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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ON SECOND MILE

At a membership dinner, Feb. 18th the first phase of a membership campaign was completed with 745 memberships added to the roll. Membership is now 2608. After a dinner of steak for the winners and mush for the losers, the two teams reorganized and started out determined to capture even more members in the second drive. The Jet Fighters, headed by J. Earl Simpson, signed 386 members while the Hot Shots, led by Ralph Harrison, came in close behind with 359 members in the first campaign.

Champion membership getter was J. Earl Simpson who has written 231 memberships since November 10th.

Capain of the Hot Shots team in the second drive will be Roger Lavary while Bob Howell will try to lead the Jet Fighters to victory.

Since the second phase of the drive has started the Jet Fighters have 61 members and the Hot Shots 45 members. Tabulation of individual members since Feb. 10 until press time is as follows.

JET FIGHTERS

J. E. Simpson—12
Dick Arnell—1
W. H. Bassett—1
M. S. Bernard—1
Robert B. Brown—5
Glenn H. Coddington—3
Hershel Chism—1
Bob Elliott—1
Oscar Erickson—2
Bryant L. Eckman—1
Jack Farringer—2
Eddie Gambill—2
Guss Gunn—2
Joe Herman—1
Harry L. S. Halley—2
Jim Hunt—6
Jimmy King, Sr.—3
H. V. Kay—2
Dexter Moss Jr.—2
E. J. Taylor—3
Chick Woodard—1
Ed Wienecke—4
O. D. Watters—3

HOT SHOTS

Ralph Harrison—2
J. B. Allred—2
Jim Bewley—1
C. L. R. Barnett—2
Troy Baker—1
Fred Bullock—1
Clinton Bohannon—3
S. H. Easter—1
Georgette M Egan—1
Alex Faulkner—1
Joe Faulkner—3
C. O. Gittinger—1

Notice to Members:

Apparently there are some incorrect addresses and misspelled names in our membership files. Anyone belonging to this post who is not receiving their Legion papers and magazines, have changed their address recently, or have misspelled names on our records, please notify us immediately.

Fund Raising Program Adopted by Post

It was announced by Guy Belford at last Tuesday's meeting that the Post has been offered the proceeds from the showing of a new low cost metal and concrete home. It was proposed that the greater part of the funds obtained from the 25-cent admission to this model home would go to the Ponca City Home-school.

A vote was taken and it was agreed that the Post will sponsor the showing of this home. The Commander will appoint a committee of thirty or forty to assist in showing people through the home.

Legion Assumes Bar Operation

It was announced at the regular meeting last Tuesday that the Post has purchased the bar from the Forty and Eight and will open it in the near future. It is the now closed pending inventory and establishment of operation policy. Hershel Chism has been appointed to overseas operation of the bar.

Chism Asks for Names of Ill Veterans

An important part of the Legion service to the veterans is the attention which we show him when sickness or an accident strikes. An important position in every Legion Post is that of Sick and Visitation chairman. This position at Carson-Wilson Post is ably filled now by Hershel Chism. While I was sick recently it made me very happy to be visited by Comrade Chism and to know that I was being remembered by the Post.

While Hershel does a splendid job of visiting every veteran he hears is ill, he does not have a crystal ball which will tell him of all the veterans who are sick and in need of a friendly visit or letter. The work of the Sick and Visitation Chairman is by no means a one-man job. Every Legionnaire should take it as a personal duty to notify Chairman Chism when he hears of a veteran, Legionnaire or anyone who is ill.

It takes only a few minutes to make a phone call to let Legionnaire Chism know and it will mean so much to the sick veteran to know that he is being remembered. As in the past, Chism will visit or write any veteran who is ill, whether he is a Legionnaire or not.

Veterans who are not Legionnaires might have a better incentive to join Carson-Wilson Post if they are shown that we have a genuine interest in them when they are ill.

Let us suggest that you make a

LEGION PROTESTS HOSPITAL SLASH

WASHINGTON.—The American Legion has been urged to battle the American Medical Association over the Veterans Hospital program.

The call came today from Robert M. McCurdy, whose vocation is assignment city manager of Pasadena, California, and whose avocation is the Legion's Rehabilitation Commission. McCurdy criticized the A. M. A. for wanting a reduction in the V-A program, implying that the doctors were greedy for the veteran's money. And then recalling that legionnaires are supporting the A. M. A.'s opposition to compulsory health insurance, McCurdy suggested that the doctors be warned that if they're against veterans hospitals the legionnaires might switch and oppose them on government health insurance.

note of Chism's phone number on your phone book and call it when you hear of a veteran who is ill. His number is 6-1949, or of course you can call the hut.

