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Commander James P. Haneghan, 52, of The American Legion Department of New York, is a patient at the Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind., after suffering a heart attack Sunday, April 30. Commander Haneghan's condition is listed as "fair". He had come to Indianapolis to attend the meetings of the Legion National Foreign Relations Commission on which he serves as vice chairman.

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FOR COMMUNITY PEACE SUPPORT YOUR POLICE
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The scholarships are being financed from a trust fund accumulated in conjunction with the insurance plan. The scholarship plan has been designated "The American Legion Life Insurance Scholarship Program."

First awards under the newly authorized project will be made during the National Executive Committee's meeting in the spring of 1968 for the school year starting that fall.

"This is a proud moment for The American Legion as we undertake this very vital program which is one more concrete expression of American Legion concern for the youth of our nation, and the all-important matter of providing our young people with a proper education," Commander Davis said.

"It is further significant that first recipients of these scholarships will begin reaping the benefits from them at the precise time The American Legion will launch the 15-month observance of our 50th anniversary," he continued.

The Legion chief noted that the first significant date in the planned anniversary observance will be the 1968 Legion National Convention scheduled for Milwaukee, Wis., just prior to the start of the school year.

Those eligible to apply for scholarships under the program must be spouses or lineal descendents of participants in the Legion's life insurance program, or the surviving spouses or lineal descendents of deceased participants.

The selection will be made by the drawing of lots, starting with the NEC meeting next May and at each spring meeting thereafter. Five selections will be made from each of the areas as represented by the five American Legion National Vice Commanders to insure an equitable geographical distribution of the 25 scholarships. The National Commander then will notify the winners.

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To be scholastically eligible, winners must have at least a "C" average in high school, and a further requirement is that participating students must exemplify by their personal conduct at all times, the patriotic and moral philosophy of The American Legion as set forth in its Preamble.

Starting next October, every participating member of The American Legion Life Insurance Plan will receive mailed notice of the program, accompanied by an application form for participation in the scholarship project.

Responsibility for administration of the program will rest with The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee acting under the Legion's National Finance Commission.

The resolution establishing the program notes in part that: "The rightful education of the children of America is clearly of paramount importance, and The American Legion has devoted and expended great time and energy over the many years of its existence in the furtherance of the education of the youth of America."

The American Legion's Life Insurance program was established in 1958 under the leadership of then National Commander John S. Gleason, Jr. of Chicago, Ill. who, as a member of The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee was highly instrumental in drafting the plan which was just approved.

William S. Todd of Kingsport, Tenn., is chairman of the committee. Serving with Gleason and Todd on the subcommittee devising the project were: Victor F. Whittlesea of Reno, Nevada; Leslie R. Brady, Sr. of Newton, N.C.; and William A. White of San Francisco, Calif.

SHIP LAUNCHING DELAYED

CHESTER, PA.--(ALNS)--The launching of the "S.S. American Legion," originally scheduled for May 22 at the Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., this city, has been delayed for approximately six months, according to Alex Purdon, president of the United States Lines for which firm the ship is being built.

Purdon said the United States Lines, together with the Maritime Administration, has decided to make major revisions in the design of the ship which will make her a full container vessel carrying about 1,200 containers. Under original plans, two-thirds of the ship's cargo space would have been container area.

The United States Lines president expressed regrets to all, including American Legion leaders who were involved in the launching ceremonies originally scheduled for later this month. But at the same time he and officials of the Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. emphasized that the vessel still will be named the "S.S. American Legion." They also expressed the desire that a program similar to that planned for the May 22 launching be arranged for the new launching date when that date is set.
INDIANAPOLIS—(ALNS)—The American Legion has paid tribute to two of its "elder statesmen," one posthumously, during its National Executive Committee meeting here.

Special citations recognizing long and meritorious service and leadership provided to The American Legion were presented to Thomas W. Miller, 80, of Reno, Nev., and posthumously to William G. McKinley, of Jersey City, N.J.

The occasion was saddened by the death of Mr. McKinley, who died Sunday, April 30, shortly after cancelling plans to attend the present sessions of the Legion's executive body.

Both men, extremely active in the affairs of the Legion from its very beginnings, compiled outstanding records of service to the organization from their home posts and departments up through the national level.

Mr. McKinley was the "dean" of the Legion's National Executive Committee, having served as NECman from his home state of New Jersey continuously for 32 years following his initial election to that post in Sept. 1935. He had been a Legionnaire since Sept. 1919.

Mr. Miller is now the ranking member of the NEC from standpoint of service with 30 years on the committee, presently as representative of the Department of Nevada. A founder of the Legion, he served as chairman pro tempore of the famed Paris Caucus of March 15-17, 1919, where the idea of The American Legion was conceived. He also is one of the incorporators of The American Legion.

Both men, veterans of World War I, saw active service in France with the AEF, McKinley as a non-commissioned officer in the Signal Corps, Miller as an infantry officer, and both eventually rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel. Both were wounded in action.

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Their American Legion careers run closely parallel as did their careers of military service, each having an active interest in the Legion's Rehabilitation, National Security, Legislative and Internal affairs programs, and during World War II each was active both in his home state and at the national level in the formulation of programs that would help insure the proper rehabilitation of servicemen returning from that conflict, and to assist with their return to civilian pursuits.

Portions of the Legion's citations to both men also read identically as follows:

"Whereas, during his period of meritorious service he has demonstrated outstanding leadership and exceptional ability by serving on many committees and on various special assignments, and by dedicatively giving of his time and substance to The American Legion; and

"Whereas, the National Executive Committee of The American Legion is desirous of recognizing this great Legionnaire for his record of brilliant achievements; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on this 3rd day of May 1967, that (he) is hereby commended for his long and extraordinary services to The American Legion."

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JERSEY CITY, N. J.--(ALNS)--William G. McKinley, 73, the dean of The American Legion National Executive Committee, died Sunday morning, April 30, at his home, 30 Kensington Ave., this city.

Mr. McKinley had planned to fly to Indianapolis, Ind., the day of his death for two-day meetings of the National Executive Committee. He called Legion friends in New Jersey about 7:30 p.m., and canceled his travel plans because of not feeling well. He died shortly afterwards.

Mr. McKinley was elected to the NEC, the Legion's governing body between national conventions, in Sept. 1935. He represented the Department of New Jersey on the NEC ever since that time.

He entered World War I service as a private when his New Jersey National Guard unit was federalized and became a part of the 29th Infantry Division. Wounded in action, he was discharged at the end of the war as a master signal technician. He later rejoined the New Jersey National Guard and eventually became a lieutenant colonel.

A retired staff engineer of the New York Bell Telephone Co., Mr. McKinley is survived by his wife and their three children. The family had requested that in lieu of flowers contributions be sent to the New Jersey American Legion Rehabilitation Fund.

(Please see other story concerning Mr. McKinley in this week's ALNS.)

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INDIANAPOLIS—(ALNS)—American Legion National Commander John E. Davis of Bismarck, N. D., has taken the occasion of Armed Forces Day (May 20) to render a salute to the President as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces and through him to the nation's servicemen and women.

Commander Davis's message to the President follows:

"On behalf of the more than two and one-half million members of The American Legion, may I take this occasion of Armed Forces Day and Armed Forces Week, 1967, to render an American Legion salute to you as Commander-in-Chief.

"In saluting you, sir, we would pay our respects to all American men and women now serving in our Armed Forces. From our own experiences as former servicemen and women, we have a profound knowledge and understanding of the sacrifices being made by today's defenders of freedom. We have seen these fine young Americans in action in Vietnam. We are impressed with the fact that their capabilities, their devotion to duty and their sense of direction and purpose are beyond compare.

"All Americans and all free and freedom loving peoples of this world have a deep obligation to these fine young people. It is regrettable that some people seem not to recognize that obligation, nor do they understand the value of the service being provided by our young fighting men today. May I assure you that The American Legion will never be found wanting in this respect. We have the greatest admiration and respect for our young men and women in the Armed Forces today, and we know that upon their shoulders and in their capable hands rests the future of freedom. We know that future is in good hands, and we have supreme confidence that the mission will be accomplished."

"Backed at home by resolve, confidence, patience, determination and continued support, we will prevail in Vietnam over the communist aggressor."—Gen. William C. Westmoreland

A tape is available of the recent testimony on the draft by American Legion National Commander John E. Davis before the Senate Armed Services Committee. Cost of the tape is $6.50, and it may be ordered through the National Public Relations Division, The American Legion, 1608 K St., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006
WASHINGTON—(ALNS)—Congress has been asked to make two improvements in mail service for America's fighting men in South Vietnam and their families by The American Legion.

First, the Legion is seeking legislation enabling voice recordings from Vietnam servicemen to go under the same free mailing privileges as prevail for letters and postal cards.

Second, the Legion is seeking legislation to set uniform parcel post rates between members of our armed forces in Vietnam and their families.

Under the second proposal, a package mailed, for example, between a serviceman in Vietnam and his family from either New York or Vietnam would move at the same rate as that prevailing between San Francisco and Vietnam.

