Stelle Calls It a Disgrace

Need for ‘Freezing’ Shown by Waste of Veterans’ Time and Money

The sale of “surplus” photographic equipment in Baltimore, Md., ballyhooed as “colossal,” has been condemned by National Commander John Stelle as a “shocking and disgraceful national scandal,” as he reiterated his demand that all surplus goods be frozen until an equitable sale plan to protect veterans’ interests be devised.

Veterans attending the Baltimore sale were left “only a base to pick” Commander Stelle charged after receiving a report from Ralph H. Lavers, director of the veterans’ preference committee of The American Legion. Lavers attended the sale as an observer. He reported that higher priority groups composed of federal agencies, state, town, and city, tax-supported institutions and non-profit charitable institutions were excluded from the choice cuts leaving the average veteran with very little.

Disfranchisement Charged

Commander Stelle charged that the promotion of priority groups at the Baltimore sale had been instituted in the same brochure outlining the items for sale March 25 to 28. The brochure subsequently used for use by veterans at their sale, April 1 to 4, was reduced to 18 pages, itemizing equipment workings to the veterans in re-establishing a business.

The national commander said Director Lavers reported that during the sale to the first two priority groups, $17,561.23 worth of equipment was channeled back into federal government agencies and equipment selling for $10,561.23 was sold to city, state, supported institutions and non-profit and charitable agencies. This totalled a value of $20,077.87 of the desirable equipment estimated disposal value (WAA pesos, prices $30,000.

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Name College Post
In Honor of Rowton

A group of World War II veterans at the University of Florida, located at Gainesville, Florida, have applied for a charter as an American Legion post “herein plan to name the post C. V. Rowton American Legion post in honor of C. V. Rowton, a member of the Florida legislature who did many years department adjutance. The group is interested in helping the veterans at the University of Florida. They have applied for a charter as an American Legion post for the purpose of serving the veterans of the University of Florida, work for the good of the university and the local community. The group wishes to establish themselves as an American Legion post in honor of C. V. Rowton.”

Unlimited Congress Acts Now, Vote Will Be Long Delayed

200 Veteran Bills Hang in Balance; Pressure by Voters Back Home Is Needed to Bring These Measures to a Vote

Washington, D. C.—with nearly 200 pieces of vital veterans’ legislation hanging in the balance, the American Legion’s national legislative committee in mid-April is calling upon all The American Legion’s 2,700,000 members to warn their congressmen to act on legislation before adjourning.

Has Will Be on Another Head

National President Loses
Wager to National Commander

John Stelle, National Commander of The American Legion, soon will be sporting a new spring hat. The commander had a betting number, selected for him by Mrs. Walter R. Clark, national president of the Auxiliary, at the Baltimore sale had been issued a new hat, and the commander should have been labeled a “disgraceful” day. By the time the veterans’ priority could be exercised, about all that was left was junk equipment, some of it priced no lower than prevailed in the regular used goods market for such items.

Unless Congress begins acting now bills that deal with the security of the country itself and their families may be left where there is no chance to bring them to a vote for several months or a year,” said John Thomas Tayor, national director of legislation.

“As a result, members of the legislative committee have asked me to call upon every member of The American Legion to help. If their Representatives and senators are not at home, Legionnaires should write, telephone or use any means of communication to them.

“If the members of Congress are being urged by The American Legion to get in touch with their representatives and senators to have a bill taken, there can be no comprehension with the security of the nation or with the rights of the veterans to make use of the services they have rendered in the war.”

Long List of Bills

The long list of Legion legislation national security and veteran protection is headed up by the War Bill, with the War and Navy Department, veterans’ preference in federal employment, veterans preference in civil service examinations and veterans’ preference under civil service, complete veterans’ preference in federal employment, civil service examinations and veterans’ preference under civil service.

WAC of Shangri-La

Joins a Legion Post

Of all the stories of high adventure that have come out of the World War II, one of the most interesting was that of the five women who had seen a plane crash in New Guinea and, without any medical supplies, had treated the five wounded men. They included Margaret Hastings, who is now a civilian, and her party was finally rescued in a hidden valley peopled by natives who had never ventured beyond the mountains that flanked the valley. The five were finally rescued by aircraft—WAC Corporals and Sisters of Mercy—whom a story attracted national attention.