Stag Party Praised

If you missed the Stag Party Friday, February 25, you really missed the best one yet. Some of the comrades still haven't recovered from its effects. "Pigskin" Davis and Bob Howe really did themselves proud with this one and they promise an even better one on Friday, March 25th. Its your loss if you miss it.

Sam Craig played a few songs he recorded from the party at last week's meeting. He had to stop for fear the recorder might burn up.

Twelve Members Initiated

At the regular meeting last Tuesday night, twelve members were initiated in an impressive ceremony. We are sorry to report that the attendance at this meeting was unusually small.

Initiated were: Bob Corey, Clay Parker, Ray Will, Albert Rogers, Glen Fetter, Joe Bragley, Leslie Pemberton, Brooks Conner, Jack Cleary, Kent Upson, John Nelson and Jim Berry.

Attendance at Oratorical Contest Urged

Americanism Chairman C. C. Victory encourages as many Legionnaires as possible to support the Legion's Americanism program by their attendance at the Tulsa County Oratorical contest Friday, March 11, at 1:30 p. m. in the north auditorium of Central High School. District finals will be held one week later at the school.

Neglect of Post Equipment Discussed

Comment was made at the February 22 meeting regarding the neglect of guns, flags, and other equipment used at the hut. After a thorough discussion of the matter, Vice Commander Walter Deppe agreed to investigate the matter and see that the situation is corrected, if necessary.

BULLETIN

We are sorry to report that as we go to press that Eddie Gambill is in serious condition at the Veterans Hospital at Muskogee.

Welcome Extended to Allied Veterans

At the meeting of February 22, there was a discussion concerning admission of veterans of former allied countries to Carson-Wilson Post.

The District A. S. L. chairman stated the requirements for admission and said that the post could issue a courtesy card which would be valid for this post only. Comrade Hess Crossland gave an informative talk on this subject and urged that Fred Gordan, an allied veteran of Tulsa, be extended an invitation to attend our meetings.

Comrade Wilcox made a motion that an official letter of welcome be written to members of former allied forces who live in this vicinity, extending to them the privileges of this post. This motion was seconded by Benny Bennifield. After further discussion this motion was tabled for action by the executive committee.

Notice to Forty and Eighters

The regular 40 & 8 promenade, Wednesday, March 9th, will be held in the new 40 & 8 Club at 17½ East Third. Don't forget to bring money for bonds.

During the war, Navy personnel consumed one pound of meat per day, twice as much as they were accustomed to as civilians.

Spring Dance

Spring Coming-out Dance to be held March 12 (Saturday) 10 p. m. to 2 a. m., is well on the way of being a success, according to Mrs. Cecil (Clara) Jones. If, however, all tickets now in the hands of Auxiliary members are sold. She urges all members to use special effort to sell the tickets as quickly as possible, and turn the money in so she can determine the progress being made. Mrs. Jones can be reached by telephone, and if you do not have tickets, please call her after 6 p. m. The BIG prize is a new spring HAT for the lady who sells the most tickets over 10. Remember the date—MARCH 12TH — SATURDAY NIGHT. Admission \$1.50 per couple.

POST AIDS CRIPPLED CHILD



Sitting on her mother's lap is 4-year-old Paula Joan Murray, a cripple since birth, surrounded by members of the Boevers-Wilmot Post 309 of The American Legion at Salisbury, Mass., which has voted her as its "sweetheart" and will finance her further operations to enable her to talk. She has already had fifteen operations.

Shown in the front row are, left to right, Commander Carmen Carbone of Post 309; Paula; her mother, Mrs. Alfred H. Murray; her father, and Past Grand Chef de Gare of the New York Forty and Eight Harold F. Congdon, a member of Voiture 633.

In the rear row, left to right, are Legionnaire Raymond Corey, Post Adjutant Peter Soliotis, George Boutin, Past Post Commander Basilio Machioni and Past Commander Albert Croteau.

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Post meets every Tuesday evening at
8:00 p.m. Visiting Legionnaires are
Welcome.

Reports of 79 new post building
operations in 24 states, represent-
ing an estimated more than \$1,-
500,000 in construction activities,
have reached national headquar-
ters of The American Legion
during January, 1949.

National Commander Perry
Brown has called on all of the
17,241 posts to exceed their entire
1948 memberships by the time of
the 30th anniversary of the birth
of The American Legion, March
15 to 17, 1949.

Timothy J. Mahoney, 52, state
historian of the Massachusetts
American Legion and one of the
few survivors of the famed "Lost
Battalion" of World War I, is
dead at Cambridge, Mass.

Legion Protests
Slice In Funds

The American Legion last week
attacked a Budget Bureau pro-
posal to cut appropriations for
the Veterans Employment Serv-
ice by 42% as "false economy
of the grossest order", and urged
a congressional subcommittee to
approve funds in the amount
originally requested by the
agency.