Donald J. Smith, chairman of the Legion's National Internal Affairs Commission, made these requests in testimony presented recently before the Subcommittee on Postal Rates of the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

The St. Johns, Mich., educator and Legion leader pointed out that his request for the liberalization of postal service to the nation's fighting men was based on resolutions adopted at the most recent Legion National Convention.

"In addition to this personal and humanitarian motivation arising from the kinship of yesterday's veteran with today's serviceman, The American Legion considers mail to service personnel to be a morale factor of paramount importance to the success of any military operation," Smith emphasized to Congressmen.

In seeking recording tapes to be included for free mailing, Smith also pointed out that "in this technological age, the electronic word is now competing with the written word so that our servicemen and their families are communicating through the much more personal and intimate means of electronic voice recordings."

While agreeing that for normal civilian and commercial purposes parcel post charges should be related to actual costs and that the cost should increase with distance transported, Chairman Smith added:

"But parcel post service to the man in Vietnam is not for normal civilian or commercial purposes. In sending gifts to their sons, husbands, and brothers in Vietnam, the family in New York should not be required to pay a much higher cost than the family in California merely because of an accident of geography."

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(This is another area of service where The American Legion stands guard on the Vietnam Era Veteran's rights.)

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Memorial Day

"Let us bear in mind on this day of Memorial, that the only object of arms is to bring about a condition in which quiet peace under liberty can endure."—President Franklin D. Roosevelt

"Let no ravages of time testify to coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and individual republic."—Gen. John A. Logan

"Your silent tents of green / We deck with fragrant flowers/ Yours has the suffering been, / The memory shall be ours."—Henry W. Longfellow

"Faith with the Dead kept through our living faith; / In this alone the true remembrance lies."—Basil Ebers

"A song for the heroes who say the sign/ And took their place in the battle line;/ They were walls of granite and gates of brass; / And they cried out to God, 'They shall not pass!'/ And they hurled them back in a storm of cheers,/ And the sound will echo on over the years."—Edwin Markham

Flag Day

"That piece of red, white and blue bunting means five thousand years of struggle upwards. It is the full-grown flower of ages of fighting for liberty. It is the century plant of human hope in bloom."—American Legion Past National Commander Alvin M. Owsley

"There are many flags in many lands;/ There are flags of every hue;/ But there is no flag, however grand,/ Like our own Red, White, and Blue."—Mary Howliston

"Hats off! / Along the street there comes/ A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums,/ A flash of color beneath the sky: / Hats off! / The flag is passing by."—Henry Holcomb Bennett

"I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself, the pictured suggestion of that big thing which makes this nation. My stars and my stripes are your dream and your labors. They are bright with cheer, brilliant with courage, firm with faith, because you have made them so out of your heart. For you are the makers of the flag and it is well that you glory in the making."—Franklin Knight Lane

Father's Day

"For years as a boy, I had eaten the food and worn the clothes provided by that humble slaving, threadbare man, without giving a thought to the weary toil he had endured to provide them. I had seen him mend his own shoes and toil for an hour drawing dusty nails to patch up the woodshed or the garden fence, without having once realized that he practiced these economies that I might wear better shoes than he, and have leisure that was never his."—W.O. Saunders
DENVER, COLO.—(AINS)—Pvt. Robert Cliff Daly virtually had to scrap his way into the Army to become its shortest soldier recently.

The 18-year-old former Evergreen, Colo., high school wrestler had to get a special medical waiver to qualify at 4 feet, 10 1/2 inches as a soldier. Army officials reported that the shortest soldier before Daly was 4 feet, 11 inches.

After enlisting here, Pvt. Daly reported to Ft. Bliss, Texas, for basic training and what he hopes is his first step in qualifying for Vietnam duty.

There he hopes to be a "tunnel rat." This dirty and dangerous job entails crawling through a maze of underground tunnels to flush out the Vietcong. The job of necessity usually goes to small, tough soldiers. Daly, at 135 pounds, is described as "all muscle."

Pvt. Daly's patriotic attitude so impressed American Legion National Commander John E. Davis of Bismarck, N. D., that he sent a letter to him at Ft. Bliss. The text of the letter follows:

"I want to extend to you my congratulations as well as those of approximately 2 1/2 million American Legionnaires on your becoming an American soldier.

"When you had to virtually scrap your way into the Army by overcoming minimum height requirements, I think that you stood as tall as any soldier who has had the privilege of wearing the uniform of his country.

"And I further believe that, in these times when so many are attracting public notice by demonstrating an unwillingness to accept the responsibilities of citizenship, you made all patriotic Americans stand just a bit taller in their pride in the fact that your example could call attention to the nation that the majority of Americans are devoted to the service of their country.

"American Legionnaires and I extend you all the best wishes for a most successful career in the Army. May God guard you in your country's service. And may you always stand as tall as you stood your oath of allegiance to your country as a soldier. We know you will."

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INDIANAPOLIS—(ALNS)—Earnest N. Schmit, 50, of Fargo, N. D. is the new National Adjutant of The American Legion.

He fills the vacancy created by the death of Emil A. (Blackie) Blackmore on April 21.

American Legion National Commander John E. Davis of Bismarck, N. D., made the appointment with the concurrence of the Legion National Executive Committee at the conclusion of the Legion policy making body's two-day spring meeting here.

Schmit is the eighth man to fill the top administrative post of the 2.5-million member veterans' organization which has more than 16,000 local posts in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign countries.

The national adjutant is responsible for the direction and supervision of the staff of the Legion's National Headquarters located here and at the American Legion Office, Washington, D. C. He also works closely with the staff of The American Legion Magazine, New York City.

Schmit assumes the responsibility for administratively directing the organization which is truly a major business operation with some 390 full time staff members and an operating budget of nearly $7-million annually.

The new adjutant is a World War II veteran with five years of service in the armed forces, having entered the military as a private and rising to the rank of captain and company commander with the 8th Tank Group, 3rd Army, in Europe. He presently is a lieutenant colonel in the active Army Reserves.

He is a life member of Harley Salzman Post 5 of The American Legion, Beach, N.D. He has served three terms as commander of his post, was district commander, department vice commander, and in 1957-58 he served as commander of his department.

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Since Jan. 1, 1959 he served as a member of the North Dakota American Legion headquarters staff as office manager, director of public relations and legislative representative.

He is married and the father of two sons. His wife, Anne, is a teacher in the Fargo School system.

Schmit comes to his new position directly from service as aide to Commander Davis, a post to which he was appointed on Sept. 1, 1966.

In making the nomination of Schmit for consideration by the National Executive Committee, Commander Davis noted that he bore in mind the great need for "continuity in the organizational structure and operational procedures of the organization which must be carried on on a day-to-day basis to properly serve the many and diverse needs of the American Legion Posts and Departments. Earnie Schmit has my unqualified support and endorsement for this important position."

In acknowledging the endorsement of the National Commander and the National Executive Committee, Schmit pledged "complete and absolute dedication to the task that I am about to undertake." He also expressed confidence that The American Legion will continue to grow and prosper.

INDIANAPOLIS—(ALNS)—The American Legion National headquarters Museum recently was formally re-opened in its new location on the fourth floor, near the library, of the National headquarters at 700 N. Pennsylvania St., this city.

Hours for the museum are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each day except Saturday and Sunday and other days when the National Headquarters is closed during the year.

All displays have been reorganized and a special free exhibit guide has been prepared so that visitors may get the greatest possible benefit and enjoyment from the museum. More than 130 items are catalogued on the guide.
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William F. Lenker, 44, of Sioux Falls, S.D., is the new chairman of The American Legion's important National Rehabilitation Commission.

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Frank Robinson, Baltimore Orioles right-fielder, has been named as American Legion Baseball's Graduate-of-the-Year by the Legion's National Americanism Commission.

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American Legionnaires who are Vietnam Era veterans will have an important role at the Legion's 49th National Convention in Boston, Mass., Aug. 25-31. One Vietnam Era veteran will be selected from each of the 50 departments of the states and the departments of the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to serve on a special committee at the convention.

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The Hawaii American Legion Department will be the lead-off department for the 49th National Convention parade to be held in Boston, Mass., Aug. 28. By posting a total membership of 5,718 or 131.63 per cent of its previous four-year average of 4,344 by May 1, the department has earned the top spot in the 1967 line of march.

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One of the nation's most distinguished long-time American Legionnaires, former President Harry S. Truman, received greetings at his home in Independence, Mo., on his 83rd birthday from Legion National Commander John E. Davis.

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Three checks totaling $50,000 were presented by the American Legion Auxiliary to the Legion for use in its rehabilitation and child welfare programs recently in Indianapolis, Ind.

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Mrs. A. J. Ryan, Sr., American Legion Auxiliary National president, from Dania, Fla., recently presented the traditional poppy to President Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House.

WEAR A POPPY! HONOR AMERICA'S WAR DEAD
INDIANAPOLIS--(ALNS)--The immediate establishment of an anti-ballistic missile defense system for major U. S. cities and strategic installations superior to that of the Soviet Union or any other military nuclear nation has been urged by The American Legion.

