
Scoring 91.85 points out of a possible total of 100, the Golden Knights defeated 29 other corps, including last year's national Champion Cadets of American Legion Post 225, Garfield, N.J. The Cadets placed second in the 1958 championship competition with a score of 91.55.

Third place winner in the day long contest held at Hanson Park in Chicago under a mid-90 degree sun, was the Cavaliers of American Legion Post 712, Chicago, Ill.

Kankakee Post 85 of The American Legion retained its title, first won in 1953, of National Champion Senior Color Guard in competition with 25 other units on Aug. 30.

The defending champions rolled up a winning score of 97.25 in competition at Chicago's Grant Park, just prior to the opening of the 40th National Convention.

Placing second with a score of 94.85 was little Bill American Legion Post 118 of Chicago. Third was Momence Gomer Post 40 of Momence, Illinois with a score of 94.50.

The American Legion Junior Band of Post 278, Warren, Ohio, successfully defended its national championship against four other junior bands at the annual contest here Aug. 30.

The young Ohio musicians scored 87.85 points to top second place Lake Band of Post 180, Milwaukee, Wis., by more than 3½ points.

The contest was held in the band shell of Chicago's Grant Park.

Other competing junior bands and their scores were:
- Post 33, Bellefonte, Penn. - 83.98
- Post 31, Milwaukee, Wis. - 82.75
- Post 317, South Boston, Mass. - 75.93
CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. ___—(ALNS)—Retreads, Inc., an organization of veterans who served in both World Wars I and II, will continue to hold its annual reunion in connection with The American Legion National Convention.

The group voted at its convention in Chicago, Aug. 29-30, to hold the next reunion in Minneapolis-St. Paul at the time of the Legion’s 41st National Convention there in the fall of 1959.

R. E. Neal of Wilkes-Barre, Penn., was elected president of Retreads, succeeding Oliver J. Troster, New York City, who had served two one-year terms. Other officers named at the meeting in the Morrison Hotel were:

Vice Commanders: John Hopkins, Miami, Fla., Walker H. Daly, Boston, Mass., Robert E. Condon, New York City, George Darrow, Chicago, and James D. Flynn, St. Louis, Mo.

Adjutant: Elmer H. Braun, New York City
Chaplain: George H. Heebebeck, New York City
Finance Officer: Dr. Elvin Shoffstall, Lancaster, Penn.
Officer of the Day: Raymond Lunt, Williamsport, Penn.

The organization adopted a resolution urging the local leaders of all veterans' organizations to promote the observance of patriotic holidays.

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CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. ___—(ALNS)—William H. McIntyre of New York City, who has attended every American Legion National Convention will head the Society of American Legion Founders during the coming year.

He was named president at the annual meeting of Legion founders at Chicago’s Lake Shore Club on Aug. 30. McIntyre succeeds Gen. Lawrence H. Whiting of Chicago.

The organization is made up of World War I veterans who took part in meetings which founded The American Legion in Paris, France, in March 1919 and in St. Louis, Mo., in May of the same year.

Other officers elected at the Chicago reunion were:
First Vice President, Gale F. Johnston, St. Louis
Second Vice President, Judge William H. Deterich, Milwaukee
Third Vice President, Gen. Frank R. Schwengel, Scarsdale, N. Y.
Fourth Vice President, Alvin M. Owsley, Dallas, a past national commander of The American Legion
Fifth Vice President, John J. Wicker, Jr., Richmond, Va.
Sixth Vice President, Col. Richard A. Patterson, New York City
Secretary-Treasurer, Joseph H. Bernard, St. Louis - reelected
Historian, Gen. John Thomas Taylor, Washington - reelected
Chairman of Executive Committee, Jerome F. Duggan, St. Louis - reelected.
CHICAGO, Ill., Sept._—(ALNS)—The Eight and Forty, national fun and honor organization within the American Legion Auxiliary, closed its 1958 convention in Chicago by electing Mrs. Constance Sundry of Blairsville, Pa., as La Chapeau (national president).

Other national officers elected included:

- Eastern Vice President - Mrs. Elsie Gleason, Union City, N.J.
- Central Vice President - Agatha Schulte, Detroit, Michigan.
- Southern Vice President - Mrs. Florence Slepegrell, Tampa, Florida.
- Northwest Vice President - Mrs. Elsie Nelson, Bruce, S. Dak.
- Western Vice President - Mrs. Ruth Johnson, Anselmo, Cal.
- National Chaplain - Mrs. James Casserly, Nataire, La.
- National Historian - Mrs. James Michelet, Hagerman, N. Mex.
- Sergeant-at-Arms - Mrs. Claude Golding, Lincoln, Neb.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept._—(ALNS)—Joliet, Ill., Post 5 band won the 1958 national championship of The American Legion in Grant Park in Chicago with a score of 90.533 out of a possible 100 points.

Placing second was the Aurora, Ill., Post 84 band with 85.733 points, while Blatz Post 373 of Milwaukee, Wis., was third with 85.466 points.

Finishers in the largest American Legion band contest in 15 years also included Salem, Ohio, Post 56 with a score of 80.583; Kansas City, Mo., Legion Band with 79.266; New Braunfels, Texas, Post 78.95 points; Nashville, Tenn., Post 5 with 77.70 and Fort Wayne, Ind., Post 47 with 77.133 points.
CHICAGO, ILL., Sept.—(ALNS) The Twenty and Four, fledgling organization of women members of The American Legion, named Roselynn M. Caley of Menominee, Michigan, national director VIP (president) at its annual meeting in Chicago on August 30. She is an active member of Menominee Post 146 of The American Legion.

Other officers elected were: Margaret Shop, Chicago, senior vice director; Christina McCormick, Portland, Oregon, junior vice director; Sara Meyers, Philadelphia, sky pilot; Rebecca Wyland, Glendale, Calif., judge advocate; Overene Nelson, Washington, D.C., C.Q.; Lola Kuss, St. Louis, disbursing director.

Outgoing national director (VIP) was Edna L. Hunter of Washington.

CHICAGO (ALNS) —— Mrs. Charles W. Gunn of Portland, Ore., was unanimously elected national president of the American Legion Auxiliary at the closing session of its national convention in Chicago on Sept. 4. Mrs. Gunn has held many state and national positions in the Auxiliary, including that of Oregon Department president and last year national rehabilitation chairman.

Mrs. Gunn was unopposed. Other national officers named by the million-member Auxiliary were:

Historian — Miss Fern A. Bender, Torrington, Wyo.
Chaplain — Mrs. Omar J. McMaekin, Salem, Ill.
Five Vice Presidents—Eastern division, Mrs. Stanley J. Autenrith, New Port, N.Y.; southern, Mrs. J. V. Holliday, Vicksburg, Miss.; central, Mrs. Ledgard B. Hakes, Laurens, Iowa; northwestern, Mrs. Juel Osmundson, Adams, Minn., and western, Mrs. Arthur M. Cusick, Austin, Nev.
CHICAGO, ILL. Sept. 2, 1958 (ALNS)—The American Legion marched in its annual grand parade down Michigan Avenue in Chicago on Labor Day in a tremendous 10-hour and 42-minute procession of pageantry distilled from color, music and rhythm.

An estimated 60,000 marchers passed in review before a crowd of more than half a million to the cadence of more than a hundred bands and drum and bugle corps.

The weather was ideal for the pulse-stirring spectacle. A brilliant sun shone down on the scene and the temperature was cool enough when the first division of the big parade swung down the line of march to make jackets comfortable.

National Commander John S. Gleason, Jr., took the salutes of the marching units at the reviewing stand at the Congress Street intersection. He was spelled in this exhausting chore by the national vice commanders.

A number of the state delegations were headed by their respective governors, including Alabama, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Tennessee and Vermont.

Some 8,000 members of the Armed Forces, representing all branches of the services, marched in the first section of the big parade. They passed in review before Lt. Gen. Williams H. Arnold, 5th Army Commander, who was the parade marshall.

Unforgettable Sight

Chief George Otlewos of the Chicago Park District estimated that altogether a million spectators saw the Grand Parade as the crowds kept coming and going all day. Many spectators watched for hours and then their places were taken by others.
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What they saw was a cross-section of America, an outpouring of Legionnaires from three wars and from all parts of the world, their wives and children, giving Michigan Avenue the carnival air of a Maine Street country fair.

All along the 2-mile line of march the crowd was five or six deep while thousands watched from hotel and skyscraper windows and from other vantage points.

Firing squads and color guards snapped into intricate maneuvers before the reviewing stand.

The air was filled constantly with nostalgic strains of beloved American melodies and of martial music as uniformed groups led by dazzling drum majorettes marched by each more resplendent than the preceding.

More than a score of gorgeous floats on which beauty queens rode in regal splendor, advertised the blessings and progress of the various areas of the far-flung American Legion empire. There were circus stunts, and clowns, and towed space missiles, and horse-drawn prairie schooners, and proudly stepping high school bands, and acrobats, and Forty and Eight engines and box cars with ear-splitting cannon shots, and countless color guards, drill teams and firing squads.

