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## *Tribute*

White crosses on a verdant field, how silently they stand,  
And yet the things they symbolize are heard throughout our land.  
In reverence and in homage, upon this sacred day,  
We gather to pay tribute to all the boys who lay  
Beneath those rows of crosses, here or on foreign soil,  
Who answered God's last Reveille, 'mid battle and turmoil'.



All honor to those gallant lads, inestimable is their worth,  
Who fought and died and thus assured for us a peace on earth.  
Brave lads who answered gallantly their country's urgent call,  
Who bore the brunt of battle—the lads who gave their all.  
Each cross must bring its memories, its sorrow and its pain—  
And we must pray, those gallant lads shall not have died in vain.

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## Poppy Sales Hit All-Time High

### First Hand Information From the Orient

Special visitors at the Tuesday night meeting were four sergeants from the 11th Airborne division and the First Cavalry division, on occupation duty in Japan.

The group, forming a special recruiting team especially sent to the United States to recruit members for the divisions, were well received by the assembled Post members, and presented up-to-the minute reports on the situation in Japan.

Included in the group were Sgts. O'Neal and Casper, with the 11th Airborne, and Sgts. Williams and Burke, with the famed "Fighting First" Cavalry.

Sgt. O'Neal spoke to members about the Japanese people, their present situation, and practically all points connected with the conquered people and their status under General Douglas MacArthur. He gave Post members a graphic picture of what life is like there today, including an over-all survey of industry, politics, education, and rehabilitation activities now going on.

A moving picture was originally scheduled to be shown, but due to unforeseen difficulties, the picture showing was cancelled.

Sgt. O'Neal described activities of the two groups occupying the country, describing their training, recreation and their general set-up. He also compared Japan with the occupation situation in Germany and Korea, where internal disruptions make life pretty unsettled.

The sergeant stressed the safety of parachute jumping. He said that out of 50,000 jumps made by members of the group, only one accident occurred, when a chaplain broke both legs in a fall.

Approximately 16,000 high school juniors the nation over will attend 46 American Legion Boys' States that have now been scheduled definitely for this summer.

### Nancy Hotz Winner Poppy Poster Contest

MISS NANCY HOTZ

Enclosed please find check drawn to your order for \$5,000 from the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Oklahoma, representing 1st Prize in our Poppy Poster Contest for the entire State of Oklahoma.

On behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary, Carson-Wilson Post No. 1, Tulsa, please accept our hearty congratulations.

After you won in our local contest, it was with the greatest of pleasure we learned that you were the winner in our state contest, now I believe you have a good chance to win in the National Contest, so until then, Nancy, keep your fingers crossed.

Very sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Sam Craig, Chairman  
American Legion Auxiliary,  
Poppy Poster Contest.

### Used Phonograph Records Wanted

A request was made at the Tuesday night meeting for members to donate used phonograph records, 10-inch size, to the Berry Spastic foundation.

An unnamed donor donated a huge juke box to the foundation, and now they need records to play on it. Any of you Legionnaires having records you don't need will find they will highly appreciate them out there.

### Norvell's Infant Son Improved

We are glad to hear that the twin son of Comrade George Norvell, is much improved after an illness which threatened to become serious last week. The baby was taken to St. John's Hospital for treatment. Our heartiest wishes for a speedy recovery and the best of health for the twins, George.

### Wes Fry Joins Legion Here Tuesday

Receiving formal initiation at the ceremonies Tuesday night was a new and worthy comrade, Samuel W. (Wes) Fry, disabled veteran of W. W. II.

Fry, serving with the famed 90th Infantry Division, took part in the invasion of France at Omaha beach. Three days after the landing, Fry was wounded when a bomb exploded about 20 feet from him. He was paralyzed from the waist down, and is now confined to a wheel chair.

In spite of his handicaps, Fry is active and energetic, and his cheerfulness and good humor are really gratifying. Right now he is needing some aid from all comrades—he is in the race for the position of Tulsa County Clerk on the Democratic ticket. Fry says he will "win it or bust." Let's all get behind him and give him a hand, because he sure deserves our aid. He's a fine guy, and all who know him are going to back him to the limit.

### Formal Initiation Held Last Tuesday

Tuesday was our Initiation Night, and a colorful and impressive ceremony was performed, with ten new members taking the oath and obligation as members of The American Legion.

Serving on the initiation team were Comrades Ed Wienecke, J. Earl Simpson, Otto Koenig, Glenn Coddington, Al Faulkner, James King, Jr., Dick Land and George Norvell. Following the ceremony, the purposes, aims and activities of the Legion in general were outlined.

The Robert R. Benner Post 251 of The American Legion at Lewis, Kansas, has purchased the old city hall there for conversion into a modern clubhouse.

### Report on Poppy Sales

By MRS. SAM CRAIG,  
Chairman, American Legion  
Auxiliary Poppy Sales

Harlan K. Nelson, who served as joint chairman of our Poppy Day drive, lauded the efforts of Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary who aided in the drive which ended last week.

We ordered from the Muskogee Hospital a total of 73,600 poppies, we returned 11,900 and paid for 61,700 but we still have on hand 8,500 and I feel sure we could have sold at least 15,000 more if only additional workers could have been secured. A full report on the sale of poppy corsages will be made at our regular meeting Tuesday night.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who worked so hard and would like to name every one of them, but that is impossible due to lack of space, but I do appreciate the fine help of all our chairmen.

Our poppy day was the largest in the history of our poppy sales and we want to give our thanks to the general public, and especially to the following stores for their fine cooperation and to the clerks for buying and displaying the beautiful red crepe paper poppy corsages, arranged by our own Auxiliary members, from poppies made by the veterans in the Muskogee Hospital and worn in honor of our war dead:

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Among the clubs and organization assisting were the following:

Service Assembly, Rainbow Girls, Mrs. Fred Sanders, Red Fork Assembly of Rainbow Girls, Mrs. Roscoe E. Moore, Co-operettes, Jaycettes, Marine Mothers, Nurses from the Hillcrest Hospital, Women Overseas Service League, Catholic Activities, Residers Club.

This announcement from the poppy chairman, Mrs. Sam Craig, who desires to thank those who took part (Continued on next page)

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

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in the largest poppy sale we have ever had in the City of Tulsa, also to thank the department stores whose sales people bought the poppy corsages and wore them a week prior to our single poppy sale on May 20th. The generosity of the public in buying these poppies made it possible for the Auxiliary to buy 8,500 extra poppies making our average cost 10 cents each.

## Attention Gold Star Families

This 8,500 we have bought from the veterans and have on hand, "I would like to give the Gold Star families to put on the crosses at Memorial Park", Mrs. Craig states. If the Gold Star Mother or any member of the family will come down to our Hut, there will be a crew of Auxiliary women ready to help them to make up these sprays.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

MRS. H. E. GLASSER,  
Unit Publicity Chairman

Mrs. J. B. Allred, unit president, announces that the next regular meeting of the American Legion Legion Auxiliary will be held in the Legion Hut on Tuesday evening June 1st, at 8:00 p. m. Remember the date and try to be present. Each member's presence is appreciated and adds zest to the meeting. Each meeting is informative and interesting and each member lends as well as gains inspiration by attendance.

Mrs. Sam Craig, community service chairman, also chairman of the poppy sales, just concluded presenting a most instructive radio program over station KFMJ (Lucille Burns program) Thursday afternoon May 27th at 1:15 p. m. We hope you happened to be tuned in. We didn't have the details in time to announce it in last week's paper.

## ... TAPS ...

## BENJAMIN LARK HARRIS

Buried at Memorial Park Cemetery, May 24, 1948.

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Active Detail from Carson-Wilson

Post No. 1:

J. F. Herman, commander.

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Gus Gunn and Jim Bewley, color bearers.

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Glenn Coddington in charge of detail.

FURLOUGH TO U. S.  
FROM OSAKA, JAPAN

With the Eighth Army in Osaka, Japan.—S/Sgt. John R. Carnes, son of Mr. John E. Carnes of West Tulsa, Oklahoma, has recently left for furlough and return to the U. S. S/Sgt. Carnes is a member of the 65th Engineer Combat Battalion commanded by Lt. Col. H. A. Holmstrom of the 25th Infantry (Tropic Lighting) Division commanded by Major General Charles I. Mullins, Jr.

S/Sgt. Carnes entered the Army April 7, 1941, and received his basic training at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, in June, 1941. He departed for overseas duty April 18, 1947, and upon arrival in Japan was assigned to the 25th Infantry (Tropic Lighting) Division.