Testifying before the Labor-
FSA subcommittee of the House
Appropriations Committee, Elbert
H. Burns, director of the Legion's
National Economic Commission,
also asked rejection of proposed
cuts for the U. S. Employment
Service and federal subsidies for
state employment offices.

The American Legion spokes-
man told the Congressmen that
acceptance of the Budget Bureau
estimate for the VES (\$1,350,000)
would "dangerously cripple" the
agency by requiring wholesale
personnel reductions affecting 1/2
of its present field staff of 383
workers. In view of an expected
increase in the number of vet-
erans who will need job counsel-
ing and placement assistance in
the next year, Burns said, the
Legion could not find justification
for "such a drastic reduction."

More than 500,000 World War
II veterans now are seeking em-
ployment and another two mil-
lion presently studying or train-
ing under the GI bill will enter
the labor market in 1949, accord-
ing to the Legion official. Citing
the recent layoff of 8,000 em-
ployees by the New York Central
Railroad and results of a Legion-
sponsored survey indicating the
reluctance of industries to hire
older workers, Burns asserted.

Layoffs Will Hit Veterans

"Layoffs in industry and the
problems of re-employment hit
the veterans of World Wars I and
II harder than any other group.
The first because of their aver-
age age (57), and the younger

veterans because they have not
had the opportunity to acquire
experience and seniority (needed
to retain positions.)"

These factors can not be ig-
nored by the Congress, Burns
said, "if it is to provide the ef-
fective job-counseling and em-
ployment placement service for
veterans' specifically pledged—in
the GI Bill of Rights."

Burns presented the American
Legion's estimate of funds need-
ed for the major employment
services as follows:

For the Veterans Employment
Service a "minimum amount" of
\$2,329,000, as requested by the
agency, plus an additional sum
of \$1,340,000 (to add 379 employ-
ees to the field staff).

For the U. S. Employment
Service—\$3,787,000, the amount
asked by the Employment Secur-
ity Bureau.

For state employment services
—\$159,745, the amount originally
requested.

"None of these three agencies
in the judgment of the American
Legion is presently performing its
full possibilities in the field of
veterans' employment, solely be-
cause of inadequate staffing re-
sulting from inadequate approp-
riations," Burns declared. "They
are, however, doing the best job
possible within the limits of their
restricted budgets. To now seri-
ously propose a further cut in
the appropriations of any of these
agencies is unbelievable."

The Legion economic director
recited Labor Department figures
showing that while applications
to state employment offices had

increased by 12 per cent during
the year preceding November of
1948, the number of interviews
for the same period had de-
creased by as much as 44 per
cent and referrals to jobs had
tumbled by 11 per cent.

Navy Vignette

Navy Squadrons VR-6 and VR-
8 joined the Berlin Airlift last
November and were kidded con-
siderably for their nautical
terminology by their Air Force
colleagues. The Air Force soon
learned that the deck is the Navy
term for the runway, that port is
left and starboard is right, that
an R5D is a C-54, that an airplane
is what they call a ship, and that
a head is a latrine.

Lt. Ormond C. Fowler, USN,
learned that the Air Force does
not consider "wheels" to be an
automobile. He taxied into his
hard-stand, or parking ramp, at
Rhein-main one morning after a
flight to Berlin, called the tower,
and requested that a "set of
wheels" be sent out to the plane.
The tower "rogered." When Fow-
ler cut the engines of his R5D,
he saw, not the crew pickup he
had expected, but a set of nose
and main gear wheels for the
R5D. "Wheels" to the Air Force
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LEGION STUDIES HOOVER REPORT TO DILUTE VETERAN PREFERENCE

Washington, D. C.—The American Legion will make a thorough study of changes in the operation of veterans' preference rights in civil service jobs recommended to the 81st Congress by the Hoover Commission before taking a stand on the new proposals.

This was the statement of Lawrence J. Fenlon of Chicago, Ill., chairman of the National Economic Commission of The American Legion, following the publication of the Hoover group's report on personnel management.

"The American Legion recognizes that members of the Hoover Commission have spent a great deal of time in studying and developing their report to the Congress on personnel management," Chairman Fenlon said. "Included in the report are recommendations for substantial changes in the system of veterans' preference now in force. Because of the gravity and scope of these proposals, The American Legion feels that it also should subject them to thorough study before determining whether the best interests of the government and of the veteran would be served."

Hoover Proposals

Chairman Fenlon said the first concern of The American Legion is that veterans "retain the full measure of employment rights and preferences previously established by Congress."

