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DISTINGUISHED LEADER — John R. Quinn of Los Angeles, Calif., fifth elected American Legion National Commander who served the organization in its top post in 1923-24, still actively participates in the deliberations of the Legion's National Executive Committee. Here he addresses the Legion's policymaking body between National Conventions on the contributions to America and the Legion of his predecessor as Legion chief, Alvin M. Owsley, who died recently at Dallas, Texas. Past Commander Quinn served at this NEC meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., as a human bridge of memory, as he often does, between the Legion's earliest days and the present.—(ALNS Photo)
ELDER STATESMAN—Thomas W. Miller (left) of Reno, Nev., receives a special citation for his 30 years of outstanding service as a member of The American Legion National Executive Committee. Legion National Commander John E. Davis of Bismarck, N.D., made the presentation at the NEC’s recent meeting in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Miller, a founder of the Legion, served as chairman pro tempore at the famous Paris Caucus of March 15-17, 1919, where the idea of the Legion was conceived. The veteran Legionnaire is “dean” of the NEC, policymaking body of the Legion between National Conventions. — (ALNS Photo)
NEW ADJUTANT—New American Legion National Adjutant Earnest N. Schmit (right) of Fargo, N.D., is congratulated upon becoming the chief administrative officer of the world's largest veterans organization by Legion National Commander John E. Davis of Bismarck, N.D. Eighth man to hold the position, Schmit was aide to Commander Davis prior to his appointment. Schmit succeeds the late Emil A. (Blackie) Blackmore in the position. — (ALNS Photo)
UNMARKED GRAVE—Charles Reno, Jackson Heights, N. Y., great-nephew of the celebrated Major Marcus A. Reno visits the unmarked grave of the Indian fighter in Glenwood Cemetery, Washington, D. C. Reno, shown paying his respects at the graveside, was the star witness at the recent Army's Board of Correction hearing. The American Legion is seeking to revoke the bad discharge incurred by Major Reno in 1879. From left are: Samuel C. Borzilleri, Legion legal consultant; Chester K. Shore, former Montana State Legion adjutant; and Gene L. Fattig, supervisor of the Review and Corrections Board of The American Legion.

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GOOD EXAMPLE — American Legion National Commander John E. Davis (left) of Bismarck, N. D., provided other Legionnaires an example of membership building alertness when he found a top State Department official and fellow World War II veteran who wasn't enrolled as a Legionnaire. The new Legionnaire, William P. Bundy, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, presents his membership application to the Legion chief, Secretary Bundy was the speaker at the National Commander's recent dinner for Legion National Executive Committee members in Indianapolis, Ind.—(ALNS Photo)
LEGION AUXILIARY—The Statler Hilton Hotel will be the official hotel and the meeting place of The American Legion Auxiliary and the Eight and Forty during their national convention at Boston, Mass., next August 25-31. (ALNS Photo)

LADY GOVERNOR—Gov. Lurleen B. Wallace of Alabama, receives copy of the new history, "The American Legion Story," by Raymond Moley, Jr. Commander J. D. Myers of the Alabama Legion Department, made the presentation to the nation's only lady governor after she spoke at recent groundbreaking ceremonies for the new $350,000 Alabama War Memorial in Montgomery. —(ALNS Photo)
HEADQUARTERS HOTEL. — The new 1,000-room Sheraton-Boston Hotel has been designated as the National Headquarters hotel for The American Legion's 49th annual National Convention to be held in Boston, Mass., next Aug. 25-31.—(ALNS Photo)

CONVENTION SESSIONS—Formal business sessions of The American Legion's 49th annual National Convention will be held in this beautiful War Memorial Auditorium at Boston, Mass., during the Convention period next August 25-31.—(ALNS Photo)
TOP YOUTH ORATOR—Alan L. Keyes, 16, of San Antonio, Texas, captured top place and a $4,000 cash college scholarship in the 30th annual American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest at Lincoln, Neb. Here Alan is presented a commission as an admiral in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska by Gov. Norbert T. Tiemann at the State Capitol. A junior at Robert G. Cole High School, Alan is the son of Army Sgt. Major and Mrs. Allison L. Keyes. The father, a veteran of three wars, currently is serving in Vietnam. Other winners in the order of their finishing are: Second, Joseph P. McCaffrey, Jr., 17, of Silver Spring, Md.; third, Eric A. DeGroff, 17, of Kansas City, Kas.; and fourth, Bernd M. Kutzscher, 17, of Sherman Oaks, Calif. 