Before entering the Army S/Sgt. Carnes attended West Tulsa High School and was later employed by McMannan Boiler and Tank Company, of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

## SICK BOOK

Howard Woody is suffering from arthritis and asks friends to send his regards to all members.

J. B. Underwood, ill at St. John's Hospital, is improving rapidly, and asks all who can to visit him.

It was reported that our comrade and Chaplain for several years, C. M. Johnston, who has been in ill health for some time, is in a very bad condition and is sinking fast. The entire post regrets to hear this, as there is no more able and willing worker, no one more willing to donate his time and efforts to the Legion cause, than our comrade—Johnston.

## ATTENTION G. I.'s

The Department of the Army has authorized the American Legion to distribute the American Defense Medals and World War II Victory Medals.

The Medals are now available at Department Headquarters. It will be the responsibility of the Service Officer, Frank H. J. Crawley, to submit WD-AGO Form 151 on each veteran requesting the above medals. When WD AGO Form 151 is received by the Department Headquarters, we will then issue by mail the medal to the veteran. The honorable discharge has to be presented at time of application as same has to be stamped, which is the responsibility of the Post.

The requirements for the above medals are:

For the Victory Medal, service must have been between 7 December, 1941, and 31 December 1946, with a discharge other than dishonorable.

For the American Defense Service Medal, service must be between the dates of 8 September, 1939, and 7 December, 1941. Service must extend into the wartime period, and must be of twelve or more months duration.

These medals are for ex-army personnel only. Navy Department issues their own medals.

—Frank H. J. Crawley, Carson-Wilson Post Service Officer.

Legion Leader in Race  
For Arizona Governor

Holbrook, Ariz.—Past Department Commander William R. Bourdon of the Arizona American Legion, has resigned as a member of the organization's national executive committee to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor.

The Yankee (29th) Division Association will meet in Providence, R. I., June 24 to 26, according to Fred A. Jones of Worcester, Mass., who is commander of its 65 chapters.

Shields Replaces  
Barrow As Adjutant

Allen E. Barrow, post adjutant for the past year, tendered his resignation last Tuesday night in order that he might devote his full time as manager of Robert S. Kerr's campaign in Tulsa county. Taking Barrow's position is Eddie J. Shields, an old-timer around the Legion here in Tulsa.

Shields joined the Carson-Wilson post staff in November, 1947 as the post clerk and in August, 1947 he became assistant post adjutant.

The new assistant adjutant is Roger E. Lavery.

Sam Craig Appointed  
To Athletic Commission

Legionnaire Sam Craig received a letter last week, which will be of interest to Post members. The letter states:

Dear Mr. Craig:

Please be advised that you have been selected to serve as a member of the City of Tulsa Athletic Commission, as a representative of the American Legion's Carson - Wilson Post No. 1.

Your appointment was approved at the meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners May 14th.

With every good wish, I am,

Very truly yours,

S. Maxwell Smith,

City Auditor.

World War I  
World War II  
All Legionnaires

Indianapolis.—The National Executive Committee of The American Legion has decreed there shall be no more designation within the world's largest veterans' organization of members by wars.

Hereafter members are not to be labeled as Legionnaires of World War I or II but only as Legionnaires.

The NEC adopted the following resolution on this matter:

"WHEREAS, The American Legion is now comprised of veterans of World Wars I and II, and

"WHEREAS, it is immaterial from which war a member emanated after his admission into The American Legion, for at that time he is an American Legionnaire, and

"WHEREAS, it is not to the best interest of The American Legion to designate members as either World War I or World War II veterans, and

"WHEREAS, due to the said designation considerable resentment has been built up to the disadvantage of the entire organization, now,

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that hereafter in all publicity programs and undertakings of The American Legion, that all designations as to World War I or World War II veterans be dispensed with and members of The American Legion be known as American Legionnaires.



## Auxiliary Secretary Visits Venezuela

Indianapolis, Ind. — Mrs. Gwyn-dolyn MacDowell, formerly of Story City, Iowa, national secretary of The American Legion Auxiliary left Monday, May 24, from New York City by air on a 7,000-mile flight to South American as guest of the Venezuelan Government.

She was accompanied by Mrs. William E. Dailey of North Bennington, Vermont, chairman of the Pan-American Committee of the Auxiliary.

The two Auxiliary leaders will study Venezuelan schools, women's organizations and hospitals.

"We are making the trip as guests of the Venezuelan Government to get acquainted with that country," Mrs. MacDowell said. "Venezuela will be the subject of the Pan-American study course of the 12,500 units of the American Legion Auxiliary during 1949. We will also make arrangements with the Venezuelan Government while there, for a lot of descriptive literature on Venezuela for distribution to all of our units next year."

Mrs. MacDowell explained that the Auxiliary Pan-American Committee supported The American Legion's inter-American goodwill program.

"We do this by studying one of the Latin-American countries each year," Mrs. MacDowell said. "Venezuela will be the country our units will study in 1949."

Mrs. MacDowell will spend two days in Puerto Rico on her return flight from Caracas. From Puerto Rico she will fly to Miami, Fla., to meet with Auxiliary convention committee chairmen to discuss plans for the 1948 national convention there next October.

Mrs. MacDowell is also the vice-chairman of the new women's committee of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce.

## Automobiles and Other Conveyances For Amputees

On August 8, 1946, the President signed Public Law 633, 70 Congress which originally granted funds for the purchase of automobiles or other conveyances for certain disabled veterans. The law expired June 30, 1947, but time for applying was extended to June 30, 1948, by the passage of Public Law 271, 80th Congress.

Application forms for amputees and other World War II veterans who lost the use of one or both legs, at or above the ankle, and are eligible for government financed automobiles, should now apply to Veterans Administration contact representative, veterans service officers for their cars or conveyances.

Beside the basic qualification of disability, there are several features of the car-for-amputees law that should be borne in mind by those veterans on this benefit.

Applications must be made before June 30, 1948, when this law expires. The form used is VA 4502.

## ...SHORTS...

New Mexico will lead the big parade of The American Legion during the 30th national convention at Miami, Fla., October 19, as the result of compiling the highest percentage of 1948 membership as compared with its previous four-year average enrollment as of May 1.

Past Department Commander Randall S. Cobb, 51, who headed the Oklahoma American Legion during 1940-41 is dead at Oklahoma City.

The first check for \$50,000 for the establishment of a heart research professorship at the University of Minnesota has been presented to that school by the Gopher American Legion and its Auxiliary.

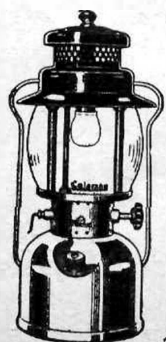
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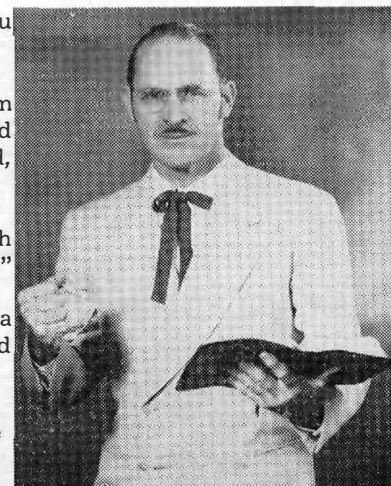
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## Legion for Mundt-Nixon Bill to Get Legal Weapon Against Communist Machinations

A legal weapon that will be both constitutional and effective in putting a crimp into Communist machinations in the United States, is what The American Legion is fighting for today in supporting the Mundt-Nixon Bill, H. R. 5852, known as the "Subversive Activities Control Act of 1948," now before the 80th Congress.

All-out backing of The American Legion was swung behind this legislation by its national executive committee which endorsed the principle of the bill unanimously at its annual spring session here. The NEC directed the "immediate mobilization of all American Legion resources" on behalf of the bill.

"The ideal which this legislation seeks to attain is worthwhile and good", explained James Green of Omaha, Nebraska, chairman of the national Americanism commission of The American Legion upon whose recommendation the NEC acted. "The bill in its present form may require some clarification and revision to make it a good and effective law. These will be made. The important thing is to get speedy action on the measure."

### NEC RESOLUTION

The NEC adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas, the Un-American activities committee of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, on April 29, 1948, unanimously reported out H. R. 5852 to combat un-American activities by requiring the registration of Communist-front organizations, and for other purposes; and

"Whereas, In Principle this bill conforms to the long-established American Legion policy of combating subversive influences; now, therefore be it

"Resolved, That The American Legion enthusiastically endorses H. R. 5852 and authorizes the immediate mobilization of all the resources, membership, family and friends of The American Legion to aid in its prompt enactment by the Congress of the United States and we further urge that the pertinent provisions of H. R. 5852 be published in national American Legion publications as quickly as possible, so that the entire membership may be immediately apprised of the nature of the bill."