"The Veterans' Preference Committee of The American Legion, which is under the jurisdiction of

the National Economic Commission, will appraise the Hoover Commission report carefully and objectively on this basis," he stated.

The Hoover Commission called for the elimination of the five and 10-point "bonus" preference now given veterans seeking federal jobs. Instead, all applicants would be rated on the basis of their examination grades in one of four categories ranging from "outstanding" to "unqualified." Disabled veterans who score "qualified" or better, would go to the top of the entire hiring list. Non-disabled veterans would be placed first within the separate categories. For example, the veteran graded "qualified" would be hired ahead of all "qualified" non-veterans.

Equally drastic revision of the government's reduction-in-force procedure was asked by the Hoover Commission. At present, veterans cannot be laid off ahead of non-veterans competing for the same job. The Commission plan would confine this absolute preference to disabled veterans only. Non-disabled veterans would have added to their efficiency rating one point for each six months of service in the armed forces. They would then be considered together with non-veterans and discharges would be made on the basis of comparative point totals.

The Hoover report also recommended that the government set up a nation-wide recruiting system to place veterans in federal positions.

Funds for House Spy Probers a Legion Win

WASHINGTON—A major 1949 American Legion legislative objective was achieved when the House of Representatives of the 81st Congress, by a vote of 352 to 29, appropriated \$200,000 to carry on the work of its Committee on un-American Activities this year.

A roll call vote was demanded by Rep. Vito Marcantonio, American Labor Party member of New York, after he failed in an attempt to require from the committee an accounting of funds spent during the past two years.

Continuation of the House un-American Activities Committee was called for by a resolution of the 30th National Convention of The American Legion at Miami, Fla., last October. It was put on the major legislative program for 1949 by the National Executive Committee last November.

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Zipper Suggestion Brings \$300 Award

A Veterans Administration employee's suggestion that zippers be installed in oxygen tents in VA hospitals brought him a \$300.00 award, the VA Employees Award Board has announced.

Lewis W. Benson, 28, a hospital attendant at the Waco, Texas, VA hospital and former Army military policeman in the District of Columbia, suggested the use of zippers on all four corners of the oxygen tent so that the entire tent would not have to be moved in the treatment of patients.

Benson pointed out that with zippers on all four corners of the oxygen tent, it would be necessary for the doctor, nurse or attendant to unfasten only one corner to administer to a patient.

It was Benson's second award and commendation since joining the Waco hospital staff on April 11, 1946.

Benson, who is married and resides at Bellmead, Texas, served in the Army Air Forces and military police from September, 1942 to February, 1946.

The Maryland American Legion is supporting two bills presented to the legislature to outlaw the Communist Party in that state.

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CARSON-WILSON POST LISTED AS 33RD IN NATION ON MEMBERSHIP

Carson-Wilson Post No. 1 is thirty-third in the nation with a membership reported as 2907, while the top post of Omaha, Nebraska, leads the world with 16,072. These figures are final figures of 1948. Carson-Wilson Post to date in 1949 carries — on the rolls.

A total of 76 posts in 29 states each had a final 1948 membership of 2,000 or more members according to a survey based on reports of department adjutants, just completed by national headquarters of The American Legion.

Pennsylvania had eleven such giant posts, New York 7, Illinois 7, Iowa 5, Tennessee 4, California, Kansas, Massachusetts, Ohio and West Virginia 3 each, Alabama, Arizona, Indiana, Louisiana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and Washington 2 each, and Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, New Mexico, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota and Wisconsin, one each.

Runner-up again was the Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post 1 of Denver, Colorado, with a 1948 strength of 10,442 members. In third place was Memphis, Tenn., Post 1 with 8,279 members and Harrisburg, Pa., Post 27 was fourth with 6,397.

Seven posts mustered more than 5,000 members each, three got 4,000 or more each, 17 passed the 3,000 mark and 45 ranged from 2,015 to 3,901 members.

Roll of Top 10 Posts

The top ten of the 76 American Legion posts in 29 states which wound up 1948 are as follows:

1. Omaha Post No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska, 16,072.
2. Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post No. 1, Denver, Colorado, 10,442.
3. Memphis Post No. 1, Memphis, Tennessee, 8,279.
4. Harrisburg Post No. 27, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 6,397.
5. Nashville Post No. 5, Nashville, Tennessee, 5,824.
6. Atlanta Post No. 1, Atlanta, Georgia, 5,774.
7. Oklahoma City Post No. 35, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 5,518.
8. Jefferson Post No. 15, Louisville, Kentucky, 5,292.
9. Portland Post No. 1, Portland, Oregon, 5,273.
10. Harvey W. Seeds Post No. 29, Miami, Florida, 5,265.

