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DOG MAKES CRIPPLED CHILDREN HAPPY

The love of a dog is universal among children and the youngsters at the Milton H. Berry school for spastic children, 3647 S. Peoria Ave., are no exception. The little patients at the school wanted a dog and Friday they got one through the good offices of the SPCA. Now "Tippy" has come to live at the school and he expects to be quite happy there. Left to right in the picture are A. C. Owen, humane officer for the SPCA; the new star boarder, "Tippy"; Jean Ann Pickett, Bristow; Glen Sheer and Donald Greer, Tulsa.

AMERICAN LEGION IS 30 YEARS OLD TODAY

Organization of World War Veterans Had Inception in Meeting in Club Interallie Paris

Thirty years ago March 15, 1919 the soul and conscience of the American army began to merge from the taut discipline and the taut nerves of military necessity. The spirit of the soldier, the civilian who answered his country's call to arms, began to show itself to the American people in the highest conceivable form of patriotism and citizenship. It was an idealistic form, yet it was practical. It stood upon principles acceptable to God, acceptable to our finest conception of government, and acceptable to our fellow man. Those principles also provided a lifetime of activity.

The Legion was conceived out of a common desire of the non-professional soldier to carry into peace time the same loyalty to our American government and our American institutions, which they had been given in the great emergency and from which they had not yet been released. Linked with this was the desire to perpetuate the friendship formed during those hardships and suffering of the battlefield and camps, which today grow brighter and closer with time and distance.

To some the war was a great adventure. To all it was a crusade. The idea of a great organization to veterans, upon their return to civilian life in the

United States, had occurred to many. It remained for a group of twenty typical soldiers to deal with it in a definite way.

These twenty soldiers, officers of field rank, who came from the National Guard and the Reserve were called together in Paris, France. Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt gave the group a dinner at the Club Interallies on February 16th, and outlined his ideas to them.

A caucus was called at Paris and a thousand men, ranking doughboys, line officers, sous, lieutenants, all kinds of soldiers, responded to this call—a thousand men were present. Rank was forgotten. Ideas that would stand the closest scrutiny and held forth the greatest promise, were given careful consideration, and then two days later the organization was given its name—The American Legion.

The development of the one big organization serving every man and woman who saw service of both wars under the Stars and Stripes, during those memorial period from 1917 through 1918, and 1941-1945, has been remarkable. Its growth will continue and its good will be felt hundreds of years hence when history will be able to recount the deeds it has accomplished.

F. H. J. C.

Benson Warns American Way Of Life Periled

A one-man dynamo on Americanism—who writes pamphlets, letters, weekly news columns, gives speeches and plans a textbook on his subject—told some 1,000 persons in Convention hall last Friday night, "We are going to have to work, and work now, to save our American way of life."

Dr. George S. Benson, president of Harding College, Searcy, Ark., advised his listeners, who had ignored inclement weather to hear him, that they must "make themselves vocal on Americanism among their children and their neighbors' children."

Citing freedom of individual opportunity as the cornerstone of America's vast industrial superiority over other nations and the seed for America's men of inventive and managerial genius, Dr. Benson asserted there are elements in this nation today who would substitute government-controlled industry for the competitive system which has distributed wealth and provided educational opportunities second to none for the families of American working men.

Dr. Benson termed Russia and her satellites the leaders in a rapidly moving world trend away from free enterprise, and asserted "France and Britain have purposely followed courses of socialism." Referring to the United States today, he declared: "This is not the place nor the time for the acceptance of such a system."

The noted educator briefly traced the development of three great American industrial achievements—the automotive industry through Henry Ford; the achievements in electrical wizardry by Thomas A. Edison, and the rise of David Sarnoff, president of Radio Corporation of America. He drew a parallel in the three lives based on each man's freedom to function without permission of a government.

The subversives whose efforts we must block are difficult to deal with "because they have been trained to lie, to infiltrate, and to convince," Dr. Benson said.

He declared: "Given our present psychology, plus a serious general depression, and the American people might elect a man on a platform of government ownership."

Dr. Benson prescribed as a means of stemming the socialization tide pride on the part of workers in the companies by which they are employed. He declared: "Class hatreds engendered among the people of this nation is the greatest crime that has been perpetrated in the past 20 years."

NEW NAVY ROCKET SETS MARK FOR U. S.

Surts 78 Miles Into Sky at Speed of 3,000 MPH

A new Navy rocket has spurted 78 miles into the sky and hit a speed of 3,000 miles an hour, the Army and Navy has announced.

It is the highest and fastest an American missile is disclosed to have gone. The war-time German V-2 reached 114 miles and about 3,500 miles an hour in tests at White Sands, N.M., proving grounds.