### GREEN STATEMENT

Chairman Green pointed out that the measure would make it unlawful to take part in any activity aimed at installing a foreign-controlled totalitarian government in the United States. It declares that Moscow directs a conspiracy to dominate the world. It would require the Communist Party to file a complete list of its membership; it would require that all front organizations register with the attorney general each year; it would bar Communists from deferral employment and it would deny them American passports.

"Of course, the Communists and their fellow travelers are trying to whip up public sentiment against this legislation on the ground that it would grant despotic powers to our government," Chairman Green said. "That is ridiculous. The act would safeguard all the rights of loyal citizens. It would contain adequate provisions for judicial relief. It would hurt no loyal American. The Commies are aroused because they realize it would effectively stop their activities."

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It's no news that the Communists are working feverishly to discredit our way of life, spotlighting our defects and grossly magnifying them. It's all part of their campaign to induce the war-weary peoples of Europe and Asia to desert the ranks of democracy and to betray the ideals of liberty for which we fought. It's up to us to block this vicious strategy, and to foil their evil schemes for taking in the world.

What does this mean to us, personally?

It means that, as vets, we must turn out and do another bang-up job, this time for democracy. As in war, our strength lies in unity. Now, however, the field of action is here—at home. Veteran groups through Americanism programs are doing all they can to strengthen democracy in the eyes of the world. But they need the help of EVERY vet who is able and willing to pitch in and do his share.

Through our vet organizations, we can join hands with our buddies and work together to close the few gaps that will remain between our principles and our every-day practices. We can put the weight and influence of our veteran posts behind other groups that are fighting to wipe out bigotry and injustice. We can, all together, back the recommendations of the hard-hitting committee on Civil Rights—and really do our bit to expand and improve civil rights throughout the land.

That Committee's suggestions, if carried out, would give Americans of all races, religious and ancestries an equal chance for good jobs, decent homes, and better education. These reforms would enable all citizens, regardless of race, creed, or national origin, to exercise their Constitutional right to vote; to enjoy equal excess to public health services and other public facilities.

Our vet organizations can do it with YOUR aid—with the aid of an interested, active and militant membership. The vet organizations NEED YOU! Join up today and do your bit for your country and thus make Old Glory the proud symbol of true Democracy!

**Death Takes Another Of Legion's Founders**

Denver, Colo.—The American Legion today mourned the passing of another of its early-day leaders.

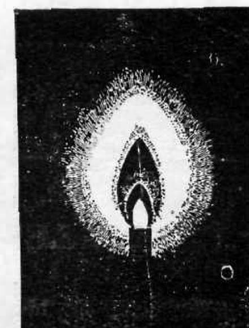
Past National Vice-Commander Morton M. David, local attorney, died here suddenly as the result of a heart attack. He attended the historic St. Louis, Mo., Caucus, May 8 to 10, 1919, at which the organization of The American Legion was completed. He organized the first American Legion posts in Colorado. He also helped to organize the Colorado Auxiliary.

David served as first adjutant of the Department of Colorado from 1919 to 1924. He was national vice-commander during 1929-30. He served on numerous national committees. One of his prized possessions was a letter from the late Brig. Gen. Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., often called Father of The American Legion, thanking him warmly for his aid in launching the world's largest veterans' organization.

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The used cards were collected here, packed and shipped through Northumberland Post 44 of The American Legion. The 15,000 cards filled eight boxes, each weighing 21 pounds. The postage amounted to \$20 and was paid by the local post.

The local post got interested in this activity after it received a news release from the national public relations division of The American Legion reporting an appeal to National Commander James F. O'Neil for used Christmas cards from the Northumberland County committee of the British Legion for Aiding Disabled Veterans.

The local post undertook to collect the used cards as a gift from "Northumberland, Pa., U. S. A., to Northumberland, England."

### Legion Medal Awarded In Epic Ocean Rescue

Marion K. Reynolds, 32-year-old Coast Guard boatswain's mate, first class, of Allston, Mass., is the 1948 winner of the Medal of Valor presented annually here by the Second Division of Post 27 of The American Legion here. The award is made each year to a member of the Coast Guard for heroic action above the call of duty.

The medal was presented to Boatswain's Mate Reynolds at a banquet here by Rear Admiral Merlin O'Neill of the Coast Guard. Reynolds won the award by saving the life of Electrician Robert T. Gray who was swept from the cutter McCulloch during a storm in the North Atlantic. Reynolds jumped into the stormy water in pitch darkness, managed to find and hold Gray's head above water until life lines were thrown out and the two hauled aboard.

### Younger Legion Members May Win UN Fellowships

The National Americanism Division of The American Legion is calling the attention of Legionnaires in the age brackets between 20 and 30 years that they are eligible for competition in an essay contest sponsored by the United Nations Department of Public Information. The contest is open to all members of this age bracket of non-governmental organizations which support the United Nations.

The contest calls for original essays of approximately 1,200 words on "The Role of the Individual in the United Nations". There will be ten winners chosen. The prizes will be 30-day fellowships to the United Nations at Lake Success, N. Y., with transportation both ways paid and an allowance of \$10.00 a day for living expenses. The fellowships must be used between July 1 and December 31, 1948. All essays must be in the hands of the Department of Public Information of the United Nations at Lake Success before June 1, 1948.

The number of American Legion posts throughout the world now has reached 17,025.



## Subversive Activities

The American Legion by unanimous action of its National Executive Committee was committed to all-out support of the Mundt Bill, H. R. 5852, known as the 'Subversive Activities Control Act of 1948.'

Introduced by Representative Karl E. Mundt, Republican of South Dakota, the measure would make it unlawful to take part in any activity aimed at installing a foreign controlled totalitarian government in the United States. It declares that Moscow directs a conspiracy to dominate the world. It has been designed to put a crimp into activities of Communists in America by requiring among other provisions that the red party file a complete list of its membership, that all front organizations register with the attorney general each year, that Communists be barred from federal jobs and be denied American passports.

The legislation already has been approved unanimously by the House Committee on Un-American Activities of which Mundt is a member.

### Full Legion Backing

The NEC adopted the following resolution on the Mundt Bill:

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"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The American Legion enthusiastically endorse H. R. 5852 and authorizes the immediate mobilization of all the resources, membership, family and friends of The American Legion to aid in its prompt enactment by the Congress of the United States and we further urge that the pertinent provision of H. R. 5852 be published in national American Legion publications as quickly as possible, so that the entire membership may be immediately apprised of the nature of the bill."

The Malvern J. Nabb Post 82 of The American Legion at Millville, N. J., has moved into its new \$150,000 home.

## Next of Kin of War Dead to Receive Gold Star Button

The Nation's memorial to World War II dead—the Gold Star Lapel Button—will be ready for distribution after June 1, 1948, to the next of kin of men and women of all the Armed Services who died for their country at home and abroad.

The authority for this recognition came in Public Law No. 306, enacted by the 80th Congress, which set up an appropriate designation of widows, parents and certain other members of the families of those who died in the service of their country between December 7, 1941, and July 25, 1947, the period established by the legislation.

The Gold Star Button consists of a Gold Star on a purple circular background, bordered in gold and surrounded by gold laurel leaves. On the reverse is the inscription, "United States of America, Act of Congress, 1947" with space for the engraving of the initials of the recipient.

One Gold Star Button is to be furnished, without cost, to the widow or widower and to each of the parents of a member of the Armed Forces who lost his life while on active military service between December 7, 1941, and July 25, 1947, both dates inclusive. The term—'parents' includes mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, mother through adoption and father through adoption. One Gold Star button will be furnished at cost price to each child, stepchild, brother, sister, half brother, and half sister of a deceased member of the armed forces if the death fell within the dates fixed.

Next of kin of deceased army and air force personnel may submit applications to The Adjutant General, United States Army, Washington 25, D. C. Application forms will be available about June 1, 1948, and may be obtained from any Army or Air Force installation, any nationally recognized veterans organization, or The Adjutant General.

Navy, Coast Guard and Marine applications should go to the Chief, Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., and they likewise, may be procured from Naval installations or veterans organizations, or from the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

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## Changes Made In National Legion Staff

A number of changes on the national staff of The American Legion was approved during the annual spring meetings in Indianapolis.

The National Executive Committee upon the motion of National Commander James F. O'Neil confirmed the appointment of Henry B. Dudley formerly of Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska, as national adjutant to succeed Donald G. Glascoff, resigned. Dudley had been serving as acting national adjutant. He is past adjutant of Omaha Post 1, the world's largest American Legion post and of the Department of Nebraska.