Indiana alone put on an hour and a half show, marching in one of its greatest national convention demonstrations. Illinois as the host department was the last to pass and took more than two hours. Impressive shows also were put on by Wisconsin, Iowa, which had a tall corn-carrying battalion, Michigan, Ohio and Minnesota.

It was the third time that The American Legion marched in its king-sized grand parade down Michigan Avenue - 1933, 1939 and 1958 - and everybody agreed it was one of the most colorful and stirring shows it had ever put on.
CHICAGO, ILL. Sept. _ (ALNS) The United States will submit to the United Nations a program for international control of outer space to prevent earthbound military rivalry in the new stellar frontier, Keynote Speaker Henry Cabot Lodge told the 40th national convention at its opening session in Chicago on September 2.

Wearing his American Legion cap, the United States Ambassador to the United Nations made world-wide front page news as he outlined the instructions given him by President Eisenhower for presentation before the United Nations.

"President Eisenhower has instructed me," he announced to thousands of cheering Legionnaires, "to include the important and urgent subject of outer space at the next regular session of the General Assembly of the United Nations which meets in a few weeks."

He added: "The United States wants to see outer space used to enrich the lives of all people who live on this planet! We trust that our proposal will get the support of other nations and that, together we can move toward this goal with courage and vision of our early pioneers."

GIRL SCOUT ESCORT

Ambassador Lodge was escorted to the speakers' rostrum in the Chicago Stadium by two Girl Scouts, Mary Jane Hillstrom, 13, and Patty Bergen, both of Troop 96 of La Grange Park. Massed flags of the national colors were carried to the stage by scores of Chicago Boy Scouts.

The keynote speaker was introduced by National Commander John S. Gleason, Jr., as a record radio-television pool of all networks went on the air to bring the momentous highlights of the opening session to an estimated audience of more than 95,000,000 people in the Western hemisphere. The batteries of cameras were on top of a 15-foot steel tower set up facing the Stadium stage.

Current advances of science, Lodge pointed out, have opened one of the most challenging of new frontiers - the vastness of outer space.

"The universe through which our world travels each day has no national boundaries," he said ... No matter what happens, study and exploration of outer space will go on and will take man where no human being has gone before. This will affect every man, woman and child in the world - and can be to their great benefit. Our new space knowledge can be applied to medicine, to communications, to transportation and to many other useful fields. Progress in this field would be faster, cheaper and more efficient if all the nations concerned agreed to work together. Some practical program for international cooperation in the scientific and peaceful study and exploration of outer space must be set up. We will continue our efforts to reach agreements, consistent with our national security, which will increase the prospects that outer space will not be used for military purposes."
Nearly 700 resolutions poured into The American Legion's resolutions' assignment bureau at the 40th National Convention first to be screened by convention committees and later accepted or rejected by the 3,057 delegates.

This was about a 10 percent increase over the 620 resolutions referred to the 1957 National Convention.

Resolutions, mostly haling from department conventions of the past summer, were culled over, combined, consolidated, amended, rejected, approved, and generally boiled down to brief statements of policy to guide The American Legion during the coming year.

Some of the actions approved by the 40th National Convention included:

A request to the U.S. Government to create a special commission to study the knotty problem of equitable benefits for U.S. veterans who are now citizens of the Philippine Republic.

Opposition to extending veterans benefits to former members of the Merchant Marine.

Reiteration of a long-standing request that the Senate create a veterans affairs committee.

Approval of an amendment to the constitution of The American Legion which will "remove any doubt that each department must pay the registration fee for the total authorized delegate strength before such delegates are entitled to vote" at a National Convention.

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A petition to the President and Congress that Arlington National Cemetery be enlarged.

Bestowal of title of "Past national Commander with all of the privileges and rights pertaining to such office" upon Eric Fisher Wood, who, as vice chairman and secretary of the "committee of 20", signed and distributed the Call for the Paris Caucus, resulting in the establishment of The American Legion.

Request that the U.S. Post Office issue a stamp commemorating the 40th anniversary of the founding of The American Legion, March 15-17, 1919.

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The cobbler told himself to stick to his last at the 40th National Convention of The American Legion in Chicago, Sept. 1-4. Delegates unanimously adopted a resolution submitted by the Department of Montana asserting that "proposals for legislative action before the Congress of the U.S. be limited strictly to those which have a direct bearing upon the major programs of The American Legion, or are of concern to veterans and their dependents.

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Firing Squad

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Chorus
CHICAGO, Ill., Sept.______-(ALNS)--William J. Luddy, public relations man and editor of Detroit, Mich., was elected president of The American Legion Press Association at its annual meeting in the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago on August 31.

Vice presidents elected were Dr. Justin P. Carey, New Rochelle, N.Y.; Ben Chatfield, Macon, Ga.; Hermann A. Venige, Jeffersonville, Ind., and Chester K. Shore, of Helena, Montana.

Jack R. C. Cann, Indianapolis, Ind., was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and the retiring president, Ernest H. Talbot, Oaklyn, N. J., was named to the Executive Board of the Association.

The new officers were installed at the annual banquet at the Conrad Hilton Hotel that night.

BOX

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept.______-(ALNS)--Meet the new national champions of The American Legion as determined at the record contests at the 40th national convention here:

Senior Band .... Joliet, Ill., Post 5.

Junior Band .... Warren, Ohio, Post 278.

Senior Drum and Bugle Corps .... Caballeros of Hawthorne, N.J. Post 119.

Junior Drum and Bugle Corps .... Newark, N. J. Post 302.

Senior Color Guard ......... Kennebake, Ill., Post 85.

Junior Color Guard .......... Spectacle City Mariners of the South Milwaukee, Wis., Post 27.

Firing Squad .......... Commonwealth Edison Post 118, Chicago, Ill.

Chorus ........ Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Post 15.
American Legion after several hours of floor debate, turned down general pensions for war veterans by a roll call vote of 2,597 to 114.

After further lengthy discussion, the 3,057 delegates on another roll call rejected a resolution calling for recognition of chiropractors in VA Hospitals. The vote was 2,006 to 929.

The effect of these two roll call votes was to sustain, lock stock and barrel, the entire report of the Convention Rehabilitation Committee as submitted by Chairman Robert McCurdy of Pasadena, Cal., including all its recommendations both for adoption and rejection of resolutions. The actions came on September 3.

The pension roll call followed a floor debate on Pennsylvania Resolution 331 to liberalize existing disability pension rates to $75.00, $90.00 and $150.00 a month, provided that a veteran be considered to be permanently and totally disabled upon attaining the age of 65 and to raise the present income limitation from $1,100 to $1,800 for the single man and from $2,700 to $3,000 for the one with dependents. The Department of Illinois moved to substitute its resolution for the Pennsylvania resolution. The Illinois proposal, backed by Indiana and Kentucky, called for $100.00 a month for veterans who reached the age of 60 with no income limitations. The roll call vote sustained the Pennsylvania resolution.

Chiropractors Lose

The fight for the recognition of chiropractors revolved around Colorado Resolution 6. Colorado was supported by Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, Oregon, South Carolina and Texas. New York gave Resolution 6 all but three of its 218 votes. It also received a few scattered votes from other departments.

In adopting the rehabilitation report, the convention also sustained former VA Chief Harvey Higley in calling for a plateau of 125,000 operating beds in the VA system. Failure by the VA to attain this objective was laid on the Bureau of the Budget for its restrictive policy. Through its rehabilitation report, The American Legion called on the President, on the Congress and the administrator of veterans affairs to achieve an improved situation in the discharge of the government's obligation to its disabled veterans in need of medical and hospital care.
CHICAGO, Ill., Sept.____-(ALNS)---Exuding confidence in the present and future military position of this country, Defense Secretary Neil McElroy in addressing National Commander John S. Gleason's dinner to the distinguished guests of the 40th national convention of The American Legion in Chicago on September 23, asserted that the United States and its allies are strong enough today to win either a general or limited war and insure the survival of this nation.

More than 1,250 guests were at the dinner.

Secretary McElroy admitted the Soviet Union probably is ahead in the development of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) but asserted no more money is needed now for the American long-range ICBM program.

Scotching criticisms that Russia is better prepared for any type of combat than this country, Secretary McElroy declared:

"I can say to you with the fullest confidence that the United States is ahead of the Soviet Union in over-all military strength in being - in the here and now. Not only is this my judgment but it is the collective judgment of my principal military advisers - the joint chiefs of staff.

"We and our allies have great strength in being - as great as we need to cope with either a limited or general war situation. We aren't cocky or complacent. We simply feel that the armed forces of the United States are capable right now of insuring the security and survival of this nation!"
Pulitzer prize winning international reporter and combat correspondent for Scripps-Howard newspapers, received The American Legion's Fourth Estate award at the joint opening session of its 40th National Convention in Chicago September 3.

More than 6,500 Legionnaires were in the Chicago Stadium when ex-President Truman was escorted to the stage to the hearty cheers of the delegates and audience. There was a tremendous outburst of plaudits as President Truman entered the stadium and walked immediately into the heart of the assembly.