The President was urged to immediately deploy such a system and Congress was urged to provide financing for it in a resolution unanimously approved at the Legion National Executive Committee's recent spring meeting here.

In seeking NEC approval of the Legion National Security Commission supported resolution, Emmett G. Lenihan of Seattle, Wash., commission chairman, termed "disquieting" the recent public disclosure of the existence of a Soviet anti-ballistic missile system.

Lenihan said the Legion "has repeatedly warned that the development and deployment of an effective ABM system could create a serious imbalance in the strategic power relationship between the free world and the forces of communism."

NO ALTERNATIVE

He added that in view of the Soviet Union's action, the United States has no alternative but to begin immediate work on our own ABM system without delay and to assign the highest possible priority to it.

The Legion policymaking body between National Conventions also urged upon the President and other authorities concerned with the war in Vietnam that three steps be taken in an effort to conclude it:

VIETNAM WAR ACTION

1. Advise the government of Cambodia in firm terms that we will no longer permit the enemy sanctuary across the borders from South Vietnam and follow this warning by hot pursuit when necessary.

2. Provide the U. S. military commander in Saigon with full authority to conduct the war along military lines, including greater options in the selection of military targets in North Vietnam.

3. Accelerate and widen the scope of the bombing and destruction of strategic military targets in North Vietnam, including airfields and all unloading, storage, transportation and distribution facilities.

The NEC resolution also emphasized that "the war has not been fought along military lines designed to convince the enemy of the futility of his continuing the war."

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In a resolution dealing with the Universal Military Training and Service Act, the NEC reaffirmed the Legion's position on the draft in these respects:

The act be cited under its present title; that it be extended to June 30, 1971; that the Selective Service System be retained as presently organized and administered; that, while we encourage volunteer enlistments in all the armed forces, we oppose the abolishment of Selective Service as it is a necessary implement to attain and maintain required manpower; that no national Service such as the Peace Corps, Vista or Anti-Poverty Programs be grounds for deferment or exemption from military service; and that there be no compulsory service for females.

The NEC also urged the Congress, in its consideration of prospective changes in the act and in the administration of Selective Service to adopt the following principles:

NEW PROPOSALS

1. Continue undergraduate student deferment as long as the student is making normal progress toward a degree and defer graduate students only in courses proved to be in the national interest.

2. Continue occupational deferment in the Selective Service System in employment critical to the national defense.

3. Require that deferred college students or those deferred for occupational reasons who fail to perform satisfactorily be reported to the Selective Service Boards for immediate induction.

4. Require the immediate discharge of all members of the National Guard and Reserve units who fail to perform satisfactorily with their units and that they be reported to Selective Service and be ordered up for immediate induction.

5. The criteria for exemption of conscientious objectors be returned to that laid down in the 1940 Act.

6. A "lottery system" or "random selection" be not adopted.

7. Call upon the Justice Department to prosecute vigorously all violations of the provisions of the Universal Military Training and Service Act.

CUBAN TRADE OPPOSED

The NEC by resolution also put the Legion on record as deploring "Great Britain's attitude on trade with our enemies and urges the Government of the United States to reconsider its decision to boycott Rhodesia and reverse such position if Great Britain continues to bolster Castro's economy."

The NEC action was particularly critical of Great Britain for having seen fit to authorize the sale of a $28-million fertilizer plant to Castro's government over strong U.S. objections.

SOVIET TRADE FOUGHT

Congress was called upon in another resolution, giving the NEC's unanimous approval, "to prohibit further trade between the U.S. and any Soviet Bloc country which is providing North Vietnam with assistance of any form that can increase the war-making potential of the enemy, with the consequent killing of a greater number of Americans."

The resolution cited that Soviet Bloc assistance to North Vietnam has been and is being used to kill American servicemen.

The Legion called for a halt in the trade because it is the Legion's position that "this nation must do everything in its power to support our forces in Vietnam."
AMERICANISM PROPOSALS

Acting on a National Americanism Commission supported resolution, the Executive Committee requested the Justice Department and other law enforcement agencies to prosecute to the full extent of the law such acts as burning the American Flag and draft cards.

In another Americanism resolution, the NEC stated the Legion's opposition to the Supreme Court's recent nullification of the loyalty oath. It also petitioned the Congress to take appropriate action to restore to the states the privileges which were nullified by that decision.

These resolutions, it should be noted, provide the Legislative Commission with guidelines for the sponsoring and support of legislation in the Congress.

ARMED FORCES DAY PRAYER

God of our fathers, who has made us heirs of brave and faithful men and women, accept, we pray Thee, this Armed Forces Day, our humble gratitude for the boundless blessings which they have bequeathed to us. Grant that we may prove worthy of their heroism and sacrifice.

We commend to Thy keeping all who are serving in our Armed Forces on land, sea and in the air. May Thy gracious Providence watch over them and guide them to victory and honor in defense of our nation and principles. In all things may they know Thy power and presence.

We thank Thee for the innumerable spiritual and material resources of our servicemen in their struggle for a just and lasting peace. Make us mindful of our responsibilities to mankind. Be our refuge and strength so that in all battles of life we may be valiant in our service to Thee and our beloved country. Amen.

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." — Emerson.
ST. PAUL, MINN. --- (ALNS) --- With an all-time high membership of 97,762 reached for 1967 by May 1, the Department of Minnesota is making modern American Legion history.

Starting with a total membership of less than 90,000 in 1955, Minnesota has set all-time highs in nine of the past 11 years and is now shooting to break the 100,000 barrier this year.

According to a tabulation compiled by Minnesota Department Adjutant Frank C. Momsen, four of the state's 10 districts were at all-time membership highs on May 1, as well as 97 of its 625 posts.

In addition, 365 posts had already equaled or exceeded the previous year's final membership, and there appears to be no slackening off in the 1967 campaign.

National Commander John E. Davis has sent warm congratulations to Minnesota Department Commander Edward C. Salk of Minneapolis, for his leadership in reaching the first all-time high membership for any department in 1967.

Seven other departments have already passed their 1966 final membership -- Hawaii, Philippines, France, Delaware, North Dakota, South Carolina and South Dakota. With 38 of the Legion's 58 departments currently running ahead of the same date last year, there is an excellent opportunity that the Legion's national membership will have exceeded the 1966 final total by the time of the 49th National Convention in Boston, Aug. 25-31, according to National Membership Chairman Earl D. Franklin, Jr., of Sterling, Colo.

Turn-ins to National Treasurer Francis W. Polen had reached 2,461,413 by May 4, a gain of 19,277 over the same day last year. Final 1966 membership was 2,553,782.

Both 1965 and 1966 registered membership gains over the previous year, and Commander Davis is looking forward to making 1967 the third consecutive year of increased membership for the nation's largest veterans' organization.

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INDIANAPOLIS---(ALNS)---American Legionnaires may be able in 1969 to give their mail a distinctive touch.

The U. S. Post Office Department will be asked to issue a special commemorative postage stamp marking the 50th anniversary in 1969. The issue date sought is March 15, 1969.

A resolution requesting such action by the Post Office Department was approved at the Legion National Executive Committee's recent spring meeting here.

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Bundy Reports:
AMERICA IS WINNING HER 'BET' IN ASIA

INDIANAPOLIS—(ALNS)—There's little hope for peace in Vietnam, says the State Department's man in charge of Asian affairs, unless Hanoi changes its mind about getting out of South Vietnam.

William P. Bundy, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, in a recent speech before American Legion leaders and in answer to separate questions, outlined his views on that part of the world which is his bailiwick.

Speaking at National Commander John E. Davis's dinner for National Executive Committee members, Secretary Bundy made these main points:

1. Red China, he said, would almost certainly intervene in the war if we threaten its territory and would seriously consider intervention if we threatened the existence of the Ho Chi Minh regime in Hanoi (which he said we do not do).

2. We have succeeded in making "a going concern" of the group of nations which contribute forces to the Vietnam conflict (South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Thailand) and are giving them a voice in the broad strategy there.

3. Thailand, like South Vietnam, is taking military action against outside-controlled subversion, which could in theory lead to U.S. military involvement. So far, Bundy said, the Communist threat to Thailand had been "controllable" and the Thais prefer to handle the danger themselves.

4. Our defense of South Vietnam, he said, is "central" to the whole situation in Southeast Asia and has contributed much in the last two years to increasing freedom in the area. He added that the "confidence factor" now abroad in free nations of Asia "would surely dissipate" if we could not obtain "a just and honorable solution in Vietnam" - one that would maintain freedom for Saigon's people.

Bundy said that the United States had "made a bet with history" 17 years ago by intervening to preserve the independence of South Korea, and that the stakes in the bet are "nothing less than a historic transformation of Asia." He declared: "The bet looks good."

He asserted that "East Asia is on the move," that the trends are "constructive" and that the advances made by Indonesia, Malaysia, South Korea, the Philippines and the 10 nations of the Asian Pacific Council have been made possible only by U.S. defense of South Vietnam.

