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## AERIAL ROUNDUP MAY 2 TO TOP 1948 LEGION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The American Legion will take to the skyways for the climax of its 1948 enrollment drive with its 12th annual national aerial membership roundup, Sunday, May 2.

Scores of planes of all types will converge upon Indianapolis from all sections of the nation that day to deliver 1948 membership transmittals and dues to National Headquarters of The American Legion.

Transmittals listing hundreds of thousands of new members will be flown to Indianapolis in the big aerial roundup according to Robert R. Poston, Acting Assistant National Adjutant in charge of membership.

"We expect to receive enough memberships during this roundup to push our 1948 national enrollment close to the 3,000,000 total," Poston said.

All planes participating in the roundup will land at the Weir Cook Municipal Airport in Indianapolis.

### Dinner for Flyers

National Commander James F. O'Neil will be host to the roundup pilots, flyers and passengers at the annual dinner at the Indianapolis Athletic Club at 7 p. m. that day.

Aviation Post 171 of Indianapolis again will sponsor a model plane show at the airport during the roundup. Several hundred entries in various events are expected. The post also again will provide transportation from the airport to downtown Indianapolis for the roundup visitors.

All department and district American Legion leaders participating in the 12th annual aerial roundup will again be awarded wings.

The following roundup trophies will be awarded:

The James F. O'Neil trophy to the department which has the greatest number of aircraft in the roundup.

The Henry H. Dudley trophy to the department which has the greatest number of individuals in the roundup in comparison with the greatest number of miles flown by these individuals.

The Robert R. Poston trophy to the department which sent in the greatest number of 1948 membership cards during the roundup.

Various prizes also will be awarded to workers who secured most members between March 15 and the roundup.

## FISHING

Weekend fishing parties to various places at Grand Lake are being planned. We want to start them as soon as possible. We will have a lot of fun.

Anyone interested, whether they own an automobile or not is invited.

Contact Jacob Sternbach, telephone 6-8728 of 2307 East Fifth Street.

Allen Barrow, post adjutant, is planning a trip to Washington on Post business.

During the past year American Legion posts took on the sponsorship of 491 new Boy Scout troops, raising the total number of troops under their wings to more than 3,500.

## Poppy Day Poster Contest Completed

Winners in the Legion auxiliary's Poppy Day poster contest were announced this week by the contest chairman, Mrs. Sam Craig following judging of entries.

Junior group winners were Nancy Hotz, 2342 East Twenty-second Place, Jean Jackson, 638 North Main Street, and Benny Groenwold, 2819 East 26th Place.

Senior group winners were Kaye Thornton, 1916 W. Cameron St., Betty Ann Bridges, 14, 415 East Oklahoma St., and Jim Burris, Tulsa.

Winning posters were sent to Oklahoma City to be entered in the state contest, winners of which will in turn be sent to Washington, D. C., for the national contest.

Judges here were W. G. (Billy) Choteau, Public Service Co., display manager; Clarence Allen, Newspaper Printing Corp., artist, and Harmon Phillips, managing editor of The Tulsa Tribune.

## Foreign Legionnaires Invited to Post

A motion to ask all Legionnaires from foreign countries who will be in Tulsa during the International Petroleum Exposition to be invited to the Carson-Wilson post was made and approved at the Tuesday night meeting. Introducing the motion was Floyd A. Long.

## SMOKER

The Friday night Smoker, sponsored by the 40 et 8, proved to be more successful than was anticipated, with well over 400 admissions paid for the evening.

The overflow crowd packed the halls and gaming rooms, and enthusiasm was not lacking anywhere. The food was "tops", and the entertainment left nothing (?) to be desired.

A resolution asking Congress to give greater support to the Veterans Administration was passed at the Tuesday night meeting.

## WHAT, NO PRIORITY?

The War Assets Administration has informed The American Legion that veterans now may purchase any item of government surplus personal property without a priority certificate.

