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## LET'S PUSH UMT!--Here's Why

### Stag Party Scheduled For Friday, April 2nd

Well, buddies, if you attended the last Stag Party thrown by the 40 & 8, we know you'll be sure to attend the one this Friday night. If you missed the last one, then don't be caught with them down this time. Dick Davis, the chairman of an organization known as "Legionnaires for Bigger and Better Stag Parties", promises that this one will reach a new high in a good time for all. Eddie Shields, an expert in the preparation of the "culinary art (grub)", has called on Mike Ditchkus, a professional chef, for his assistance in the preparation of the food for the dinner which begins at 6:30. The menu will include: combination salad, baked ham, with raisin sauce, corn O'Brien, mashed potatoes, cherry and apple pie with cheese, Parker House rolls and coffee.

The entertainment provided last time was exceptionally fine, as testified by those who attended. The entertainment this time is to be provided by the same person and can be termed no less than super-colossal. The entertainment will start at 8:00. Tickets will be available at the door at a cost of \$1.00 per person. All legionnaires and their guests are invited to attend.

### Mayor Price Commends Post For Service To Community

At the request of several legionnaires who attended the 30th Birthday Celebration, we are printing the text of Mayor Lee Price's message to the members of Carson-Wilson Post on that occasion. It was the thought of those who made this request, that many who could not attend would be interested in reading the tribute of our Mayor to this post.

"I can well remember that first birthday of the American Legion. I can remember that this nation was still breathless from the tremendous exertion of winning a great and terrible war. Hundreds of thousands of our young men were still in uniform and in foreign lands waiting and wondering what the future held for them.

Broken and discouraged boys were everywhere in hospitals and on beds of pain—already being forgotten in the mad dash for peace-time reconstruction.

Our of the nowhere suddenly appeared their champion and protector, the American Legion. A vigorous campaign brought forth hospitals for the sick and shattered—pensions for the widows and orphans—relief for the many wounds of war—food and employment for the needy.

"And behind all these magnificent movements was the hand of the American Legion.

"The City of Tulsa has been a better city—its citizens have been better Americans—its charities have sprung more fully from its heart—because of the American Legion.

"Your Mayor, the Mayor of the City of Tulsa—congratulates the American Legion on its 30th birthday and tells you from the bottom of his heart,

"I am proud that I am a Legionnaire.

LEE PRICE, Mayor."

### Legion Grounds Show Signs of Spring

Dee Covington, caretaker of the Hut, under the capable supervision of Eddie Shields, Assistant Adjutant, is beginning to get the grounds in shape for the arrival of spring. We understand that Eddie and Dee have already planted about 750 tulips. In addition, there are over 50 rose bushes on the grounds.

Those of you who had the pleasure of visiting the Hut last summer, will testify that the grounds were the most beautiful in the history of the Post. This year's program promises to make it even more beautiful. One of the greatest changes will be the removal of the two large fish ponds which will make way for flower gardens. The 180 goldfish which were in the ponds, were given to the City Park Department in exchange for twelve truck loads of fertilized dirt which was used to fill the ponds. In case you had any pet fish in the ponds, you may now visit them at the fish pond at the Tulsa Rose Garden.

The Post owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. O. A. Ziegler, Superintendent of the City Park Department and Curtis Whisman, Chife Horticulturist of the Park Department, for their contribution of 1500 plants to the Post, last year. These gentlemen have already contacted the Post this year and have assured us that we might have all the plants we need this year to add to the beautification of the grounds. In addition to this contribution of the City Park Department, approximately fifteen or twenty packs of flowers will be planted to make our grounds a picture of real beauty.

A salute from the editors to Dee and Eddie for carrying out a worthwhile project.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING

In case you didn't get to attend the meeting last Tuesday night, here are some of the highlights of that meeting as reported by Commander Halley.

An inspiring initiation ceremony was held. A movie on fighting in the Pacific was shown and announcement made that this week's meeting will have a showing of a similar picture on the fighting at Iwo Jima.

It was reported that a committee has been appointed to make a study of having some baseball teams for our members, in addition to our Junior Baseball Program. A committee has also been appointed to investigate the possibility of a basketball team, or teams, for the Post next year, and a committee has been appointed to organize a bowling team for the 1948-49 season.

T. D. Murray reports that he has a committee for disaster and relief well organized for assistance in any emergency that might arise.

Hess Crossland won the twelve-dollar pot in the drawing. Other names drawn of members not present were: Felix Bedowitz, Tom Kelamis, Julius Livingstone, Floyd Johnson.

Harlan K. Nelson has reported favorably on his activities as Poppy Chairman.