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INDIANAPOLIS--(ALNS)--Regional Tournament sites of American Legion Baseball for the year 1968 have been announced by the Legion National Americanism Commission.

They are: Regional 1 (Middletown, Conn.); Regional 2 (Bordentown, N.J.); Regional 3 (Sumter, S.C.); Regional 4 (Arlington, Texas); Regional 5 (Springfield, Mo.); Regional 6 (Williston, N.D.); Regional 7 (Lewiston, Idaho) and Regional 8 (Roswell, N.M.). All tournaments will be played Aug. 21-26, 1968.

Bordentown also was awarded the 1967 Regional 2 event after Bridgeton, N.J. surrendered a previous grant. Sites for the other Regional Tournaments for 1967 are: Regional 1 (Manchester, N.H.); Regional 2 (Gadsden, Ala.); Regional 4 (Memphis, Tenn.); Regional 5 (Canton, Ill.); Regional 6 (Hastings, Neb.); Regional 7 (Helena, Mont.) and Regional 8 (Ontario, Calif.) All Tournaments will be played next Aug. 23-28.

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INDIANAPOLIS--(ALNS)--Frank Robinson, Baltimore Orioles right-fielder, has been named American Legion Baseball's Graduate-of-the-Year by the Legion National Americanism Commission.

Robinson, the American League's most valuable player in 1966 and the 10th Major Leaguer to win the Triple Crown, consisting of the batting, homerun and RBI titles, played American Legion Baseball with the Captain Bill Erwin Post 337, Oakland, Calif., before his professional career started in 1953.

National Commander John E. Davis of Bismarck, N.D., is slated to present the award to Robinson at Baltimore's Memorial Stadium this season.

Previous recipients of the award presented to the Professional Baseball player who played American Legion Baseball as a teenager and who best exemplified the principles and purposes of the program are: Sherm Lollar, Ted Williams, Stan Musial, Bobby Richardson, Warren Spahn, Brooks Robinson and Eddie Fisher.

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VIET-VETS GIVEN TOP ROLE
AT LEGION'S CONVENTION

BOSTON, MASS.—(ALNS)—American Legionnaires who are veterans of the Vietnam Era will have an important role at the Legion's 49th National Convention here Aug. 25-31.

The Legion's National Executive Committee assured the new veterans a convention voice when it approved Resolution 19 at its recent spring meeting in Indianapolis, Ind. The resolution authorizes the selection of one Vietnam Era Legionnaire from each of the 50 states and the Departments of the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to attend the annual event in this historic city.

The Vietnam representatives will meet as a group and prepare a special report to the convention delegates. Travel and per diem expenses of the Vietnam group will be reimbursed by the National Organization.

By its action on Resolution 19, the NEC unanimously endorsed the continued efforts of National Commander John E. Davis of Bismarck, N. D., to welcome the Vietnam Era veteran into Legion membership and recognize the youngest generation of Legionnaires for their importance to both the nation and the Legion.

Current plans concerning this Viet-Vet Advisory Committee call for a meeting on Sunday, Aug. 27, participating as a unit in the distinguished guests section at the very beginning of the convention parade on Monday, Aug. 28, and to be seated on the convention platform at the time its special report is presented.

"The United States is not just an old cow that gives more the more it is kicked in the flanks."—Secretary of State Dean Rusk, stressing the importance of self-help by countries receiving U. S. foreign aid.
INDEPENDENCE, MO.—(ALNS)—One of the nation's most distinguished long-time American Legionnaires, former President Harry S. Truman, received birthday greetings at his home here from Legion National Commander John E. Davis.

Commander Davis's message sent for the former President's 83rd birthday May 8, follows:

"I have the proud honor of joining with your 2,500,000 fellow American Legionnaires and its many Auxiliary members in extending to you our collective heartfelt good wishes on your eighty-third birthday.

"The warm affection with which you are held in the hearts of The American Legion is duplicated by all citizens. Your accomplishments on behalf of your fellow Americans during your tenure as President of the United States will stand throughout the History of our Great Nation as those of one of this country's greatest Chief Executives."

The former President observed the day quietly. He had asked that the traditional party given by his friends be cancelled because "I need to conserve my energy so as to work on my writing commitments that I am obligated to complete."

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FLAG DAY TALK IS READY

Suggested Address No. 177 for American Legion speakers on Flag Day, 1967 has been mailed to departments and those on the suggested address mailing list by the Legion National Public Relations Division. For a copy contact your department adjutant or write: National Public Relations Division, The American Legion, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

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BOOST THE SICK'S MORALE

If you really want to show thoughtfulness toward an ill friend, send him a copy of the new book, "The American Legion Story," by Raymond Moley, Jr. Reading will help him while away the time while he's recuperating. It beats flowers and candy because a book is a lasting gift. Order the book through your department or for $4.50, postpaid, from National Emblem Sales, The American Legion, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

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"There is a sumptuous variety about New England...that compels the stranger's admiration."—Mark Twain said. So on to Boston! for the 49th American Legion National Convention Aug. 25-31.
BOSTON, MASS.—(ALNS)—The Hawaii American Legion will be the lead-off department for the 49th National Convention parade to be held here Monday, Aug. 28. By posting a total membership of 5,718 or 131.63 per cent of its previous four-year average of 4,344 by May 1, the department has earned the top spot in the 1967 line of march.

Hawaii also has been named the winner of the O. L. Bodenhamer Trophy, awarded to the department (other than foreign departments) which achieves first place in the National Convention parade position. The Aloha department is also the recipient of the John G. Emery Trophy, awarded annually to the department having the highest percentage of membership by May 1, compared to the previous year's total membership. Hawaii had a percentage of 125.34.

Here is the parade order for the 52 departments and their percentage of four-year average. By action of the NEC, the foreign departments will be in a block ahead of the continental departments. Massachusetts, the host department, will march last.

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INDIANAPOLIS—(ALNS)—Three checks totaling $50,000 were presented by The American Legion Auxiliary to the Legion for use in the rehabilitation and child welfare programs here recently.

Auxiliary National President, Mrs. A. J. Ryan, Sr., of Dania, Fla., made the presentation to Legion National Commander John E. Davis of Bismarck, N. D., before the National Executive Committee's spring session.

The Auxiliary president was accompanied to the session by Mrs. Vernon H. Randall of Chamblee, Ga., and Mrs. Arthur B. Hannell of Culver City, Calif., chairman of the Auxiliary National Rehabilitation and Child Welfare committees, respectively.

Mrs. Ryan also pinned a poppy on the lapel of Commander Davis's coat. Carrying large baskets of poppies, Mrs. Randall and Mrs. Hannell walked through the NEC room passing out poppies to the others present.

Mrs. Ryan received much applause when she told the Commander and other Legion leaders that the poppies being used in the ceremony that day were made by hospitalized veterans in her home state of Florida.

The next day Mrs. Ryan pinned the traditional poppy on the lapel of President Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House. The President and Mrs. Ryan had a nice conversation in which the former demonstrated outstanding interest in and understanding of the objectives of the Auxiliary's poppy project.

Of the Auxiliary's $50,000 gift, $20,000 will go for rehabilitation work among veterans, $20,000 to child welfare work, and $10,000 to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

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WEAR A POPPY! HONOR AMERICA'S WAR DEAD
NEW REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN
IS NAMED BY AMERICAN LEGION

INDIANAPOLIS--(ALNS)--William F. Lenker, 44, of Sioux Falls, S. D., is the new chairman of The American Legion's important National Rehabilitation Commission.

Lenker was named to the chairmanship as successor to Robert M. McCurdy of Pasadena, Calif., by Legion National Commander John E. Davis of Bismarck, N. D., with the concurrence of the Legion National Executive Committee.

McCurdy, Rehabilitation Commission chairman for more than 20 years, recently resigned that position following his appointment as chairman of the new 11-member Veterans' Advisory Commission. William J. Driver, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, named the fact-finding commission at the request of President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Lenker, who moves up to chairman from vice chairman of the Rehabilitation Commission, served as a pilot with the 8th Air Force in England during World War II. He is a past commander of Sioux Falls Post 15 and the Department of South Dakota of The American Legion.

A general agent for casualty insurance, Lenker is a member of the Minnehaha County Selective Service Board. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

As the volunteer head of the Rehabilitation Commission, the new chairman is responsible for the functioning of this major Legion national program. The rehabilitation of the veteran and the welfare of his dependents have been historic concerns of the Legion.

The Legion maintains a large full-time staff in Washington, D. C., comprised of some of the nation's top experts in this field.

The World War II G. I. Bill of Rights and the present consolidated Veterans Administration are products of this concern and effort.

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The American Legion has informed the Congress that there is "a need for federal legislation which will penalize those individuals who desecrate our flag." Edmund G. Lyons of Clifton, N. J., Legion National Americanism vice chairman, presented the Legion's position on flag legislation in an appearance before Subcommittee I of the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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The American Legion is asking Congress to take legislative steps which would place national cemetery matters in the Senate and House committees having jurisdiction over veterans' affairs. It also asked Congress to place national cemeteries under a single agency, namely the Veterans Administration.

