for Legionnaire Truman. He had served as chairman or as member of the Missouri delegation at numerous national American Legion conventions prior to his elevation to the White House. He is a life member of the Tires J. Ford Post 21 of Independence, Mo.

In discussing foreign policy, the President said the United States had made three major moves in the past two years to reduce the dangers of chaos and war. These moves, he said, were:

- 1.—Offering economic and military aid to Greece and Turkey which were being threatened by communist aggression.
- 2.—European recovery program of which the President said, "sixteen European nations are making a joint effort, unprecedented in history, to overcome heavy economic losses suffered in war."
- 3.—Establishment of a "working, but by no means final, economic organization for the Western zones of Germany, under allied military control." The President said this move, jointly made by the United States, Great Britain and France, was "undertaken to encourage the economic revival of Germany, under proper safeguards, so as to aid the recovery of all Western Europe and promote stability."

"Reds" Strength Around 75,000

Chairman J. Parnell Thomas said last Thursday that the House Committee on Un-American Activities had information indicating that the Communist party had secretly registered 75,000 members in this country.

Most of them, he said, did not carry cards. Besides them, he added, were 35,000 to 40,000 persons who had not been registered but were considered party members under discipline of its leaders.

The committee's information indicated that the largest concentration of Communists was in New York, with Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit and Pittsburgh following in that order, he reported.

"All this emphasizes the need for legislation that will force the Communists above ground," the New Jersey Congressman said. "I predict that one of the first bills that will be introduced at the new Congress will be one aimed at that objective."

Thomas believed the measure would be "something along the lines of the Mundt-Nixon bill."

The so-called Communist-control bill was passed by the House earlier this year, but died in the Senate. It would have required Communist organizations to register with the Justice Department and file the names and addresses of their officers. Any person who joined or remained a member of an unregistered organization would have been subject to heavy penalties.

Representative Thomas said there was "increasingly stronger sentiment for some kind of legislation that will outlaw Communists as a political party."

He said very few Communists carry cards these days. Only those self-admitted leaders of the party and members under specific orders to do so carry cards, he said.

"I have reason to believe that better than 90 per cent do not have cards," he asserted.

"Furthermore, the Communist party no longer requires its members to take an oath to support the cause. It's indicative of Communist trend to go deeper underground in this country."

He said Communist members no longer are accepted without endorsement by another member in good standing.

Members are registered under a code name or number in the district where they join up. Mr. Thomas added that this code is changed with sufficient frequency to make it difficult to check identities.

The real names, he said, are kept in secret books at some central registration place. The registration center is shifted quite frequently.

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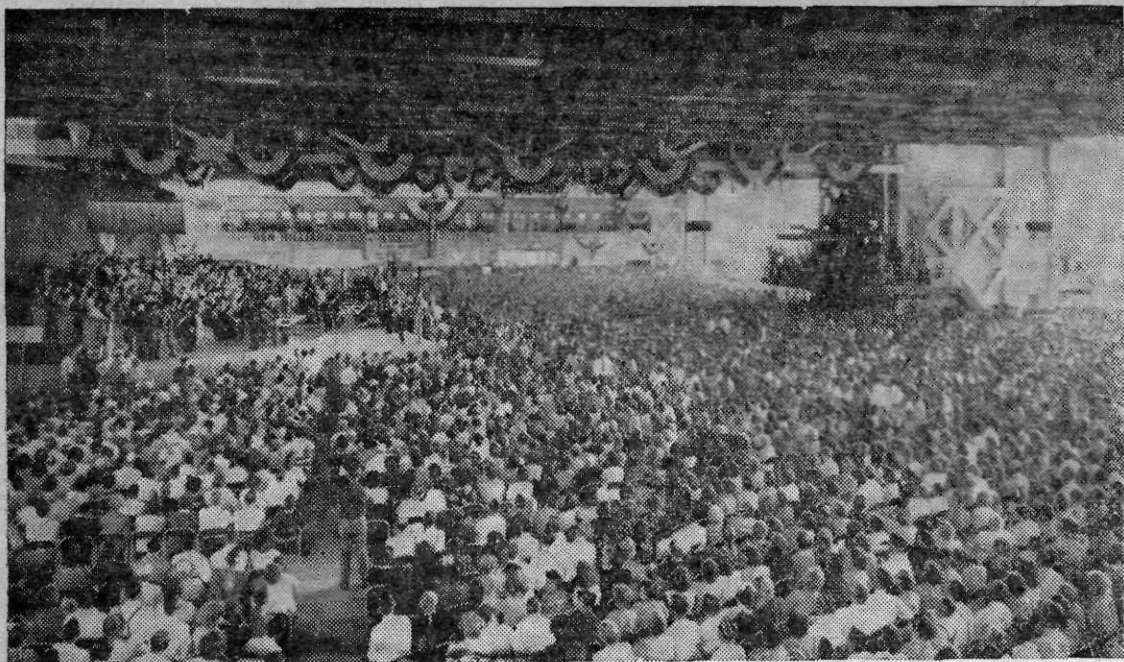
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Opening session of 30th national convention of The American Legion at Dinner Key, Miami, Fla., Oct. 18, 1948, with President Harry S. Truman addressing more than 10,000 persons.