The performance of the liquid-fueled Aerobee greatly exceeds the 34-mile altitude, 2,100-mile speed of the only other American rocket so far announced. This was the Army ordnance "WAC Corporal." However, both still are far short of marks achieved by the V-2.

Details of design of the new rocket and the fuel are secret.

However, photographs of it in flight indicate a pencil-thin design like the WAC Corporal, contrasted with the bulkier girth of the V-2.

The Aerobee was developed for Navy ordnance by the Aerojet Corp., of Azusa, Calif., and the Douglas Aircraft Co. The applied physics laboratory of Johns Hopkins university at Silver Springs, Md., supervised.

It carried 150 pounds of instruments for recording cosmic ray activity. Under the joint Navy-Army program an initial group of 20 Aerobee rockets is being made ready for tests.

MEMBERSHIP TO BE GIVEN STRENUOUS 30TH BIRTHDAY PARTY EFFORT

Membership in Carson-Wilson Post No. 1 The American Legion, will be stressed most seriously from this date to the birthday party March 16.

During this time concerted effort will be made to enroll 1000 new members that this post has given service to these veterans with their claims. This campaign is under the leadership of Clinton J. Bohannon, membership chairman.

It is hoped to have each member get one new one to present to our Commander at the Dinner. This can be accomplished by the combining of every business and worker with you on the job—men and women of World War II.

Approximately thirty thousand ex-service men and women filed their claims for Terminal Leave of which was accomplished by the efforts of the American Legion that served you, every one is eligible to membership in the Carson-Wilson Post. Each and every one should be a member of this post.

The Assistant Adjutant has done a fine job in letting members know their membership was due but there is a lot that has paid little or no attention, excuses

LEGISLATIVE NEWS-LETTER

WASHINGTON. (ALNS)—The American Legion has pointed its finger squarely at leadership in the House of Representative and accused it of duty-shirking and political cowardice on the universal military training legislation now lying stagnant in the House Rules Committee.

In an address before The American Legion's largest post, Omaha Post No. 1 in Neb., National Commander James F. O'Neil lashed out at Congress for its inaction on UMT. "Congress is desperately trying to avoid its responsibility on UMT," he said, "because this is an election year. . . . This piece of congressional escapism is not only jeopardizing American security and American effectiveness for world peace, but is a demonstration of moral decadence."

He declared, "the blame for this selfish and un-American procedure rests squarely on (House) Rules Committee Chairman Leo E. Allen (R., Ill.) and those members of his committee who support him in smothering the baby UMT bill in its crib. . . . Helping Allen to obstruct UMT legislation through this government by clique in which a handful of men can thwart decision on an issue endorsed by millions, are some other sterling examples of a coterie which places personal and political expediency ahead of all else." . . . In this circle Commander O'Neil placed the following: Speaker of the House Joe Martin (R., Mass.); Rep. Charles Hall (Continued on Page Four)

are always to be given. Now is the time to act.

Membership in The American Legion is of a greater value today than ever in its history. Great things have been done by the American Legion in the past for the ex-service men and women, great things are being done today by The American Legion for humanity in general. This work deserves the support of every man and woman who is eligible to membership. Get on the band wagon of the Legion that is doing things for itself and for the citizenship of Tulsa.

Here is a plea to those of our readers who will devote a part of your idle time to contact the GI sell him on what has been given to them through the time, money, effort and fight that they have received or now receiving. We are calling all good Legionnaires to show a spirit of full cooperation at this time when our Department Commander, Brad Risinger, will be with us.

Grab the Torch, fling it high. Let's "Carry On" in a bigger way! with an all time high membership.

F. H. J. C.

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MRS. H. E. GLASER
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Plan now to help in the membership campaign which will open soon. We are still far short (200) of our quota of 641 members and need to rally to the cause. Call Mrs. H. A. Pope, Membership Chairman, 227 East Seminole Place, Phone 2-1280, if you are willing to help. Mrs. Delores Jennings and Mrs. Jean Hill have consented to be Captains of the two teams. At the close of the contest the losing team will serve a dinner to the winning team.

The American Legion Auxiliary will serve the American Legion's birthday dinner Tuesday night March 16 at 6:30 at the Legion Hut in honor of the American Legion's 30th birthday anniversary. Tickets are on sale at \$1.00 each (see Mrs. J. B. Allred, Unit President, Phone 3-7408 or Mrs. Cecil Jones Social Chairman, phone 3-9742) to Legionnaires and their wives, sisters, daughters, or sweethearts. A program will follow the dinner and both Legion and Auxiliary regular meetings will be dispensed with.