(ALNS Photo)

LEGION BACKS DRAFT—American Legion National Commander John E. Davis (center) of Bismarck, N. D., details the Legion's stand on the draft in a recent appearance before the Senate Armed Services Committee in Washington, D. C. The commander generally supported the provisions of Senate Bill S 1432. With him are Sen. Milton R. Young (left) of North Dakota, and Granville S. Ridley of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Legion National Security Council chairman. 

(ALNS Photo)
FIRST REGISTRATION — Governor John A. Volpe of Massachusetts (center), is first to register for the 1967 National Convention of The American Legion, to be held in Boston August 25-31. George K. Walker (right), Registration Committee Chairman, receives the registration. Looking on is Ernest Henderson, Sr., Chairman of the Board, Sheraton Corp., of America and President of the Massachusetts Convention Corporation. The Governor, a member of Post No. 97 in Winchester, Mass., is Honorary President of the Convention. Mr. Henderson is a member of Crosscup-Pishon Post No. 281, Boston. Mr. Walker, a Past National Vice Commander, is a member of Post No. 99 in Watertown.

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LEGION CHILD WELFARE MONTH

Reviewing preliminary plans for the 49th Annual National Convention of The American Legion, scheduled for Boston, Mass., Aug. 25-31, 1967, are William H. Miller (seated left), Legion National Convention Director, and Congressman John W. McCormack (seated right), Speaker of the House of Representatives and a member of Columbia Post No. 51, The American Legion, Dorchester, Mass. Members of the Convention Corporation standing (left to right) are: Henry C. Pragoff, George F. Stitt and William B. Curran, all members of Boston's Crosscup-Pishon Post No. 281.—(ALNS Photo)
HVAC STAFF DIRECTOR HONORED—Oliver E. Meadows, right, Staff Director for the House Veterans Affairs Committee is shown receiving The American Legion's First National Legislative Award from American Legion National Commander John E. Davis, February 28, in the HVAC Caucus Room. (ALNS photo)

S.S. AMERICAN LEGION

Artists conception of the sleek, 13,000-ton container-general cargo liner which the United States Lines will launch on Maritime Day, May 22nd, and name the s.s. American Legion in honor of America's largest veteran organization. The fully-automated, 23-knot vessel will be christened by Mrs. John E. Davis, wife of the National Commander of the Legion, at ceremonies in the yard of the Sun Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company, Chester, Pennsylvania.
HVAC TESTIMONY — American Legion National Commander John E. Davis is shown as he testified before the House Veterans Affairs Committee, February 28. The Commander places special emphasis on equal rights for Vietnam veterans, comparable with those for World War I, World War II and Korean Conflict veterans. (ALNS photo)
National Commander John E. Davis (center, standing) visits with some of the hospitalized veterans of the Vietnam fighting who were special guests of The American Legion at the National Commander’s banquet for the Congress during the Washington Conference. (ALNS photo)
Stanford Smith, General Manager of the American Newspaper Publisher's Association, accepts the 1967 American Legion National Commander's Award on behalf of the ANPA from National Commander John E. Davis (right). The presentation was made at a special Public Relations luncheon during the recent Washington Conference. National PR Commission Chairman C. D. “Deke” DeLoach stands at Mr. Smith's side. (ALNS photo)
LEGION HISTORY LESSON — Lance Bourquin (left) of Helena, Mont., and Kenneth T. Krom of Cheshire, Conn., learn of some of the history and traditions of The American Legion in a recent visit to the Legion's National Headquarters Museum in Indianapolis, Ind. They inspect a bust of Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., one of those who helped to conceive the idea of The American Legion in World War I. Both young Legionnaires served on a Vietnam Veterans Advisory Committee which assisted the national organization in the planning of programs and activities of interest and of service to this new generation of war veterans, Vietnam Era veterans, who recently were admitted to Legion membership, are adding to its ranks throughout the United States in ever increasing numbers.—(ALNS Photo)
LEGION ADVISORS — Six Vietnam Era veterans recently served on the Vietnam Veterans Advisory Committee to assist The American Legion in planning programs and activities of interest and of service to this new generation of war veteran. Vietnam Era veterans, who recently were admitted to Legion membership, are adding to its ranks throughout the United States in ever growing numbers.