While Hastings, now a civilian, recently joined The American Legion Post No. 41 at Dover, N. H., (Continued on page 5)
One of Very Few Who Went to Deliberations Directly From Participation in World War II, He Calls UN "Our Hope for Peace"

By FRED LA BOON
National Vice Commander

NEW YORK, N. Y.—In making this report to the members of the United Nations National Legislative Committee, I think it is important that we go back to the report of the Foreign Relations Committee adopted by the 1945 Chicago National Conference on the purposes of the United Nations. You will recall that the Foreign Relations Committee stated "We reaffirm our approval of the United Nations Organization. We do not subscribe to the philosophy that wars are inevitable. We believe that the United Nations Organization is in its efforts to make an end to war, can succeed only through the utter failure of the nations.

From that basis I think you should consider as we who are sitting as observers for 88 national organizations, that the deliberations in international affairs do not have a direct relation with the approval of the United Nations National Legislative Committee. We are a true, a front, a true session of the UN Legion, but we do not participate in the deliberations of the committee as such. We are a liaison of the American Legion representing our country on the following:

Position of Observers

The plan of work as given to us is to present us in our particular position forth our position on the following languages:

"It is hoped to facilitate two-way agreements between the United States of America and the United Nations, as well as to receive printed materials and information in the Official languages of the United Nations, which will be made available upon request. These materials are intended only for the information of American organizations, and are not to be reproduced.

As we recall the great effort that was made to put that organization into the League of Nations in Geneva. Where it seems de- sirable and for the purposes of the United Nations, representatives of American organizations may be invited to present their views in the language of their own country; and their organization through the delegation of the United Nations. Where a bulletin I think it possible that man has known. As such it constitutes an instrument having all the imperfections of any man-made institution. That it even exists is an augury of good. The more that men and nations have found it possible to do things in the spirit of the United Nations, the more that it is possible to do things in the spirit of the United Nations. That is why the debate is so often so much more difficult. It is not that there are no difficulties. It is not that there are no issues.

As we observe, as observers, our position is to state our views on things of interest to the American Legion and the American organizations. The position of the American organizations present their views in the American Legion and not to the delegations of other nations.

For your information it is stated that each of these sessions in the observer delegation are men and women. They are highly interested citizens and organizations working for international organizations either directly or indirectly engaged in attempting to work out by international agreement among the nations of the world.

One of the outstanding American organizations is the United Nations Association. The United Nations Association has been set up as a non-governmental organization, to work with the United Nations in the development of world peace and cooperation.

UN UN Recommendations

May 19th, 1944

It may seem to many of you that I still believe United Nations offers the only hope for the peace-loving peoples of the world. The very nature of the situation today is so shattering that all of us, not only in this section, in the other part of the world the end of the war is not yet in sight. And the opportunity of using the United Nations is to be seized at the first opportunity.

As we recall the great effort that was made in putting the United Nations together, one cannot fail to wonder if there could not be some good effect on the little things that we can do. And I believe that the little things that we can do can produce quite as much good effect as the big things. And I believe that the little things that we can do can result but what you do is the only way that United Nations can be accepted in the world. The little things that we can do are the only way that the United Nations can be accepted in the world.

The American Legion Observer Fraises Work of Delegates

Two Aviators' Posts Sponsor Air Show

New York and Los Angeles city thousands of air enthusiasts thrilled the last week in aircraf and air equipment. The National Legion show was sponsored during the week of April 5-14 in Grand Central Palace by Aviators Post No. 73, while the Los Angeles display was staged in the Los Angeles Armory from March 21 to April 2, by the American Legion, Post No. 105.

While the U. S. Army Air Forces put on an aviation pageant and an exhibit, several spectacular German and Japanese air machines were also on display. The German V-2 bomb was on exhibit, together with a German V-1 and a German V-3 that had been captured. The All-Union Aviation Museum had a number of machines on exhibit, and in my opinion, the United Nations best hope for attaining such results.

I think we shall see great things emanating from the deliberations of the Security Council and from other agencies of the United Nations. This thinking is based upon the fact that the United Nations is the only hope for the peace of the world. Out of all the dreams, dismal ways that the United States is a concrete expression of the desire to put a few black plows on the road to peace. For that reason, I think the United Nations is a good example of the old saying that councils are free and councils are free.

In closing this report to members of the National Legion, I think I should say that it has been a great honor to be associated with you in this work. And I am honored to be the media for the American Legion Observer Council in behalf of the General Assembly rather than of the Security Council of the United Nations.