There are no strings to the new order, according to the WAA. Any veteran may qualify for priority purchase of any item of surplus merely by showing his or her discharge papers and signing a statement concerning the ownership of the business and the purpose for which the surplus is bought. The order does not affect disposal of surplus real property to which standard priority sequence does not apply.

## Post to Give \$500 To War Memorial

On March 30, the post voted to donate the sum of \$500 to the War Memorial fund, headed by A. E. Bradshaw. An additional substantial contribution will be made in the near future by the auxiliary, the 8 and 40, and the 40 and 8, it was announced.

## Appreciation Dinner

The Carson-Wilson post will hold its annual Appreciation Dinner for doctors and nurses of the Muskogee veterans hospital April 27. About 100 doctors and nurses are expected to attend.

Headin g the arrangements committee are Frank Hugill and Eddie Shields. The women's auxiliary will have charge of cooking the meal.

Jim Moss, veterans employment representative, today received notice of his appointment to honorary colonel by Governor Roy J. Turner. The commission was signed by the secretary of state and Governor Turner.

The hundreds of American Legion bands and drum and bugle corps throughout the nation expend about \$1,250,000 annually for musical instruments and uniforms.

## National Commander Blasts Wallace

James F. O'Neil, national commander of the American Legion, appearing before a senate armed services committee last week, blasted Henry Wallace as a "Russia-First", who had flouted every good American citizen when he said he would welcome Communist support in his presidential campaign.

Appearing before the senate committee to testify on behalf of the need of America for universal military training and a limited draft, O'Neil, discussing opposition the program has met, said that the greatest opponents were those who are prompted and inspired by Communism. Henry Wallace, O'Neil said, is the best example we can find of this group.

O'Neil urged that the U. S. should adopt a balanced program for strong regular and reserve forces, plus a powerful air force, and bases to make certain of proper development of our security program in all branches.

Patients at the Muskogee veterans hospital were entertained Sunday by the girls' ensemble of Northeastern State College, at Tahlequah. Piano solos and vocal numbers were offered by the groups, which included a Tulsa girl, Juanita Albright.

The wife of Guy Belford, Jr., underwent an operation Wednesday morning. The post extends its wishes to Mrs. Belford for a speedy recovery.

Pfc. Gary R. Cranford, son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Cranford, Tulsa, is serving with the 11th Airborne division in northern Honshu, Japan. At present he is assigned to a service company of the 127th Airborne Engineer battalion as a cook.

Staff Sgt. Amos M. Hobbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hobbs, Tulsa, is serving with the 25th Infantry division in Osaka, Japan. Hobbs, a mess sergeant with an artillery unit of the division, served with the famed 45th Division in World War II. He has been in the army since 1939.

Ensign Jack A. Endacott, USN, husband of Mrs. Ruby Louise Endacott, 2224 East Seventh St., is serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Philippine Sea, operating in the Mediterranean area.

## Band to Attend National Convention

The Carson-Wilson post band, under the direction of Eddie Gambill, will make a trip to the national convention of the American Legion next fall in Miami, Florida.

