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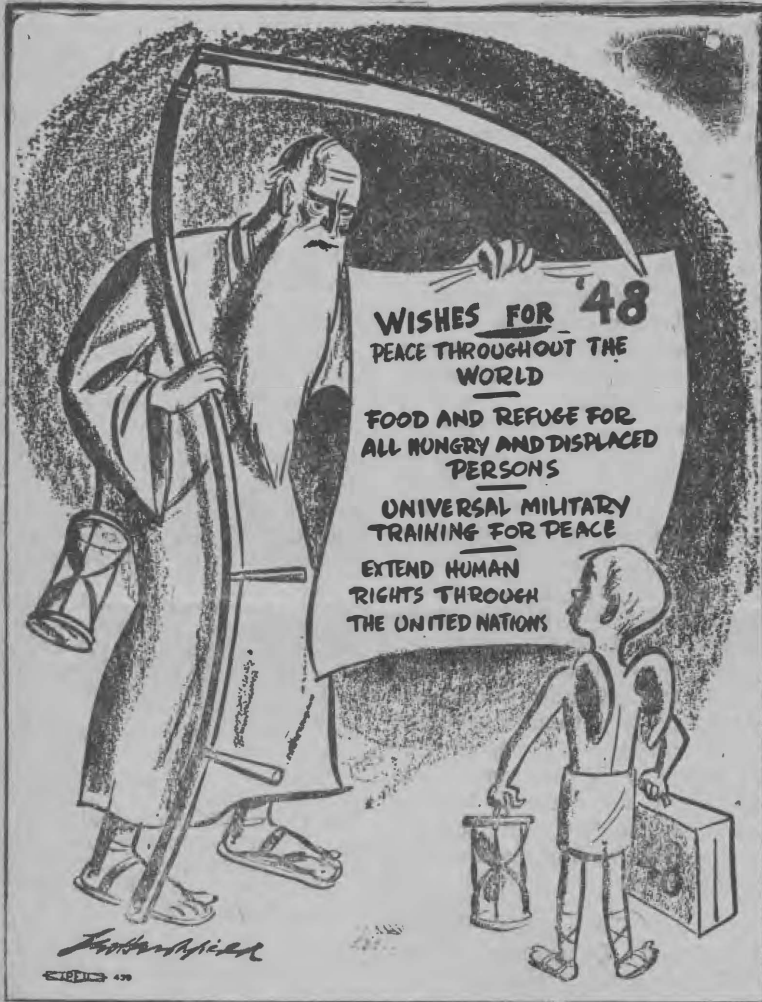
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GO TO IT, SON!

Week's Legion News in a Nut Shell

Robert William Colflesh of Des Moines, Iowa, has been appointed by National Commander James F. O'Neil as national legislative chairman of The American Legion to succeed the late William H. Doyle.

The two major leagues have contributed \$50,000 to the financial support of the 1948 American Legion Junior Baseball program.

Responding to American Legion representatives the VA has extended the

deadline for the reinstatement of lapsed NSLI policies from Dec. 31, 1947 to July 31, 1948.

National Commander James F. O'Neil of The American Legion started an eleven-day tour of California, Dec. 28.

Indiana American Legion posts have entered 250 teams in the Hoosier Department's 1948 basketball program.

The 302 American Legion posts in California have secured more than a million UMT signatures for Congress, according to Department Commander Harry L. Foster.

STRAIGHT COURSE FOR '48

Even if vets feel pretty much down in the mouth about a few things like housing, the high cost of living, and the unsettled state of the peace, the New Year brings a lift. It's another chance, a bright promise, a shining hope. The freedoms we fought for look a bit dim in many countries, but here in the United States there is positive evidence that we know how to chart our way. The American Eagle is flying high, due forward on a straight course toward new horizons.

Witness the Freedom Train, carrying our heritage of liberty across the land to folks in their own home towns. Witness the Friendship Train, which gathered a great cargo of food for Europe, because Americans know that liberty begins with bread and butter.

But that doesn't mean we're smug. If anyone needs proof of this, just look at the time and energy we've been spending to examine our own shortcomings.

For instance, thoughtful citizens have been worrying about the fact that many Americans are deprived of their civil rights because of racial and religious prejudice. As a result, President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights took a whole year to survey the situation. The Committee's recently published report, "To Secure These Rights," outlines a program of action for wiping out such injustices and making our Constitutional freedoms a reality for all.