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REPRINT ORDERS WILL BE FILLED

When it was determined to print a revised edition of the "Preparedness and Educational Benefits and Services Available for Veterans in the National Legion," the United States was expected to receive some requests for extra copies. That request is now authorized to be filled. I should say that it has been a great honor to be associated with you in this work.

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Learning About the Birth of The American Legion

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Recreation Idea of Legion OK'd by FBI Director

Will Have Favorable Result in Combating Juvenile Crime, He Says

The proposed American Legion program for a national recreational and sports program will be favorably received in combating juvenile delinquency, declared Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in a speech given here yesterday. W. Sherwood, national American Legion director here, made the announcement.

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In an addition to the Presidential convention, the atomic bomb report recommended:

1. Widest possible freedom for scientific and technical research.
2. Government ownership and control of all materials involved in atomic energy production.
3. That the United States set up a military atomic energy committee consisting of a staff of Army and Navy Air Forces men to consult with the atomic energy commission and with the Atomic Energy Commission on the use of the subject by the United States.
4. That the United States government develop a national defense report on the subject of atomic explosions.

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DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS

Though presently incomplete, schedules of the first post-war department conventions is available at this time. Information on conventions not included here will be printed when available.

MAY

Florida at West Palm Beach, May 31-June 1.

JUNE

Canada at Toronto, June 3-5.

South Dakota at Mitchell, June 16-18.

New Mexico at Truth or Consequences, June 28-29.

Louisiana at Alexandria, June 26-27.

Nebraska at Omaha, June 27-30.

JULY

Mississippi at Gulfport (tentativa), July 8-10.

Kentucky at Lexington, July 8-10.


Montana at Missoula, July 21-22.

North Carolina at Goldsboro, July 21-22.


Louisiana at Alexandria, July 26-27.

Oregon at Medford, July 29-31.

AUGUST

New York at Albany, August 3-5.

Washington at Renton, August 3-5.

Missouri at St. Louis, August 13-14.

Tennessee at Knoxville, August 11-13.

Maryland at Baltimore, August 12-13.

Maryland at Cumberland, August 14-15.

Utah at Price, August 15-18.

Michigan at Saginaw, August 16-18.

Indiana at Indianapolis, August 16-18.

Ohio at Cleveland, August 18-20.

Arkansas at Little Rock, August 20-22.

Texas at Des Moines, August 21-23.

Idaho at Lewiston, August 21-23.

Maryland at Baltimore, August 22-24.


West Virginia at Wheeling, August 31 to Sept. 3.

SEPTEMBER

Kansas at Salina, Sept. 1-2.

New Jersey at Cape May City, Sept. 1-3.

Minnesota, New Hampshire, Illinois Latest to Turn in Such Reports

The Sammons-family of Tracy, Minn., is 350 per cent of its membership goals. Their use will be a great help in stabilizing that county. They have a membership solicitation letter that the Club has been very successful in securing new members in that state. He states that the Club has sponsored a national solicitation idea, and claims a record of signing up every 10 eligible contacted.

A report from the Department Adjutant of Maine states that Post No. 27 of Rockland was elected a complete slate of younger members June 5 of the 100 Membership Club of The American Legion of Texas, has advised Head-

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AM Legion will win when the next heavyweight championship flight is staged—for both of the contestants belong to The American Legion. Billy Conn, the challenger, belongs to a post in Louisville, Kentucky, composed of negro veterans of the American forces.

St. Dinnaus Fund to Family of fifteen

Dumpper MacMurphy Post Makes Memorial Gift of $500 Cash

Each year, the Dumpper MacMurphy Post of Chicago, III., makes a gift of $500 in cash to some deserving family. This year the family went to a devout Jew boy couple, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Feinhandler, and their 13 children.

There are no strings attached to the gift. There are no applications by families for the money. The post searches out a family that can use the money but won’t ask for it, and then makes the presentation. It is the name of St. Dinnaus, the "boudinnat" saint who was crucified under Christ on Calvary, and in memory of Dumpper MacMurphy, a Chicago newspaper executive who was making many valuable contributions to the war camp hatch, when I caught myself noticing him in the evening dusk, thinking “Salt for the living, sawdust for the dead.” I shouldn’t feel all that bad about the fact that “Fatso” was blown forever on the U. S. Army’s records, but I do. Something picturesque has gone from the army. Gas-gangrene victims are definitely different. I mean, they’re not as those eerie hay-farmers, kicking up the dust as their horses rode where it is a heart-tugging charge across the parade ground at a review.