National Commander O'Neil announced the appointment of Robert R. Poston of Beaumont, Texas, a veteran of World War II, as assistant national adjutant in charge of administration and personnel.

Commander O'Neil also announced the appointment of Joseph Rabinovich of Grand Forks, North Dakota, as assistant national adjutant in charge of co-ordination of programs. Rabinovich is a former member of the National Americanism Commission and a past department commander of North Dakota.

Commander O'Neil also announced acceptance of the resignation of Milt D. Campbell of Cincinnati, as director of the National Security Division, effective May 15, 1948. Campbell is a past national vice-commander, a past national child welfare chairman and a past department commander of Ohio. Commander O'Neil at the same time made known the appointment of Martin Buckner of Flint, Michigan, a past national vice-commander and veteran of World War II, as acting national security director.

Resignation of Tom O. Woolf as advertising manager of The American Legion Magazine was announced by James F. Barton, Director of Publications. Woolf had been on the magazine staff for 13 years. He left to accept another position in the publishing field.

### District Legion Starts 'Fly Your Flag' Drive

The District of Columbia American Legion has launched a campaign that will continue until July 4, to promote a greater display of the national colors in the capital city.

The "Fly Your Flag" campaign was launched with a formal presentation of a fine American Flag to President Harry S. Truman at the White House. The presentation was made by Department Commander Owen C. Holleran who was escorted by The American Legion National Guard of Honor.

The slogan of the campaign is—"If You're Proud to be an American—Be Proud to 'Fly Your Flag'!"

## British Navy Will Push Tests With Gas Turbines

Prompted by encouraging results of its first experiments with gas-turbine propulsion, the British Navy will extend the scope of this project, POWER magazine reports.

"The Admiralty last summer revealed that a screw-propelling gas turbine had been installed in a light motor gunboat for experimental purposes," the publication points out. "And it was recently announced that the engine had chalked up more than 55 hours of running at sea, during which some 3,000 tons of moist salt air had been compressed and released into the red-hot combustion chambers of the engine, which had been found to be still in good condition. It was expected that salt deposits would foul blades of the compressor and that there would be a considerable lowering of power output. In fact, power loss was less than expected and, when the engine was opened up at the Metrovick works, there was less salt than had been anticipated. It is now planned to install larger gas-turbine engines in a 1400-ton frigate and also in a larger gunboat.

"The advantages are greater power in less space from a given weight of plant and (less important to the Navy) fuel economy. Possibly greater speeds and reduced maintenance are still to be convincingly demonstrated, but it is believed that such a power plant might possibly have a total life of 100,000 hours at sea."

### Tulsa Serving in Kyoto

With the Eighth Army in Kyoto, Japan.—Technical Sergeant Wesley R. Ford of 325 South Independent Street, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, is now serving the 21st Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, a non-divisional unit of I Corps in Kyoto.

The 21st Ordnance Company is one of the many ordnance units in Japan whose duties include auto maintenance, carpentry, electrical repair, care and maintenance of all types of weapons, and repair of precision instruments such as telescopes field glasses, range finders, etc.

This company, a non-divisional unit of I Corps, the occupation forces on southern Japan, is located on the outskirts of Kyoto, the only large city in Japan left unscathed by Allied bombing attacks in the recent war. It is situated in one of the most beautiful sections of Japan, which before the war attracted tourists from all over the world.

T/Sgt. Ford entered the Army in April, 1942, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and completed quartermaster basic training at Fort Warren, Wyoming. Prior to entering the service he graduated from the Tulsa Business College in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



## LEGION HITS VA MOVE TO LET STATES CONTROL VETERAN TRAINING

The American Legion was on record today in a strong protest against the Veterans Administration's relinquishment of supervision of the GI Bill training program and its shifting of enforcement responsibility on the state components.

"Most states lack adequate or capable staffs for supervising on-the-job and education training for veterans as set up under the GI Bill," said Lawrence J. Fenlon, of Chicago, Ill., chairman of the National Economic Commission of The American Legion. "Abandonment by the VA of its supervisory duties will wreck the program."

Chairman Fenlon said The American Legion had been registering objections with the Veterans Administration since last February when it was learned the VA was considering adoption of the new policy.

The American Legion's national economic chairman charged that the VA action would result in some employers getting subsidized labor of veterans at the expense of the government because of the absence of proper training standards.

### VA About-Face Charged

"Two years ago," Chairman Fenlon pointed out, "the VA went to Congress, asked for and got a ceiling on pay allowances for the training program on the ground that lax state supervision was contributing to abuses in the training of veterans."

"The American Legion vigorously opposed these ceilings, pointing out that the VA had authority to take remedial action. Now the VA is turning over supervision of the program to the very states it once accused of being delinquent."

"How the VA expects to safeguard the government and the veterans by spot checks will be interesting. Organized and reputable educators have been fighting rackets and unscrupulous schools in vocational fields of education for years, and they still pop up. Evidently the VA has found a new method of detection."

Chairman Fenlon further stressed that VA's withdrawal from supervision of the program will mean no economy. The federal government has to reimburse states for the expenses they incur in aiding in the administration of training of veterans, he said.

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Question: Where, when and by whom was The American Legion organized?

Answer: It was organized in Paris, France. The organization caucus was held in Cirque de Paris, on March 15-17, 1919. It was founded by fighting men of the A. E. F.

Q. What are the purposes of The American Legion?

A. The purposes of The American Legion are set forth in the preamble to the national constitution of The American Legion, which reads as follows:

For God and country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Q. What are the requirements for membership in The American Legion?

A. Eligibility for membership is defined in Section 1, Article IV, of the national constitution of the organization. It reads: "Any person shall be eligible for membership in The American Legion who was regularly enlisted, drafted, inducted or commissioned and who was accepted for and assigned to active duty in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States at some time during the period between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, or during the period between December 7, 1941, and September 2, 1945, all dates inclusive, or who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of his entry therein, served on active duty in the armed forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during either of said World Wars; provided, however, that such service shall have been terminated by honorable discharge or honorable separation, and such person either shall have broken his continuity of service and returned to a civilian status, or shall continue to serve honorably after the date of cessation of such hostilities as fixed by the United States Government; Provided, further, that no person shall be entitled to membership, who, being in such service during either of said periods, refused on conscientious, political or other grounds to subject

himself to military discipline or unqualified service."

Q. What is The American Legion's position regarding partisan politics?

A. Section 2 of Article II of the national constitution says: "The American Legion shall be absolutely non-political and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment. No candidate for nomination or election to, or no incumbent of, any remunerative elective public office, shall hold any elective office or any appointive remunerative office in The American Legion, or in any department or post thereof. Provided that members of post, department or national standing or special committees shall not be affected."

Q. Does membership in The American Legion carry with it any liability for military or police service?"

A. No. The American Legion is a civilian organization. Membership therein does not affect nor increase liability for military or police service.

Q. Are ranks such as commissioned and non-commissioned titles used in military or naval service used in The American Legion? (Sec. 1, Art. II).

A. No. Rank does not exist in the Legion. No member shall be addressed by his military or naval title at any convention or meeting of the Legion. (Sec. 1, Art. II).

Q. How are World War II veterans, as they become Legionnaires, taking part in the activities of the organization?

A. Hundreds of veterans of World War II are now serving as Post Commanders. Two were elected National Vice-Commanders. Two were elected National Vice-Commanders at the 1945 National Convention. The staff at National Headquarters now has more than 70 veterans of World War II working in paid capacities in the promotion of the various programs. Many states have World War II veterans serving in responsible department offices.

Q. What use is made of the one dollar national dues?

A. Seventy-five cents of the national dues of members is allocated for subscriptions to the two publications, **The American Legion Magazine** and **The National Legionnaire**. The remaining 25 cents is placed in the general funds at National Headquarters and is used to defray the cost of other national services such as Americanism, Legislative, Defense, Membership promotion, Administration and a portion of the cost of Rehabilitation and Child Welfare.

Q. Has the National Organization of The American Legion other available funds?

A. Yes. It has a \$5,000,000 Endowment Fund which is invested in sound securities. The interest from this Endowment Fund is used to



defray a portion of the cost of Rehabilitation and Child Welfare. There is also some revenue at the National Headquarters from the sale of Emblem goods, and from advertising in *The American Legion Magazine*. This revenue is also placed in the general fund of the National Organization and supplements the national per capita in defraying the over-all cost of the operation of the National Headquarters. By using these additional funds accruing from Magazine advertising and from the sale of Emblem goods, it is possible for the National Organization to operate on the small income of national dues per member. Without such funds it would be impossible to do this.