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Servicemen discharged during the current period of hostilities to accept an appointment as a commissioned officer are now eligible to join The American Legion under a recent change in rules.

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The Battle of Little Big Horn, where Col. George Custer made his "last stand" against the Cheyenne and Sioux, was fought anew recently with The American Legion engaged. The battle shifted from the Montana slopes to the Pentagon halls as the Legion sought to restore to honor the record of Major Marcus Reno, a Civil War hero who became the scapegoat of the famous conflict.

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The second annual meeting of The American Legion's Past Department Commanders' Club will be held in Boston immediately following the opening session of the 49th Legion National Convention. The luncheon meeting will be held in Boston's famous landmark restaurant, Pier Four, located on the Boston Fish Pier, on Tuesday Aug. 29.

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FOR COMMUNITY PEACE SUPPORT YOUR POLICE
WASHINGTON--(ALNS)--The vice chairman of The American Legion National Americanism Commission told Congress recently that there is "a compelling need for federal legislation which will penalize those individuals who desecrate our flag."

Pointing out that some persons have suggested that punishment for such acts is best attainable through state legislation, Edmund G. Lyons of Clifton, N.J., said that the Legion did not feel this way.

Lyons added, in continuing his testimony before Subcommittee 4 of the House Committee on the Judiciary:

"The American Legion does not follow the line of thinking that legislation to punish those persons who desecrate our United States Flag should be the exclusive province of the several state legislatures.

"If every state passed legislation to make it a crime to desecrate the Flag of the United States, the laws would not necessarily be uniform and would inevitably vary from state to state.

"The Legion is not opposed to local legislation on this subject, but we believe that a uniform federal statute should be enacted to protect the flag which has meant so much, not only to citizens of the United States, but to men and women everywhere who long for freedom."

For the subcommittee members, Lyons cited a rash of instances where the flag was desecrated by being spit upon and by being burned in public demonstrations. Examples cited from various sections of the nation included those acts carried out before school and college audiences.

Lyons reminded the Congressmen that the Legion and its Auxiliary "believe that our flag should be held in reverence and respect by all Americans as a living symbol of this nation."

Citing both Legion and Auxiliary efforts toward a renewed respect for constitutional government and law and order, Lyons told the subcommittee: "One of the ways in which we seek to give meaning to these purposes and obligations of citizenship is through our efforts to renew and revitalize the faith of Americans in that which the flag symbolizes."

"To that end we strongly urge you to see to it," Lyons concluded, "that federal legislation is enacted to punish those who mutilate, defile, deface and desecrate the Flag of the United States of America."

(A two-column mat or repro proof of a picture taken in connection with this testimony will be mailed within one week to those on the ALNS mailing lists to receive such service.—The Editor)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. -- (ALNS) -- Rescission of a 1942 resolution makes it possible for some men now serving in the military forces to join The American Legion without waiting for the cessation of hostilities or their release from active duty.

Those affected are former enlisted men who received an honorable discharge at some time after Aug. 5, 1964, for the purpose of accepting a commission. A resolution, adopted by the Legion's National Executive Committee in 1942, had ruled that a discharge issued under these circumstances could not be used to establish eligibility for Legion membership.

However, when Department Commanders and Adjutants met at National Headquarters last fall for their annual conference, they adopted a motion to request the NEC to reverse this World War II ruling. The National Committee did this when it adopted without a dissenting voice a resolution submitted by the Internal Affairs Commission to rescind the 25-year-old rule.

The Internal Affairs Commission pointed out that an enlisted man who completes a tour of duty but re-enlists for further service immediately can establish his eligibility for Legion membership by virtue of the honorable discharge or separation received at that time, while, under the World War II ruling, another enlisted man who is discharged to accept a commission has not been eligible.

The Conference of Department Commanders and Adjutants last fall called this a purely technical situation, and the NEC appeared to agree at its recent spring meeting.

Under the Legion's National Constitution, men on active duty are not eligible for membership until the conflict terminates except in those cases where some type of honorable separation or discharge has been issued, as in the situation covered by the new NEC ruling.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. --(ALNS)--The Navy's top chaplain believes that the armed forces clergyman's role is more challenging than ever before.

Rear Adm. J. W. Kelly, in an address before the Military Chaplains Association's meeting here, reported that "the new generation of chaplains is the best that we have ever had."

Chaplain Kelly, a Southern Baptist, explained that the chaplains in Vietnam must engage in a four-fold task--"an ecumenical ministry, a ministry of reconciliation, a ministry of caring, and, as in every other war, a ministry to the wounded and dying."

The Navy's chief chaplain, further noted that the armed forces chaplain in Vietnam, in addition to administering to the troops, must help clothe the naked, house the orphan and minister to the sick.

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WASHINGTON—(AINS)—The Robert L. Hague Merchant Marine Trophy for 1967 has been awarded to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Corp. of Newport News, Va.

Sen. Warren G. Magnuson of Seattle, Wash., Senate Commerce Committee chairman, representing the Legion, presented the trophy to the Virginia firm's board chairman and president, Donald A. Holden.

The corporation was selected for the 1967 trophy because of its contribution to the defense and economy of the nation by its foresight to expend large capital outlays for building new automated plants, science and technology and training programs in all phases of shipbuilding, making it the world's largest automated shipbuilding facility.

Established in 1886, the yard has produced over 500 large merchant and naval vessels. The nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, "Enterprise," and the passenger liner, "United States," are among the great ships turned out there.

Henry Parke of Brooklyn, N.Y., Legion National Merchant Marine Committee chairman, was in charge of the ceremony and the luncheon held at the Army-Navy Club. In addition to prominent government officials and Legion and maritime industry leaders, a delegation from Robert L. Hague Post 1242 of The American Legion, New York, N.Y., attended the event.

BOSTON, MASS—(ALNS)—Thousands of American Legionnaires will be giving recognition to a promising young artist when they pin on the official badge of the 49th Legion National Convention here next Aug. 25-31.

The design selected for the convention badge was drawn by Lesley-Jeanne Doetsch, 17, a junior from nearby Brookline High School and daughter of Marine Sgt. and Mrs. Matthew Doetsch.

Born in the Chelsea Naval Hospital, the young artist has gone to school in several areas of the country. One of her early artistic honors included receiving a certificate of merit for selection of her work for exhibit in the State of Nebraska Exhibition and display in the National Exhibition in Washington, D.C.

During last year's Legion National Convention in Washington, D.C., she presented to the then Legion National Commander L. Eldon James of Hampton, Va., "The Americanism Creed," done on parchment scroll and in Old English script with illuminated initial.
WASHINGTON—(ALNS)—"Many years ago, the Congress established preferential treatment for publications of religious, educational, scientific, philanthropic, agricultural, labor, fraternal and veterans' organizations in the non-profit category," The American Legion publisher reminded Congress this week.

James F. O'Neil also recalled: "This policy was reaffirmed in the Postal Act of 1958 when these publications were exempted from the increase embodied in that legislation."

Continuing in his testimony before the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, the former Legion National Commander added:

"On the basis that this premise was valid then, it is even more so today if only we consider the heavy costs imposed upon second-class mail users by the Post Office Department to meet its zip coding and pre-sorting requirements. It was our understanding that compliance with these requirements would forestall an increase in postal rates, but even before we fully complete our conversion to an electronic data processing system, we are confronted with the possibility of such an upward adjustment.

"I respectfully submit that The American Legion Magazine has adhered strictly to the intent of Congress in observing the concepts of a non-profit and public service publication as developed in the initial and subsequent discussions and testimony before the respective committees of the House and Senate on the subject matter, in which it was my privilege to participate.

"It is preposterous to compare The American Legion Magazine with some of the major publications of this country as has been done in some speculation on the income derived from the publishing of The American Legion Magazine and many other publications in the non-profit field.

"We like to think of The American Legion Magazine as a fine quality product, but it is not a financial giant by any standard of measurement.

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"The great reservoirs of advertising are not available to The American Legion Magazine. We have steadfastly resisted efforts to convert our publication into a mail order catalog because we feel that method of attempting to gain some revenue would be inconsistent with our objectives, as well as the proper status of a non-profit publication.

Our income is derived from two sources -- an allocation of $1 per year per member from dues, and advertising revenue averaging less than $1 million yearly. When and if there is any differential between income and outgo, on the gain side of the ledger, such money is and has been utilized to finance the programs of The American Legion devoted to Rehabilitation, Child Welfare, Americanism and youth activities of a community and public service character.

The American Legion Magazine is not in the business of trying to accumulate huge profits. Frankly, we would like to be able to be in a position to produce a magazine of merit in editorial content and appearance.

Furthermore, The American Legion Magazine does not have the flexibility of arbitrarily increasing its subscription price, but must return to the membership and seek its approval by roll call vote at a National Convention almost like conducting a referendum on legislation designed to increase taxes. Accordingly, we must exercise the greatest caution in expending our funds and look with great concern at any proposal likely to increase our costs.