Settling those Bills—That’s what is in the wind. National Commander Steele won a hat from National President Jimmy Craven. Idaho所得税 officers work a dapper dinner with entertainment and refreshments—Washington is to provide the steaks and Oregon the refreshments and entertainment; Idaho also wins its wager with Arizona, which is to provide a pay-off of grapefruit or dates or pine; according to the reports, the money was paid by the federal government.

The administration plan would be, however, that what is paid off shall be used by the government, and the personal receiving the money shall be paid the difference. The government has paid about half, the rest is in the hands of a lawyer. But the government has paid the money, and I don’t believe the money will be paid back.
National Child Welfare Executive Committee in Session

So much interest of the membership of The American Legion was taken up at the recent meeting, in Indianapolis, by the Executive Committee of the National Child Welfare Committee, that a report of that meeting and the business transacted is being made direct to the Legion membership through the columns of The American Legionnaire.

Among the matters under discussion were service and financial aid to children of both World Wars I and II; what may be foreseen as the anticipated need in the near years for the desire for increased interest in the program by Legionnaires generally, so that more volunteers may be found who will help to carry along the work; spiritual training for children as a part of the "whole child" program; what can be done to combat rheumatic fever, the great child killer among diseases, and the greater care of child welfare legislation; the necessity of the services of the United States Children's Bureau, and the study of child welfare begun by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Attendance at the meeting of the Executive Committee was a high one, with 39 deep interest was shown both by the Legionnaires present and the staff members of the National Child Welfare Division, Chief Miss Emma Puchner, the national director. We are all hopeful of improvement of the program, and the increased interest of the membership generally so that the program may carry along the work; spiritual welfare of the child. Miss Puchner, the national director, will work with Monsig. Edward J. Flood, national co-ordinator, of the phase of the program, and in bringing it to the attention of the pastor and chaplains of the various units throughout the nation. With their cooperation, greater progress may be expected.

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Taylor Write-up in The American

The work of the American Legion in the legislative halls of Congress is a constant feature in the life of our organization. When a bill is introduced, the American Legion, through its legislative experts, makes sure that all national legislation is covered in a story in the May issue of The American Legionnaire. This is done to underline the importance of the Legislative Committee. The Children's Bureau, under the supervision of Mrs. Frances P. Bell, will offer its cooperative services in attacking this problem.

S. U. Children's Bureau

Any proposal, by legislation or otherwise, to curtail the services and facilities available through the Children's Bureau will be vigorously opposed by the American Legion. The Bureau has been rumors and reports that attempts would be made to loans the facilities of the Children's Bureau, and perhaps make it easier to ordain other government child agencies. The Child Welfare Division through the cooperation of the Rehabilitation Division and its Auxiliary, will afford in turn to the cooperation of the American Legion, willStreaming Spiritual Training

Discussion of spiritual training for children was given. The committee believes that the children's services of the U. S. Children's Bureau will be maintained in the present form and are now constituting the basis of instruction. It is expected to continue the program for the "whole child" program; what can be done to combat rheumatic fever, the great child killer among diseases, and the greater care of child welfare legislation; the necessity of the services of the United States Children's Bureau, and the study of child welfare begun by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

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Here Are Competition Rules
For contests at Convention

7,500 in Prize Money Offered to Winning Bands, Corps, Color Guards and Choruses That Appear at San Francisco This Fall

Prias money in the amount of $7,500 will be paid to winners of the national convention contests at San Francisco this year. This being the first post-war convention, it is believed that competition in all events will be extremely keen with entries coming from all over the nation, studded with the life and color of World War II Legionnaires.

The changes were made with the December, 1945, revision of the national convention rules. National Adjutant will mail copies of these rules and regulations, with accompanying entry blank, to adjutants of all departments in which necessary. It is expected that organizations that want to compete in these national contests, and each department adjutant will in turn send them to the American Legion organizations within his department.

General Rules

Each competing organization shall forward to its department adjutant, on prescribed form, a list of its members, with their serial numbers, certified to the department adjutant of that organization. Department head adjutant will forward all entries direct to the national adjutant. Contestants in all competitions will be eligible for all awards, however, each entry shall be certified to the national adjutant. Eligibility will be determined from the list of members so forwarded to the national adjutant. The contest will only include those organizations within the appropriationa.
Boys' States; Bigger and Better, Back Again in '46

37 Departments Announce They Will Sponsor Activity

Americanism Project, Once War Casualty, Will Be Resumed With More Than 16,000 Youths Getting Experience in Government

One of the greatest of the American Legion's youth and Americanism projects—put into eclipse by the war—will be revived in greater strength in 1946 than in any of the previous years in which it has featured the summer season.