Q. How can a new member get started in local Legion Post Activities?

A. Attend Post meetings and make your wishes known on the floor of such meetings. Take an active part in the various programs of the Post. You get out of an organization only what you put into it.

Q. How is The American Legion organized?

A. The American Legion is organized in Departments and these, in turn, in Posts. There is one Department in each state and in the District of Columbia, there may be one Department in each territory and insular possession of the United States. The National Executive Committee of the organization may establish Posts in the territorial and insular possessions of the United States and in foreign countries, and the committee shall designate the Department under whose jurisdiction such Posts shall function. (Sec. 1, Art. III).

Q. Is there a membership-at-large or honorary membership in The American Legion?

A. No. There shall be no form or class of membership except an active membership. (Sec. 2, Art. IV). Membership is by Post only, and the Post is the judge of its own membership.

Q. What is the legislative body of The American Legion?

A. It is the National Convention which is held annually. Between National Conventions the legislative body of the organization is the National Executive Committee. (Sec. 1, Art. V).

Q. Who composes the National Executive Committee?

A. It is composed of the National Commander, the National Vice-Commanders, the National Chaplain and one National Executive Committeeman and one alternate from each Department to be selected as such Department shall determine, the alternate to act only in the absence of the committeeman. National Executive Committeemen and alternates serve two years. (Sec. 1, Art. VII)

Q. How are Departments organized?

A. Departments are chartered by

the National Executive Committee, and are composed of Posts within their respective areas, and such other Posts as the National Executive Committee may approve.) Sec. 1, Art. VIII).

Q. How are Posts organized?

A. Those who desire to form an American Legion Post make application for a charter to the Commander of the Department in which they reside. The charter is issued by the National Commander and the National Adjutant upon receipt of the application properly executed by the charter members of the projected Post, but only when such application is approved by the Commander of the Department or by the Department Executive Committee. Charters are countersigned by the Commander and the Adjutant of the Department. (Sec. 1, Art. IX)

Q. What is the minimum membership of a Post before application for charter can be made?

A. The minimum membership of a Post shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the Department in whose area it lies. (Sec. 2, Art. IX).

Q. Can a member of The American Legion transfer that membership from one Post to another?

A. Yes, by using the official transfer form.

Q. Is The American Legion chartered by the Congress of the U. S.?

A. Yes, the organization was chartered by an Act of Congress of the United States of America, September 16, 1919, and the amendatory Acts of October 29, 1942, and July 9, 1946.

Q. What has The American Legion accomplished in the way of legislation in behalf of veterans of World War II?

A. Through its National Legislative Committee with offices in Washington, D. C. The American Legion has sponsored and piloted through Congress many pieces of legislation of benefit to men and women of World War II. Some outstanding examples are Public Law 346, the G. I. Bill of Rights, and its amendments, and Public Law 16, which provides vocational rehabilitation for those serving in the armed forces during the last war who are honorably discharged because of disabilities incurred in service. Public Law No. 704, 79th Congress, the law granting terminal leave pay for enlisted men of World War II, is a product of The American Legion. It was brought about through the wisdom, planning and hard work of the organization. The American Legion was the only organization which conducted a continuous drive for this law. Many states through the Department Legislative Committees of The American Legion have secured beneficial legislation at the state level for the men and women of World War II.

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Recent news on economic conditions in Russia may have something to do with their reluctance to go to the land of caviar and vodka. The Soviet government has issued a new price schedule covering everything from ice cream, beer and black bread to men's socks.

By comparing the Russian and United States prices for similar items we are able to make a comparison of the cost of living in the two countries.

For example, the Russian father must put in an eight hour day at the factory before he has earned enough kopecks to buy a quart of ice cream for his family. The American worker can buy it for forty minutes' work.

A quart of milk costs the Russian one hour and 18 minutes labor, but the average American works only 10 minutes for the same quart. The Russian housewife spends money equal to two hours and 10 minutes work for just one bar of laundry soap, but Mrs. American gets it for five minutes' work—and it's better soap. The Russian working woman would have to spend over two weeks' wages for one pair of shoes, but the American working girl buys hers for less than a day's work—and they're better shoes.

Three hours of the Russian's working day would have to be spent if he wanted a cold bottle of beer on the way home from work. The U. S. laborer works a little over six minutes for his—and its better beer. A pound of white flour costs the Muscovite six hours and 19 minutes of work, while the American could buy 16 pounds for the same amount of work—and it's better flour.

Anybody want to go to Russia?

## Thousands of Vet Families Housed By Legion in Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—More than 1,000 veterans have been housed here in the past six months through the District of Columbia American Legion housing committee, according to its chairman, Sylvan King.

The office of this American Legion committee, Chairman King reported, has now been recognized as the central agency for veterans' housing needs. The committee's success, he said, was due to the cooperation given it by the Washington Real Estate Board and the Home Builders' Association of Metropolitan Washington.

The housing plan, briefly, works this way: Veterans go to The American Legion Housing Office at department headquarters, 2437 15th St., N. W., show their honorable discharge papers, become certified and receive a priority. Hardship cases are handled first. Mrs. Ann Franke, who is handling the huge volume of requests at the office, determines the housing requirements of veterans' families and what rent they can afford. Depending upon the urgency of the need, the veteran is sent out to the home or apartment that is listed as available. Mrs. Franke follows up to find out if the veteran got the vacancy. If not, he is given new prospects.

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## American Legion 1948 Membership 2,809,850

American Legion 1948 enrollment reached 2,809,850 following the 12th national aerial membership round-up, May 2, in which 93 planes from all sections of the country flew cargoes of 275,145 transmittal cards and dues to the Weir Cook Municipal Airport in Indianapolis.

This was the largest total ever netted by this annual event.

Only adverse weather conditions prevented another new record, that of participating planes, from being made. The Department of Michigan planned to send 250 planes, Wisconsin 26, Florida 25, and other states had similar plans. Storms and low ceilings kept scores of planes on the ground.

### Trophy Awards

Indiana won the National Commander James F. O'Neil Trophy by sending 45 planes into the aerial round-up from all sections of the Hoosier State, including a helicopter. Ohio was runner-up for this award and got honorable mention for entering 22 planes.

California was awarded the National Adjutant Henry H. Dudley Trophy for having the greatest number of individuals in the round-up in comparison with the number of miles flown, round trip, by those individuals. A total of 45 California Legionnaires flew in the national round-up, aggregating 171,000 air miles round trip.

Pennsylvania captured the Assistant National Adjutant Robert R. Poston Trophy for sending the greatest number of 1948 membership transmittal cards in the round-up, a total of 49,595, or the equivalent of 15.38% of its quota this year.

### Department Showings

Pennsylvania's 49,595 transmittal cards sent in the round-up topped all the other departments. New York was second with 39,264; California third with 13,622; Illinois fourth with 11,719; and Texas fifth with 8,934.

The results of the Round-up by department, follows:

Department	Total on Round-up	Total membership
Alaska	414	2,337
Arizona	3,991	14,650
Arkansas	2,217	40,647
California	13,622	141,928
Canada	126	576
Colorado	3,773	27,755
Connecticut	1,615	29,340
Delaware	452	4,474
District of Columbia	1,617	17,664
Florida	4,552	42,354
France	384	1,745
Georgia	3,787	46,164
Hawaii	250	3,610
Idaho	686	12,530
Illinois	11,719	207,151
Indiana	7,323	117,435
Iowa	6,948	104,371
Italy	—	553
Kansas	4,294	59,326
Kentucky	6,654	38,763
Louisiana	2,460	40,124
Maine	1,215	19,182
Maryland	2,890	29,302
Massachusetts	8,616	86,580
Mexico	—	274
Michigan	5,946	74,480
Minnesota	7,789	80,389
Mississippi	912	27,774
Missouri	5,105	70,372
Montana	1,008	19,218
Nebraska	4,673	64,715
Nevada	271	4,706
New Hampshire	1,278	18,501
New Jersey	7,909	65,505
New Mexico	893	11,655
New York	39,264	219,542
North Carolina	1,461	52,546
North Dakota	699	23,040
Ohio	5,663	134,174
Oklahoma	4,649	56,048
Oregon	2,615	30,691
Panama	93	868
Pennsylvania	49,595	251,906
Philippine Islands	343	662
Puerto Rico	1,215	5,865
Rhode Island	774	11,338
South Carolina	2,911	26,080
South Dakota	1,219	27,796
Tennessee	4,188	62,825
Texas	8,934	96,136
Utah	1,091	7,587
Vermont	1,158	12,973
Virginia	2,467	36,891
Washington	5,336	51,471
West Virginia	2,792	40,498
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Q. I lost one of my subsistence checks before I was able to cash it. What should I do?