From left are: Kenneth T. Krom, Cheshire, Connecticut; James W. Laske, Osseo, Michigan; Lance Bourquin, Helena, Montana; Frank W. Naylor, Kansas City, Kansas; James E. Fowler, Palisade, Colorado; and Paul Pickard, Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Naylor, who served a tour in Vietnam with the Navy, was elected by the committee as its chairman, thus becoming the first Vietnam Era veteran to hold a position of leadership at the Legion's national level.—(ALNS Photo)
THE 25-MILLIONTH American Flag lapel pin distributed in The American Legion's "Operation Show Your Colors" goes to a distinguished statesman and Legionnaire, Speaker of the House John W. McCormack (left), during special Flag Day ceremonies in which House members joined. Legion National Legislative Director Herald E. Stringer makes the presentation. Speaker McCormack also took the occasion to welcome Legionnaires to his home town when the 1967 Legion National Convention meets in Boston, Mass., Aug. 25-31.—(ALNS Photo)
LEXINGTON MINUTE MAN—Concord and Lexington, just north of Boston, share honors as birthplaces of the Revolution. In both towns there are many associations such as this statue to evoke Poet Emerson's “embattled farmers” and “the shot heard round the world.” Let history come alive for you in the New England area where it was written during the early patriots' fight for freedom and to rid themselves of the British yoke. See the Boston area's many shrines when you come to the 1967 American Legion National Convention Aug. 25-31.—(ALNS Photo)
“LISTEN MY CHILDREN and you shall hear of the midnight ride of Paul Revere . . .” That memorable ride took place nearly two centuries ago. But still standing is the Old North Church (rising in background), where lanterns were hung to warn of the arrival of the British. The church and this life-like equestrian statue of the famous courier are reminders that Boston shared in the birth of and the fight for American freedom in the dark, early days of our republic. See all these reminders of the early days of American history when you come to Boston for the 49th American Legion National Convention Aug. 25-31.—(ALNS Photo)
“OLD IRONSIDES” was so christened by her respectful crew after a blazing battle in the War of 1812 when they watched with delight as the British cannonballs bounced off her stout sides. Now the U.S. Navy’s oldest commissioned ship, the U.S. Frigate Constitution was threatened with destruction after a long and illustrious career, but Oliver Wendell Holmes’ famous poem and the pennies donated by American school children saved her. She now has a permanent home in the city of her birth at the Charlestown Navy Yard. Visit her while in Boston, Mass., to attend the 49th American Legion National Convention Aug. 25-31.—(ALNS Photo)

WHO'S THIS? — That's a good question and deserves an answer even if a rather long one. Tyrannosaurus Rex he is. He has a reputation for ferocity that has crept down through the ages but the most fierce of the dinosaurs bares his “pearly whites” in a happy greeting to American Legionnaires planning to attend the 1967 National Convention in Boston, Mass., Aug. 25-31. Tyrannosaurus Rex, by the way, is an attraction at Boston's famous Museum of Science.—(ALNS Photo)
MODEL STATE HOUSE—The Capitol of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was designed by Charles Bulfinch and erected in 1795. A model for many later state capitols, the building’s classic design and imposing gold leaf dome have endured through the years with few additions and changes. Bound up with the architecture are associations with some of the leaders who helped shape the destiny of the nation. See the historic building as a sidelight to your trip to Boston, Mass., for the 1967 American Legion National Convention Aug. 25-31.—(ALNS Photo)
PLYMOUTH ROCK is thoughtfully sheltered by this granite canopy, erected by the Colonial Dames of America to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims in 1620. Plymouth Rock stands near the spot where the Pilgrims are believed to have first set foot when they landed at Plymouth Bay. Visit this American shrine while in New England to attend the 1967 American Legion National Convention Aug. 25-31.—(ALNS Photo)