FUNCTIONS OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

EDITOR'S NOTE: It is the desire of the Veterans Administration that we present to you thru the columns of CARSON-WILSON POST NEWS, the complete functions of the Veterans Administration. Following is the first installment. We will describe all the major benefits that VA administers for veterans, their dependents and beneficiaries in this and subsequent installments, as space permits. For complete details of any portion of FUNCTIONS OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, we suggest that you contact the VA Tulsa office at Second and Boston, or the experienced service officers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the American Legion herein Tulsa.

(Continued from last month)

PART 3—CONSTRUCTION, SUPPLY AND REAL ESTATE

This organization selects and acquires hospital sites, constructs new hospitals, rents or purchases office space, and buys millions of dollars worth of supplies and equipment needed by VA in its far-flung operations.

This organization administers the VA construction program, including 89 new hospitals and 11 additions to existing hospitals. These hospitals involve the expenditure of more than one billion dollars.

The operation and maintenance of all VA real property, ranging from office buildings and hospitals to supply depots and farms, also are responsibilities of Construction, Supply and Real Estate.

During fiscal 1947, approximately 600,000 tons of coal, 3,700,000,000 cubic feet of gas and 7,000,000 gallons of oil were among the thousands of items provided for consumption in VA offices and hospitals.

Hospital laundries handled 198,300,000 pieces of laundry, and agricultural activities at neuropsychiatric hospitals produced crops and food valued at nearly \$1,000,000.

This organization also is responsible for the safety and fire prevention programs throughout VA.

PART 4—SPECIAL SERVICES

Special services under an Assistant Administrator is concerned with the well-being of the more than 100,000 veterans in VA Hospitals and Homes. Working in close cooperation with the Department of Medicine and Surgery as a part of the "medical team," Special Services brings to the veterans in hospitals and

homes the activities with which they are familiar in their everyday lives.

The Chaplaincy Service has full and part-time chaplains in all hospitals and homes to provide spiritual guidance and personal counseling as well as other religious services for veterans of all religious faiths.

The Recreation Service provides pre-release motion pictures, radio, professional and amateur shows, music, adapted sports, hobbies, hospital newspapers and similar activities based on medical prescription and clearance and designated to help the patient get well. Thirty per cent of the patients participate actively in music and sports. Annual motion picture attendance is more than 1,000,000 and all patients are served through one activity or another.

The Library Service furnishes suitable books and magazines for recreation and study to the hospitalized veteran at the rate of 7,500,000 circulations per year. It also maintains an extensive medical library service for study and research by VA doctors and a reference service for staff.

The Veterans Canteen Service maintains in hospitals with fountain service and a stock of cigarettes, shaving cream, razors and similar items at reasonable prices.

Voluntary Service thru committees composed of representatives of veterans' and welfare organizations and under the chairmanship of VA staff personnel at all three VA levels, coordinates and integrates the supplemental assistance of over 65,000 volunteer hospital workers representing over 300 voluntary service organizations, in appropriate phases of both the Medical and Special Services programs for hospitalized veterans.