A. Go to your nearest Veterans Administration and explain what happened. The office will take necessary action to recover or to replace your check.

Q. I am considered totally disabled for insurance purposes but receive only 20 per cent for compensation. Can my award be increased?

A. Your compensation will be increased only if the service-connected disability is shown to have increased in severity. For insurance purposes, there may be other disabilities, not service-connected, which, combined with the compensable condition produce total disability. Facts and material for determining the existence of permanent and total disability are different in insurance and compensation matters.

Q. After I have repaid the amount I borrowed under the G. I. Bill, is my loan guaranty privilege restored to its original amount?

A. No. You may use the full amount of your loan rights only once.

Q. My brother was killed in action in Italy but we have received no word from the Quartermaster Corps about when the remains will be disinterred for shipment and final burial in this country. Is that the normal procedure in such cases?

A. In a great many cases, next-of-kin of deceased servicemen have not yet been asked for their decision regarding the final resting place of the deceased. The decision is not required until work is about to commence on the cemetery in which the body is temporarily buried.

Q. I was granted compensation but have recently suffered an increase in the severity of my disability. What steps must I take to get an increase in compensation?

A. You must submit written evidence to the Veterans Administration. This should be in the form of an adequate statement from a private physician showing your present physical condition.

Q. My daughter of 19 is attending school and I would like to know if she is entitled to participate in my estranged husband's compensation?

A. She is entitled to participate in your estranged husband's compensation until she is 21 if she continues in an approved school until that time.

Q. I was wounded in World War II and would like to know if my compensation check is subject to seizure by creditors?

A. No.

Q. How are places of job-training approved under the G. I. Bill and how does a veteran find out what establishments are approved?

A. Training establishments are approved by state approving agencies for job-training under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (G. I. Bill). All VA offices maintain a list of approved establishments in the area in which they are located.

Q. My employer has dismissed me from my job-training position and I would like to know what I can do so that I can continue to receive subsistence?

A. Your training status was terminated and your subsistence allowance ceased when your employer dismissed you. It is now up to you to seek another place of employment with an approved one-the-job training program.

Q. Have I any recourse to civil courts if I do not like the decision of Veterans Administration on my claim for compensation?

A. No.

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Q. I lost my original discharge papers. Is it possible to secure a copy of this certificate?

A. Yes. A certificate in lieu of lost discharge will be issued upon written application. The proper form on which to make such application may be secured through your local American Legion.

Q. How can I get a job in a Veterans Administration hospital?

A. You should make application by letter to the Personnel Officer at the hospital you have selected. If a position is available, he will notify you.

Q. How is the length of entitlement for education or job-training calculated and does a year of entitlement mean a school year or a calendar year?

A. Under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (G. I. Bill) an eligible veteran is entitled to education or job-training for a period of one calendar year, plus the time he spent in the armed forces between Sept. 16, 1940, and the official end of the war. The total period of education or training may not exceed four calendar years. Time spent in ASTP or Navy college training is excluded.

Q. I received an overpayment in subsistence allowance after I left school. Will I have to refund the amount I received to the government?

A. Yes.

Q. After I was discharged in 1945, I dropped my \$10,000 National Service Life Insurance policy. Later I reinstated \$2,000 of this and now I would like to know if I can reinstate the other \$8,000.

A. Yes. You have until July 31, 1948, to reinstate, usually without a physical examination, provided you are in as good health as you were at the time of the lapse. Reinstatement is made by filling out an application form and by payment of two monthly premiums.

Q. I am being rehabilitated under Public Law 16 and I would like to know what medical treatment is available to me?

A. Under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (Public Law 16)

you are entitled to any kind of medical treatment needed (hospital or out-patient) to prevent interruption of your training.

Q. Can my son, a disabled war veteran, who is being rehabilitated under Public Law 16, continue his training for more than four (4) years?

A. Training in excess of four (4) years may be approved for your son if his disability is such that no course of training which does not exceed four (4) years will restore him to employability, or if circumstances beyond his control necessitate the extension beyond the prescribed four (4) year period. No course in excess of four (4) years may be authorized except with the approval of the Administrator.

Q. If I decide to give up the course of training I am taking under the G. I. Bill, do I have to notify Veterans Administration of my action?

A. You should not quit your course of education or training without notifying or obtaining approval of the VA regional office handling your claim. This is necessary so that if you have not exhausted your entitlement, you may qualify for further training.

Q. May a veteran receive full subsistence payments from Veterans Administration if he works while attending school under the G. I. Bill?

A. He may work part-time or full-time and still draw his full subsistence allowance, provided that the wages he earns for such employment, plus his subsistence allowance while attending school, does not total more than \$175 a month if he has no dependent, or dependents or \$200 a month if he has dependents.

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## American Legion Backs Time For The Bond Selling Campaign Showdown

The American Legion, Department of Oklahoma, today threw its powerful weight behind this state's efforts to achieve a goal of \$30,000,000 in Uncle Sam's first peacetime, bond-selling campaign.

"The American Legion likes to do things that help America, and here is a sound, practical program designed to do just that," B. M. Risinger, department commander said in a masterpiece of oratorical simplicity.

Mr. Risinger observed that our dollars stored up in these bonds fortify our own future security and actively combat at the present time the inroads of inflationary tendencies.

The Department chieftain notified S. C. Bray, state Security Loan Director, that the Legion would be happy to assist in the undertaking, and that he had dispatched a communique to all post commanders and adjutants urging their membership to get squarely behind the drive.

The communique follows:

Between April 15 and June 30, the United States Treasury Department desires nation-wide attention and effort to insure the success of its Security Loan Campaign. We of The American Legion can help in this good work and should be happy to assist, as we have been asked to do, because the campaign encourages individual saving of money. This is good business for all of us.

During this campaign an appeal will be made to increase the buying of United States Savings Bonds. Our dollars stored up in these bonds fortify our own future security and actively combat at the present time the inroads of inflationary tendencies.

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County and City Savings Bonds Chairmen in every area in Oklahoma need your active support in this campaign. Please contact the Campaign Chairman and enroll as many of our own members as possible for workers in this great effort, and at the same time urge every member who possibly can to buy Savings Bonds with his own dollars.

I have promised the Oklahoma State Savings Bonds Committee that they can count on every Legionnaire in this important public service program, for I know that every Legion member will respond to this urgent call.

Winston Churchill, war-time leader of the British people and one of the world's all-time great men, calls for a showdown with the Communists.

This great and wise statesman believes that such a showdown now would serve to reduce the tension which exists between the Kremlin and the Democracies. He also believes we should call for the laying down of cards—all face up—before Russia gets the atomic bomb.

As is usually the case, Mr. Churchill is right. The showdown with the Communists has been too long delayed.

It has not only been too long delayed abroad, but it has been too long delayed in our own country. Too many men and women, prominent in our national affairs, have given lip service and more to the enemy within our gates.

The American Legion, in its national convention last fall, called Communism the "greatest menace this nation faces today." Conditions have grown worse, rather than better, since the Legion made that declaration.

The Legion made its position clear. There was no equivocation, no mincing of words.

Churchill was also clear. He said he did not know if bringing a showdown now would be a guarantee against war between Russia and the Democracies. "But," he said, "it will give the best chance of preventing it, and if it should come we should have the best chance of getting out of it alive."

If we are to get along with Russia it will only be because the Russians recognize the strength of the United States—materially, physically and militarily.

The Russians think there is something inherently weak in our form of government and our way of life. They think we will have a great depression and they will reap the result of our folly.

If we don't get together and prevent that, some of what they think may well be true. We must prove we believe in our democracy as strongly as they do in their form of government.

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There are few who will say the money would not be wisely spent if its objective is attained. Daily more and more small countries are coming into sphere of the Bear That Walks Like a Man. Daily the Red Star of Russia is eyed by more and more millions of hungry, discouraged desperate people.

Daily the threat of a new war—a war far more terrible than the minds of most men can conceive—comes closer. The American Legion, knowing full well the horror of war, has given its stamp of approval to the Marshall Plan.

We of the Legion know that not all the money in the world is worth the life of one American boy. We of the Legion know, that if by the expenditure of six billion dollars, we can save the world from another blood bath, that we will indeed have gotten a bargain.

We of the United States share the responsibility of the world's future so long as we have a hand in the world's destiny. If two-thirds of the people of the world are to live in hunger and neglect then inevitably the despair engendered will flower into the poisonous bloom of war.