### Post Regrets Loss of Virgil Veach as Visitation Chairman

Virgil Veach, who has served so well as chairman of the Sick and Visitation Committee, has had to resign because of ill health. The Post regretfully relieved him of his duties and extended the highest commendation for his outstanding work as chairman of this important committee. Jim Bewley was appointed as his successor. Our thanks to Virgil for his outstanding work and our best wishes to Jim for success in his new undertaking.

### Editors Extend Welcome Mat for More News

Every week the editors of this newspaper make the rounds in an attempt to get the local color of happenings around the Post. We make calls to those in a position to know most of the happenings around the Post, but still we are confronted by those who ask us—"Why didn't you write about . . ." Our answer is very simple—we didn't know about it. Our staff, as well as editing this paper, has other business duties which prohibit us from attending ALL of the functions of the Post, tho we do try. We'll guarantee that you have a news-worthy story, we'll print it if you'll let us know about it by letter or phone. A box in the Post Office is labeled "Carson-Wilson News" and contrary to some opinion, we do empty it every week. You may call the Editor, Dexter Moss at 2-9196 or Gregg Chancellor at 3-4121 (KOME). We will welcome your news and give it very prompt publication.

### TAPS

#### A. D. WILLIAMSON World War I Veteran

Member of Carson-Wilson Post 1, died March 17th, 1948, buried March 19th, 1948, Moore's Funeral Home in charge burial in Legion Plot, Memorial Cemetery. Carson-Wilson Post 1 in charge of Military services.

Active detail: Joseph F. Herman, commander; C. M. Johnston, chaplain; Gus Gunn, J. P. Bewley, color bearers; C. F. Sheldon, Alfred Jarvis, color guards; Harry L. S. Halley, flag custodian; Dee Covington, O. D. Waters, James King, Sr., Alex Faulkner, firing squad; Glen Coddington, in charge of firing squad; Carl Fischer, bugler. Members of Masonic Lodge acted as pallbearers.

#### MEMBERS MOURN PASSING OF WALTER ERNST, Sr.

Members of Carson-Wilson Post were saddened to hear of the passing of Walter J. Ernst, Sr., age 62, of 6878 Chestnut Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Ernst, a pioneer plumber of 41 years in that profession, passed away at his home, March 12th. He was buried in Kansas City.

Mr. Ernst is survived by his wife, Theresa, of the home address, and four sons, Frank J., Leo A., W. J., Jr., of Kansas City, and Fred of Tulsa, who is a member of Carson-Wilson Post and the VFW Post 577.

Mr. Ernst also is survived by three sisters: Alice M. Miller of St. Joseph, Mrs. Virginia Wright of Kansas City, and Mrs. Mark T. Rubins of Grand Junction, Colo.

### RECOGNIZE AN UGLIER TRUTH—WAR CAN COME AGAIN

In considering UMT we must start with a simple truth that nobody in his right senses can deny. WAR CAN COME AGAIN! If it should happen again then we must recognize an uglier truth. It will be the most horrible and the most devastating war in all the history of mankind. The progress of military science has assured that. It will be fought with atomic bombs, with airplanes that will fly faster than sound, with guided missiles, with disease germs, with incendiary explosives, with new rays of all kinds and with other nightmarish instruments of mass destruction.

In the fact of such a possible catastrophe we must not gamble with our security. The stakes are just too high. They are our independence, our freedoms, our possessions and everything that makes life worth living for Americans.

### An Open Letter To Newspapers

"Ex-GI Swings Wicked Butcher Knife at Wild Party." "Ex-GI Killed in Drunken Brawl" . . . More often than not, the daily headline has its goriest face forward. And also, all too often, the "Ex-GI" label is pasted on it as a final touch. Nothing this journalistic practice, Paul Gallico, outstanding sports columnist, makes the following pungent comment:

"With some twelve to fourteen million men in uniform during the last war, who wasn't an ex-GI? Why discredit the Army, the uniform and the veterans in general by this type of characterization?"

We say "Amen" to that. And take it from a top journalist like Gallico, that "not only is it unfair to millions of ex-GI's who do not go about slugging their mates with meat axes or flat irons or robbing the poor-box, but it also seems to be bum journalism."

What's newsworthy about a guy being an ex-GI? Why does that make him different from everybody else? Now, if you read "Ex-boyfriend of Hedy Lamarr Ditches Wealthy Socialite", that "ex" would really mean something. That fellow's in a class by himself.