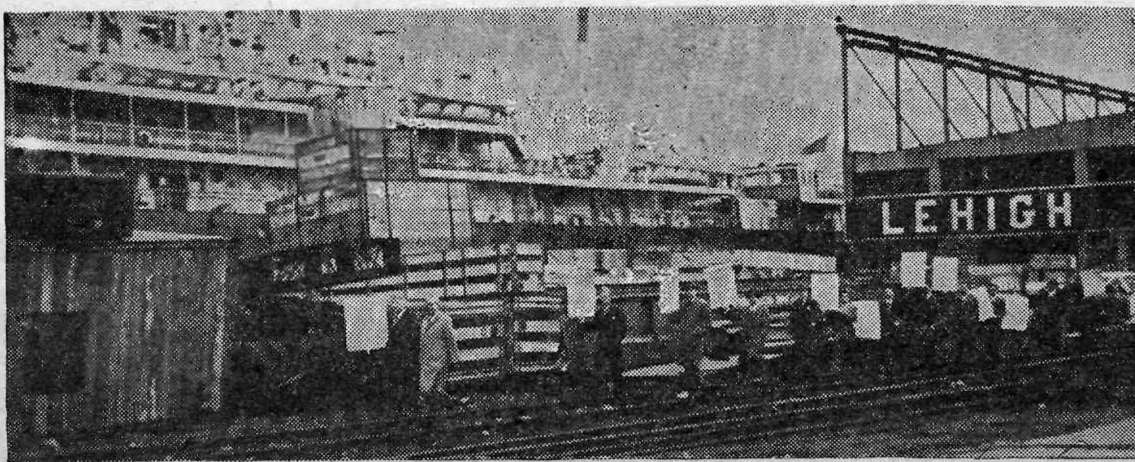
Authorization for the trip came from the executive committee of the post. C. M. Johnston, chaplain, is in charge of arrangements.

Winner of the Tuesday night attendance prize of \$6 was Legionnaire James H. Williams.

## WHAT'S WHAT IN THE VA

Approval of acquisition of land for the site of a new veterans' hospital in Oklahoma City was announced Wednesday. The site adjoins the University of Oklahoma medical school on the west, and the University hospital on the south. Dr. Paul Magnuson, national VA medical chief, issued a call for 1,250 new doctors for the veterans administration. That many are expected to quit the service in May and June, Magnuson said. — Veterans training under the GI bill will find it easier to change their courses now, thanks to a ruling by the VA that the veteran will no longer need prior approval of the agency before changing his course. Approval by school officials only will be required. Veterans in schools outside of high schools or colleges, which have adequate counselling service, also may change courses without advance approval. — New head of the state veterans hospital at Sulphur is Dr. Will Crandall, who took over Monday. — Although personnel reduction had threatened to close down completely the Clinton, Oklahoma, VA office, announcement was made this week that the office would remain open on a one-man basis.

## War Veterans Picket Shipment To Russia



JERSEY CITY — (Soundphoto) — Catholic war veterans picket as a protest against the shipment of material and machinery to Russia. Picture shows the Catholic War Veterans of Hudson County, N. J., as they picketed the Russian Freighter Chukota at the Lehigh Valley Docks at Claremont Terminal in Jersey City.



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MRS. H. E. GLASER  
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The Membership Contest is still on. Call Captains Mrs. Delores Jennings, Phone 5-9717 or Mrs. Jean Hill, Phone 3-3719—if you'd like to join it—or if you have a new member to report.

Don't forget to tune in and listen to the Community Service Broadcast by Mrs. Sam Craig, chairman. Mrs. G. A. Jackson, Mrs. Ray Brock and Mrs. Ruth Brown over Station KFMJ at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday April 13th. This program is given on the fourth floor at Clarke's Good Clothes. If you like the program drop Harry Clarke a line and tell him so.

**Sporting News Again to Plug Legion Junior Ball**

St. Louis, Mo.—Three million copies of special American Legion Junior Baseball editions of The Sporting News for free to the youth of the nation!

That's the word from J. G. Taylor Spink, publisher of The Sporting News. Spink announced that for the second year his publication will issue six special editions devoted to assisting The American Legion in its sandlot baseball program. The Ford Motor Company has ordered 500,000 copies of each special edition for free distribution through its dealers to boys in every city of the nation.

The first American Legion Junior Baseball special edition will be published in April according to Spink. It will contain a double page spread of personal advice from all the 16 major league managers to boys playing American Legion Junior Baseball; an article on how to hit according to Connie Mack's formula; a feature on the team of the Bentley Post 50 of Cincinnati, Ohio, which won the 1947 American Legion Junior Baseball national championship; announcement of the selection of Indianapolis as the site for the 1948 junior world's series and other stories dealing with this youth-training program.