Alex French got 75 cents for a 10-hour day when he helped to erect the building being used as a clubhouse by the Simmons-Hardwicke Post 29 of The American Legion at Sherman, Texas, 50 years ago, but he is getting \$1.75 an hour for a 6-hour day, remodeling it today.

An American Legion button in the lapel of his coat is the only clue to the identity of a well-dressed, 50-year-old drowning victim found in the Charles river in Boston, Mass.

Note of Appreciation

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Legionnaires:

This letter is from an old person who had to witness the burial of her beloved nephew, Major Fred Hampton Junk, in Tulsa, on Feb. 8th, 1949.

I want to thank you with my deepest emotions for the service you gave—it was perfect and while my heart was torn, it was just what I wanted.

I had heard "Taps" in Camp Meade in the first World War, but never as they came over the air that lovely day. I wanted to die there, too. I am 68—why not?

The major was very near and dear to me and the only one of my own family who was able to come and visit me. His last was the Air Races here in September, 1948. I shall miss him terribly.

Stanley, the undertaker, gave me the data that enables me to write this letter.

With deepest gratitude,

(Signed)

ETHEL HAMPTON McCARTY

P. S. I do not expect a reply, but would be grateful for one.

The American Legion has thrown its support behind H. R. 2811, a new housing bill introduced by Rep. Wright Patman, D., of Texas, to provide federal aid for housing cooperatives serving middle and low income families.

Sidney Reiter, admitted Communist, has resigned from the General Duffy Post 1141 in New York City after losing a court battle to prevent expulsion proceedings against him by The American Legion.

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The editorial staff of this newspaper extends a sincere salute for those responsible for the undertaking of this humanitarian cause. Tulsa radio stations and newspapers have been most generous in publicizing this project.

Persons who have not made their contributions and desire to do so may take it to the Forty and Eight headquarters at 17 1/2 East Third, or the Legion hut. Mail contributions should be sent to Box 603, Tulsa.

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AN EDITORIAL

"The Legion Will Keep America, American"

These are days when we hear a great deal of talk about forces which seek to destroy the American way of life. Those principles for which many American Dough-boys and G. I.'s gave the supreme sacrifice. Daily, we see before us stories of un-American activities. We read of and hear cries of "un-American, Communist, Subversive." These terms are becoming a part of our daily conversation. As legionnaires, it bares thinking over what the American Legion is doing toward preserving these American ideals, which are now being threatened. According to the National Public Relations office of the American Legion, no other national organization in the United States carries on an Americanism Program of such scope, of such effectiveness, of such human interest as does the American Legion.

There are, at least, thirty well defined, specialized activities in our Americanism Program. They offer a wide range of interests to the 3,870,000 members to pursue with hobby enthusiasm. There are some thirty hand books available to the Legion's more than 17,000 posts for use as manuals in these various Americanism activities. A total of 2,653,269 copies of such booklets was distributed during the past year. There are approximately 250,000 volunteer workers carrying on the manifold Americanism program of the American Legion. This represents one of the strongest task forces in our nation working for God and country.

The purpose of the entire comprehensive Americanism program of the American Legion is very simple. It can be stated in one sentence of five words. That sentence is: "To keep America always American."

In that sense the Americanism program of the American Legion is its most fundamental activity. It springs from the first point of the classic preamble to the constitution of the American Legion. That first point is To Uphold and Defend the Constitution of the United States of America.

Therefore, the Americanism program of the American Legion underlies our national child welfare program. Through child welfare we seek to assure every American child a square deal in life. We want every American child to grow up with a sound body and sound mind. We have that objective in child welfare,

only because we believe that sound bodies and sound minds are essential to future good citizenship.

It underlies our rehabilitation program. Through our preparedness activities we are trying to insure the perpetuation of those American blessings and opportunities against foreign attacks.

Every program which is carried on by the American Legion gets back to our basic Americanism goal of "Keep America Always American". You might well say, therefore, that Americanism is the grand daddy of every American Legion undertaking.

The Americanism program of the American Legion can be broken down into four main category or activities. They are:

FIRST. The Protective Program.

This is a program, militant and aggressive opposition to all subversive and un-American influences and activities. This is the fighting phase of our Americanism program. In this phase we man the ramparts. In this field we ATTACK.

SECOND. The educational program. This is a program to educate all in America, young and old to appreciate fully the blessings of our American way of life. In this field we TEACH.

THIRD. The youth training program. This is a program designed to incalcate American ideals and principles into the youth of America as the basis for further good citizenship. We make use of activities that youth likes, to accomplish this objective. In this field we BUILD.

FOURTH. The community service program. This is a program to make every community in America a better neighborhood as a stepping stone toward making the whole world a good neighborhood. In this field we SERVE.