The first recipient of this newly created award recognizing outstanding public service by a representative of the nation's press, Lucas was honored for "his continuing, informative reporting of America's Armed Forces personnel and our nation's defense programs and policies."

National Commander John S. Gleason, Jr., of Chicago, presented the award to Lucas who then addressed the convention.

The former Marine Corps combat officer, who returned from Lebanon to receive the award, was nominated for The American Legion's top journalistic prize by a special committee of Legionnaire press representatives. The committee was named by The American Legion National Public Relations Division especially to consider the first winner of the new annual Fourth Estate award.

In selecting Jim Lucas as the first recipient of what it hopes will become one of the nation's most coveted journalistic awards, The American Legion named a reporter who has earned a nationwide reputation as well as many honors for his distinguished reporting. In addition to the Pulitzer prize, Lucas has won the first annual Scripps-Howard Ernie Pyle award, Long Island University's George Polk Memorial Award, the Korean "National Medal" and citation from the military services.

"We are in the missile age now," he said, "and it is important to understand (more)
CHICAGO, Ill. Sept._. --(ALNS)---Warning that Soviet Russia is preparing for war and seems to be willing to risk an atomic conflict, former President Harry S. Truman demanded an end "to playing politics" in national defense and foreign policy when he addressed the 40th national convention of The American Legion in Chicago on September 3.

More than 8,500 Legionnaires were in the Chicago Stadium when ex-President Truman was escorted to the stage to the hearty cheers of the delegates and visitors as batteries of television cameras recorded the event. He wore his American Legion cap bearing the number 21 of his post at Independence, Mo.

He swung immediately into the meat of his message.

"Our national defense, like our foreign policy, should not be on a partisan basis," he declared. Waiting for the applause to subside, he continued: "It should be based on the best judgment and the highest ideals of men of all parties. There are some men today in responsible positions who have a political stake in the national defense policies. I should like to urge them to lay aside personal political considerations and face the facts. Perhaps they have led the voters to believe they can really get a 'bigger bang for the buck'—that they can actually have a stronger defense for less money and with fewer men in uniform. But I ask them now, in the light of the very real crisis we face, to put an end to these misleading slogans. They result only in the wrong national policies."

Cites Present Danger

"The danger we face today is a very real one," the ex-President asserted and cited the decline in our military strength as compared today with 1953. He used specific statistics as to manpower, number of fighting planes, warships, submarines and guided missiles.

"We are in the missile age now," he said, "and it is important to understand
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what that means. There are offensive missiles that are the most terrible weapons man can imagine. These combined with manned bombers are our strategic deterrent. The big missiles fly through space and carry nuclear weapons to the heart of the enemy’s land. The Russians have missiles that can carry a nuclear warhead from their continent to ours. For the first time in this race of science, we are behind! We are also behind in the number and quality of shorter range missiles.

"There are defense missiles whose function is to knock the opponent’s bomber planes out of the air. Even jet planes are not fast enough to escape them. The Soviets have made great strides in developing these defensive missiles."

Truman referred to Russian building of submarines and warships.

"We on the other hand, while delaying this necessary modernization, have been reducing the number of men for defense," he emphasized. "This, to my mind, is another mistake!"

In conclusion he said:

"Some people are taking comfort in the thought that if the Soviets become superior to us in armed strength they will not bring on an atomic war. These people believe that the Russians are as much horrified by the thought of atomic war as we are. Perhaps this is true—but I doubt it. The Russians’ decisions are made within a ruthless dictatorship and we have had enough experience with dictators to know that they are neither reliable nor honest. The important thing is that the Russians do not actually have to use superior armed force to extend their conquests. It may be sufficient for them to have the superior force and to threaten to use it. The answer to these dangers is clear. We must have the strongest of defenses—we must surpass any potential enemy of the free world technologically to hold the free world together. This we can do . . . . Put the safety of the country first!"
The Caballeros of Hawthorne (N.J.) Post 119 of The American Legion became the new national champion drum and bugle corps in a glittering show in Soldier Field on August 31.

With dramatic precision, spiced with Spanish music, the Hawthorne Corps scored 93.78 of a possible 100 points to dethrone three-times-champion Skokie Indians of Skokie (Ill.) Post 320. After walking off with the crown in 1955, 1956 and 1957, Skokie placed third in the 1958 finals.

Second spot in the finals, viewed by 35,000 spectators, went to the Brigadiers of Syracuse (N.Y.) Post 1677, with a score of 92.16.

Known as the "world series" of drum and bugle corps, the annual parade of champions filled the huge stadium with the crashing rhythms of drums and cymbals and the blaring of bugles.

The colorful uniforms and intricate maneuvers drew repeated applause from the stands. It was estimated that uniforms, musical instruments and other equipment of the competing corps represented an investment of over $1,000,000.

Final scores of the 10 top corps who had forged their way to the grand finale follow:

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CHICAGO, Ill. Sept._—-(ALNS)—-The federal government was charged by
The American Legion in its 40th annual national convention here on September 3rd
with the task of the problem of the nation's aging population. The convention
urged the government to increase the interest rate to make it
competitive. The law fixes the rate at 5 1/2 percent. The resolution said
money is not available today at that rate.

CHICAGO, Ill. Sept._—-(ALNS)—-Three Legionnaires and one Auxiliary
member were the lucky winners at the 40th national convention of The American
Legion in Chicago in the 12th annual awards of new Ford convertibles by the three
Seagram Posts. They are California Post 958; Illinois Post 897 and New York Post
1283.

There were also cash awards of $250 to the posts and to the unit of which
the winners are members.

National Adjutant Emil A. Blackmore drew the names of the winners out of a
huge barrel at the ceremony during the 1958 national drum and bugle corps finals
in Soldier Field in Chicago on the night of August 31st while thousands watched.

The lucky winners were:

EMIL H. OSIER of Post 312, St. Charles, Mo., who was the only one present at
the drawing.

RAYMOND F. COOKE of Chicago, Ill., Post 1086.

FRANK J. KURIMAI of Post 16, Townshend (correct), Vermont.

MRS. DORIS W. RITCHIE, Unit 19, Laurel, Delaware.
CHICAGO, Ill. Sept. (ALNS) -- The federal government was charged by The American Legion in its 40th annual national convention here on September 3rd with a "lack of aggressiveness" in dealing with "insidious discrimination in the employment of older workers."

The criticism was contained in the report of the Convention Economic Committee submitted by Chairman Stanley M. Huffman of Ewing, Neb., which was adopted unanimously by the 3,057 delegates. The convention took note that The American Legion included an aging membership and it minced no words in approving several resolutions calling for government action to benefit the older workers.

One such measure urged that contractors on government projects be forbidden to fix an age limit on hiring. Another pointed out that in many states, counties and cities, able-bodied policemen are being assigned to such tasks as checking parking meters, collecting on toll roads and bridges and other light work. The resolution proposed that such jobs be given to disabled and older veterans and able-bodied policemen be released for more rigorous tasks.

The delegates also approved a resolution asking the government to fix "more realistic" limits on the interest rate on GI home loans. It proposed that a commissioner be appointed and given power to adjust the interest rate to make it competitive. The law fixes the rate at 4 3/4 percent. The resolution said money is not available today at that rate.
WHAT THEY SAID

George Meany, president, AFL-CIO: "We sometimes hear the question: How much defense can our economy stand? We should reverse the question. The real issue is: How much economy can our total defense stand?"

James Lucas, Scrips-Howard correspondent and recipient of The American Legion's first annual Fourth Estate Award: "In our preoccupation with the struggle against International Communism, we have overlooked the emergence of a third force, Arab Nationalism."

Sumner G. Whittier, administrator of veterans affairs: "I believe that the administrator of veterans affairs should continue to administer the Part III pension program as a separate pension system under the Veterans Administration, and that this program should not be moved or transferred to any other agency of government."
Convention Roundup Story

CHICAGO, Ill. Sept. ____.__-(ALNS)--Preston J. Moore, Stillwater, Oklahoma, attorney, was elected national Commander of The American Legion for 1958-59 as the climax of the 40th national convention in Chicago on September 14th.

He took over the reins of the world's largest veteran organization from Retiring Commander John S. Gleason, Jr., of Chicago, with a ringing pledge to carry out all the mandates given him by the 3,057 delegates and to spark a dynamic campaign to increase American Legion membership.

The 1958 national convention created world-wide news. Across its stages stepped a parade of internationally-famous celebrities whose messages rang around the world.

The American Legion treated Chicago to a spectacular 10-hour and 42-minute parade filled with music, color and rhythm. The national contests in Chicago were the largest since World War II and marked a rebirth of American Legion post pageantry.

Commanding coast-to-coast front page newspaper space and time on the air-ways were such historic personages as Ex-President Harry S. Truman, United States Ambassador to the United Nations Henry Cabot Lodge, Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy, James Lucas, famous foreign correspondent, AFL-CIO President George Meany and many others.