That is the annual Boys' States in the three quarters of the continental departments of The American Legion. Officially there were none in 1945. Actually there were four that were held by that many departments, but without authorization of the national organization, due to war-time travel restrictions.

The largest number held in any one year prior to the war was 34—but 1946 will see 37 of the boy-operated and boy-governed commonwealths in operation, the first opening on May 10 when Delaware cracks the ice, and the last ones concluding the last of August, when Kentucky and Florida wind up their post-war Boys' States, with the possibility that up to three others than at present contemplated will have worked out their plans as they can operate this year.

According to R. Worth Shumaker, assistant national director of Americanism, more than 18,000 boys will be in attendance this year at the several Boys' States, where the lads will get a practical lesson in state, county and city government, along with a lot of fun, new friendships, sunshine and good food.

Departments having announced definite plans for the 1946 session include:
- Arkansas—Arkansas School for Boys at Little Rock, June 1-6
- California—Grant Union High School & Junior College at North Sacramento, June 22-29
- Delaware—Legislative Hall at Dover, May 10
- Florida—Florida State College for Women at Tallahassee, last week in August.
- Georgia—Georgia Military Academy at Statesboro, June 2-7
- Illinois—Illinois School for the Deaf at Jacksonville, June 23-29
- Indiana—Indiana School for the Deaf at Indianapolis, June 12-19
- Kansas—Wichita North High School at Wichita, June 1-5
- Kentucky—Western Kentucky State Teachers College at Bowling Green, August 26-31
- Louisiana—Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, August 12-29
- Massachusetts—Massachusetts State College at Amherst, June 2-12
- Michigan—Michigan State College at East Lansing, June 12-22
- Minnesota—Mississippi School for the Deaf at Jackson, June 2-12
- Missouri—Missouri School for the Deaf at Fulton, June 12-22
- Nebraska—College of Agriculture, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, June 1-4
- New Jersey—Rutgers Union at New Brunswick, June 20-22
- New York—Manhattan School at Mamaroneck, June 25-26
- Ohio—Miami University at Oxford, June 12-25
- Oklahoma—Oklahoma School for the Deaf at Tulsa, August 1-5
- Oregon—Oregon State College at Corvallis, July 26-30
- South Dakota—Northern State Teachers College at Aberdeen, May 20-26
- Tennessee—Caste Heights Military Academy at Lebanon, June 4-15
- Vermont—Norwich University at Northfield, June 16
- Virginia—Virginia Poly at Blacksburg, June 20-22
- West Virginia—Jackson Mill at Charles, June 20-22
- Wisconsin—Ripon College at Ripon, June 15-22

Many of the Boys' States in these pictures are new Legionnaires—for most of them saw service in World War II that made them eligible.

These pictures of past Boys' States—the prewar vintages—were picked at random to give our new Legionnaires an idea of some of the interesting side-light on the activity.

We regret that we had no good pictures of more of the indoor activities—the "party conventions," the legislative assemblies, the courts established, the visits to seats of state, county and city departments. So these must serve.

Legion Safety Movie Wins National Award

Declared Best Non-Theatrical Film in Traffic Field; 243 Copies Made

"Teach Them To Drive," The American Legion's safety movie, has won the award for the best non-theatrical motion picture at 1946 in the traffic field. This annual award was made by the National Committee on Films for Safety.

The film is a 30-minute, 16 millimeter, sound production sponsored and distributed by The American Legion to promote classrooms and behind-the-wheel training for teenage drivers.

Currently there are 200 copies of this film being shown by American Legion Posts throughout the country, and heavy demand has necessitated the production of another 40 copies.

Salute at Sunset

Danbury, Conn., Buys a New Legion Home

"The last word" in a post home is the pride and joy of Legionnaires of Danbury Post No. 80, Danbury, Conn. They have acquired a $175,000 building and have formed a corporation to guide the project.

The structure, completed in 1929, is favored throughout and modern in every respect. The brawny edifice consists of an auditorium with stage and balcony with a seating capacity of 600, along with roomy reception rooms, powder room and lavatories, kitchen, cocktail lounge and bar, athletic room, meeting hall, office, and card and reading chambers.