Heard Round the World", will be shown at the next Tuesday meeting. The picture is sponsored by the National Cash Register Co.

**LEGISLATIVE NEWS-LETTER**

Washington, March 23 (ALNS).—The American Legion said Congress ALONE is TO BLAME if it is perplexed by President Truman's call to enact universal military training and a temporary draft, for the reason that failure to adopt UMT in the past precipitated the crisis.

In a statement issued shortly after the declaration by the President of a critical world situation and the immediate need of UMT and a limited selective service system, National Commander J. F. O'Neil said:

"The failure of Congress to enact universal military training prior to this time presents a grave situation and poses the problem that a temporary system of selective service may have to be adopted as a stop-gap measure. Let us now hope that Congress will listen to reason, set aside political considerations and enact UMT immediately."

Through this statement, The American Legion served notice that it will not relax but will drive even harder for immediate passage of universal military training legislation.

**Coast Guard Temporary Reserve**  
The U. S. Supreme Court has ruled that former members of the Coast Guard Temporary Reserve are not entitled to veterans preference in federal employment. This action by the nation's highest tribunal, brings to a victorious close a two-year fight by The American Legion to safeguard this privilege for veterans.

According to Director Taylor, 70,000 former members of the C. G. T. R., a civilian auxiliary to the regular Coast Guard during WW II, would have competed with bone fide veterans for preference in federal employment had the Supreme Court ruled the other way. "We must always be alert to like infringements on veterans' rights," Taylor added. (Note: The Coast Guard Temporary Reserve should not be confused with the regular Coast Guard Reserve. Members of both latter organizations served in all theaters during WWs I and II.)

**Legion Pension Bill**

Hearings have commenced on The American Legion's WW I & II pension bill—H.R. 5616—Stemming from Res. 226 of the 1947 National Convention, the bill was introduced by Rep. Frank A. Mathews, Jr. (R., N. J.) and gives relief to veterans too disabled to work but unable to trace their ailments to war service. The measure would lower qualifications for \$60-monthly pensions payable to veterans for permanent disability other than service-connected.

T. O. Kraabel, national rehabilitation director for the Legion, appeared before a subcommittee of the House Veterans Committee to urge the bill's passage. He stated that "it is our experience that there are quite a number of eligible veterans who are unable to meet scheduler requirements for this benefit, who are unable to establish service connection for their disablements, and who are in fact unable to follow continuously a gainful occupation." There are the worthy cases the proposed legislation is designed to serve, he added.

The measure is going to have tough sailing, predicted Director Taylor, and he called on every Legionnaire to petition Congress for favorable action.

**Merchant Marine**

**Ex-Ambassador Reveals Story Of Poland's Betrayal**

An authentic, eye-witness account of Communist machinations in Poland, reportedly aided by the policies of our own United States government, is given for the first time in the recently-published book, "I Saw Poland Betrayed." The book is written by Arthur Bliss Lane, who was U. S. Ambassador to Poland from 1944 until he resigned from the State Department in 1947 so that he could "bring the facts before the American people." He is now co-chairman of the Committee to Stop World Communism.

It was the appeasement of the Soviet Union by the United States and Great Britain that led to Poland's downfall, says Lane. As specific evidence, he cites the now famed meetings of Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin at Teheran in 1943 and at Yalta in 1945. There Roosevelt and Churchill agreed to turn over to the Russians some 70,000 square miles of territory belonging to their ally, Poland.

Since that time, Lane points out, "we have seen that a policy of appeasement toward the Soviet Union failed dismally, just as it failed toward Hitler at Munich."

"Unless we show clearly and strongly to the men who direct the policy of the Soviet Union that we are deeply earnest in our resolve to defend ourselves and other nations which wish to preserve a democratic form of government, Russia will make further encroachments in western Europe and the near east. Eventually will come the turn of the American continent."