FLAG LEGISLATION—Edmund G. Lyons (left) of Clifton, N. J., American Legion National Americanism Commission vice chairman, and U. S. Rep. Byron G. Rogers of Denver, Colo., discuss the need for greater respect for the U. S. Flag. The discussion took place in Washington after Lyons presented the Legion's request for legislation to make it a federal crime to desecrate the flag. Congressman Rogers, a Legionnaire, is chairman of Subcommittee No. 4 of the House Committee on the Judiciary which is studying such legislation.—(ALNS Photo)
Secretary of State Dean Rusk sets the tenor of the 49th Annual National Convention of The American Legion as he addresses the joint opening session in the Boston War Memorial Auditorium. Mr. Rusk accepted a last-minute invitation to speak to the Legion after Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey was forced to cancel his scheduled appearance due to the death of his brother.—(ALNS Photo)
The American Legion's Youthful VIPs for 1967 are welcomed to the platform of the 49th Annual National Convention of The American Legion by National Commander John E. Davis (left). The young men are: (left to right) Alan L. Keyes, of San Antonio, Tex., 1967 American Legion Boys Nation president and 1967 Oratorical Contest winner; Dick Tate Clardy, Jr., of Odessa, Tex., representing American Legion Boy Scout units; William Corbett Parker, Jr., of Tuscaloosa, Ala., American Legion Baseball player-of-the-year, and John H. Ryan, of St. Louis, Mo., representing Sons of The American Legion.—(ALNS Photo)
Retired United States Senator Leverett Saltonstall, of Massachusetts, receives The American Legion National Commander's Award for Distinguished Public Service. The presentation, scheduled for the National Commander's banquet for distinguished guests, had to be conducted in semi-private ceremonies in the National Commander's suite since Mr. Saltonstall was called to Washington on urgent official business.—(ALNS Photo)
Richard H. Amberg (Right), publisher of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, receives The American Legion's 1967 Fourth Estate Award for "outstanding public service in the field of communications," from the platform of the 49th Annual American Legion National Convention. Presentation is made by National Commander John E. Davis, assisted by C. D. DeLoach, National Public Relations Commission chairman.

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A half million Bostonians thrilled to the eight and one-half hour parade of the 49th Annual National Convention of The American Legion as the largest, most colorful parade in the history of the Hub city wound through the streets of historic Boston and around the famed Boston Common on Monday, Aug. 28.—(ALNS Photo)
HAIL TO THE NEW CHIEF—William E. Galbraith (center), of Beemer, Neb., received an ovation from delegates and guests upon his election as National Commander of The American Legion for 1967-68 at closing session of the 49th Annual National Convention in Boston, Mass. Raising the new commander's arms in victory are retiring National Commander John E. Davis (left), and Legionnaire-Governor Norbert T. Tiemann, of Nebraska, who placed Galbraith's name in nomination.—(ALNS Photo)
United States Attorney General Ramsey Clark receives The American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal for 1967 on behalf of his father, retired U. S. Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark. Mr. Justice Clark was hospitalized during the period of The American Legion National Convention after being stricken during a trip to the Far East. Award is being presented by National Commander John E. Davis.