Let us take a look, with your permission, at the computer operation forced upon us, and I state this advisedly, by the Post Office Department. Prior to its installation, the address labels for the magazines were prepared on Pollard Alling metal plates. This economic equipment was functioning efficiently, but the Post Office Department made it obsolete by its Zip Code fiat because the metal plates were not flexible enough to permit the insertion of the five-digit Zip Code.

To replace this equipment, The American Legion was forced to expend approximately $500,000 in unbudgeted funds to lease, not purchase, the automated units and convert our lists to the new system.

The pre-sorting requirements of the Post Office also are upping our costs about $2,000 per month. Five years ago, the same department jumped the cost of individual notices of undeliverable magazines from 5 cents to 10 cents each. We had to find an additional $15,000 to meet this item.

As we study the legislation before you, as related to The American Legion Magazine, it will mean a minimum increase of about $40,000 per year to our mailing costs, if enacted without change.

Some of our state and even post publications also will be affected since they have mailings that go beyond their state and local boundaries. Their mailing lists are prepared by The American Legion Magazine and any boost in rates must strike them. Then we have The American Legion Auxiliary Magazine, with a circulation of almost one million, and I have been requested to state that The American Legion Auxiliary joins in protesting this proposed rate increase on the same basis as outlined in this statement.

We were not represented in the discussions leading to decisions that forced us into the electronic data processing system until it was fait accompli. However, the Post Office Department did grant us an extension of the Zip Code deadline from Jan. 1, 1967 to Jan. 1, 1968. I can tell this subcommittee that we will have met that deadline with the distribution of the June, 1967 issues.
BOY SENATORS TO CONVENE
IN WASHINGTON JULY 21

WASHINGTON--(ALNS)--"The Torchlight Tattoo," a 90-minute demonstration on the history of the U. S. Flag, will be presented by the 1st Battle Group of the 3rd Infantry (The Old Guard) during the 1967 American Legion Boys Nation.

The 22nd annual Boys Nation opens on the University of Maryland campus at College Park on Friday, July 21, with 98 boy senators present. Two boys are sent by each of the continental states and the District of Columbia.

The colorful drill by torchlight demonstration will be given Wednesday night, July 26, by personnel from the Army's official ceremonial unit at Ft. Myer, Va. The unit provides guards for the Tomb of the Unknown and at state funerals such as those for Presidents.

The 98 selected boys, elected or appointed from their respective Boys States, will represent a total of 26,000 youths involved in the program each year in the 49 participating Legion departments.

The youthful senators, who must have completed their high school junior year, learn the functioning of representative government both by study and by doing in a week-long program centering on conducting a mock senate.

A staff of 22 counselors supervise the eight-day campus program which includes side trips to various federal government departments.

Main events in the busy, week-long schedule are:

Monday, July 24, luncheon meeting with each boy senator meeting his counterpart in the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives.

Tuesday, July 25 visit to the Department of Defense, with briefings by the various Chiefs of Staff. The election of Boys Nation president will be held this evening in what traditionally is a hotly contested election.

Wednesday, July 26, White House visit.

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Thursday, July 27, Department of State visit, with Secretary of State Dean Rusk scheduled to address the young senators. Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, also will speak to the youths this day.

Friday, July 28, graduation exercises, with the Rev. Anthony J. O'Driscoll, O. F. M., of New York, N. Y., as the speaker. Father O'Driscoll is Legion National Chaplain.

Harold Eaton, retired dean of admissions of Rutgers University, Rutgers, N. J., and Addison Drummond, an attorney and former state legislator, Bonifay, Fla., will again serve as director of activities and director of legislation, respectively, under the direction of James W. Rowe, Legion National Americanism Division assistant director.

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INDIANAPOLIS—(ALNS)—Because of the many inquiries regarding the possibility of reserving grave sites in national cemeteries, National Headquarters of The American Legion has issued an interpretation of current rules.

No grave sites may be assigned to living veterans for burial in any national cemetery in advance of immediate requirements.

Applications may be made only at the time of death of the veteran, or that of his eligible dependent. If the wife is buried first, the veteran must sign an agreement that upon his death, he will be buried in the same grave. The wife must sign a similar agreement if the veteran dies first.

After the veteran's death, if he is not buried in the same grave, then the body of the wife will be removed to another cemetery at the expense of the veteran's estate.

The grave is dug deep enough to accommodate both the veteran and his wife, providing she informs the Superintendent of the National Cemetery that she desires to be buried in the same grave.

It is necessary that the widow make her decision to be buried with the veteran at the time of his burial to avoid complications.

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CAUSE OF ALARM

"We should be alarmed when widespread recognition and monetary awards go to a person who writes a 'satirical' piece of trash which maliciously defames the President of our country and insinuates he murdered his predecessor."--J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, commenting on the play, "MacBird!"
WASHINGTON—(AINS)—Some battles never completely fade from memory. Controversy surrounding them renews their din periodically. So their painful memories linger.

Little Big Horn is such a battle even though nearly a century has passed since Col. George Custer and his 7th Cavalry troops made their disastrous "last stand" against the Cheyenne and Sioux led by Chief Crazy Horse.

The battle was fought anew recently with The American Legion engaged. But the latest phase of the seemingly never ending conflict was fought, not on the slopes of Montana, but in the halls of the Pentagon. It was a legal battle.

The objectives of the latest phase of Little Big Horn is to restore the good reputation of the Civil War hero who fought as a troop commander under Col. Custer that day of disaster.

Major Marcus Reno, senior officer present after Custer, was among the few who survived the bloody event, but he was to live thereafter in a hell of torment. He became the battle's scapegoat.

American Legion Rehabilitation Commission experts, spurred by the long interest of the Legion Department of Montana, want the dishonorable discharge given Major Reno to be set aside and the West Point graduate restored to full honor.

They feel there is much evidence to show that the court martial which handed down such a verdict was unjust and prejudiced by matters not related to the trial.

With the court verdict erased, the Legion and other supporters of this cause hope to have the major's remains removed from an unmarked Washington grave and re-buried in the hero's grave that they feel he deserves. The hero's grave would be in the Custer Battlefield National Cemetery among his comrades in arms on the site of the battle in which they fell.

The Legion has asked the Army Board for the Correction of Military Records to set aside the 88-year-old verdict and restore the major's name to the roll of honor. The Legion is representing kin and is backed by the officer's biographer and other Little Big Horn buffs in the appeal.

Those connected with the Major Reno defense forces hopefully are looking forward to a favorable ruling. Perhaps, such a ruling might come before the famous battle's 91st anniversary on June 25.

Without going into the details concerning the famous battle, the controversy seems to center on who did or didn't do what during the confusing encounter with the hostile forces.
Many contend Custer used poor judgment in deploying his forces.

Major Reno had been accused of cowardice on the battlefield, and it wasn't until 1879 that a military tribunal, ordered by Congress, investigated and cleared him, dismissing the charges.

Later the major was tried for several comparatively minor offenses, including participating in a drunken brawl and looking into the window of a girl he was courting. He was found not guilty of the specific charges, but somehow was ordered dismissed from the service because, in effect, of his involvement in the Little Big Horn controversy.

Major Reno spent the remainder of his life in Washington fighting to clear his name. He died there in 1889 at the age of 54, penniless, broken in spirit and a bitter man.

His tragic encounter with history lives on in American folklore and on television's dramas and late shows.

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BOSTON, MASS.--(ALNS)--The second annual meeting of The American Legion's Past Department Commanders' Club will be held here Aug. 29, immediately following the opening session of the 49th Legion National Convention.

Announcement of this meeting was made by Club President Charles N. Collatos, who pointed out that the meeting will be held in one of Boston's most famous landmarks, Anthony's Pier Four restaurant, located on the world famous Boston Fish Pier.

Following the successful organizational meeting held in Washington at the National Press Club during the last National Convention, the membership of the newly formed club can look forward to this second meeting as one of the highlights of the Boston Convention.

Air conditioned, buses escorted by police will once again carry the members from the Convention Hall to the meeting place where a most impressive program will be featured. A complete announcement of the program and guests will be made at a later date.

In order to avoid the necessity of turning away members desiring to attend, as was the case last year, dues of $10, which includes the cost of the complete luncheon, should be forwarded promptly to the secretary, Albert V. LaBiche, 301 Baronne St., New Orleans, La. --alns--
ACTION BY CONGRESS ASKED
TO CLEAR CEMETERY POLICY

INDIANAPOLIS—(ALNS)—Congress will be asked by The American Legion to take steps to
erase the confusion concerning policy on national cemeteries.

To accomplish this desirable goal, Legion National Commander John E. Davis of Bismarck,
N. D., reported that the Legion will ask Congress to take four important steps:

One, enactment of legislation to provide that the jurisdiction of national cemeteries
be placed under those committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives having
jurisdiction over veterans' affairs.

Such action would correct the confusion resulting from having jurisdiction of such
cemeteries scattered among a number of congressional committees. Diffusion of administrative
and legislative responsibility has resulted in a hazy national cemetery policy.