From his vantage point inside Poland, Lane was able to observe numerous evidences of Communist treachery. He reports fully on such things as:

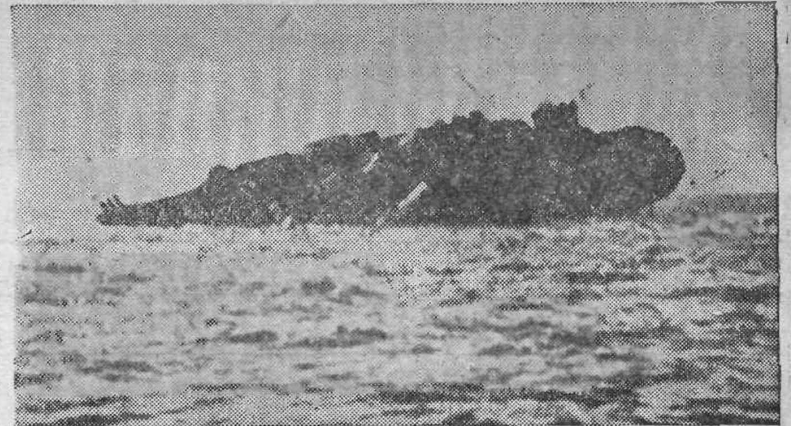
1. Soviet torture and murder to win Polish elections.
2. Deliberate Russian instigation of the revolt of the Polish underground in August, 1944, and abandonment of the heroic Poles to the Nazi Army, so that 250,000 Polish patriots who might oppose Communist activities in their country would be liquidated.

The 35th Division Association, now numbering about 5,200 members, will hold its 1948 reunion in Omaha, Neb., June 4 to 6, where the largest American Legion post in the world will help to entertain the delegates.

The Pennsylvania American Legion maintains a department service staff of 42 persons with an annual pay roll of \$100,000 to serve the 300,000 Legionnaires in the Keystone State.

Legislative Representative Harry V. Hayden of The American Legion urged the House Judiciary Committee to favor S. 1077 which provides that one or more commissioned officers of the U. S. Coast Guard may act as hearing or deciding officers in connection with certificates and licenses for members of the Merchant Marine. Citing a mandate of the 1947 National Convention, Hayden warned of the danger to our national security of the lack of discipline aboard merchant vessels, particularly when inspired by subversive elements. The measure already has been passed by the Senate.

**U.S.S. Pennsylvania Scuttled**



KWAJALEIN—(Soundphoto)—The U.S.S. Pennsylvania, survivor of atom bomb tests at Bikini, goes finally to her grave in the Pacific. The veteran of both world wars is shown as she settled into the sea after her sea valves were opened in deep waters off Kwajalein. The Navy has sunk two other Bikini targets which were found so heavily contaminated as to make further use of them dangerous.

**Legion First On Disaster Job**

Bunker Hill, Ill.—The American Legion was the first organization on the job in disaster relief when a tornado struck this community of 1,100 population, killing 19 persons, injuring 102 and virtually flattening every building. More than 50 American Legion posts in the 20th, 21st and 22nd Districts sent volunteer workers into this stricken area.

Department Commander Douglass D. Getchell, after a survey, said:

"The American Legion had the first hot coffee in Bunker Hill on Friday morning, March 19, and was serving warm meals by evening, assisted by the Auxiliary." The storm struck at 6:45 a.m., March 19th.

American Legion workers assisted in rescuing the injured, rendering first aid, clearing debris, maintaining law and order, directing traffic, feeding and sheltering the homeless and in patrolling the devastated area to prevent looting.

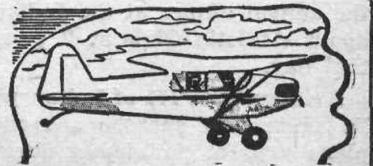
Commander Getchell reported that a 36-man American Legion guard detail patrolled the town day and night, the guard being changed every four hours.