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General Wallace M. Greene, Jr., Commandant of the United States Marine Corps and the military speaker for The American Legion's 49th Annual National Convention in Boston, Mass., is introduced to the delegates by National Commander, John E. Davis.—(ALNS Photo)
United States Senator John Stennis, of Mississippi, representing the Senate Armed Services Committee, addresses the 49th Annual American Legion National Convention in Boston, Mass. Representative Gerald R. Ford, of Michigan, House Minority Leader, addressed the same session of the Convention.—(AI.NS Photo)
AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION DELEGATES heard President Lyndon B. Johnson greet them at the White House: “I am glad to welcome you to this capital and this house. The American Legion is to be commended for giving young Americans like you a chance to learn first-hand about their government.” With the President are Alan L. Keyes (left), 16, of San Antonio, Texas, and Douglas B. Kamerow, 17, of Alexandria, Va., Boys Nation president and vice president, respectively. Keyes also is the 1967 Legion National High School Oratorical Contest champion.

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VETERAN SCRIBE—Jack R. C. Cann (left) of Indianapolis, Ind., secretary and past president of The American Legion Press Association, will be honored for a quarter-century's service to ALPA at a testimonial dinner to be held at the Somerset Hotel in Boston, Mass., on Saturday night, Aug. 26, during the Legion National Convention. Here Mr. Cann shows Legion National Commander John E. Davis of Bismarck, N. D., the latest ALPA "News-Letter" which he edits for the approximately 800 state, district and local post editors associated with the Legion national press group.

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Newly-elected American Legion National Commander William E. Galbraith gives emphasis to his theme: "Freedom Is Not Free," which he plans to pursue during his term of office. Commander Galbraith points to streamer bearing the slogan during his acceptance speech from the platform of the Boston National Convention.

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Outstanding membership workers during the 1968 "Can Do" year of The American Legion will earn the right to wear National Commander William E. Galbraith's cap ornament. This brilliantly hued cap pin will be presented to those Legionnaires who sign up 25 or more new or renewal members for 1968 by the Legion's 49th Birthday, March 15 - 17, 1968. Illustrated above in enlarged size is the cap pin, bearing the '68 theme in red letters on a white background with the Emblem set against a background of dark blue.
Frank M. Brandstetter (right), managing director of the Las Brisas Hotel in Acapulco, Mexico, presents to Minnesota’s National Executive Committeeman, Eugene V. Lindquist, information on a prize Lindquist won in a drawing at the Steivos meeting conducted during the Boston National Convention. The prize: A week’s free stay at the luxurious Las Brisas, compliments of the hotel and Mr. Brandstetter. Brandstetter is a member of National Defense Post of The American Legion in Washington, D.C.—(ALNS Photo)
Commander's Cabinet: Newly-elected American Legion National Commander William E. Galbraith, of Beemer, Neb., is surrounded by the elected National leaders of The American Legion for 1967-68. They are (left to right): Roscoe D. Curtiss, of Columbia, Tenn., National Vice Commander; Dr. Edwin L. Peterson, Logan, Utah, National Vice Commander; National Commander Galbraith; Coleman Nolen, Okemah, Okla., National Vice Commander; Rev. Edward P. Nolan, Mt. Top, Pa., National Chaplain; Marvin W. Roth, Janesville, Wis., National Vice Commander, and Louis R. J. Malo, West Warwick, R.I., National Vice Commander.