The same gripe goes for headlines that read, "Negro Stages Hold-up", "Italian Thugs Break Into Bank", and so on. So what if it's a Negro or an Italian? The race or national origin of a man doesn't give him any particular distinction—there are too many millions in the same boat. All that such headlines accomplish is to smear an entire race, an entire national group, with the taint of one man's mistakes. Just as the phrase "ex-GI mobster" discredits every veteran, so, in the same sense, headlines labeling a "wrongie" by his race or national origin put his stigma onto all the people who happen to be the same color or from the same native land.

With so many millions of men and women spread into these various groups, some individuals are bound to be wrong. But that fact in itself, as Gallico points out, isn't news.

How about easing up on the labels, pressmen? It would end a great injustice to many Americans AND—make for better journalism. And vets, when your local paper mis-labels, write and let them know you don't like it!

\* There remains only one prudent course. Ordinary common sense dictates that we play it safe where national safety is concerned. That's why The American Legion and other thinking Americans are fighting for immediate enactment of UMT! It has given more earnest study and endless research to the problem of national preparedness for any emergency than any other organization in America. It has been able to come up with only one practical answer. That answer is U. M. T.!

Under the American Legion plan of UMT every care has been taken to supply defense training without a serious dislocation of the academic schooling and business career plans of our young men. The American Legion has advocated a basic training period of four to six months and its plan provided numerous options to the trainees as how to complete the remainder of the required year of training. That remainder, of course, called for advanced or specialized training. The options would offer opportunities to the trainees of demonstrated gifts and abilities to receive a government-aided higher education. This would enable many a youth to go to college who otherwise could not finance such schooling.

The chief purpose of UMT is, of course, to develop the many experts, technicians, scientists and specialists who are essential to modern warfare. These cannot be produced overnight. Obviously a program designed to train the mind and body must not be frittered away in teaching out-of-date tactics such as drill formations and old manuals of arms. UMT blueprints include a minimum of "squads right and left", only a few days of it to develop a feeling of teamwork among the trainees. The emphasis is all on the ability to know-how.

Among the options that would be provided trainees under The American Legion UMT plan for completing their advanced training, would be enlistment in the National Guard and the Organized Reserves, as well as enlistment in the regular and civilian component armed services. Thus UMT would assure a steady flow of young men into our defense establishments. These are not getting adequate manpower under the volunteer enlistment program.

We have stood idly by while Soviet Russia, as the spearhead of expanding and constantly bolder and bolder, aggressive communism, has been building an

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## NOTICE!

Come and hear the Junior's of the American Legion Auxiliary broadcast from the 4th floor of Clarke's Good Clothes on Saturday at 10:45 over KF MJ in "Clarke's Civic Forum" with Lucille Burns on the "Recess Time Teen Show."

## Resolution to Stop Supplies to Russia Being Formulated

A proposal to stop supplies to Russia was offered by Joe Herman at the last meeting. This proposal, after a majority vote of the members, was referred to the Resolutions Committee, who in turn will prepare a resolution for presentation to the Post for approval or rejection. If the resolution is approved, it will then be sent to our Congressmen.

## LET'S PUSH UMT!—

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even greater war machine than we had. Yet we are trying to throw our weight around to put road blocks in the way of the on-rushing Kremlin colossus and without having anything left to back up our stand except an egg-shell defense.

UMT is a plan for the training of Civilians by Army and Navy Force experts under Civilian supervision. Trainees will not be in military service. They will not be part of the Army, Navy or Air Force except if they decide to voluntarily enlist in these branches of our armed services.

Let us now examine the second role of UMT—that of assuring a better chance of survival in combat for our fighting men and women. Warfare has graduated from the hand-to-hand combat stage into an amazing level where men fight with machines and with scientific know-how. Raw, untrained soldiers and sailors fit only for bayonet duties are virtually useless. The atomic age demands fighting men and women who can operate the complex and technical weapons and equipment which deal in mass destruction.

Equally important to knowing how to use modern weapons and

equipment is the knowledge of how to defend against them. Our most tragic casualties of World Wars I and II were those of our young men who went to battle untrained. They did not know how to take care of themselves and fell easy victims to enemy attacks. We can replace weapons and equipment destroyed in action. But we can never replace precious American lives lost. If UMT can prevent or reduce such needless loss of American life, that alone will justify its adoption. Let's never again send our youth to fight for America without giving them every possible safeguard to return ALIVE! UMT will be a mighty armor of protection for future American fighting men and women.

In the long-range UMT program American civilians will be the greatest beneficiaries. If war comes again, our civilian population will bear the brunt of the first enemy onslaughts. The enemy will try to cripple our industrial production, to panic our populace and to paralyze our transportation and communication facilities. This will be attempted by directing attack at our population centers — our cities and towns.