The Legion hut will be used by the Fraternal Order of Police on April 16th, for their annual party.

The Legion's annual Poppy Day has been scheduled for May 16. Final plans and arrangements will be announced in the near future.

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# COMMUNISTS AIM TO DOMINATE WORLD, WARNS MIKOLAJCZYK

## Escaped Polish Leader Declares That "Red Army" Of Communist Party Members Already Exists In Ever Country

"Remember, at all times and everywhere, the danger of Communism becomes daily more powerful and comes nearer to you. The Russians no longer conceal the fact that their chief aim is to dominate the whole world."

This warning to the American people was given by Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, escaped leader of the Polish Peasant Party, as he delivered his first major address in this country, speaking here at a meeting sponsored by the Committee to Stop World Communism.

Mikolajczyk, who was forced to flee Poland when threatened with death by the Communists because of his opposition to their regime, frankly told his audience, "I shall give you the truth about Poland and the Communists, making no attempt to exaggerate anything and making no attempt to hide anything."

### War Unnecessary, But . . .

"Russia," he said, "considers that after subjugating Europe and after the deepening of economic and class warfare in the United States on which she is counting, war will not be necessary for a Communist victory. But if war should be necessary for her, Russia knows that she can decide the moment and that the democracies will not declare a preventive war."

Mikolajczyk warned that "In every country there is already a Soviet army, in the form of Communist party members, well disciplined, acting through proved methods, endowed with ample

funds and having Moscow trained leaders."

He also declared that it would be a grave mistake if the United States and the other western nations fought Communism only in western Europe and ignored the countries behind the Iron Curtain in eastern Europe. "The population of these countries of eastern and central Europe amounts to 100,000,000. Whether democracy or Communism takes the upper hand is a most important factor in the determination of world peace."

The man who tried for two years to cope with the Communists in Poland gave a dramatic account of life under the Soviet regime. Some highlights:

### Rigged Elections

During the so-called "free elections" in Poland in 1946, over 100,000 members of the Polish Peasant Party were arrested. Yet so great was the people's belief in democratic ideals, that the Peasant Party actually received 74% of the votes cast (although the Communists claimed to have won the election).

A sort of super-government called the Council of State has been set up, which is not responsible to Parliament, and has the right to send innocent people to forced labor camps without trial, close down shops, and confiscate property.

Workers who strike for better living conditions are punished by the government with sentences of up to ten years imprisonment for "economic sabotage."

Approximately 17% of letters to the editor of The American Legion Magazine are from women showing its many feminine readers.

Highland Park, Illinois American Legion Post 145 has presented 20 bassinets and stands, costing \$2,400, to the new nursery of its local hospital.

The Nebraska American Legion has started a 60-day campaign to raise \$250,000 for a youth memorial building on the campus of the state agriculture college in Lincoln.

A deluxe combination television, radio and phonograph set has been presented by the U. S. Post 127 of The American Legion in Baltimore, Md., to the VA hospital at Fort Howard.

Sam Reynolds of Omaha, Nebraska, chairman of the national finance commission of The American Legion will establish a rec-

## First All-Women Legion Post Formed in Nevada

Reno, Nev. — With 30 charter members, the first all-women's American Legion post in Nevada has been organized here. It will be known as the Dat-so-la-lee Post 12 of The American Legion, Miss Lois Duffy is the first commander. The charter membership includes former WACS, SPARS, MARINES and NURSES.

The new post was named after Dat-so-la-lee, Nevada's most famous Indian woman basket weaver who died December 5, 1925.

This is the 202nd all-woman's post in The American Legion.

Morse McOscar, 135-pound welder and member of the Bert G. Taylor Post 300 at Napoleon, Ohio, is the champion American Legion blood donor of the state, having given a total of 18 pints of his blood.

The 1948 reunion of the Rainbow (42nd) Division veterans will be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., July 12 to 14.

ord of attending 100 sessions of the national executive committee when he goes to Indianapolis next May.