PART 5—VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION

Eligible veterans may receive education for job-training at government expense, with tuition, supplies, and, in many cases, a subsistence allowance provided under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (Public Law 16) for disabled veterans and the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (G. I. Bill, Public Law 346).

The two laws differ widely in their general application. The Vocational Rehabilitation Act gives VA a high degree of responsibility for the guidance and welfare of the veteran, whereas the G. I. Bill holds VA's super-

visory responsibility to a minimum.

Vocational Rehabilitation is provided for veterans with service-incurred or aggravated disabilities who are found to need this training in order to restore their employability.

Every veteran enrolled under this act must have extensive, scientific advisement and guidance by trained VA personnel in the selection of a course of training. The guidance is continued throughout the course.

The disabled veteran may be enrolled in a school, in on-the-job training, in institutional on-farm training, or, if VA finds he needs more specialized training, in a combination of courses.

The length of a disabled veteran's training depends on the time he needs to complete the work and become employable. Four years is the maximum except in special cases.

While he is in training and for two months after his employability is determined, the disabled veteran will receive a subsistence allowance as well as his disability compensation. Subsistence allowances vary with the type of training the veteran selects. They are:

For training on the job, \$65 per month if he has no dependents and \$90 per month if he has one or more.

For training in schools and colleges, \$75 per month, if he has no dependents, \$105 if he has one dependent and \$120.00 per month if he has more than one dependent.

For training which combines school and job training: The subsistence allowance will be based on the job training rates but increased proportionately by the percentage of a full-time course of institutional training that the school work represents. The increase will be based on the fractional difference between school and job training subsistence rates for which he may qualify.

If the compensation plus the subsistence allowance does not total \$105 or \$115 for those with disabilities of less than 30 per cent, or \$115 or \$135 for those with disabilities of 30 per cent or more, an additional sum will be paid to make up the difference. The sum is increased further if the veteran has more than one dependent.

A disabled veteran in on-the-job training may receive wages while training, but if the wages plus his subsistence allowance exceeds the journeyman rate for a trained worker in that occupation, the subsistence allowance

will be reduced by VA proportionately, but his other VA payments will remain the same.

If the disabled veteran is enrolled in school, his tuition and fees, books and supplies will be paid by VA. If he is enrolled in on-the-job training, VA will provide the necessary tools.

All Public Law 16 training for disabled veterans ceases July 25, 1956.

Education and Training: Under the G-I Bill, eligible veterans are allowed to choose their own course of study or on-the-job training and place where they will enroll. The place must have the approval of the appropriate State Approving Agency. If the course is one which has been determined by VA in accordance with the law to be frequently pursued for avocational or recreational purposes, the veteran must submit to VA complete justification that the course he wants is in connection with his present or contemplated business or occupation. Prior approval of VA must be obtained before he may start such training.

The period of education or training to which these veterans are entitled depends on their length of active military service and ranges up to 48 months.

G. I. Bill Enrollment: If a veteran enrolls in a school, college, university, trade or business school or other institution, or in institutional on-farm training, or in any combination of institutional and on-the-job training, VA pays his tuition, fees, books and supply costs up to a maximum of \$500 a year. VA may pay more than this, but the veteran in return will forfeit proportionately more of his entitlement.

If the veteran is taking a full-time school course, VA may pay him \$75 a month subsistence allowance if he has no dependents, \$105 a month if he has one dependent, and \$120 a month if he has more than one dependent, subject to the limitations set forth below.

Under the G. I. Bill, a veteran also may enter on-the-job training in an approved industrial or business establishment to learn a trade and earn wages while he learns. VA will provide the tools needed for this training.

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job training, the VA may pay him a subsistence allowance of \$65 a month if he has no dependents, or \$90 a month if he has one or more dependents. The combined wages and subsistence allowance received monthly may not exceed the amount he would receive as a trained worker in that occupation, or the ceilings set forth below, whichever is the lower.

Under the law, a veteran also may combine school and job training, or may take a course of institutional on-farm training. His subsistence allowance is based on the job training rates, increased proportionately by the percentage of a full-time course of school training that his school work represents. The increase is based on the fractional difference between school and job training subsistence rates for which he may qualify.