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American Legion National Commander William E. Galbraith, of Beemer, Neb., confers with Congressman Olin E. Teague, Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, on a bill which the Congressman introduced to the House calling for the transfer of jurisdiction over the National Cemeteries to the Veterans Administration. The Bill, H.R. 12801, would accomplish the objectives of an American Legion National Convention mandate on the National Cemetery system, and Commander Galbraith pledged the full support of the Legion for H. R. 12801.—(ALNS Photo)
William E. Galbraith, National Commander of The American Legion, and Braulio Alonso, President of the National Education Association, discuss plans for the promotion of American Education Week, Nov. 5-11, 1967, during the Legion's 49th Annual National Convention in Boston. The Legion, the N.E.A., the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, and the United States Office of Education co-sponsor the annual observance of American Education Week which brings some 30,000,000 visitors to the nation's schools each year, creating a better public understanding of the American education system.—(ALNS Photo)
American Legion National Commander William E. Galbraith pays courtesy call on President Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House and presents the chief executive with a bound copy of Resolutions passed by the 49th Annual National Convention. Commander Galbraith also invited the President to deliver the principal address at the Legion's 50th Annual Convention, September 6-12, 1968, in New Orleans, La.—(ALNS Photo)
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY — H. T. Colbjornsen, Commander of the Minnesota Department of The American Legion (right), presents a check for $22,600 from The American Legion of Minnesota to be applied to the building fund for an all-denominational chapel at Camp Ripley, Minnesota. Receiving the Legion contribution are: Lieut. Col. Clinton G. Johnson, treasurer of the Minnesota National Guard Association (left), and Major General Chester J. Moeglein, Adjutant General of Minnesota.—(ALNS Photo)
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BOOST BLOOD DRIVE—American Legion National Commander William E. Galbraith, right, signs a statement indicative of The American Legion’s all out support of the American Red Cross holiday blood donor program from December 4, 1967 to January 8, 1968. The signing is witnessed by General James F. Collins, U.S. Army (Ret.), President of the American Red Cross, who signed the same statement immediately after. All posts and units of The American Legion and its Auxiliary and all Red Cross chapters will make a concerted effort to keep the lifeline of blood in plentiful supply.—(ALNS Photo)
DATELINE: VIETNAM — Scripps Howard syndicated columnist Jim G. Lucas, world famous combat correspondent and author (right), presented a copy of his latest book “Date-line: Vietnam” to American Legion National Commander William E. Galbraith. The presentation took place after Lucas had interviewed the Commander on his return from Vietnam.—(ALNS Photo)
America's only living former presidents, Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower, have accepted an invitation to head The American Legion's 50th Anniversary Committee of 100 distinguished Americans. National Commander William E. Galbraith, of Beemer, Nebr., visited former President Truman (top photo), at his home in Independence, Mo., and with former President Eisenhower, at Augusta, Ga., on successive days, to present both former presidents with the official Golden Anniversary Commemorative Medal of The American Legion.—(ALNS Photo)
F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover presents the F.B.I. National Academy Firearms Proficiency Award, contributed by The American Legion, to Detective Lt. B. Lavell Tullos, of the Jackson, Miss., police department, a member of the 80th session of the F.B.I. National Academy.—(ALNS Photo)
GOLDEN JUBILEE MEDALS of The American Legion, available on March 15, 1968, have as a theme, inscription and title four words taken from the Legion preamble—“For God and Country.” Sculptor C. Paul Jannewein designed the medal whose two sides are shown above.

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HELPING CHILDREN—First copy of “Child Protective Services—1967,” a survey made with the aid of a $13,800 grant from The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc., is presented to Earl D. Franklin, Jr. (right) of Sterling, Colo., by Rutherford T. Phillips of Denver, Colo., American Humane Society executive director. As chairman of the Legion National Child Welfare Commission, Franklin directs this major Legion activity whose services to the nation’s children through such projects as the society’s study total over $200-million in the past nearly half-century.—(ALNS Photo)
LEGION MEMBERSHIP BOOST—The American Legion’s 1968 membership campaign was boosted beyond the magic 1-million mark recently with a big assist from the Legion Department of Wisconsin when it sent 30,150 membership cards by special courier to Legion National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Ind. From left, Milwaukee Legionnaires John G. Enrique and Jerry Wharinger and Legion National Membership Director J. Lloyd Wignall watch as Mrs. Flossie Davis processes the cards on an accounting machine.

—(ALNS Photo)
LEGION TO HONOR SPEAKER: American Legion National Adjutant William F. Hauck (left) is shown during a recent courtesy call on Massachusetts Congressman John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker proudly displayed a plaque symbolic of his life membership in the Past Department Commanders' Club and The American Legion Columbia Post No. 51 in Dorchester, Mass. Mr. Hauck advised the Speaker that he will be the recipient of The American Legion Distinguished Public Service Award on March 6, 1968. The presentation will be made by National Commander William E. Galbraith at his dinner honoring the Congress.—(ALNS Photo)