Spirited Election

Three candidates were nominated for the high office of national commander. They were Moore, Howard Kingdom of Conneaut, Ohio and Truman Wold of Fargo, N.Dak.

The roll call vote resulted as follows after Kingdom withdrew and threw Ohio's votes to Wold:

Moore - - - - 2,503 votes.

Wold - - - - 525 votes.

Kingdom - - - 28 (non-Ohio votes)

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Father John J. Twiss of Quincy, Mass., was unopposed for National Chaplain.

Seven candidates were nominated for the five National Vice Commander offices.

The final votes were:

James C. Bangs of Pocatello, Idaho ........ 2,929 (elected)
John Collins of Connellsville, Pa. .......... 2,675 ("")
Robert C. Smith of Springhill, La. ......... 2,856 ("")
James Kerrigan of Kansas City, Mo. ....... 2,951 ("")
Cartha D. DeLoach of Washington, D. C .... 2,798 ("")
Sax A. Kirk of Sisseton, South Dakota .... 323
Paul L. Aylward of Ellsworth, Kansas ..... 321

Other Elections


Forty and Eight - Raymond Marshall of Shamokin, Pennsylvania as new chef de chemin de fer.

Eight and Forty - Mrs. Constance Sundry of Blairsville, Pa., as La Chapeau.

Twenty and Four - Roselynn M. Caley of Menominee, Michigan, as national director VIP.

American Legion Founders Society - William H. McIntyre of New York City as president.

American Legion Press Association - William J. Luddy of Detroit, Michigan, as president.

Retreads, Inc. - R. E. Neal of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., as president.
Rehab Actions

The convention by a roll call vote after two hours of floor debate turned down general pensions for war veterans 2,597 to 1,144.

In another roll call vote of 2,006 to 929 the 3,057 delegates also rejected a resolution calling for VA recognition of chiropractors. This vote was preceded by a lengthy floor debate.

The effect of these two roll call votes was to sustain the entire report of the Convention Rehabilitation Committee on all its recommendations. These included resolutions calling for a plateau of 125,000 VA beds, scoring of the Budget Bureau for its restrictive policy and the demand on the President, Congress and VA chief to provide adequate medical and hospital care for veterans.

Economic Mandates

The convention by unanimous adoption of the report of the Convention Economic Committee took up the cudgel on behalf of jobs for older workers. The government was charged with lack of aggressiveness in dealing with the insidious discrimination in the employment of older workers. The convention asked that contractors on government projects be forbidden to fix an age limit on hiring. It also listed light assignments now given to state, county and city police officers which could be handled by older veterans thus releasing able-bodied officers for more arduous tasks. The delegates also asked that the administrator of veteran affairs be empowered to adjust the interest rate on VA home loans to make it competitive, so funds would become available.

Child Welfare

The American Legion under its new child welfare mandate as approved unanimously by the Chicago Convention, declared a new and intensified war to rid all community newsstands of obscene, lewd and pernicious literature. All American Legion Posts were urged to mobilize their home communities to prevent local sales of such objectionable literature.

In other child welfare actions the convention:

Called on all American Legion Posts everywhere to establish scholarships or achievement awards in the basic sciences for qualified students graduating from their hometown high schools.

Re-endorsed the Veterans Children Scholarship Act as provided in the Smathers Bill to set aside $100,000,000 of the proceeds from wartime seized enemy assets to set up a fund the income from which would be used for college scholarships for needy children of veterans.

Recommending that well-educated retired officers of the Armed Forces be enlisted as teachers in American schools to relieve the present shortage of instructors.

Foreign Relations

The American Legion in approving the report of the Convention Committee on Foreign Relations submitted by Chairman Rogers Kelley of Edinburg, Texas, pulled no punches in dealing with aggressive world Communism. The report said the Soviet Union continues to display a mania for world control with continuing resort to subversion, sabotage, conspiracy, murder and assassination; that the Reds have amassed the greatest concentration of enslaved people in all human history; that no agreements with the Communist war lords can ever be depended upon; that to accept the philosophy of co-existence with the Communist bloc would mean eventual American acceptance of Soviet aggression, enslavement of all the world and the denial of basic human rights.

The report condemned Russian atrocities in Hungary and the Communist conspiracy to take over the Middle East. It called for a practical and realistic policy by the United States in this area.

The delegates also reaffirmed American Legion all-out opposition to any American recognition of Red China or to its admission to the United Nations. The report also strongly opposed any relation of trade restrictions with Red China.

The convention emphasized American Legion support of the action of the United States in providing definite protection around the Formosa area.
The report expressed the unalterable opposition of The American Legion to world government or any kind of super government. It opposed granting of any military, economic or other aid to any Communist, Communist-supported or Communist-affiliated nation. It opposed any U.S. participation in any so-called summit meeting unless it is held within the framework of the United Nations.

The convention recommended loans to Latin American nations for public works projects; the investment of private American capital in the development of natural resources South of our border; and a genuine program of cultural interchange with all Latin Americans.

The convention reiterated its support of the so-called Bricker Amendment. It also supported the U.S. refusal to discontinue tests of atomic weapons.

**AMERICANISM**

Headlining the Americanism report approved by the Chicago Convention was the commendation and support accorded by The American Legion to the Conference of Chief Justices of the United States held at Pasadena, Cal., on August 20, 1958, which by a 36 to 8 vote took a stand against usurpation of states rights by the U.S. Supreme Court. This action was motivated only by peril to which American national security was exposed as the consequence of the recent decisions of the high tribunal setting aside on technical grounds the convictions of 59 Communist leaders in this country. This resolution commended the action of the Pasadena conference in calling for the "limitation of the immense and dominant power which the U.S. Supreme Court has usurped improperly by its illegal assumption of the legislative power of policy maker. It also commended Pennsylvania for its adoption of a mandatory course of study in its public schools teaching the U.S. Constitution, the principles of free, competitive capitalism and the dividends of self-government as opposed to the communist system. It also called on the Congress to enact necessary corrective legislation to revise numerous decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court wherein the Court has improperly assumed the role of legislative policy maker.
In its other major Americanism actions, the convention:

Requested the Congress to pass legislation preserving the integrity of FBI files.

Championed the late U. S. Senator Joseph McCarthy as a real American "whose vindication is brought about by the events of our own era."

Re-endorsed the Crusade for Freedom as an effective weapon against Red propaganda.

Protested all acts of violence against religious centers.

Re-affirmed American Legion policy on federal aid to education by declaring that the state and local governments ought to, can and should assume and adequately take care of all needs of public elementary and secondary schools and public institutions of higher learning; that the states and local communities have the financial capacities to meet these requirements; that the national government should avoid interference, control, supervision or direction in the state public schools systems; that under the U.S. Constitution each state is and should be vested with complete, sole and final authority and direction of its public education; and set forth that in certain specialized or restricted programs of a temporary duration, the federal government has the authority to maintain its own educational programs and appropriate funds for them but that this should not infringe on the rights or powers of the states or of local communities in the direction and control of educational systems.

Reaffirmed American Legion opposition to any attempts to weaken, destroy or repeal the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Naturalization Act.

 Renewed American Legion demand for a full-scale investigation by the U. S. Senate, the House, and the U. S. Attorney General of the American Civil Liberties Union in aiding and assisting known Communists and subversive organizations.
National Security

In its national security pronouncement, The American Legion in Chicago again spoke out boldly and realistically. In its new statement of policy, the convention strongly urged a halt to any cutbacks in the defense program and called for the use of every available means to finance the strongest military preparedness program possible.

The statement further declared:

"Today's weapons have literally collapsed space and time. Present conditions demand that this nation have in being trained and disciplined citizens organized in units ready for immediate use. We reaffirm our belief that such units and individuals can best be attained through a system of universal compulsory military training!"

It added further: "It is the conclusion of the Legion that the present structure of American Government is not adequate to meet the challenge of Communist conflict management. The Department of Defense is geared to the deterrence of all-out atomic war and the waging of limited war. The Department of State is oriented toward the conduct of orthodox diplomacy. But the Communists are making headway in the twilight zone that is neither hot war nor normal peace."

The convention therefore urged the creation of new agencies or departments with sufficient flexibility and scope to offset the multi-dimensional thrust of Soviet non-military conquest.

In other resolutions, the convention:
- Opposed any cutback in the defense program.
- Called for the creation of an adequate aircraft industry.
- Asked restoration of fringe benefits for Armed Forces personnel.
- Adopted numerous resolutions to strengthen the civil defense program.
- Again urged adoption of a single catalogue system for the Armed Services.
- Spelled out an 18-point program for assuring a strong, privately-owned American Merchant Marine.
LEGION NEWS IN A NUT SHELL

"Where we have posts active in doing unselfish things for their hometowns, there we have posts which are sound and progressive in their membership," newly-elected National Commander Preston J. Moore of The American Legion stated in outlining his membership plan for 1959.

National Commander Preston J. Moore of The American Legion has urged Secretary of State Dulles "to make crystal clear that the U. S. has no intention whatsoever of making any compromise with the arrogant rulers of Red China."