We must help the world rebuild along truly democratic lines. Food must be given the hungry. Tools and machinery must be provided for farmers, for industry, so the now helpless nations and their people can become self-sustaining.

We must assume our responsibility in this critical period of the world's history. We must help the nations of the world become law-abiding, liberty-loving, self-sufficient nations.

When we have done this then the peoples of these nations will bring to the solution of their problems the determination of those who know what it means to lose wars and how important it is in the future to live in peace.

### Report From the Vocational Rehabilitation Div.

An example of what cooperation can do is shown in the case of John Harvey Hildebrand, Tulsa, who was placed as a stock room clerk in a downtown Tulsa store through the combined efforts of the Oklahoma Employment Service and Services for the Blind, Vocational Rehabilitation Division.

With loss of vision in both eyes, correctable with glasses to 20/200 John had been on jobs holding little in the way of permanent employment until he contacted the two agencies concerned. A special medical examination showed that he could not be benefited by surgery, so it was decided that the best plan was to place him on a job suitable to his handicap and his abilities.

His duties as stock room clerk include checking incoming and outgoing freight, restocking merchandise, assembling merchandise when it comes in, running a ticket market machine, keeping the stock room in order and marking and tagging merchandise.

The personnel manager of the company for which John works stated that he is a very good worker and has advanced rapidly since he was first employed at the store. He lives with his mother and sister.

### Bomb Improved?

It's an open secret in Washington, Business Week says, that the atom bomb test at Eniwetok last month was the deep-water explosion—Test Charlie—which was omitted at Bikini.

"If true," the magazine comments, "this knocks out the common assumption that improvements in the bomb made the new test necessary."

### Over the Top

While returns can be expected from Easter Seals for sometime yet, it is apparent that 50,000 new friends of crippled children have been acquainted with the needs of the handicapped—and have chosen to do something about it. Cash returns from the sale of Easter Seals totaled over \$50,000.00 at press time, and represents almost that number of contributors.

One of the chief purposes of the Oklahoma Society for Crippled Children is to interest the entire public in becoming aware of the needs of our handicapped, so that steps may be taken intelligently to meet them.

While the larger contributions are welcome and needed, it is the single dollar evidence of interest that will be of especial cheer to Oklahoma's handicapped—they know that their problems are of concern to many supporters.

### Future Jet Fighters Will Be Uninhabited

Interceptor fighter planes of the future will be jet propelled at 600 mph. and will be uninhabited, reports American Machinist.

"According to a leading aircraft expert," the magazine points out, "if warning is given of a bomber's approach 150 mi. away, these planes will be able to do a successful defense job."

The National Blind Veterans' Association favors UMT by a 10-to-1 majority, according to former Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts, now chairman of the National Security Commission.

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It is intended that no one know the branch of service, the rank or the theater of the honored hero. He will be selected from nine casketed remains representing the nine areas of action. Selection will be made after all possible remains have been identified and either returned to the United States for burial at the request of the next of kin, or buried in the American cemeteries overseas. The selection will be limited to those unidentified.



It is fitting on this Memorial Day that we pay tribute once more to our fallen heroes. The following is the official list of Tulsa County World War II Army, Navy and Marines who gave their lives that we might live in Peace.

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## American Legion Press Boasts 500 Members

Indianapolis, Ind.—The American Legion Press Association which now has more than 500 members finally has been legitimized.

The National Executive Committee has taken cognizance of the great growth of the organization of American Legion editors and by unanimous vote directed the National Public Relations Division to make the secretarial work of the press group one of its functions and to aid in the further promotion of the association.

The NEC adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas, the growth in number and circulation of American Legion publications has expanded to almost 600, or four times the number before World War II, and

"Whereas, these publications and the allied American Legion Press Association constitute a powerful and beneficial force in behalf of the Legion and its programs, and

"Whereas, promotion of The American Legion press and the association from the national level would contribute to further growth and strength, now,

"Therefore, Be It Resolved by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion that the Public Relations Division be instructed to promote The American Legion press and its allied association thru coordinating plans, objectives, news, technical phases of production and in any and all ways that present themselves. Also that the secretarial work shall be a function of the Public Relations Division on a

basis recognized by The American Legion through the National Executive Committee, and that the rules and regulations of membership in The American Legion Press Association that provide admission only for working members of The American Legion press be rigidly adhered to."

## ...SHORTS...

Police are searching for burglars who broke into the clubhouse of the Moyer-Pooler Post 159 of The American Legion at Hartford City, Indiana, blew a safe and escaped with \$850.

Memorial Post 3 of The American Legion in Indianapolis is sponsoring an essay contest on the prevention and control of rabies for all grade and high school pupils in Marion County.

The Underwood-Orr Post 34 of The American Legion at Tecumseh, Michigan, has started construction of an \$80,000 clubhouse.

A drive netting 5,201 new members has raised the 1948 American Legion membership in Cook County, Illinois, to 82,220.

Nebraska beat Oregon and Washington defeated Florida in two more 1948 American Legion department membership contests.

The American Legion has granted a permanent charter to Damien Post 30 located at the leper colony on the Island of Molokai in Hawaii.

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## Making T. E. W. Bill Vet Housing Measure New Legion Objective

American Legion position on the Flanders-amended Taft-Ellender-Wagner Housing Bill today is this:

1—It no longer opposes the T. E. W. Bill as amended and passed by the Senate to provide definite priorities for veterans.

2—It will go all-out in supporting the measure if its own amendments providing for special credits to veterans' cooperatives are tacked on to it.

The national executive committee by an overwhelming vote at its annual spring session here, agreed that long-standing American Legion opposition to the T. E. W. Bill was melted away by the amendments of Senator Ralph E. Flanders of Vermont, which provided priorities for veterans and which were adopted by the Senate.

The NEC directed that The American Legion through its national legislative director present to Congress further amendments to the T. E. W. Bill to incorporate in it all the provisions of the Veterans' Homestead Act of 1948. This is an American Legion bill now pending in Congress.

"Addition of these further American Legion amendments would make the T. E. W. Bill a real veterans' housing measure," said National Commander James F. O'Neil.

### NEC RESOLUTION

The NEC adopted the following resolution on the amended T. E. W. Bill upon recommendation of Walter E. Alessandrini of Philadelphia, Pa., chairman of the national housing committee of The American Legion, after National Commander O'Neil made a personal plea for its approval:

"Whereas, for two years veterans have desperately needed adequate reasonable-priced housing; and

"Whereas, the Congress, public agencies and private enterprise have been unsuccessful in providing sufficient quantities of such housing for veterans; and

"Whereas, The American Legion's Veterans' Homestead Act of 1948 (H. R. 4488), provides the best means of providing such housing for veterans; and

"Whereas, the T. E. W. Bill as amended by Senator Flanders in conformance with the report of the Joint Congressional investigation Committee on Housing has cured many of the objectional defects of the previous T. E. W. Bill; and

"Whereas, the Flanders amendments do not provide the aid for veterans' housing as contemplated by the Veterans' Homestead Act of 1948 and, therefore, the measure is deficient as an omnibus housing bill by failing to provide sufficiently for veterans; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, that the director of the national legislative commission be directed to present to the Congress further amendments to Senator Flanders' amendments to the T. E. W. Bill to incorporate therein the provisions of the Veterans' Homestead Act as modified by the House Veterans' Affairs Committee Print, dated March 28, 1948; and be it finally

"Resolved, That the national executive committee . . . hereby goes on record in support of the action contained in the first resolving clause above set forth and orders specific compliance."

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The following clarification is furnished in the event that your headquarters desires to disseminate this information to the local units of your organization.

Current regulations provide that when the remains of World War II deceased are to be interred in a private cemetery, an allowance not to exceed \$75.00 is made to the next of kin or the person incurring the expenses incident to final interment. The \$75.00 allowance may be used toward the defrayment of such expenses as hearse hire from railroad station to home, funeral home, church, or cemetery; church services; transportation for friends and relatives to and from the cemetery; services of funeral director; cost of gravesite, opening and closing the grave, and obituary notices.

Reimbursement by the government will be made to the person who actually paid from his personal funds the expenses such as those indicated above. The escort accompanying the remains to final destination will furnish the next of kin printed instructions and render all possible assistance to next of kin in applying for reimbursement.

In those cases where final interment is made in a national cemetery, the \$75.00 burial allowance is not granted, since all expenses incident to final interment are assumed by the government. However, should next of kin desire chapel services prior to delivery of remains to the national cemetery, all such services must be borne by the next of kin or person contracting for such services. The government will honor a claim for transportation costs from the location where services are held to place of final interment, providing such costs do not exceed the cost which otherwise would be borne by the government for transportation direct from the nearest railroad station to the national cemetery.