The post is spending $50,000 for renovations and equipment and anticipates the ownership of the finest post home in Connecticut.

John Bridge Post 15, "Detroit Lakes, Minn., has presented a thorough salute to St. Mary's Hospital in that town, for use in the nursing service. Last year the post gave the hospital an oxygen tank and mask, and the year before that a practice
Golden Wings Will Reward Air Round-up Participants

Ten Departments Will Win Stands of Colors by Performance: Banquet at Night June 2 Will Hear General Spats

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HEADQUARTERS NOTES

JOE E. KARNOVICH
National Supervisor

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News is Sought About These People


John P. Connors, Co. F, 376th Bn., reported missing February 27, 1945, on Iwo Jima. His mother, Mrs. F. A. Wright, 14 Brookside Ave., Little Falls, N. J., would appreciate hearing from Pfc. Thomas K. Fredin.

Robert A. Waltz, Jr., Pvt., Co. I, 112th Inf., 28th Div., reported missing May 21, 1944 while on bombing mission over Edat Island, Truk in the Pacific. His parents, Mr. W. A. Dorby, 5th Bn. Grp. (H), 13th Air Task Force, reported him missing May 21, 1944 while on a mission in a B-29 gunner. Both were from Kansas City, Mo.

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The Sixth Radleins Joins Post

The sixth of the Radlein brothers to join the 6th Plains (IL) Post 48 is being handed his American Legion membership card by Commandant F. R. Wetterman, as the five who are already members look on.

From left to right, standing, are George with five years in the Army; James, who was with the Tank Destroyers 11 months being injured and sent home; Kenneth, who was in the Fifth Air Force 87 months and moved with them from Australia to Oklahoma; Lawrence, who was 13 months in the ETO with the Ninth Air Force and took part in the Bulge campaign; Robert, radio man and gunner with the Tank Destroyers and, veterans of 10 months over Germany; and Raymond—had to join—who was a medic in the Hawaiian area for 17 months. The boys are sons of Mrs. Bertha Radlein, and collectively had attained 11 battle stars, five air medals, two meritorious citations and two presidential citations with clasps.

Will Dedicate Club It Took 9 Years to Build

Started with Salvage Brick, and Muscles for Money. Is Now Complete

Several posts throughout Idaho are planning new homes. The committee includes Coeur d'Alene, Sandpoint, Kimberly and Carey. Idaho Post No. 47 started a memorial building two years ago and is completing the structure this spring. War I Legionnaires recently received a don't's-a-dime in the treasury when the building was started in 1942. Salvage bricks were used to start the construction, and War I Legionnaires personally contributed their time to build the memorial. Now the Plter post, its ranks bolstered by several sore WarVeterans, are ready to dedicate the memorial at May.

Caliif. Post 429 Again Wins McNutt Trophy

The Paul V. McNutt National Track Trophy, awarded for marksman with the rifle, has been played by an American Legion unit at a pet cemetery where its master, James Darderin, placed a small stone at his grave.

Birthdays Barbecue Home

Texas Welcome Home, Buddy

The annual call to national conventions provides for attendance at the spring national executive session, June 5, 6, and 7, with a meeting of the National Convention Committee preceding the regular sessions will be held May 21, 22, and 23. Meetings of standing committees will be held May 22, with a meeting of the National Executive Committee continuing Tuesday, June 6. Preparation of the annual report of the national commander; authorization by the Management Committee has been provided for each member of the national executive committee from the 60 domestic departments and the District of Columbia, as well as the Department of Veterans Affairs, to attend the annual executive session a World War II consultant. This will be the second national convention at which the young Legionnaires will sit in an advisory capacity.

Radio Programs for Next 3 Weeks on Legion Series

The program schedule for the last two weeks of April and the first week of May for the new American Legion radio series—"This Is Our Duty"—has been announced by the national public relations division, national headquarters.

Week of April 21—A production designed to show the story of the life of a bitumin from the mining of the coal to the use on the Normandy Beach. This program highlights the armed forces and the citizen workers who fought about this triumphant day.

Week of May 5—A special VE Day program—"The story of the life of a bitumen—from the mining of the coal to its use on the Normandy Beach. This program highlights the armed forces and the citizen workers who fought about this triumphant day.