Roane Waring, 76, fighting National Commander of The American Legion in 1942-43, died suddenly following a heart attack in his home city of Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 10.

Dates of the annual series of fall meetings at National Headquarters of The American Legion in Indianapolis have been announced by National Adjutant E. A. Blackmore: National Executive Committee, Oct. 8-10; Conference of Department Commanders and Adjutants, Oct. 5-7; Congress of Uniformed Groups, Oct. 3-5; National Boys State Conference, Oct. 3-4.

The U. S. must not only be true to its democratic way, but it also must appear to be true to it in the eyes of the world, Gov. Luis Munoz Marin of Puerto Rico told delegates to The American Legion's 40th National Convention in Chicago, Sept. 1-4.

J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, was officially commended by action of the 40th National Convention of The American Legion, which also urged widest possible distribution of Hoover's book "Masters of Deceit" exposing the evils and pitfalls of Communism.

Patients in VA hospitals have received more than 30 cases of free cigarettes from the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. as a result of the operation of a booth by the tobacco firm at The American Legion's 40th National Convention.

Junior Baseball Teams sponsored by American Legion Posts of Greenwood, S. C., and Cincinnati, O., were winners in the opening round of play in the Junior World's Series in Colorado Springs on Sept. 9 and 10.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHICAGO (ALNS)—Community service through each of The American Legion's nearly 17,000 posts is the aim of Preston J. Moore, newly elected National Commander.

Appearing at a membership breakfast at the Palmer House here on Sept. 5, less than 24 hours after his election at the closing session of the 40th National Convention, National Commander Moore spelled out his American Legion credo.

"Coming from the grass roots level of our organization," he said, "I know that where we have posts active in doing unselfish things for their hometowns, there we have posts which are sound and progressive in their membership."

**Community Service Broadside**

He announced that the new, nation-wide emphasis on community service was being kicked off with a special poster to be mailed to every post.

Commander Moore spoke from his experience as a former commander of a college campus post (Thomas C. Reynolds Post 303 at the University of Oklahoma, Norman), where extensive programs for GI college students and the community had boosted membership from 300 to more than 1,000.

"I have but one objective - one goal for the months ahead," he stated.

"It is for all echelons of our organization - the posts, the districts, the departments and the national organization - to conduct all of the affairs of The American Legion in a manner that will attract and hold in membership a maximum number of those veterans who served honorably in World War I, World War II and the Korean Conflict."

**Three Target Dates**

But while community service is to be the central theme for the year, Commander Moore let it be known that good works alone will not build a healthy membership.

MORE
Enrollment of membership necessary to sustain the many service programs requires a well-planned and aggressively directed program.

Pointing out that prolonged membership drives have little value, the new Legion chieftain set three target dates with specific goals for each.

**No Goose Eggs by Nov. 11**

Veterans Day, Nov. 11, is the first membership target date. To give a boost to early 1959 enrollment, Commander Moore announced a series of awards for the departments which have the highest percentage of posts reporting some 1959 membership to National Headquarters by Saturday, Nov. 15.

For the early membership campaign, departments will be competing with each other in five categories - departments of 500 or more posts; 300 to 499; 150 to 299; under 150; and foreign. Commanders of winning departments in each of the five classes are to receive awards on the platform of the 41st National Convention in Minneapolis-St. Paul next fall.

Aim of the early campaign is to eliminate all goose-egg posts by Veterans Day.

**Other Membership Dates**

Two other wind-up dates for membership campaigns and the specific goals of each, as set forth by Commander Moore, are:

Dec. 31, 1958 - to enroll all 1958 American Legionnaires and former members for 1959 before the end of 1958 so that they may qualify for a full year's protection under the low-cost life insurance plan.

March 15-17, 1959 - to observe the 40th anniversary of the founding of The American Legion by enrolling a record-breaking membership in each post by the time of the Legion birthday.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS (ALNS)—A broad hint that the State Department was ready to make concessions to the Red Chinese in the Formosa Strait’s crisis in return for an ephemeral promise to put their guns away brought an immediate reaction from The American Legion.

In a statement issued on Sept. 10, newly elected National Commander Preston J. Moore of Stillwater, Okla., urged Secretary of State Dulles “to make crystal clear that the U.S. has no intention whatsoever of making any compromise with the arrogant rulers of Red China.”

“It is difficult to believe”, Commander Moore said, “that after a quarter century of broken promises by Communists, the head of the Department of State could seriously consider any bargaining with Communism based upon a promise of future good faith.

Other points of Far East policy urged by the Legion head were that the U.S. should “not restrain Chiang Kai-Shek while Red China moves into the offshore islands,” that we should continue to oppose Red China’s admission to the U.N., and that “on the basis of the past record, the U.S. will put no trust into any agreement or promise by Red China which we ourselves cannot enforce.”

At the same time, National Adjutant E. A. Blackmore gave assurances that there had been no weakening of The American Legion position on Red China. In reply to an inquiry from Marvin Liebman, secretary of the Committee of One Million against the Admission of Red China to the United Nations, Blackmore wired:

“Recent National Convention of The American Legion renewed Legion opposition to admission of Red China to U.N., or granting it diplomatic recognition. American Legion will not retreat from its position and will vigorously oppose minority efforts to weaken our country’s defense against Communism.”
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (ALNS) -- Roane Waring, 76, the fighting national commander of The American Legion during the wartime year of 1942-43, died of a sudden heart attack in a doctor's office in Memphis on September 9.

Commander Waring was elected to the highest American Legion office by the 24th national convention in Kansas City, Missouri, on September 21, 1942. He immediately leaped into the national limelight with a series of fiery addresses in which he counselled the nation to "Get Tough and Stay Tough!" to win the war and to win the peace. He demanded that incompetents and misfits in high positions of wartime leadership be weeded out ruthlessly and strong, able and tough men be put in their place.

**Fighter Always**

Commander Waring hewed to the mark and let the chips fall where they might in giving The American Legion a fearless wartime leadership.

He toured the fighting front in North Africa. Upon his return in a report to the nation, he kicked the lid off American casualties, declaring the people should not be left in the dark on such vital matters.

He demanded the firing squad for wartime strikers as traitors.

He blasted Harvard University for permitting Harry Bridges to speak on its campus.

He condemned the government's anti-trust suit against The Associated Press as paving the way for control of the press.

Waring served as a Lieutenant Colonel and assistant Chief of Staff of G-3 of the 33rd Division in the AEF in World War I.

Remaining active in American Legion affairs, Waring served on the foreign relations committee of the 40th national convention in Chicago.

Attending the funeral as representatives of the National Organization of The American Legion were Past National Commanders John Stelle of McLeansboro, Ill., and James F. O'Neil of New York City, and newly-elected National Vice Commander Robert C. Smith of Springhill, La.
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INDIANAPOLIS (ALNS)—Plans for The American Legion's second national Congress of Uniformed Groups to be held at National Headquarters in Indianapolis on Oct. 3-5, 1958 have been announced by Louis R. Shealy of Anniston, Ala., chairman of the National Contests Supervisory Committee.

Purpose of the meeting is to receive the recommendations of drum and bugle corps, bands and other uniformed groups as to needed changes in rules and scoring procedures at national convention competition. It will also make plans for furthering participation of American Legion Posts in all music and marching activities.

Attendance was expected to reach about 200, including representatives of American Legion musical and marching units, department chairmen of music and uniformed groups, and members of the National Contests Supervisory Committee.

Shealy stated that the Congress had been called at this time at the request of many units which had competed in contests at The American Legion's 40th National Convention in Chicago, Sept. 1-4.

The first Congress of Uniformed Groups was held at National Headquarters April 11-13, 1958, and initiated a number of rule changes which smoothed the operation of contests at this year's National Convention, Shealy said.

"The second Congress has been called at the very beginning of the new Legion year for two reasons," the contest chairman explained.

"First, we'll get the recommendations of the competing corps while the experiences of this year's contests are still fresh in everyone's mind.

"More important, those recommendations which are approved can be passed on to the National Executive Committee at its meeting Oct. 8-10. In this way, any rule changes or altered procedures will be known a full year in advance of the next contests."

A banquet for those attending the Congress is scheduled on the evening of October 4.

Greenwood defeated Everett, Mass., 12 to 11 in a hard-fought opener in this year's series, that went to 10 innings before it was decided.

The second game of the series was delayed one day by rain.

It was played on September 10th with Cincinnati and Billings, Montana, crossing bats. Cincinnati won 5 to 2.

The series, annual climax of American Legion Junior Baseball, is on a double loss elimination basis. Loss of two games puts a team out.

More than 17,000 teams started play in the 1958 American Legion Junior Baseball Season, establishing a new high in this greatest of all organized teen-age sports program. The number of all participating players this year was estimated by Lou Brissie, former big league pitcher, now American Legion Junior Baseball Commissioner, at nearly one million.