WEEKS LEGION NEWS IN A NUT SHELL

Twenty-eight state championship teams have entered in the second national American Legion baseball tournament at Jeffersonville, Ind., April 1 to 4.

The 1948 national model airplane championship meet will be sponsored by the Earl Collier Post 153 of The American Legion at Olathe, Kansas, August 3 to 7 along with the local chamber of commerce.

The Rabe O. Wilkinson Post 38 of The American Legion at Ft. Myers, Fla., is collecting coconuts by the tens of thousands to give away as souvenirs to visitors at the 30th national convention in Miami next October.

The copy hut of the Charles Coulson Post 168 of The American Legion at England, Ark., has been gutted by a \$5,000 fire.

National Leaders Back Drive To Rebuild Faith In America

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—The title of The American Legion's first freedom booklet going to more than 1,000,000 homes, April 1, will be "WANTED TEN MILLION SALESMEN."

The initial brochure outlines the purpose of the "Dividends from Democracy" series of monthly freedom booklets as being to equip American citizens with facts and information with which they can defend free American democracy against all subversive propaganda. Its theme is "It's what you do with what you have that makes you what you are!" Its lesson is that the people have to preserve the ideals that give America her strength.

The first endorsement of the new Americanism program contained in the initial freedom booklet comes from the White House.

President Harry S. Truman, a Legionnaire, says:

"I am more than happy to congratulate the Legion on its campaign to educate the people of the United States in citizenship and what that means to a citizen."

"The work done by the Legion over the past 28 years in this line is one of its proudest accomplishments, and I feel sure that this new intensive campaign will accomplish much."

What Eisenhower Says

General Dwight D. Eisenhower says:

"Such a program can bring to our people a deeper realization of the responsibilities as well as the privileges of citizenship and thus give strength to our national will at a time when American ideals must serve to guide the world to lasting peace."

Attorney General Tom Clark—"An informed citizenry—active and conscientious—is the best defense of democracy. I cannot commend too highly The American Legion's educational program."

Secretary of National Defense James Forrestal—"I congratulate The American Legion on the inauguration of its splendid program for the preservation of American ideals. The knowledge of this undertaking is particularly heartening to me as one whose primary concern is the safeguarding of our national security."

Labor's Endorsement

AFL President William Green—"There is great need for education on Americanism and its sound principles and policies. The free enterprise system has been practically wiped out of every nation throughout the world except here in America. I am in thorough accord with the plan and policy . . . to carry on a campaign of education in behalf of

the American way of life and of our free enterprise system in opposition to the imposition of totalitarianism in any form upon the people of our great country or any part of our population."

CIO President Philip Murray—"The threats from extremists of every variety can best be met by making the soil of discontent, exploitation and injustice unfertile for those who would undermine our government."

Dave Beck Statement

Teamsters' Vice-President Dave Beck—"The task of informing and educating that segment of our society to which the promoters of unAmerican philosophies make their strongest and most effective appeal, is a tremendous one. I am glad it is being undertaken by the national Americanism commission of The American Legion. Be assured that I will give my complete cooperation, as will all my associates."

NAM President Earl Bunting—"The American Legion is tackling a job of a lifetime in its new Americanism program. This is the right moment for it . . . More power to the Legion in its fight for greater understanding of the blessings of American citizenship."

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman—"We must aggressively sell our America to Americans."

Thus constructively we can defeat the insidious invasion of destructive doctrines of alien origin. The plans of The American Legion to increase proper appreciation of our nation and its fundamental principles is most commendatory."

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Q.—Do World War II veterans who are entitled to out-patient dental care have the right to select any dentist they want?

A.—Where Veterans Administration dental clinic service is not feasibly available, the VA has adopted the policy that any veteran entitled to out-patient dental care at the expense of VA may choose any dentist participating in the program of dental care of veterans.

Q.—If a veteran contracted a disease or was injured in line of duty while he was in service is the line-of-duty determination, as made by departments of the Armed Services, binding on Veterans Administration?

A.—No. However, the record of the Service Departments generally will be accepted in determining line-of-duty status of diseases and injuries, unless considerations and legal presumptions of the various laws warrant a different finding.

Q.—Does the age of World War I and World War II veterans affect the amount of compensation or pension paid to them?

A.—Compensation is not affected but pension for non service-connected permanent, total disability is increased upon reaching age 65.

Q.—I have completed my job-training course and find that I still have entitlement time left under the educational provisions of the GI Bill. Will I be permitted to go to another school for the remainder of my entitlement?