Minneapolis Downtown Post 335 has become the first in The American Legion to assume sponsorship of a state wing in the Civil Air Patrol by taking over the promotion of the Minnesota wing.

The popular belief that American weapons are always superior is questioned by National Commander James F. O'Neil in his article in the April, 1948, issue of The American Legion Magazine.

The George Westinghouse Post 230 at Wilmerding, Pennsylvania has the distinction of having two "Last Man Clubs", on being WW I and the other WW II.

The seven WW II sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Machiondo at Raton, New Mexico, have all joined the Vaughan-Moore-Buhr Post 5 of The American Legion here.

## Blood Bank Receives Full Legion Support

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The four million members of the American Legion and its Auxiliary will support the peacetime national civilian blood bank program of the American Red Cross. This was announced here by National Commander James F. O'Neil.

In a letter to Basil O'Connor, president of the Red Cross, O'Neil said in part:

"Last spring, the American Legion was very much concerned about the dwindling supply of the civilian blood banks and the tragic results that might occur. We were seriously contemplating a national blood bank program of our own. Before doing so, we consulted with the Red Cross as we believe such a program is peculiarly adapted to your organization. We were delighted to learn that you were contemplating such a program and that it is now being successfully carried out."

Commander O'Neil stated that the ARC program has been studied and endorsed by the American Legion's national medical advisory board, which is composed of top national authorities.

Present plans of the Red Cross call for the ultimate establishment of approximately 200 blood bank centers in principal cities throughout the country. Towns not having centers will be serviced by mobile collection units. The program will operate on the same plan as the nationwide collection of blood plasma during World War II. The centers will supply civilian hospitals and other institutions with life-giving blood.

It is estimated that six pints of blood per hospital bed per year are needed for all general hospitals and between two and three pints per bed for all tubercular and psychiatric hospitals. Total ultimate needs are estimated at

between 3,700,000 and 4,000,000 pints annually.

Commander O'Neil assured the Red Cross of the cooperation of more than 27,000 posts and auxiliary units of the American Legion. Legionnaires have been active in the blood-collection program, as at Rochester, N. Y., where 67 American Legion posts participated in a drive realizing 1,440 pints in one month. Boston, Mass., where the American Legion's blood donor committee collected and distributed to state hospitals more than 7,400 pints since 1945; New Brunswick, N. J., where Joyce Kilmer Post 25 operates a community blood bank, supplying blood to those in need at no charge; Spokane, Wash., where Post No. 9 provided the community blood bank with 53 donors in a single day; and many others.

The Veterans Administration will open bids on May 25 for the construction of a 200-bed general medical and surgical hospital for veterans at Marlin, Texas.

Ralph J. Beaverson became the 100,000th member of the Ohio American Legion for 1948 when he enrolled in the Bert G. Taylor Post 300 at Napoleon.

## Week's Legion News In A Nutshell

The American Legion has chartered its 17,000th post at Knippa, Texas, to be known as Knippa Post 660.

The 21st annual American Legion Junior Baseball world's series will open at Victory Field, Indianapolis, Indiana, September 6, 1948, with four sectional championship teams crossing bats.

The American Legion's Freedom Booklets will go into nearly 40,000 Peoria, Illinois, homes under non-profit subscription contracts signed or about to be signed with various local organizations by Post 2 there.

The Cook County Council of The American Legion representing all Chicago posts, has contributed \$1,000 to the current Red Cross fund campaign.

Massachusetts Legionnaires will make the trip to Miami, Florida, for the 30th national convention of The American Legion next October by a chartered steamship with stopovers at Nassau and Havana.

Arkansas is the 1948 winners of the Henry D. Lindsley American Legion department membership trophy.

"Barnacle Bill" Harris has signed up 312 members for 1948 for the Edgar M. Boyd Post 37 of The American Legion at Williston, N. D., for a record of some kind for a community of 5,790 population.

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