TIPTON, Ind. (ALNS)—Charles Sturdevant Post 16 of The American Legion at Tipton has come forward to dispute the claim of Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post 1 of Denver, Colo., to having the champion Legionnaire grandfather.

Entrant of the Hoosier post in the grandpa derby is Paul H. Graham, Sr., who now has 27 grandchildren, not counting two step grandchildren. Graham, who is a past northern vice commander of the Indiana Department, topped the 22-grandchildren-record of Denver Legionnaire James F. Jordan.

Resolution 57, adopted by the convention, cited Hoover "for his great service to the American people in writing 'Masters of Deceit,' which simply and succinctly exposed the fallacies of Communism and will go far toward alerting the American people to the inherent dangers, dubious manipulations and lulling tactics." The resolution also urged widest possible distribution of the book, including to schools and public libraries.

CHICAGO (ALNS)—Patients in VA hospitals received more than 30 cases of cigarettes free from Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., following the Legion National Convention.

The cigarettes were "won" by Legionnaires who visited the booth of the tobacco company at the 40th National Convention of The American Legion in Chicago, Sept. 1-4, and were sent in their names to the VA hospital selected by them.

CHICAGO (ALNS)—Gov. Luis Munoz Marin of Puerto Rico told the 40th National Convention of The American Legion here Sept. 1-4, that the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is a geographical and cultural link to the United States in the Latin-American World, as well as a "psychological outpost in the underdeveloped world."

Legionnaires were reminded that the U. S. must not only be true to its own democratic way but it must also appear to be true to it in the eyes of the world.

"The wave of the future is not tyranny. It is liberty, human dignity and hope for a decent life," he said. "When it becomes unmistakably clear in other developing countries, as in Puerto Rico, that this is what the United States stands for, international Communism will not only cease to be able to confuse or seduce anyone no matter how poor, but a new sense of hope will surge through the troubled millions from Siam to Honduras."

Referring to criticism of the United States for having found itself giving the appearance of supporting certain dictators abroad, the governor stated that this nation can make it clear in the eyes of all people that it does not take dictators to its bosom and does not assist them in oppressing and exploiting their people.

INDIANAPOLIS (ALNS)—Immediately following The American Legion’s 40th National Convention in Chicago, Sept. 1-4, National Headquarters here began readying plans for the annual series of fall meetings, expected to bring 500 or more key Legionnaires to Indianapolis.

Dates of meetings announced by National Adjutant E. A. Blackmore were: Congress of Uniformed Groups, Oct. 3-5; National Boys State Conference, Oct. 3-4; Conference of Department Commanders and Adjutants, Oct. 5-7; National Executive Committee, Oct. 8-10.
LEGION NEWS IN A NUT SHELL

Bentley Post 50 won its fifth American Legion Junior Baseball national championship on Sept. 13 by defeating Everett, Mass., 12-1, in the sixth game of the "Little World Series" at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Widows and orphans of thousands of deceased reservists will receive back benefits under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act, ranging to as much as $3,150, as the result of a favorable ruling by the Employees' Compensation Appeals Board after two years of legal work by The American Legion.

Vigorous support of President Eisenhower's stand against Red China in the Formosa Strait's crisis has been voiced by National Commander Preston J. Moore of The American Legion.

More than 685,000 Korean Conflict veterans who now have non-convertible GI term insurance will be able to change their policies into a permanent plan under a law passed by the last session of Congress, the VA has announced.

Cleveland, Ohio, has entered a bid for The American Legion National Convention in 1961.

The American Legion, along with other civic and fraternal organizations, participated in the annual observance of Constitution-Citizenship Day, Sept. 17.

Co-op ad mats for the promotion of AL (American Legion) Weeks, Oct. 20 to Nov. 11, are available from Membership and Post Activities Division, The American Legion, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis 6, Indiana.

Here's the heavy fall schedule of important American Legion dates:

- Oct. 3-4, National Boys State Conference, Indianapolis
- Oct. 3-5, National Congress of Uniformed Groups, Indianapolis
- Oct. 4, National Commander's Homecoming, Stillwater, Okla.
- Oct. 5-7, National Conference of Department Commanders and Adjutants, Indianapolis
- Oct. 6-7, Meetings of National Committees and Commissions, as called, Indianapolis
- Oct. 8-10, National Executive Committee, Indianapolis
- Nov. 4, Election Day - Get Out The Vote!
- Nov. 9-15, American Education Week
- Nov. 11, National Veterans Day Observance, Indianapolis
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (ALNS)—Bentley Post 50 of Cincinnati won its second consecutive and fifth junior baseball national championship by defeating Everett, Mass., 12-1 in the sixth game of The American Legion Little World Series on Sept. 13.


The first bonus-baby to come out of the 1958 tournament was Jerry Walters, star pitcher of Billings, who signed with the Cleveland Indians immediately following the tourney for what was reported to be "a sizable bonus."

Picked as the player of the year was James Kiebler of Greenwood, S. C. Scott Seger of the Championship Cincinnati club was named to receive the American Legion Sportsmanship Award. Kenneth Peters, also of Cincinnati, won the Louisville Slugger National Batting Championship Award with a sizzling .420 average.

Cincinnati’s outstanding defensive play was the prominent factor in their retaining the national championship. Major League scouts classed the Greenwood, S. C., team as the hardest hitting club seen in the national finals in many years. Loose play in the field was responsible for both of their losses.

The only previous team to win two consecutive national championships was Oakland, Calif., in 1949 and 1950.

The championship Bentley team will be guests of The American Legion at the first two World Series games on October 1 and 2.
WASHINGTON (ALNS)---Widows and orphans of thousands of deceased reservists are due to receive back benefits which in some cases will run as high as $3,150. They are the wives and children of reservists who died while on active military duty between Sept. 8, 1945, and Jan. 1, 1957.

Lump sum payments are to be made under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act as the result of a decision rendered by the U. S. Labor Department's Employees' Compensation Appeals Board. Actual payments await the setting up of the necessary administrative machinery.

The ruling of the board upheld the position of The American Legion, which had supported claims brought in two test cases before the Bureau of Employees' Compensation in 1956. These cases concerned the widow and two children of Air Force Major Samuel Castleberry of Salinas, Calif., and the widow of Navy Lt. J. G. Thomas P. O'Brien of Glens Falls, N. Y.

The Appeals Board previously had ruled in favor of the claimants by concluding that the six months' death gratuity paid by the Department of Defense was not similar in nature to the compensation benefits payable under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act. The ruling noted that the one payment is a lump sum intended to take care of the immediate, extraordinary, transitional expenses and the other a periodic payment to be used for the support of the family.

In its final ruling, the Appeals Board noted that at a prior session of Congress the director of the Bureau of Employees' Compensation had testified to the House Select Committee on Survivor's Benefits concerning the practice of postponing benefits for six months because of the death gratuity. The board concluded that "the fact that the bureau's practice was revealed to the Congress cannot validate the practice for which there was no support in law."

The bureau had consistently denied the request of claimants for benefits covering the first six months following death of reservists on the ground that since the Armed Services continue military pay for six months after an in-service death, compensation could not begin until then from the bureau. This practice had been followed for all cases involving the deaths of reservists in active duty between Sept. 8, 1945, and Jan. 1, 1957. Affected were a considerable number of families of servicemen who died during the Korean Conflict.

Following this denial by the bureau, the National Economic Division of The American Legion filed appeals based on the contention that the six months' military pay was a gratuity having no bearing on the Compensation Act benefits. A favorable decision was rendered by the Appeals Board on Oct. 23, 1957. However, the Bureau of Employees' Compensation filed a petition for a reconsideration of the decision, and a rehearing was held on Feb. 21, 1958.

It was the decision on the rehearing, which again upheld the arguments of the Legion's Economic Division, which has now been announced and will soon bring about the payment of back benefits to claimants. It has been indicated unofficially that the bureau will make an automatic review of all cases affected. Individuals who may be concerned by the new ruling may contact local American Legion service officers for further information.
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INDIANAPOLIS (ALNS)—Vigorous American Legion support for President Eisenhower's stand against further Communist aggression in the Formosa area was voiced by National Commander Preston J. Moore of The American Legion. At the same time, Commander Moore urged "definite protection of strategic islands there" (Quemoy and Matsu).

Speaking at a press conference at National Headquarters here on Sept. 15, Moore said, "The United States must act quickly through diplomatic or other channels to silence the Red artillery before the islands are shelled into submission."

Citing resolutions adopted at the 40th National Convention, he said Matsu and Quemoy were more than military outposts. "They are the symbol of America's will to resist further Communist military aggression," he asserted.

The press conference was one of the highlights of the National Commander's first official visit to National Headquarters here following his election at the 40th National Convention in Chicago, Sept. 1-4.

While his remarks on the Formosa crisis made headline news, Commander Moore made it clear that his administration would center its attention on the Legion's basic programs of rehabilitation, child welfare and Americanism, as well as national security.

He characterized as "bold and courageous" the action of the National Convention in overwhelmingly rejecting "an outright pension for World War I veterans regardless of need." Liberalization of the present Part III Pension law, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the National Convention, is a primary goal this year, he said.