Two, the enactment of legislation placing national cemeteries under the jurisdiction
of a single agency, namely the Veterans Administration.

Administration and maintenance of such cemeteries currently is divided among various
federal agencies such as the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior, the
Department of the Army, the Veterans Administration and the American Battle Monuments Com¬
mission.

Three, that Congress reaffirm established policy on the privilege of war veterans to
burial in a national cemetery by assuring that the cemetery system be continued and expanded
as needed in an orderly and systematic fashion.

Dimensions of the national cemetery policy cannot be measured by the limitation of
existing installations but only in terms of entitlement bestowed on individuals subject to
the degree to which the entitlement is put to use by or in behalf of the individuals concern¬
ed.

The National cemetery system, the Legion believes, must conform to the above yardstick
unless the intent of Congress and the will of the nation itself is to be thwarted regarding
the right of a veteran to burial in a national cemetery.

Four, the Legion also asked Congress for a rescission of the Army's discriminating
order last Feb. 10 drastically limiting burials in Arlington National Cemetery.

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The Legion emphasized that it questions "the authority of an executive agency to supersede the will of Congress, especially when its regulations for the first time inject rank and prestige into what always has been the democracy of death."

The Legion asked for an end to the Army order limiting burial to Medal of Honor winners, active duty and retired members of the Armed Forces and honorably discharged veterans who have served in high positions in the federal government, including the wives and minor children of the foregoing.

The Army explained that the new criteria for Arlington burials was necessary to conserve remaining burial plots. Prior to the order any honorably discharged veteran and his wife was eligible for burial there.

The Legion feels that the answer is not to be found in discriminating in burials, but in expanding the facilities of national cemeteries not only at Arlington but in other areas where such are needed in an orderly and systematic manner.

Commander Davis said the Legion's position on national cemeteries is covered in three resolutions unanimously approved at the recent meeting of the Legion's National Executive Committee here. The NEC is the Legion's policymaking body between national convention and its actions will govern the Legion's approach to the problem before Congress and other governmental bodies, the Commander explained.

INDIANAPOLIS—(AINS)—Responsibility within The American Legion for all matters pertaining to national cemeteries has been transferred to the National Rehabilitation Commission from the National Internal Affairs Commission and the latter's Graves Registration and Memorial Committee.

The action was taken by Legion National Adjutant Earnest N. Schmit to correct an overlapping of interest between the two commissions concerning national cemeteries. Both commission chairmen had requested the change.

The Graves Registration and Memorial Committee will continue to have responsibility for the Graves Registration Program and for national committee activity relating to memorials and the interment of veterans and servicemen, exclusive of national cemeteries, under the Internal Affairs Commission.

American Legion rituals relating to funerals and memorial services will continue to be the responsibility of the Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee under the supervision of the Internal Affairs Commission.

ST. PAUL, MINN.—(ALNS)—The Finals of The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest will be held at the Highland Park Junior High School, this city, on Thursday, April 11, 1968, with the Department of Minnesota as host.
AMERICAN LEGION NEWS BRIEFS
FOR WEEK ENDING 5-26-67

The parade of the 49th American Legion National Convention in Boston, Mass., on Monday, Aug. 28, is expected to be an eight-hour, two-mile long event. More than 20,000 marchers are expected to participate.

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The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and National Guard will provide marching units, mobile indoor exhibits and logistical support for the 1967 American Legion National Convention to be held in Boston, Mass., Aug. 25-21. Coordinating service for the convention is the Air Force with Maj. Gen. John W. O'Neill, commander of the USAF Electronic Systems Division, as coordinating commander.

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Commander Wilbur L. Gray, Jr. and Adjutant Wilbur Walker of The American Legion Department of Virginia, recently returned from a two-week trip to South Vietnam.

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Herbert J. Jacobi, 77, American Legion Fast National Vice Commander, died May 20 at his Washington, D.C., home after a long illness. He was a patent attorney.

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Approximately 700 American Legionnaires and members of their families are expected to make a three-day tour of Expo 67 in Montreal following the close of the 1967 Legion National Convention in Boston, Mass., Aug. 25-31.

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American Legionnaires from Kentucky and seven other states have been invited to attend the annual fire power demonstration at the U.S. Armor Center at Ft. Knox, Ky., on Thursday, June 1.

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American Legionnaires attending the 1967 National Convention in Boston, Mass., Aug. 25-31, will find the doors of one of the world's great museums open to them. It's Boston's museum of Fine Arts, with some of the finest specialized collections in existence.

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Commander Robert M. Davis of The American Legion Department of North Carolina, didn't get away with passing out a pink or blue banded cigar to friends recently. He had to utilize both colors when he became the father of a second set of twins, a boy and a girl.

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BOSTON, MASS.--(ALNS)--American Legionnaires visiting this historic city for the 49th National Convention Aug. 25-31 are sure to enjoy a visit to one of New England’s most exciting places, the Museum of Science and Hayden Planetarium.

Try pushbutton and do-it-yourself exhibits, see live animal and physical science demonstrations in exhibit halls, Talking Transparent Woman, daily star show —"Sky Fantasia"—in Hayden Planetarium.

Other exhibits on man and civilization, natural history, medicine, physical science, space exploration, and marine transportation are available for the enjoyment.

Included among the many hundreds of exhibits and displays are the life-size head of Tyrannosaurus Rex, fiercest of dinosaurs. Too large for the present building, when the head is joined with the body, he will be 40-foot in size.

Other exhibits sure to intrigue are the Foucault Pendulum swinging over a brilliant Aztec Calendar Stone; the planetarium's "Theatre of the Skies," where myriad stars are projected onto the domed ceiling by the revolutionary Korkosz projector, giving true-to-life depiction of night skies; and audience participation where visitors try their hands at flipping four cardboard coins onto a specially patterned surface without hitting a line.

The fascinating exhibits and lively demonstrations dramatize science and scientific achievement in a never to be forgotten manner appealing to all ages.

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(Six mats and repro proofs for use with the foregoing or other stories in promoting the Boston National Convention should be in the mail by Monday, May 29, to those editors who customarily receive this ALNS service.)

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BOSTON, MASS.--(ALNS)--A trip well worthwhile for the American Legionnaire attending the 1967 Legion National Convention here Aug. 25-31, is to Old Sturbridge Village.

In this village, about 60 miles west of Boston, the visitor sees a re-created country town which brings to life the way rural New England lived, worked and traded during the first half-century of American independence.

The village is made of old homes, shops, mills, a bank, meetinghouses, school, farm, tavern and general store assembled from various sections of New England.

Craftsmen re-create the life lived in these buildings demonstrating spinning, weaving, the skills of the blacksmith and the family arts of fireplace cooking, candle dipping and others.

The purposes of Old Sturbridge Village are historic and educational, to present the story of New England farm and village life of yesterday and to impart a knowledge and understanding of that heritage of the citizens of today.

The visitor to Old Sturbridge Village turns his back on the 20th Century and steps into a New England countrytown of 150 years ago.

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BOSTON, MASS.--(ALNS)--Approximately 700 American Legionnaires and members of their families are expected to make a three-day post-National Convention tour of Expo 67 in Montreal beginning on Sept. 1.

Those making the tour will leave for Canada the day following the adjournment of the 49th Legion National Convention to be held in this historic city Aug. 25-31.

The Legionnaires will depart from Boston by chartered buses and take the scenic route through Northern New England, arriving in Montreal late in the afternoon. They will visit the fairgrounds and other attractions in Montreal during their three-day stay.

The party will include delegates, their families and friends from most of the 50 states and the eight foreign departments of the world's largest veterans' organization.

Arrangements for the trip are being handled by Garber Travel Service, which is the only approved travel agency for the 1967 convention.

Massachusetts is hosting the National Convention for the third time. Both the 1930 and 1940 gatherings were held in Boston.

Highlights of the convention will include a mammoth parade, Drum and Bugle Corps Competition at Fenway Park, Memorial Service at the Old North Church, three days of business sessions and many other activities.

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BOSTON, MASS.--(ALNS)--American Legionnaires attending the 1967 National Convention here Aug. 25-31 will find one of the great museums of the world in the host city. It's Boston's Museum of Fine Arts.

Museum collections open windows on 5,000 years of the finest artistic expression of man's hopes, tastes and ideas. To make the collections a living experience, the museum offers free gallery talks, lectures and many other activities.

The generosity of private citizens and the wisdom of the curators have, in thoughtful combination, built up rich and diverse collections, many are without peer anywhere in the world.

Collections include:

- The finest Chinese and Japanese art under one roof in the western world.
- The finest Old Kingdom sculpture outside Cairo.
- The choicest Hindu sculpture in the Western Hemisphere.
- A distinguished collection of original prints from the 15th Century to the present.

Also: Greek and Roman art, East Indian paintings, an unmatched collection of antique textiles and costumes, America's most important historical portraits, and many others.