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"America's Town Meeting of the Air," heard each Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. over KOME and the American Broadcasting Company will present its 500th broadcast on March 16th. To mark the occasion, the subject will be one aimed directly as a challenge to the American Legion's Americanism program. The subject will be "Which Way America . . . Fascism, Communism, Socialism or Democracy?" This revealing program is most timely at this time when countries all over the world are being swallowed up by various "isms." The very backbone of our own country is being slowly weakened by the cancerous "isms" gnawing at the vital parts of our government. It is a program which every American interested in preserving our American ideals should hear.

Raymond Moley, author and Newsweek columnist, will again plead the case of democracy. Norman Thomas, Socialist party leader, will state his party's position.

The other two speakers will be Dr. Leon M. Birkhead, author and founder and director of the Friends of Democracy; and Martin Ebon, author of the new book, "World Communism Today," and

former information officer of the State Department.

Originally based by its founder and moderator, George V. Denny, Jr., upon the idea of the New England Town Meeting, "America's Town Meeting of the Air" has continuously presented controversial subjects. We might add that the one Tuesday night will be one of the most controversial ever presented.

"Town Meeting" has received 33 national awards for excellence in the field of educational and public service programs.

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leck (R., Ind.), Republican floor leader; Rep. Leslie Arends (R., Ill.), Republican whip; and "last but by no means least" Rep. Clarence Brown (R., Ohio), Senator Taft's "voice" in the House . . . O'Neil charged: "The Rules Committee and the men I have named in following their present course did not ask 'Is this for the

best interest of our country?' . . . They asked 'Is this to our own best interest?'"

The Legion Chief called on the nation to "let the duty-shirkers in Congress know that the people will ask for an accounting from them for their political cowardice in the face of a grave national peril . . . Write your Congressman and your Senator and tell them in your own forceful words what you think of this business of playing politics with national security."

Pressure Mounts

Meanwhile, in every section of the nation, blasts resound in opposition to the procedures being employed by the House Rules Committee to stymie congressional action on H. R. 4278 (the UMT bill).

Leading newspapers throughout the country continue to hammer away at Rep. Allen and his cohorts . . . One editorial labeled the Committee's strangle-hold tactics as a "challenge to democracy." . . . Former U. S. Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts, speaking for the National Security Committee, called the Rules Committee's conduct a "travesty on the American system of representative government."

The four major veterans organization, led by The American Legion, in a joint statement accused Rep. Allen of possessing a "czarist complex" . . . "No democratic government can long exist under such forced un-democratic dictatorship," the statement read.

According to John Thomas Taylor, national legislative director of the Legion with more than thirty years' experience on Capitol Hill, seldom before has so much pressure from so many sources been exerted on Congress for the passage of a single piece of legislation . . . To squarely represent the people, Congress cannot long withstand such pressure."

Senate Stalls

The Senate Armed Services Committee continues to delay consideration of UMT . . . Chairman

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Chan Gurney (R., S.D.) stated that his committee could not take up the issue until it received further information on the costs of reserve components of the armed forces.

"Sen. Gurney knows full well that this information is forthcoming within a matter of days," Director Taylor asserted . . . "In the interest of national defense, there is no excuse for deferring Senate hearings another day."

Nine months ago, Chairman Gurney promised immediate hearings on UMT . . . We're still waiting."

HOUSING

The House Veterans Affairs Committee continued hearings on the Legion's Veterans Home-Steal Act of 1948 . . . In a session before the Committee, representatives of the Veterans Administration attacked the proposal on the grounds that it would throw too heavy a load on the facilities of the VA and also that it had inflationary tendencies . . . VA spokesmen admitted, however, that the bill had merit and contained possibilities of liquidating the veterans housing shortage.

Legion sources learned that the bill received favorable recommendations from housing authorities within the VA. However, these recommendations were knuckled under by the higher echelon when passed along for final approval.

The VA attack was the first sustained by the Legion bill in hearings before the House Committee. Walter E. Alessandrini, chairman of the Legion's national housing committee, is scheduled to answer the VA charges before an early meeting of the House Committee.

Oratorical Contest Pays Dividends

As a result of his outstanding work in a County Oratorical contest, Charles Gray, last year's winner, is now employed at a Tulsa radio station. Dick Campbell, manager of Radio Station KOME and one of the contest judges, was so impressed with Charles' work that he offered him an announcer position at KOME. Charles is now quite certain that the Oratorical contest does pay dividends in more ways than one. He may be heard on KOME's early morning shows.

ORATORICAL CONTEST POSTPONED

Because of the inclement weather, the District Oratorical contest has been postponed to Monday afternoon at 2 p.m., in the North Auditorium of Central high school. All Legionnaires are encouraged to attend and wear their caps.

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