With regard to local Legion activity, Commander Moore said, "It will be my purpose this year to encourage every American Legion Post to expand and improve its efforts to make its community a better place in which to live. We are going to dedicate ourselves to serving our fellow-citizens."
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STILLWATER, Okla. (ALNS)—This Oklahoma city of 20,000 is readying a gala homecoming for its most distinguished son - The American Legion's new National Commander, Preston J. Moore, on Oct. 4. Hundreds of Legionnaires, leaders of business, and high government officials are expected to take part in the festivities honoring the 38-year-old attorney who now heads the world's largest veterans' organization.

Plans include a parade, old style western barbecue, and a homecoming ball which will feature the Jimmy Dorsey band.

INDIANAPOLIS (ALNS)—The American Legion will hold its national observance of Veterans Day, Nov. 11, in the Legion's own National Headquarters city - Indianapolis, it has been announced by National Commander Preston J. Moore.

Under the rotation system which has been in operation for the past three years, major veterans' organizations take turns in heading November 11 ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, just outside Washington, D.C. Organizations not responsible for the Arlington observance hold their national ceremonies at other centers throughout the nation.

Last year The American Legion's national Veterans Day ceremonies were at Birmingham, Ala.

WASHINGTON, (ALNS)—More than 585,000 Korean Conflict veterans will soon be able to convert their previously non-convertible term GI insurance to permanent GI policies, the Veterans Administration has announced. Conversion of the policies, which are identified by the letters "RS", was authorized by Public Law 85-896.

The maximum amount of the new-type insurance will be limited in each case by the face amount of the veteran's present "RS" policy. Types of permanent insurance to be available are ordinary life, 20-pay life, 30-pay life, 20-year endowment, endowment at age 60, and endowment at age 65.

The new policies will not yield dividends, the VA noted. For complete information, Korean veterans should check with the nearest VA office or their local American Legion service officer.

BRISTOL, Va.—The Monroe Calculating Machine Company of Bristol, Va., has been selected to receive The American Legion's national Employ the Handicapped Award, it has been announced by Clarence W. Bird, national economic director of The American Legion.

One employee in each state is picked to receive the award annually in recognition of outstanding contributions to the employment of the physically handicapped, particularly war-disabled veterans.
CHICAGO (ALNS)—A bid to hold The American Legion’s 1961 National Convention in Cleveland has been received by the Legion’s National Convention Commission.

Past Commander Vincent J. Gallagher of Ohio’s 13th District, appeared before the commission on behalf of the Ohio city during the 40th National Convention in Chicago, Sept. 1-4. Cleveland hosted the national conclave in 1920 and 1936.

Gallagher pledged 4,700 first-class hotel rooms and the use of the Cleveland Public Hall for convention sessions and the Cleveland Stadium for contests. He submitted statistics to show that 1,250,000 Legionnaires reside within a 500-mile radius of Cleveland.

SHREVEPORT, La. (ALNS)—Love-McFarlane Post 14 of The American Legion at Shreveport, presently ranking fifth in size among all posts, is shooting for the number one spot by Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 1958.

The formal challenge, which was issued by Post Commander Neckley Ferris on the floor of the 40th National Convention in Chicago, was promptly accepted by Len Smith, membership chairman of Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post 1 of Denver, Colo., which on June 30 was the world’s largest.

Smith upped the Shreveport challenge by betting his shirt that Denver would be not only first but would have twice the advance 1959 membership of its nearest rival by the Nov. 11 target date.

This was too much for Omaha Post 1, which for many years had held the title of world’s largest until being bumped into second spot by its Denver rival. Dr. Floyd Painter, Omaha commander, eagerly accepted both challenges. Somebody is going to be shirtless on Veterans Day.
WASHINGTON (ALNS)—Heading The American Legion's annual observance of Citizenship and Constitution Day on Sept. 17 was Past National Commander George N. Craig, former governor of Indiana. Craig was a principal speaker at ceremonies at the Washington Monument here.

The program, which was sponsored by civic, fraternal and religious groups in the greater Washington area, inaugurated a three-day national conference on citizenship. The governors of the 13 original states, escorted by Boy and Girl Scouts carrying their state flags, participated in a wreath-laying ceremony.

Purpose of the Constitution-Citizenship Day observance is to give recognition to the two million young men and women reaching voting age each year as well as all newly naturalized citizens.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (ALNS)—A unique contribution to The American Legion's "Get Out the Vote" program has been made by St. Petersburg (Fla.) Post 14.

At a special meeting at the post home, Commander Richard Simmons presented candidates for major offices on both tickets. Candidates for U. S. senator, representative, sheriff and party chairman were granted equal time to make brief statements on their platforms and qualifications.

In his opening remarks, Get-Out-The Vote Chairman Robert A. Francis pointed out the value of a single vote. He stated that the ballot box was "our best weapon" for preserving American freedom.
WASHINGTON (ALNS)---The 1960 census will count the number of living veterans of America's wars, The American Legion has been advised.

In a letter to John J. Corcoran, national rehabilitation director of The American Legion, the Census Bureau reported that details concerning war-veteran status and accompanying instructions have been worked out in cooperation with the Veterans Administration. The census will definitely include an inquiry on service in World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, and other periods of military service.

This measure was urged in a resolution (No. 38) adopted by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion at its May 1958 meeting.

The Census Bureau stated that, while past population counts have failed to turn up the number of veterans indicated by other sources, "we hope that revisions in the inquiry and instructions to enumerators relating to veteran status, together with increased public awareness of the importance of the inquiry, will yield more satisfactory information on veterans in the 1960 census.

ATHENS, Greece (ALNS)---With 775 members reported to National Headquarters by Sept. 1, the Athen (Greece) Post of The American Legion has won the distinction of being the largest outlying post.

The post, which is headed by Commander Leander Cominos, has already started work on its 1959 membership campaign.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (ALNS)---William A. Kitchen, past commander (1934-35) of the Missouri American Legion, died here Sept. 9. He was currently serving as a member of the National Housing Committee of The American Legion.
Oklahoma’s first National Commander of The American Legion, Preston J. Moore, is to be feted in a mammoth homecoming celebration at Stillwater, on Oct. 4.

The series of meetings to be held at National Headquarters of The American Legion from Oct. 3 to 10 has been called the biggest and most important in many years.

Just before Hoyt Wilhelm of the Baltimore Orioles pitched his classic 1-0 no-hit, no-run victory over the New York Yankees on Sept. 20, he and other graduates of American Legion Junior Baseball on both teams received certificates from Maryland Commander John O. Chilcote during pre-game ceremonies observing Legion Day at Baltimore’s Municipal Stadium.

AL Weeks, Oct. 20 to Nov. 11, will kick off the first phase of The American Legion’s 1959 membership campaign with a target of the maximum re-enrollment of 1958 members in all posts by Veterans Day.

Individual Legionnaires who can meet the liberal physical requirements can get American Legion life insurance without the necessity of having 75 percent of their post sign up, it has been emphasized by National Headquarters.

The VA has announced that it will receive bids for a new 1,000-bed neuropsychiatric hospital to be constructed at Brecksville, Ohio.

The Department of the Philippines set an all-time high in American Legion membership on Sept. 16 with an enrollment of 2,259.

The American Legion and Auxiliary of New Jersey have turned over to the VA hospital at Lyons a $125,000 Memorial Amphitheatre, constructed and paid for by the veterans’ organization and its auxiliary.

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Advertising mats on American Legion Life Insurance Plan are available on request from Insurance Department, The American Legion, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis 6, Ind. Mats have been prepared in three sizes: 2-col. x 20 inches; 3 col. x 9 inches; 5 col. x 1¼ inches. When requesting, specify size wanted.

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FOR RELEASE OCT. 4, 1958, OR AFTER

STILLWATER, Okla. (ALNS)—October 4, 1958, is a day which will be written large in the annals of this thriving central Oklahoma community of 20,000. It is the day the local citizenry was joined by thousands of other Oklahomans as well as visitors from all over the United States in a mammoth homecoming celebration for the first Sooner National Commander of The American Legion - Stillwater's own Preston J. Moore.

Festivities opened on Friday night, Oct. 3, with the fanfare and skysweeping searchlights of a Hollywood movie's world premiere at the Leachman Theatre. The following morning, beginning at 11:00 a.m., visitors were treated to a Western-style chicken barbecue at the Oklahoma State University football field.

Serving as honorary co-chairmen of the homecoming were Oklahoma’s two senators, A. S. Mike Monroney of Oklahoma City and Robert S. Kerr of Poteau. The hundreds of details in planning and carrying out the celebration were handled by 23 separate committees, including one on Indian participation.

Other committees were responsible for a two-hour parade beginning at 1:30 p.m., a reception from 4:00 to 5:30 at the Student Union Building of Oklahoma State University, a dinner for distinguished guests and visitors in the ball room of the same building at 6:15, and, winding up the big day, a grand ball at 9:00 p.m. to the music of Jimmy Dorsey’s band.