Located on Huntington Ave. and The Fenway, the museum is easily accessible by public transportation, auto, and is not too far if you enjoy a leisurely walk.

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RALEIGH, N.C.--(ALNS)--For Commander Robert M. (Bob) Davis of the North Carolina American Legion Department, it wasn't a case of providing his friends with a cigar with either a blue or pink band, it was a case of providing both.

He and Mrs. Davis are the parents of their second set of twins, Jonathan David and Jennifer Mae, born on May 8. The proud couple resides in Salisbury.

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HAMILTON, ONT., CAN.--(ALNS)--Canada, the first of 58 American Legion departments to hold its convention for 1967, also is the first to report a new commander.

Harry Newman of Winnipeg 17, Manitoba, Canada, is the new department commander, succeeding John R. Ragsdale. He was elected at the convention held here May 12-13.

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BOSTON CONVENTION PARADE TO BE EIGHT HOURS LONG

BOSTON, MASS.--(ALNS)--The route of the eight-hour, two-mile-long parade of the 49th American Legion National Convention on Monday, Aug. 28, over the city's Back Bay and downtown streets was set recently. More than 20,000 marchers are expected to participate.

Starting at 10 a.m., the parade will move from Beacon St. on Arlington St., turn left onto Boylston St., take another left onto Charles St.

From Charles St., the parade will turn right on Beacon St. and head toward the State House, from here it will turn right on Park St. and proceed to Tremont St., turning right it will proceed down Tremont St. and onto the disbanding area at Broadway.

The reviewing stand will be located on Tremont St., near Boylston St.

Participating units will assemble in an area that will include Berkeley to Gloucester Sts. inclusive from the north side of Newbury St. and Commonwealth Ave. and Marlborough St. from the west side of Arlington St. to the east side of Hereford St.

BOSTON, MASS.--(ALNS)--The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and National Guard will provide marching units, mobile indoor exhibits and logistical support for the 1967 American Legion National Convention to be held here Aug. 25-31.

Beefed up by the representative units of the nation's military and naval might, the convention parade on Monday, Aug. 28, is expected to be the largest ever held in this historic city. Boston has hosted two previous such conventions.

Coordinating service for the Boston Convention is the U.S. Air Force. The Coordinating commander is Maj. Gen. John W. O'Neill, Commander of the USAF Electronic Systems Division here. General O'Neill also will serve as parade grand marshal.

The military will have exhibits at the War Memorial Auditorium during the convention's three-day business sessions there. A large display of the latest military hardware, including missiles, will be seen during the military's hour-long parade participation.

Men and equipment will be drawn largely from local resources. The participation of those drawn from outside the Greater Boston area will be contingent upon normal training and operations commitments.

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RICHMOND, VA.--(ALNS)--Commander Wilbur L. Gray, Jr. and Adjutant Wilbur Walker of The American Legion Department of Virginia, recently returned from a two-week trip to South Vietnam.

Walker's visit was his second to that war-torn country. He accompanied the then Legion National Commander L. Eldon James on his official visit to that country last year.

One of the improvements noted by Walker between his first and most recent visit was the remarkable progress made in building the highway system of that country.

The two Virginia Legionnaires also had an opportunity to view at first hand the good work carried out by our military from funds provided by The American Legion Vietnam Relief Fund. They toured orphanages and schools built under our military's civic action program with money from the fund started by Past Commander James and to which Legion and Auxiliary members from throughout the country contributed.

One of the observations that the two Legion leaders reported is that the Legion, through its Vietnam Relief Fund, made a real and lasting impact on our military men in many areas of South Vietnam.

Both Gray and Walker emphasized the need to continue the 12-month limitation of service for our troops there. Both also sounded strong praise for the five-day rest and recuperation leaves granted troops as a vital factor in their high morale.

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FT. KNOX, KY.--(ALNS)--The annual firepower demonstration of the U. S. Armor Center will be presented here on Thursday, June 1.

American Legionnaires from Kentucky and seven other states near this military installation have been invited by the center's commanding general to witness the demonstration.

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.--(ALNS)--The National Congress of Parents and Teachers, meeting in annual convention here, was congratulated in a telegram by American Legion National Commander John E. Davis of Bismarck, N. D.

The text of the wire, sent to Mrs. Jennelle Morehead of Eugene, Ore., follows:

"The American Legion extends congratulations to you and the more than 11-million members of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers as your organization observes its 70th year of service to the cause of education and to the young people of America.

"We of the American Legion have considered it a privilege and pleasure to have worked with you during your term of office, and we look forward to continuing cooperative effort with your successor and with your organization."

The National Congress of Parents and Teachers is one of three organizations joining with the Legion in the sponsoring of American Education Week. The National Education Association and the U. S. Office of Education are the other two.

The Legion's Education and Scholarship Program was one of nine organizations invited to sponsor an educational booth at the convention here. Others with such booths included: Boy and Girl Scouts, American Red Cross, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the NEA.


The Congressman said that he favored the construction of 40 to 50 ships annually in this country to rebuild this nation's aging merchant fleet.

Speaking at the launching of the American President Line's new cargo carrier, the President Taft, Congressman Rooney cited that the Soviet Union was building merchant ships at a volume eight times that of this country. Rooney, a member of the powerful House Appropriation Committee, said he would support a major ship building effort in America.

"I will not agree to appropriate 15 cents to build an American ship in a foreign shipyard," Congressman Rooney declared.

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WASHINGTON—(ALNS)—To clarify the position of The American Legion's handling of applicants for exemplary rehabilitation certificates, the Economic Commission has issued the following statement based on National Executive Committee Resolution 40:

The Economic Commission can represent only those individuals with a general discharge or separation provided the service performed has been honorable active duty with a component of the armed services, and who are eligible for membership in The American Legion.

If you have knowledge of an individual who may be interested in applying for an exemplary rehabilitation certificate, and who is not eligible for American Legion Representation, we would suggest that such individual make his request known in a letter directed to the U. S. Department of Labor, Manpower Administration, Bureau of Employment Security, Washington, D. C. 20210.

For the benefit of those who have previously submitted an application with supporting documents to this office for representation, you are advised that the application will be filed with the appropriate office. However, in the event of an unfavorable decision we would not be permitted to further represent the appellant provided an appeal is made to the Secretary of Labor.

-Chicago, Ill.—(ALNS)—How's a New Year's Eve Ball and Frolic on July 28...complete with grand march and paper hats, streamers and noisemakers...strike you for something different in the way of an American Legion event?

The American Legion Department of Illinois and its Auxiliary are holding just such an event in the grand ballroom of the Palmer House Hotel during the 49th annual Department Convention here. Music will be by the Empire Room Orchestra.
NEW YORK—(ALNS)—"In a forest of American flags, more than 70,000 men, women and children, stirred by martial music and their desire to support the nation's soldiers in Vietnam, stepped briskly down Fifth Avenue in a parade that lasted more than eight and a half hours yesterday."

That lead in a New York newspaper account of the recent patriotic march held here to demonstrate support of United States troops in South Vietnam captured the spirit of the event.

And wasn't it wholesome reading? Quite a change from the rash of stories of late on beatniks and that ilk, wasn't it?

A Washington newspaper reported that Saturday as "a red, white and blue day" and "a throwback to times when the whole town turned out for Fourth of July parades and people displayed flags on the holidays, and everyone knew who the enemy was."

Among the thousands who marched, The American Legion was well represented. There were sizeable delegations from Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island who joined New York Legionnaires from the city and throughout the state.

Legionnaires marching included Past National Commander Martin McKneally; the Rev. Anthony J. Driscoll, National Chaplain; William C. Doyle, a member of the National Security Commission and its former chairman; and New Jersey Commander Albert J. Moeller.


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There also was the man who organized the parade, New York City Fire Dept. Capt. Ray Gimmler, who reported the idea for the parade first occurred to him two months ago while he was talking to Legion National Commander John E. Davis of Bismarck, N.D.

"I never dreamed I could start something like this," the fire captain said.

The ex-Marine fought with the 4th Division at Truk and Wake Islands in the Pacific during World War II.

"It was a great day for America!"

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WASHINGTON—(ALNS)— Herbert J. Jacobi, 77, American Legion Past National Vice Commander, died May 20 at his home, 3805 Gramercy St., N.W., after a long illness. He was a patent attorney.

President of the corporations formed to host the Legion National Conventions held in 1954 and in 1966, Mr. Jacobi also was for many years chairman of the Legion's National Internal Affairs Commission.

Mr. Jacobi, as a lieutenant, was commanding officer of the 5th Photo Section attached to the famous 1st Aero Squadron, serving with that unit in France and later during the occupation in Germany.

Trained in aerial photography and rated an Army observer, he took air and ground photographs of various activities which were included in the Army history of World War I.

Services were held here May 23, with burial in the Washington Hebrew Congregation Cemetery. Legion memorial services were conducted May 21. Legion Past National Commanders Paul H. Griffith and Erle Cocke, Jr. were present, along with Legion delegations from Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Mr. Jacobi is survived by his wife and two sons, Herbert, Jr. and Robert B.

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