There will be tremendous loss of life. There will be thousands of burned, maimed and mortally hurt. There will be city-wide ruin. There will be fires raging out of control. There will be no transportation, no water, no electricity, no heating gas, no sewer system. There will be the maddest panic. There will be disorder, looting and lawlessness. Our regular police and fire departments will be unable to cope with the emergency. They may be wiped out. This catastrophe will be followed by the launching of air borne troops. Never again will an enemy make the mistake of Japs did at Pearl Harbor.

This is where UMT-trained civilians will render essential service. It will be their job to take over the evacuation of the remaining civilians, to restore and main-

tain order, to care for the injured, to take sanitary measures, to arrange for feeding, clothing and housing refugees and to start decontamination of the devastated areas. How could untrained civilians cope with such problems? UMT is the answer.

We have got ahead in nearly all peacetime endeavors because we have created here in America conditions which favored and rewarded individual training. The time has come now when in justice to our own national security and to assure that we can hold our way of life, we must extend that specialized training to the art of defending ourselves. UMT is the answer.

The American Legion has championed UMT since its first national convention in 1919. For nearly 30 years we have fought against apathy, against fanaticism, against ignorance and yes, against rank stupidity, in seeking enactment of UMT legislation. Today we are nearer to a realization of our long-sought objective than we have ever been. UMT legislation is on the calendar of the 80th Congress. It has been reported favorably by an unanimous vote by a House Committee which finally heeded the pleas of

The American Legion and the recommendations of the President's Advisory Commission on Universal Training. The President has made it known that he is 100% behind it.

Now is the time to rally to the aid of our country. Countless polls during the past two years have shown that 3 out of every 4 Americans want UMT. Do you? Then make it known through your association with others who are not familiar with it.

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Aggressive vigilance over the welfare of veterans was the keynote of the record-breaking 25th national rehabilitation conference of The American Legion in Washington, March 9 to 11.

National Commander James F. I'Neil himself pitched the keynote in welcoming the 525 delegates—a new record—to the three-day session. He declared that rehabilitation of veterans was the primary objective of The American Legion today and "from it we will not be diverted."

The conference called on Congress for a \$6,000,000 deficiency appropriation to head off the discharge of 8,500 employees of the Veterans Administration who will be laid off June 30 unless funds are forthcoming. It also made 31 other recommendations dealing with veterans' rehabilitation matters.

National Commander O'Neil stressed that the job of veterans' rehabilitation was far from completed.

Speaking at the annual conference banquet on March 10, Commander O'Neil assailed "the tendency throughout the country and especially among certain elements in Congress, to regard veterans' rehabilitation as an accomplished fact."

Expressing The American Legion's "diametric opposition" to this view, Commander O'Neil said:

"Veterans' rehabilitation is not completed and will not be completed until every veteran is assured of the opportunity of retrieving a gainful place in society. . . . We are getting fed up with those who pull all the stops in soliciting veterans' votes and then conveniently dismiss the veterans' and the country's welfare."

The V.A. personnel reduction precipitated a spirited exchange between VA Administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr., and Repr. Edith Nourse Rogers, Rep., of Mass., who also addressed the banquet. To a statement by Mrs. Rogers that the proposed staff reduction

would cramp VA services to hospitalized veterans, Gray retorted, "It isn't legal to spend money you 'ain't got!'"

The VA administrator told the conference delegates that his mission was to administer veterans' laws as efficiently as possible with the funds provided by Congress. He said he has to "be neutral" on budgetary requests. He added, "If you can convince the people who provide the money . . . then in the good old American way, you will get it and I will get it and the veterans will get it."

## Housing is the Chief Concern of Economic Conference April 5-6

Housing and jobs for veterans will be the chief concern of the annual national economic conference of The American Legion here, April 5 and 6.

More than 500 key Legionnaires and many leaders of business, industry, government and labor will participate in the two-day sessions according to Lawrence J. Fenlon, Chicago attorney and chairman of the national economic commission of The American Legion who will preside.

The conference will discuss the broad field of veterans' economic problems—housing, employment, veterans' preference in civil service, agriculture, labor relations and other current matters, chairman Fenlon said. A special report on the progress of The American Legion's Veterans' Home-Steal Act of 1948 now before Congress, will be presented at the conference by Walter E. Alessandrini of Philadelphia, Pa., national housing chairman.