Whether he is earning wages in on-the-job training or in outside work while going to school, the veteran's subsistence allowance under the G-I Bill will be reduced if the combined monthly subsistence allowance and compensation from productive labor total more than \$210 if he has no dependents, \$270 if he has one dependent, and \$290 if he has more than one dependent.

G-I Bill education or training must be started within four years of July 25, 1947, or date of discharge, whichever is later. All training must be completed by July 25, 1956, except for those veterans who enlisted or re-enlisted in the armed forces under Public Law 190. In these cases training must be completed by nine years from the date of discharge from such enlistment.

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Laws of Interest

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service performed in the military forces and on war transfer by employes in the field service of the Post Office Department. Be it enacted, etc., That section 25 of the Act entitled "An Act to reclassify the salaries of postmasters, officers, and employes of the Postal Service; to establish uniform procedures for computing compensation; and for other purposes," approved July 6, 1945 (U. S. C., 1946 edition, title 39, sec 875), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 25. Allowable service under the provisions of this Act shall be only such continuous active service as has been rendered and shall not include previous periods or terms of employment, except that in the case of employes who have been separated or shall hereafter be separated from the field service of the Post Office Department for military duty, or to comply with a war transfer as defined by the Civil Service Commission, the periods

or terms of such service immediately preceding entry into military service or immediately preceding such transfer, as well as the time engaged in military service and service on war transfer, shall be construed as allowable service, and pro rata credit shall be given for the time engaged in military service and service on war transfer for each year of such service."

Sec. 2. Any person who prior to the enactment of this Act received any amounts the payment of which is authorized for the first time by this Act is hereby relieved of all liability to refund such amounts to the United States and in the audit and settlement of the accounts of any postmaster, or of any other designated disbursing officer of the Post Office Department or postal service, the payment of such amounts shall be considered to have been authorized. The Postmaster General is hereby authorized and directed to repay, out of any funds hereafter appropriated pursuant to the authority of this Act, any amounts heretofore credited to the employee or refunded by him to the United States on account of such receipt by him of unauthorized payments.

Sec. 3. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 4. The amendment made by the first section of this Act to section 25 of the Act of July 6, 1945, shall take effect as of July 1, 1945.

Approved June 30, 1948.

Public Law 741
(S. 1493)

To amend Section 19 of the Veterans Preference Act of June 27, 1944, (58 Stat. 387) and for other purposes.

Be it enacted, etc., That the final period in section 19 of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 '58 Stat 387) be changed to a semicolon and that the following be added thereto: "Provided, That any recommendation by the Civil Service Commission, submitted to any Federal agency, on the basis of the appeal of any preference eligible, employe or former employe, shall be complied with by such agency."

Approved June 22, 1948."

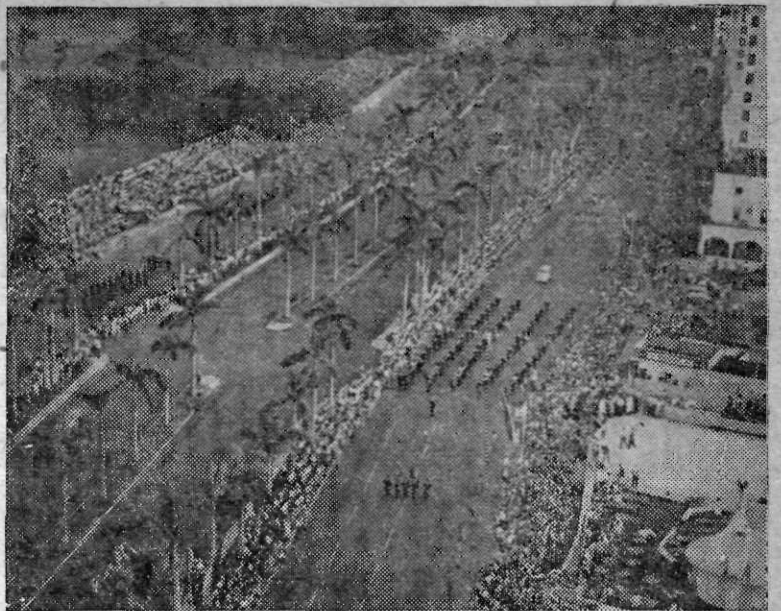
Public Law 688
(S. 2251)

To authorize the Army and Navy Union, United States of America, Department of Illinois, to construct a recreational park on the grounds of the United States naval training center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to permit the Army and Navy Union, United States of America, Department of Illinois, to construct a recreational park on the grounds of the United States naval training center, Great Lakes, Illinois, for the convenience and pleasure of the patients of that hospital.