There you have the four corner stones of the Americanism Program of the American Legion. ATTACK enemies of our freedoms; TEACH appreciation of our BLESSINGS; BUILD solidly for America's future; SERVE our fellowmen in Christian spirit.

It need occasion no surprise, therefore, that a recent newspaper editorial couniled American citizens generally to square their Americanism beliefs and practices with that of the American Legion "to be on the beam". The American Legion is amazingly organized to carry on its Americanism Program.

Every member of Carson-Wilson post should take this vital place in the ranks of other Legionnaires to protect the heritage

of Freedom for which so many of our buddies died. To teach appreciation of our National Blessings to build solidly for America's future and to serve his fellowmen as a good neighbor and Christian. Are you doing your part, fellow Legionnaire?

TULSA IS SELECTED CONVENTION CITY

Tulsa was selected as the host city for the next Department Convention, by the Department Executive Committee at its mid-winter meeting held in Oklahoma City on January 22.

The committee also set August 5th, 6th and 7th as the dates for the 1949 convention. The time and place were set after recommendations had been made to the Executive Committee by the Department Liaison committee.

Members of the Liaison Committee are Glenn H. Coddington, Tulsa, Chairman; William J. Supernaw, Skitook; and Fred S. Piel, Oklahoma City.

Staff to Direct

By Mandate of the 1948 convention, management and direction of the Department Convention has been placed in the hands of the Headquarters staff. This means that all finances concerning the convention, registration, and housing will be handled thru department headquarters.

The Executive Committee directed the Liaison Committee to act as an advisory board to the Department Adjutant in arranging for the Department Convention.

Tulsa Post No. 1, as host, will

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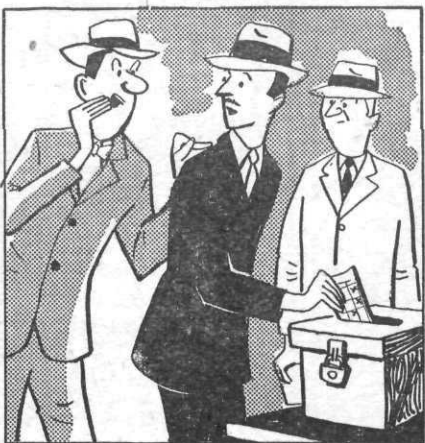
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My-way Michael was a youngster who would only join in play When the other kids agreed to carry on the game his way. Whether on a beach or sand-lot, Mike made fun of every whim That some other fellow thought of, without first consulting him.



As a sailor, My-way Michael soon got everybody's goat, For unless he held the rudder, Mike was sure to rock the boat. When some GI's got together, planning on a week-end blow, They could never count on Michael if he didn't run the show.



Now that Michael's a civilian, he's as nasty as they come. If you do your own deciding, Michael says you're just a bum. Mike is sure that your religion or your politics is wrong, If he's aired a different viewpoint and you fail to string along.

But it's still
The old baloney;
Running down
The other guy,
Is a trick
That Michael
uses,
So's to set
Himself up high.

INQUISITIVE CITIZENS CAN BEAT RED FRONT RACKET, LEGION TOLD

Indianapolis.—The designs of more than 2,500 Communist front organizations in the United States today can be defeated if American citizens only will "INVESTIGATE BEFORE THEY AFFILIATE OR DONATE!"

This was the message brought to the 10-state American Legion conference in Indianapolis on ways and means of combating Communist operations in this country, by Dr. J. B. Matthews of New York City, former chief investigator for the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Dr. Matthews, an authority on "front" groups, said that 25,000 prominent Americans are among the gullible "suckers" today who, for the most part unwittingly, are being milked of millions of dollars annually for the support of Communist enterprises through the Trojan horse tactics.

"Communist front organizations today are a huge racket," Dr. Matthews charged. "They operate behind all sorts of humanitarian, liberal and even cultural facades. But behind the scenes, red comrades are pulling the strings and collecting the cash."

Carefully-picked Legionnaires from Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia and Wisconsin attended the two-day sessions here. The agenda was devoted to a study of latest Communist techniques and to legal and legislative channels of counter-attack.

Front Group Roles

Four vital roles in promoting the red party cause in America today are being played by Communist front organizations, Dr. Matthews said. They are:

- 1—Raising funds for Communist enterprises.
- 2—Mobilizing segments of public opinion in support of Communist projects.
- 3—Recruiting of members for the Communist Party.
- 4—Recruiting of espionage agents.

Dr. Matthews declared he had a record of some 24,000 separate affiliations by 3,000 professors at 700 American colleges and universities with 92 organizations listed as subversive by the Attorney General of the United States.