Others who will participate on the program include Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson, Undersecretary of Labor David Morse, S. Perry Faulkner, chief of the Veterans' Placement Service of the Department of Labor, Robert Goodwin, executive director of the U. S. Employment Service, Tighe E. Woods, national housing expediter, Milton Brock, president of The National Association of Home Builders, T. B. King, director of the loan guaranty service of the Veterans Administration, and Charles R. Anderson, chief and Bruce Stubblefield, assistant chief, of the Veterans' Section, of the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

Climbing steadily toward another 3,000,000-plus record, 1948 American Legion national membership now has reached 2,325,487, with enrollments continuing to average about 7,500 a day.

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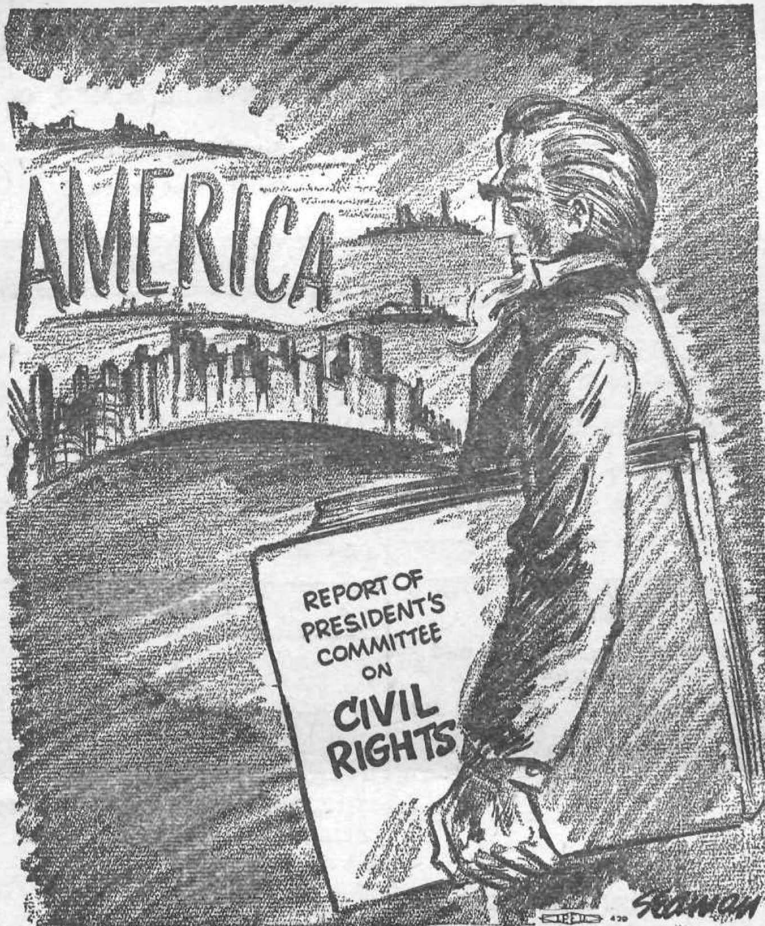
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### AUXILIARY NEWS

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All Legion and Auxiliary members are invited to attend the Child Welfare meeting which will be held in Ponca City, April 10th and 11th at which time the National vice-president of the Southern Division, Am. Leg. Aux., Mrs. John Kirkpatrick of Eustis, Florida, will be here and will be the main speaker. A party honoring her will be held Saturday night, April 10th. There will be a dinner at 7:00 p.m. at the Legion Hut honoring her. The cost is \$2.00 per plate. The dinner will be followed by a dance at which the Ponca City American Legion Post will be the host. Reservations for the dinner must be made in advance. Checks should be made payable to the Department treasurer and should be sent to Department headquarters whereupon tickets will be mailed to purchaser. Reservations must be in by April 5th.

Mrs. Isabel Turner, general bridge chairman, phone 9-3904, and Mrs. Ruth Brown, bridge telephone chairman, phone 2-9871, announce a dessert bridge for members and prospective members for March 30th at 12:30 (note the hour). Reservations must be in by March 27th.

Mrs. Delores Jennings, Phone 5-9717, and Mrs. Jean Hill, phone 3-3719, are captains of the membership contest now in progress. They are always ready to accept new participants. Get in and help them. You maybe on the winning side and rate the dinner which will be served by the losing team.

Tune in on station KFMJ Tuesday, April 13 (this is a change in the date) at 1:15 p. m. and hear the "Community Service" broadcast by Mrs. Sam Craig, Community Service Chairman, Mrs. G. A. Jackson, Mrs. Ray Brock and Mrs. Ruth Brown. This program is given on the fourth floor of Clarke's Good Clothes. If you like it drop Harry Clarke a letter and tell him so and incidentally give Lucille Burns a lift.

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