Sec. 2. The site of the recreational park and its construction shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Navy. The construction of the recreational park and all work performed in connection therewith shall be without cost to the United States.

Sec. 3. Upon completion of the



Panoramic shot of grand parade of The American Legion during its 30th national convention in Miami, Fla., Oct. 19, 1948, before the heavy rain rang down the curtain.

TO OPEN BIDS FOR
NEW VET HOSPITAL

Bids for the construction of a 200-bed general medical and surgical hospital for veterans at San Diego, Calif., will be opened by the Veterans Administration in Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.

The project includes a main hospital building, manager's quarters, an apartment building to house the staff, nurses' and attendants' quarters, garage, laundry, boiler house, water tank, valve house, and water and sewage pumping stations.

The buildings will have concrete foundations, reinforced concrete exterior walls and floors, and built-up roofs.

Contractors have been invited to bid on certain portions or all of the proposed construction. Drawings and specifications are available from VA's construction service in Washington after October 27.

recreational park the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to accept it as an unconditional gift to the United States from the Army and Navy Union, United States of America, Department of Illinois.

Approved June 19, 1948.

VFW COMMENDS
LEGION ACTION

Beggs Congratulates Newly
Elected Chief on Adoption
Of War I Pension Resolution

The action of the American Legion at its national convention in Miami endorsing a pension program for World War I veterans was hailed by Lyall T. Beggs, commander in chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars as "a gratifying confirmation of the need and merit of such a program for the forgotten veteran of World War I."

The VFW commendation was contained in a congratulatory letter from Beggs to the newly-elected Legion National Commander, S. Perry Brown, of Beaumont, Texas. He said that the VFW is gratified to know that now the two major veteran organizations will be lined up together on this important measure, which has been a long-time objective of the VFW. Beggs predicted that "this common legislative objective of our two organizations cannot help but persuade the 81st Congress of the overwhelming approval of America's veterans of this necessary pension legislation."

Suggests Joint Study

The VFW commander's letter suggested that officials of his organization and the Legion "get together" at the earliest possible moment to discuss ways and means of presenting a united recommendation to the 81st Congress. He emphasized that while the specific proposals of the two organizations might differ in detail, "it will be possible for us to compromise these differences in order to present a common front to the Congress on this essential objective."

The VFW and Legion resolutions recommend that World War I veterans be given the same pension consideration as is now granted to Spanish-American war veterans.

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THE SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT OF 1948

Public Law 759, 80th Congress. (The Selective Service Act of 1948), became effective June 24, 1948 (date of the President's signature). The provisions of the new draft as it affects World War II veterans and nonveterans, and the benefits available to such persons are described in the following article:

REGISTRATION: During the general registration period (Aug. 30-Sept. 18, 1948), 8,584,963 persons registered for the draft. The most likely inductee group (single, non-veteran, nonfather) totaled 2,147,813. This group will be augmented by those who become 18 years of age after Sept. 19, 1948; they must register on the 18th birthday or within five days thereafter.

CLASSIFICATIONS: The main draft classifications (including subclasses) are:

Class-Basis for Classification

I-A—Available for military service.

I-A-O—Conscientious objector available only for noncombatant service.

I-C—Member of the U. S. armed forces, including the Coast Guard, the Coast and Geodetic Survey or the Public Health Service, and certain registrants separated therefrom.

I-D—Member of reserve component or student taking military training.

II-A—Occupational deferment (other than agriculture).

II-C—Agricultural employment deferment.

III-A—Dependency deferment.

IV-A—Registrant who has completed service; sole surviving son.

IV-B—Official deferred by law.

IV-C—Alien.