For two weeks before the homecoming Frontier 2-4422 was probably the most popular telephone number in the state. This was the number of the homecoming headquarters, where a battery of phones brought calls for housing, transportation and special information concerning the many activities.

Even before things had settled down to normal in Stillwater, Commander Moore was on his way to Indianapolis for the annual series of fall meetings at National Headquarters, which would map Legion activities in the coming year.
INDIANAPOLIS (ALNS)—National Headquarters of The American Legion was ready-
ing itself at the end of September for one of the biggest and most important series of fall meetings in its 40-year history.

To be climaxed by the Oct. 3-10 meeting of the National Executive Committee (the Legion's policy-making body between National Conventions), the schedule included the annual conference of department commanders and adjutants on Oct. 5-7, a national Boys State conference on Oct. 3-4, the second annual congress of uniformed groups on Oct. 3-5, and meetings of many national commissions and committees, Oct. 6-7.

National Commander Preston J. Moore will preside at the meeting of the National Executive Committee. He will fly to Indianapolis from a festive homecoming celebration staged in his honor by his fellow townsmen of Stillwater, Okla. on Oct. 4.

Convention Pageantry

Some 200 representatives of drum and bugle corps, bands, and other uniformed groups were expected to take part in the second congress of uniformed groups, opening in the Indiana Department Headquarters on Friday, Oct. 3. Sessions are to continue through Oct. 5.

Boys State News

How to help the news media cover Boys State will be discussed at the Boys State Conference by Irving Leibowitz, columnist and assistant managing editor of the Indianapolis Times. Leibowitz is a member of Broad Ripple Post 312 of the American Legion in Indianapolis.

About 80 representatives of Boys States were expected to take part in the conference, which will get under way at 10:00 a.m., Friday, Oct. 3, in the NEC room at National Headquarters. Also slated to talk on a plan for the participation of
representatives of the Civil Service Commission in Boys States was Harris Ellsworth, chairman of the Commission.

**Program To Be Outlined**

The year's program of each major American Legion commission and committee made up the agenda for the annual conference of department commanders and adjutants, meeting in the National Executive Committee room at Headquarters from Sunday, Oct. 5, until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7.

Also slated to be shown at the Tuesday session was the new American Legion movie "We Who Serve," Plans for distribution and effective use of the 30-minute film were to be discussed by William R. Burke, public relations chairman, James V. Day, public relations director, and George Rulon, director of membership and post activities.

It was announced that the annual Stelivos dinner would be held at the Indianapolis Athletic Club on Monday evening, Oct. 6.

**NEC To Set Budget**

The National Executive Committee, meeting on Oct. 8-10, was scheduled to hear reports from commission chairmen and to set the 1959 budget for the operation of the National Organization. National Commander Moore announced the appointment of E. Roy Stone of Greenville, S. C., as chairman of the NEC subcommittee on resolutions, and Alfred P. Chamie of San Francisco, Calif., as chairman of the subcommittee on committees.

Announcement was also made that Sumner G. Whittier, administrator of veterans affairs, would address the Legion's policy-making body at 11:35 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 8. Another highlight of the NEC meeting was to be the presentation of a special Americanism award to the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Chain. The award was authorized by the 40th National Convention.
BALTIMORE (ALNS)—The Baltimore Orioles may have found the formula for winning next year's American League Pennant, when on Sept. 20 Pitcher Hoyt Wilhelm and his famous knuckle ball won a no-hit, no-run, 1-0 victory from the New York Yankees.

The formula could be to hold an American Legion Day at every home game and have the Department of Maryland present certificates to all players who are graduates of Legion Junior Baseball. At least this was the system that worked to perfection at Baltimore's Municipal Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Prior to Wilhelm's Hall-of-Fame performance against the mighty Yankees, Department Commander John O. Chilcote presented certificates to all players on both clubs who had played Legion Junior Ball. The recognition didn't help the Yankees, but the Orioles responded in story-book fashion.

Thirty-five-year-old Wilhelm parked his citation in the dug-out, took the mound, and made baseball history. His battery mate, Catcher Gus Triandos, also an ex-Legion junior baseballer, not only caught Wilhelm's vagrant knuckle balls, but blasted a home run to give the Orioles their victory.

As a treasured reminder of this American Legion Day, Department Adjutant Dan Burkhardt has on display at Maryland Headquarters the ball thrown out by Commander Chilcote to start the historic game. It was returned to the paralyzed World War II veteran autographed by every Oriole.

Among the many Legionnaires expected to see this momento in future years are members of Parkville Post 183, in suburban Baltimore. Odds are they'll be looking for the signature of one of their fellow members - Gus Triandos.
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INDIANAPOLIS (ALNS)—American Legion Posts all over the country are putting final touches to their plans for the celebration of AL (American Legion) Weeks, Oct. 20 to Nov. 11. The aim is to build up enthusiasm for the new Legion year with a grand round-up on Veterans Day of advance dues for 1959.

National Commander Preston J. Moore set Oct. 1 as "all clear" date in the national drive to orbit to new membership highs in 1959. By that date every post has been urged to have the first statement of dues in the mail to all 1958 members.

The "blast off" comes on Oct. 20, the beginning of AL Weeks and of intensive membership promotion. Veterans Day is the first target date in the 1959 campaign.

Commander Moore has announced a series of awards for commanders and adjutants of departments with the highest percentage of posts turning in some 1959 membership by Nov. 11. "Let's eliminate all goose-egg posts by Veterans Day with an all-out drive to re-enroll former members by that date," says George Rulon, national membership director.

TRENTON, N.J. (ALNS)—The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary of New Jersey have turned over to the VA Hospital at Lyons a new $125,000 Memorial Amphitheatre for the use of mental patients at the 2,000 bed facility.

Funds to build the big, outdoor theatre were raised entirely by the New Jersey Legion and Auxiliary. It includes seating accommodations for 2,500, cinemascope screen, and complete facilities for theatrical entertainment, boxing bouts and other amusements.

The amphitheatre was dedicated at special ceremonies on Sept. 6. During the 1930's, the New Jersey American Legion raised $75,000 to build a cathedral at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station for religious use by service personnel at the base.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS (ALNS)—Most Legionnaires can get American Legion Life insurance without waiting for 75 percent of the membership of their post to apply.

As a matter of fact, at the end of September with more than 32,000 policies in force, representing a coverage of $88 million, not one post had yet reached the 75 percent level. According to Lawrence M. Fornia, life insurance supervisor at National Headquarters, the 75 percent provision is the most misunderstood feature of the whole plan.

"Somehow, many Legionnaires have the erroneous idea that they can't buy Legion life insurance until 75 percent of the post's membership applies," Fornia said. "This idea is completely wrong. A Legionnaire who can meet the liberal physical requirements of the insurance plan can get insurance even if no other member of his post applies."

The confusion arose from a rule in the insurance plan which provides that in certain cases, Legionnaires who would otherwise not be insurable may be insured under the plan if 75 percent of the post's membership takes out the insurance.

By mid-September over $20,000 in death claims had been paid, and the Insurance Department was readying plans for mailing renewal notices for 1959 to all insured members.

WARREN, Ohio (ALNS)—A new insight into the value of music competition at The American Legion National Convention has come from Robert A. Wellington, president of the Warren (Ohio) Junior Military Band.

"The American Legion national competition for junior bands provides a challenge and inspiration to the youth we serve," Wellington said. He added that the junior band had graduated some 3,300 young musicians without ever having a single case of juvenile delinquency in the group.
SAW DIEGO, Calif. (ALNS)—F. Carl Sherwood, a 40-year-member of San Diego Post 201 of The American Legion, has already made sure that he will maintain his continuous record, first set in 1941, of enrolling at least 100 members per year. Sherwood has already credited to his efforts 105 new or renewal members for 1959.

COLUMBIANA, Ohio (ALNS)—Benjamin Firestone Post 290 of The American Legion here placed public goodwill above profit during its annual street fair and thereby won the plaudits of the press and civic leaders.

When the fair was opening, Legionnaires learned that an outside group had secured a three-day permit to sell beer at an open stand, even though the citizens of Columbiana had voted 4 to 1 against the sale of intoxicants at the fair.

The Legionnaires acted promptly. Out of the Post treasury they paid the concessioner $396 for his space and then subleased it to an auction attraction for $50.

"It takes backbone to keep a community clean and temperate," editorialized the Columbiana Ledger. "We believe the Legion's display is worth reporting to the public."

WASHINGTON (ALNS)—The Veterans Administration has announced that it will receive bids for the construction of a 1,000-bed neuropsychiatric hospital at Brecksville, Ohio. Bids on the complete, new hospital, with an estimated cost of $20,500,000, will be accepted until 1:30 p.m. (EST), Nov. 4, 1958.

MANILA, P.I. (ALNS)—The Department of the Philippines set a new all-time high in American Legion membership when on Sept. 16, Commander Wilber R. Brucker reported a 1958 enrollment of 2,259. The previous high for the department was 2,195 in 1953.