"The majority of these educators was misled and gullible," he said. "A little investigation might have saved them much future embarrassment."

He added he did not mean to charge that American colleges are "hot beds of Communism."

"Let us say they are hot beds of ignorance," he emphasized. "It is ignorance bordering on stupidity when any presumably intelligent American endorses any organization, no matter how noble-sounding its name may be, or joins it or supports it financially without first investigating it thoroughly."

Legion Attacks Vet Job Service Budget Slashes

WASHINGTON.—The American Legion has sharply attacked a Budget Bureau proposal to cut appropriations for the Veterans' Employment Service by 42 percent as "false economy of the grossest order."

Testifying before the Labor-FSA Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, Elbert H. Burns, director of the National Economic Commission of The American Legion, also attacked proposed cuts for the U. S. Employment Service and asked federal subsidies for state employment offices.

Burns told the Congressmen that acceptance of the Budget Bureau's estimate of \$1,350,000 for the VES would "dangerously cripple" that agency and require wholesale personnel reductions. It had asked for \$2,329,000.

The American Legion spokesman said 500,000 World War II veterans are now seeking employment. Next year, he said, 2,000,000 more, now studying under the G. I. Bill, would enter the labor market. He pointed to numerous industrial layoffs and said older veterans are having difficulty finding jobs because of their age and the younger ones because of lack of experience. This was no time, he said, to deny these job-seeking veterans the best counselling and placement assistance which the government can provide.

Colonel Roscoe Turner of Indianapolis, Ind., vice chairman of the National Aeronautics Committee of The American Legion, has been awarded an honorary life membership in the National Aeronautics Association.

The American Legion has asked a sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare to be heard in full opposition to the recent \$280,000,000 slash in the VA hospital construction program.

The National Security Commission of The American Legion has endorsed the Hopley Report as "an effective blueprint for the creation of a system of civil defense."

"Ike" May Dedicate New Legion Building

INDIANAPOLIS.—General Dwight D. Eisenhower will be asked to lay the cornerstone of the new \$2,000,000 national headquarters building for The American Legion here on May 5.

Decision to invite him was reached by members of the Indiana World War Memorial Commission and national American Legion officials. His participation will establish World War I and II continuity in the Memorial Plaza dedications. The late General John J. Pershing, commander of the first AEF in World War I, dedicated the main memorial shrine on the Plaza, July 4, 1927.

The formal invitation to Eisenhower will be delivered by Past National Commander Paul V. McNutt of The American Legion.

General Eisenhower is a life member of the James R. Cutter Post 39 of The American Legion at Abilene, Kansas.

Air Force Chief Wins Award by Legion Post

NEW YORK.—General Hoyt S. Vandenburg, Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, has received the 1949 Frank Hawks Memorial Award, made annually by the Air Service Post 501 of The American Legion here. The award was bestowed in recognition of General Vandenburg's work with the Air Force.

The formal presentation to the winner was made at a dinner here by Vice-Admiral Charles E. Rosendahl, USN Retired, who is commander of the post. Previous winners of the award include the late Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, William P. Lear, Thomas H. Beck, Admiral Rosendahl, Roy S. Howard, Arthur Hays Sulzberger, Igor Sikorsky and John S. Knight.

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Veterans taking institutional on-farm training under the GI bill must submit reports of their 1948 earnings to their Veterans Administration regional office by March 1, 1949, in order to continue receiving subsistence allowances, the VA said last week. Failure to submit the reports before the deadline may result in suspension of subsistence payments until such time as the reports reach the VA.

The reports—covering income from productive labor only, for the calendar year 1948—will be used by the VA as the basis for adjusting each veteran's subsistence for the current year 1949. Under the law, subsistence allowance will be reduced if a veteran's monthly income from productive labor plus his subsistence exceeds \$210 a month if he has no dependents, \$270 if he has one dependent, or \$290 if he has more than one dependent.

The annual earnings report is based upon farm accounting records kept by the veteran farm-trainee as part of his course of instruction.

In the case of a veteran operating a farm for himself under the training program, income from productive labor is completed by deducting from his yearly net farm income (1) the interest on his capital investments and (2) an amount for unpaid family labor, and by adding an estimated value for family living furnished by the farm.

His net farm income is derived from the difference between inventories at the beginning and end of the year and from a detailed account of all receipts and expenditures in connection with his farm business.

A veteran taking his training from an employer-trainer, on the other hand, reports as compensation for productive labor all wages received, whether in cash or in kind.

As part of their course of training, they receive assistance from their instructors in closing their books for the past year, and in transferring data to the VA form.

On December 31, 1948, a total of 267,433 veterans were enrolled in institutional on-farm training courses under the GI bill. Ninety-one per cent, or 243,886, were operating their own farms.