Then, too, there's the equally important issue of protecting our freedoms physically. Major veteran organizations have been urging Universal Military Training for years; and now spokesmen all over the country are coming to our support. There is a real chance that Congress may act on Universal Military Training in 1948—but only if veterans keep the lead in demanding this vital measure for our national safety.

The outlook for world peace is brighter, too. With the help of the United States, the UN was able to

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Straight Course for '48—

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reac hsome major decisions in 1947. The United Nations' Human Rights Commission is going full steam ahead on the International Bill of Rights, and a convention to outlaw the crime of genocide is also in the making.

Even our Number One domestic headaches — housing — shows signs of letting up. Housing units are springing up all over the country, with first preference to veterans. To judge from plans already announced, building in 1948 will reach an all-time high.

Yes, it looks as though 1948 might be a good year. But only if YOU get busy. Read "To Secure These Rights" and fight unfair discrimination in your home community. Keep on plugging for Universal Military Training. Go all-out for the United Nations. Continue to hammer away for more and better housing for veterans!

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP STAG PARTY, GALENTINE PRICE POST NO. 131, SKIATOOK, OKLAHOMA — NOVEMBER 10, 1947

By COUNTY HISTORIAN H. A. POPE

The meeting was called to order by 1st District Commander Patrick, who introduced the first speaker of the evening, Mr. Frank Cochran, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Skiatook. Mr. Cochran gave an interesting talk to the old veterans, telling them how to welcome the ne wveterans into The American Legion and teach them what our American Legion has meant all through the years to the state and community.

C. C. Johnson was then introduced and gave a lengthy talk on what the Legion stands for and how we should honor our dead buddies who are now being returned from overseas.

Bill Supernaw was then introduced who in turn introduced the principal speakers of the evening. First speaker was Fred Aker, who gave a talk on service work in both state and community. Next Bob Taylor, 1st District Representative Veterans Service Officer, gave an interesting talk on child welfare and veterans aid. Next speaker, Ned Fraker from Muskogee Rehabilitation Office, talked on the poppy program and urged everybody to get back of the poppy sales and put them over ni a big way. County Commander Lloyd Long was then introduced who in turn introduced Elmer Chandler from Miami, who gave one of his inspiring Legion talks also a talk on what our American flag stand for and why we should be against communism and all other isms.

First District Commander Patrick then introduced Department Commander Brad Reisinger who told why he always likes to visit Skiatook post. Commander Reisinger gave a lengthy talk on his meeting wit hthe National officers in Indianapolis, and what their work was for the coming year. He also gave a talk on this, our 29th Armistice day, and the tomb of the unknown soldier. He then talked on why we should be for the United Nations and preparedness and why we should keep fighting for Universal Military Training. Brad told about the Armistice day parade to be held the next day, with Milt Phillips to be the principal speaker of the day.

A turkey raffle was then held. Two large turkeys were given away after which the meeting was adjourned and a big barbecue with all the trimmings was served.

A regular county meeting is in the making for Skiatook in the near future. So, try to make it and meet one swell bunch. Those from Carson-Wilson Post to attend were as follows: County Commander Floyd Long, Joe Herman, C. C. Johnson, Earl Howard, Jimmy King, Sr., H. K. Nelson and Craig Knudson.

Buddies & GI

You know how valuable the American Legion is to you for the need that are yours.

By keeping membership in A. L. you know that it is the immediate and constant work of the Service Officer, with the Veterans Administration through its Legion Officials constant on the job to see that equal rights are endeared. Don't overlook the the things essential for your future. Renew your National Service life insurance before January 1, 1948. Terminal leave can still be applied for. All veterans having disability service connected file within one year after discharged. Don't overlook this. All these are for all veterans of both wars. Hospitalization, reinstating claims that is needed for more verification and proof that cutoff is unjustified. World War I widows should file claims for pension. All World War I vets where disability cut them off from earning a living, make application for part III pension. Burial allowance, insurance claims—the service the Legion is ready to give you.

Veterans Administration received 4,000,000 pieces of mail pertaining to National Service Life Insurance between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30, 1947. This figure is 300,000 above the amount of correspondence received during a comparable period in 1946.

A three-month study of National Service Life Insurance payments revealed that over half of all premiums are paid by veterans as direct remittances; one-fourth represent in-service pay allotments; one-tenth come from Armed Forces Leave Bonds assigned to VA for premium payments; and the remainder consists of amounts paid for veterans, such as deductions from compensation and pensions, corporation accounts maintained for employees and the like.