IV-D—Minister of religious or divinity student.

IV-E—Conscientious objector opposed to both combatant and non-combatant military service.

IV-F—Physically, mentally, or morally unfit.

V-A—Registrant over age of liability for military service.

Physical and Mental Requirements: Both the physical and mental requirements for induction are higher than those in effect under the wartime draft law. Section 4(c)(3) of the Selective Service Act provides that seventy points shall be the passing requirement for the General Classification Test. Physical and mental standards are set by the armed forces, not by Selective Service.

An Executive Order lists 147 obvious defects and manifest conditions, the existence of any of which will disqualify a registrant for service in the armed forces if the individual's functional ability is impaired to the extent that he cannot satisfactorily perform military duties. (The list may be examined at a registrant's local draft board.) There seems to be confusion in the public mind on the list of obvious defects. They are NOT the physical standards. If a registrant has any of the disqualifying defects contained therein, he will not be required to undergo the regular pre-induction physical examination. Certification of such disability or condition should be presented to the registrant's local board. Any registrant who believes that he has any of the disqualifying defects will, on his request, be referred to the local board medical adviser, who makes a recommendation to the local board. If the medical examiner so recommends, the local board may then place the registrant in 4F without sending him to the examining station. Of the local board, if it believes a registrant has a disqualifying defect, may likewise refer the

registrant to the medical adviser for recommendation. The fact that an individual was classified 4F under the 1940 draft law, or that he was discharged from the armed services for physical or mental disability prior to June 24, 1948, will not, of itself, justify placing him in 4F classification under the present Act.

Quotas: As soon as a monthly induction rate has been determined, a quota will be allotted to each local board. Quotas are based on three factors: (1) number of men needed each month; (2) number of men in I-A—that is, men classified as available for service; (3) number of men from that locality already in the armed forces.

Induction: All registrants between the ages of 19 and 26, including those who attain age 19 after registering, are liable for induction, provided they are mentally and physically qualified and are not otherwise exempt or deferred. No registrant may be accepted for voluntary enlistment after he has been notified by his local Selective Service Board to report for pre-induction physical and mental examination. Before actual induction, a registrant who successfully passes the pre-induction examination will be allowed at least 21 days after classification in which to adjust his personal affairs. But no one will be ordered for induction later than 120 days after examination, in order to insure against changes in physical condition. No registrant will be called for induction before his 19th birthday nor after his 26th.

Civil Relief: The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, as amended, provides for a temporary suspension of legal proceedings and transactions which may prejudice the civil rights of persons in active service arising in connection with obligations or liabilities pertaining to rent, installment contracts, mortgages, insurance, taxes, homestead rights, etc. The relief afforded by the Act operates to postpone obligations; not to erase them. The protection must be sought by an individual; it is not automatic. The law covers the period of service in the armed forces, plus six months after separation or discharge.

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THE ADJUTANT'S COLUMN

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did pass a motion to have another covered dish dinner. Tuesday, November 30th, dinner to be served by the Auxiliary. Legion to buy the meat and Auxiliary to furnish the balance. If you have never attended one of these dinners you have missed something. So put this down on your calendar of affairs as it will sure be well worth your effort.

The executive committee spent some time in going over plans on the new addition to the Hut. They seem to have everything about worked up to the point of borrowing the money—let's go!

Hope you haven't forgotten the 40 and 8, "Cavalcade of Stars" show at convention hall Saturday night, November 13th. From last year's reputation this is bound to be a swell show. The profits will be used for spastic children.

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ing in gasoline, crews, maintenance personnel would be great. For example, those 68 hypothetical C-47's would need 180 crews, as against 465 for the C-54's and 1,765 for the C-47's; and 2,700 maintenance men, as against 4,674 for C-54's and 10,588 for C-47's.

Split-Second Timing

Concerning the men doing the job, it soon became apparent that of the whole Task Force team, the key men were First Pilots and Air Traffic Controllers. The pilots, many of them veterans of the A. T. C., require a high degree of skill in handling their heavily loaded aircraft in the congested air space of the corridors where the planes fly with only 500 feet vertical separation, and in the extremely close work on the Berlin air strips.

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