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 Meetings First and Third Tuesday
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We were all pleased and surprised to see the smiling face of our Department President, Mrs. Sam (Alice) Johnson and Mrs. Hazel Ballard from Oklahoma City, who came to give us a bolster-up on our membership. Membership is the spine of the Auxiliary and it must be well built to carry out the functions set up in the Auxiliary.

March 15th will be the 30th birthday of the American Legion—celebrating this anniversary a dinner will be held at the Legion Hut, 1120 East Eighth Street, at 6:30 P. M. There is a charge of 75c per person for the dinner.

In charge of the Kitchen—Mrs. E. P. (Emily) Lucas.

In charge of the dining room—Mrs. Josephine Bailey.

In charge of the program—Mrs. E. L. Cole.

Toastmaster—Charlie Clark.

In charge of Birthday Cake—Legion Auxiliary.

A special program has been arranged by Program Chairman—Mrs. E. L. (Elizabeth) Cole, the students of her school will present an Americanism skit, there will be group singing and then a guest speaker. A huge Birthday Cake is being presented to the American Legion by the American Legion Auxiliary as a special Birthday gift. (No covered dishes—please, this is a dinner where each individual attending is to pay 75c for his or her dinner).

MOZELLE WILLIAMS has accepted the appointment of House and Grounds Chairman, persons wishing to help on this project are to contact Mozelle and get their assignment—there's a lot to be done. We'd like to clean the silver before the dinner. Let's clean up for our birthday.

LEGIONNAIRE EDDIE GAMBILL is very desperately ill and is in the Veterans Hospital in Muskogee. Mrs. Gambill was called from the Auxiliary Meeting Tuesday evening because of his illness.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. H. P. Porter fell and hope she is not too seriously ill. We miss Mrs. Porter at our meetings and you can cheer her by sending a get-well card to her at 228 S. Phoenix.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Chairman, Mrs. R. W. (Pearl) Monroe advises the Red Cross Drive is now in progress, so be sure to volunteer your services for so worthy a cause—it is your Red Cross you own an interest in it, to see that it goes over big.

HOSPITAL CHAIRMAN, Mrs. E. B. Benton reports our hospital day at Veterans' Hospital is Monday, March 28th.

The "new" snorkel, submarine breathing device now used by the U. S. Navy, was conceived 120 years ago.

SICK AND VISITATION

Chairman Hershel Chism of the Sick and Visitation committee reported that Bill Blair has been pretty sick and may have to go to the hospital.

Charlie White was injured in a car accident about two weeks ago but is recovering very fast.

Gerald Schuman is anxious to see visitors from this post. He is in room 531 at St John's.

Upon approval of his application Jim Bewley is planning to go to the hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

We understand that Charles R. Patton is in a Topeka hospital.

Fred Wood fell and broke his ankle.

Joe Jarboe is better and may attend the next meeting.

Eddie Gabill is going to the hospital at Muskogee for a check-up.

Ernie Goin has had his right leg amputated to the hip.

H. S. Pickens is in the Muskogee hospital for a kidney operation and is doing very well.

Harvey Robinson and Melvin J. Williamson are in the hospital at Topeka, Kansas.

Dan Fisher is at St. John's for an operation.

Jude Lewis is better but seems to be slow in regaining his strength. He is very disappointed that he has not had any visitors from the post since Christmas.

Police were searching today for burglars who broke into the headquarters of the Tadeusz Kosciuszko Post 207 of The American Legion at Gary, Indiana, forced open a safe and escaped with \$10,000 in cash and bonds.

The Joe Graham Post 119 of The American Legion at Gulfport, will sponsor the first annual Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, July 1-7.

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Last week a "Type Gremlin" got into our press and caused this misleading caption to appear: "Forty and Eight Club Nears Completion of Bond Selling Campaign." The first part of this story, "Forty and Eight Club Nears Completion" is correct, but the bond selling campaign has just BEGUN and all Legionnaires are encouraged to support.

Rather than to solicit funds publicly the Forty and Eight is undertaking a bond selling campaign to complete work on their beautiful club and public lunch room at 17½ East Third.

These bonds selling at five dollars per share will be non-interest bearing and will be paid back within three years of date of issue.

Every Legionnaire is encouraged to tuck away some of their spare cash in this worth-while project. If you haven't seen the club yet you will be in for a pleasant surprise. We suggest that you see it at your earliest opportunity.

The B & O Railroad Post 81 of The American Legion in Baltimore, Md., has presented a combination radio, recording machine and public address system to the William S. Baer Public School there.

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A Reminder

If you have news of interest to other members of the Post, please report it to Gregg Chancellor at 3-4121 or 4-7903.

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