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GI FARM LOANS

The average size of the nearly 1,300 GI farm loans granted to veterans during October was \$600 higher than the \$3,852 overall average reached since the loan guarantee program began in 1944, Veterans Administration said.

In October, 1,282 veterans borrowed a total of \$5,711,515 to purchase farms and farm equipment—an average of \$4,455 per loan.

In the more than three years since the inception of the GI loan program, 36,700 veterans obtained farm loans amounting to more than \$141,400,000. VA guaranteed and insured less than half of this total, or \$65,400,000.

Under the GI Bill, a veteran is eligible for a guaranteed farm loan if he served in the armed forces for 90 days or more (part of which time was on or after Sept. 16, 1940, and prior to July 25, 1947), and was released under conditions other than dishonorable. The 90-day minimum is waived for veterans discharged with service-incurred disabilities.

VA itself does not make loans. A veteran completes his own arrangements for the loan through the usual financing channels. VA then guarantees the lender against loss up to 50 per cent of the loan, with a maximum guarantee of \$4,000 on real estate loans and \$2,000 on non-real estate loans.

Farm realty loans must be repaid within 40 years.

The Pennsylvania American Legion has presented a \$36,000 amphitheater with a seating capacity of 1,250 to the Aspinwall Veterans' hospital.

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Insurance Info

Nearly two-thirds of the World War II veterans with National Service Life Insurance are using convenient Veterans Administration self-addressed premium envelopes in mailing their premium payments to VA branch offices.

The envelopes—with the veteran's name, address and policy number addressographed on the flap—are sent by the branch offices to policyholders well in advance of premium due-dates. In this way, an envelope serves both as a reminder of a forthcoming payment and as an easy-to-use method of transmitting the payment.

Use of the envelopes in making premium payments has increased from 48 per cent in January, 1947, to 66 per cent by the end of September, VA said.

When a premium envelope is received by VA it is forwarded unopened directly to the insurance collections unit. All other mail to VA—including premium payments in ordinary envelopes—is opened by the mail section and then sent to the appropriate unit.

By bypassing the mail section, premium envelopes have saved VA many man-hours of work and have speeded handling of premium payments.

The American Legion has chartered the Service Women's Post 1696 at Auburn, N. Y., its 201st all-women's post.

Like a mental Lochinvar out of the West, Victor Miller, official of Denver, Colo., American Legion Post 1, went East for the Harvard-Yale football game and won a \$2,760 radio history quiz jackpot while in New York City.

Arkansas University and William & Mary College will meet in the first annual Dixie Bowl football game at Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 1, 1948, sponsored there by General Gorgas Post 1 of The American Legion.

Eighteen governors have acted favorably thus far on National Commander James F. O'Neil's request to proclaim Jan. 5 to 12, 1948, as UMT week.

PRAYER FOR OUR WAR DEAD

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,

On this day when American soil receives the bodies of its dearly beloved and heroic war dead, we pray Thee to receive once again in mercy and loving-kindness their immortal souls. Remember unto them the love and devotion with which they answered the call to duty and the faithfulness and loyalty with which they served.

Make meaningful in our own lives the lofty ideals and noble sentiments which motivated and guided them so that in recalling and honoring their memories and deeds we may derive similar inspiration and vision for our daily tasks.

Stemming from all races, all creeds, all nationalities, as they were united in their lives in the great brotherhood of America, so they are now united in the great brotherhood of death. May the lesson thus learned—of American unity in life as in death—teach us to walk together in the upbuilding of our country as an example of that spirit of true brotherhood and understanding of which the whole world is so desperately in need.

We pray Thee, turn this day of memorial for our fallen heroes into a day of rededication to ideals of justice, righteousness and peace. May hatred cease and wars be forever ended. May all Thy children everywhere find the bond of perfect union and peace in Thee, our Father, Creator of all men. AMEN.

Auxiliary to Mark Jan. 5-12 As UMT Week

The week of January 5th will be "Universal Military Training Week" in The American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Lee W. Hutton, National President, has called upon the Auxiliary's 11,700 local units to hold community mass meetings during the week to help arouse the American public to the need for immediate adoption of universal military training.

At the meetings, Legion and Auxiliary speakers will present the training plan endorsed by the Legion and now before Congress. Resolutions will be offered urging Congress to take early action on this and other security measures to world peace stronger safeguards.

Of the 37 American Legion posts in the 8th Indiana Congressional district, 32 now own their clubhouse.

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