It is not intended by the Department of the Army that this burial allowance will be paid to funeral directors or cemetery associations for expenses incurred by the next of kin.

To obtain reimbursement for such expenses the next of kin should submit a claim on the form provided by the government certifying as to the amount actually expended. Payment will be made direct to the next of kin or the person incurring interment expenses in behalf of next of kin.

Sincerely yours,

GEO. W. HINMAN, Jr.,

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Memorial Division.



## VA Promotes Two Past Adjutant of Legion

Indianapolis, Indiana.—Word has reached National Headquarters of The American Legion of the promotions of two past department adjutants now in administrative posts with the Veterans Administration.

Gill Stordock, past department adjutant of Wisconsin, who has been VA manager at its Wausau, Wis., office, has been transferred to Green Bay, Wis., to direct the VA Sub-Regional Office there.

Carl Moser, past department adjutant of Oregon, who has been administrative officer of the Roseburg, Ore., VA Faculty, has been shifted to Billings, Montana, to be manager of the VA Sub-Regional Office there.

## Reserve Police Force Registers 100%

Miami, Fla.—The Legion Reserve Police Force of the Harvey W. Seeds Post 29 here is the first organization to register 100% for the 30th national convention of The American Legion to be held in the Greater Miami Area, October 18 to 21.

Sidney Crisp, registration committee chairman for Dade County, announced that Captain Jim Barney, head of the Legion Reserve Police force had presented a check for \$150 for the convention registration of all the members of this force. Captain Barney will serve as chairman of the convention service committee which will have some 700 members.

## Cat & Rat

Charleston, W. Va.—Believe it or not, but there are a "CAT" and a "RAT" working together harmoniously on the department headquarters staff here of the West Virginia American Legion.

The department adjutant is C. A. Tesch. His initials are "CAT".

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## Baseball in Kyoto

With the Eighth Army in Kyoto, Japan, 15 May 1948.—Technical Sgt. Alfred G. Hammann, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hammann of 713 South Lakewood, Tulsa, Oklahoma, is now practicing baseball with the I Corps baseball team, preparing for the coming baseball season, at Okazaki Baseball Ground, quite near his quarters, and beside the Heian Shrine, the most popular shrine in Kyoto and noted for its beautiful cherry blossoms.

The Kyoto League is sponsored by the Kyoto Post Command Special Service Office and is composed of teams from I Corps non-divisional units in the Kyoto area.

T/Sgt. Alfred G. Hammann is now assigned to the Headquarters Detachment I Corps. He entered the Army in August, 1946, and completed infantry basic training at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Upon arrival in Japan, he served with the 9613th Signal Corps., Tsu, Japan, until he was transferred to the present unit.

## Alligator Mascot of Post Since 1922, Dead

Elkhorn, Wis.—After 26 years of "mascoting" for the Kelley-Gardner Post 35 of The American Legion here, Adolph, a Louisiana alligator, is dead.

Members of the local post brought Adolph home as a souvenir from the fourth national convention of The American Legion in New Orleans, La., in October, 1922. He was then less than eight inches long. He had grown to a length of five feet at the time of his death.

Adolph was found dead in his tank in the basement of the Clarence Buchholz home here where he was kept. He lived in an outdoor pool in the summer time.

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## Legislative News - Letter

The American Legion through its national executive committee has stamped full organizational support on the Mundt-Nixon Bill (H. R. 5852) to curb the communist party in the United States. Written after months of hearings and study, the bill is authored by Rep. Karl Mundt (R., S. D.) and Rep. Richard Nixon (R., Cal.) Scheduled for early passage by the House, the measure provides the following:

1. That leaders of the communist party would be subject to 10 years in jail and \$10,000 fine unless the party is completely severed from any foreign associations.
2. Convicted persons would lose their citizenship permanently and could be deported.
3. Members of communist organizations are forbidden to apply for government jobs or for passports. Penalties for violations of this section are two years imprisonment and/or \$5,000 fine.
4. The communist party is required to register every member by name and last known address for the 12 months preceding the date of enactment of the law.
5. Communist-front organizations and individuals must register with the Justice Department.
6. All organizations registered must plainly label all communist propaganda as emanating from communist sources.
7. Communist-fronts lose their present federal tax exemptions and no contributions to same can be deducted from income taxes.

In a letter to every member of Congress, Director Taylor urged the legislators to ignore communist agitation against the bill and to pass it to curtail activities of the communist party.

### Veterans Homestead Act

The American Legion has asked Congress to amend the Taft-Ellender-Wagner Bill to include the provisions of the Legion's Veterans Homestead Act of 1948. Carrying out the resolution of the May, 1948, national executive committee meeting, Director Taylor presented H. R. 4488 (Homestead Act) to the House Banking and Currency Committee, which is considering the long-range T-E-W housing bill, during recent hearings. Taylor then presented Walter E. Alessandroni of Philadel-

phia, Pa., chairman of the Legion's national housing committee, who elaborated on the Legion program.

Alessandroni called on Congress to think first about veterans when considering the nation's housing problem. Unless the veteran is given a break on housing he will be "lost in the shuffle of rising prices", he said. Neither the T-E-W Bill nor the Homestead Act will liquidate the present crisis, he declared, but "together they will make an inroad" toward an ultimate solution. A reliable source predicts the House committee will accept the Legion amendment.

Meanwhile National Commander James F. O'Neil of The American Legion publicly commended Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (R., Mass.), chairman of the House Veterans Committee, for her successful efforts in steering the Homestead Act thru her committee. In a wire to Mrs. Rogers, Commander O'Neil said:—"The American Legion congratulates you on successful report on Veterans Homestead Act of 1948. I trust we will be as successful in securing its passage."

### FOREIGN RELATIONS

The House Foreign Affairs Committee called on The American Legion to present its stand on proposed legislation to revise the charter of the United Nations. Answering the call for the Legion was Anson T. McCook of Hartford, Conn., chairman of the Legion's national foreign relations commission, who strongly urged the elimination of the veto in matters of aggression and prompt establishment of an international police force.

"If there is to be a semblance of peace, nations and peoples cannot be permitted to take the law into their own hands," McCook told the committee. "A substitute must be provided, and that substitute must be a well-trained international police force enforcing international law as interpreted by a competent international court," he added.

### Veterans Employment Service

Ralph H. Lavers, assistant to the director of The American Legion's national economics commission, appeared before the Senate Appropriations Committee to urge that sufficient funds be appropriated for the proper functioning of the veterans employment service.

Estimating that 1,500,000 veterans will finish their training and school-

ing under the G. I. Bill of Rights within the next year and will be seeking employment, the Legion asked for the restoration of funds for 300 national field representatives to work with veterans in gaining suitable employment. The funds were cut off by the House Appropriations Committee. It is believed that the Senate Committee will restore the House cut to the final bill.

### VA Deficiency Appropriation

President Harry S. Truman signed into law H. R. 6055, the Veterans Administration deficiency bill, in the amount of three million dollars. The bill became public Law 519, and provides funds to allow the administrator of the VA to reinstate or hire 3,000 employees not only for the balance of the fiscal year 1948, but for a period as long as considered essential to the VA program.

The American Legion was instrumental in the procurement of this appropriation. Legion representatives conferred with members of Congress and testified before the appropriate committees. By this support a victory was won for maintaining VA services vital to the nation's veterans.

### Alien Veterans

The Senate passed, with amendment, The American Legion's bill, H. R. 5193, to facilitate the naturalization of aliens who served in the armed forces of the United States during either World War I or II. The measure, already passed by the House, must now go back to the House for consideration of a proposed Senate amendment.

### Mustering Out Pay

The Senate passed H. R. 5805, which extends until February, 1950, the deadline for filing applications for veterans' mustering-out pay. The bill is now awaiting the President's signature at the White House.

The measure was strongly supported by The American Legion, and it is estimated that more than 400,000 claims remain to be filed by World War II veterans.

Manila Post 464 of The American Legion in the Philippines is raising funds to build a huge Statue of Liberty on the Island of Corregidor.

### WEEK'S LEGION in a NUT Shell

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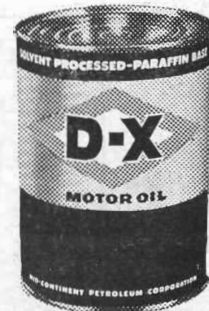
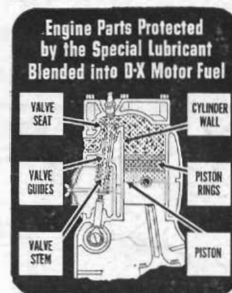
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