In commemoration of the Army of Occupation Day, "This Is Our Duty" series, the following message for VE Day will be played by D. Eisenhower: "I appreciate the cooperation of your organization in releasing a VE Day program for VE Day. There will be trouble about the delivery of the trophy, as Post 429 already has it, from winning the 1945 match.

Making Memorial Poppies

Service men patients at Jefferson Barracks Veterans Hospital, near St. Louis, Mo., are making the red paper memorial poppies that will be used by the American Legion Auxiliary, assisting of posts of the Department of Missouri, to make some 70,000 poppies. This flower, bathed in red, may be a bit earlier or later in some places, due to local conditions. All of the men in this picture are attached by his buddy, Stanley Froedtert, of Chicago. Unfortunately, the group was reported missing at the same time. Any information would be appreciated by his mother, Mrs. Louise Tezloff, 14 Brookside Ave., Little Falls, N. J.

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Much New Support Aligned With Legion Training Plan

Some Confusion in Public Mind Concerning Selective and Universal Military Training: Fact Is, They Have Nothing to Do with Each Other...

The American Legion plan of universal training for national service gains favor wherever it is fully explained and understood.

During the past several weeks thousands of citizens of the congressional district of each member of the Military Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives. Public meetings have been held to which have been invited not only members of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, but those of civic and patriotic organizations for the general public.

One of these latter chapters of other organizations has been the American Legion, and they have met with the program of convincing Congress that the plan must be adopted. Congress is right now being flooded with messages to that effect.

Some confusion has arisen because some persons and organizations have taken the Legion plan as the "American Legion plan," and Congressmen have thousands of them of amendments to H. R. 515. At present there is a feeling that if bill before the House of Represenatives were in the hands of the House of Military Affairs Committee then it's to that committee that The American Legion has been invited to send its amendments. Such amendment has not reached the floor of the House.

Messages to Senators and Congressmen are now going out asking for your support to H. R. 515 amended to carry out the American Legion plan of universal training for national service.

To Insert the Plan

The American Legion plan of the Military Affairs Committee has an opposition. The Civilian Conservation Corps is now hearing writed H. R. 515 and is to place into the bill before the House provisions for universal military training. The majority of that sub-committee have written the Legion and have passed their approval of The American Legion plan.

Letters have been dispatched by the Legion to every individual member of the Senate and House. Enclosed in those letters were articles from the Legion's own to the benefit of the Legion and your favor of your plan," The American Legion has stated that their bill is one which has been passed the House and approved by the President.

Congress is becoming more and more aware of the necessity for a universal military training. The public is also convinced that The American Legion plan is "the best plan after all." On April 4, representative of the American Legion met with representatives of the Senate and the DAY and from that meeting came a joint statement that the "Big Three" of the veterans organizations have gone down the line to discuss the American Legion plan. These representatives are being mailed to congressmen on the various letters which are now being distributed.

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Reinstatement of NSLI Policy

Now Possible

Newly-Announced Regulation Comes in Wake of Inquiry by the Legion

In the wake of American Legion demands that the Veterans Administration reveal the amount of unspent correspondence between veterans and the American Legion plan for National Service Life Insurance policies, the agencies is now making a new system whereby the veteran may reinstate his policy with only a reasonable examination if they submit a signed statement to the Legion and the state office is as good as at the time of the lapse.

New Three War II Men Join Staff

At Indianapolis

Three new World War II veterans, representing the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, have been added to the national headquarters staff at Indianapolis.

J. Ralfe Becton, 27, of Appleton, Wis., who served 67 months in the Army Signal Corps, has been named assistant national service officer of The Sons of The American Legion and assistant chairman of some of the special activities section.

Harry J. Gulczynski, 27, a former Marine Corps "leatherneck" with a world war II service, has been appointed to the national public relations staff in the capacity of advance public relations representative for the National Commander. His home is in Massachusetts.

To Dedicate Home

And Hit 1,000 May 1

Will First Vermont Post to Hit a "Grand"—Had 281 Last Year

Green Mountain Post 1 of the American Legion has their new $60,000 home open and at that time will celebrate being the first post in Vermont to reach a membership of 1,000.

After December 31, 1946, regulations that applied before the recent liberalization will again be effective.

The permanent regulations governing reinstatement require that the veteran have no physical examination if the date of reinstatement is more than six months after the veteran's separation from the service, or more than three months from the date of lapse, whichever is later.

The liberalization does not affect the requirement regarding payments of premiums. Unless that has not been converted to a permanent policy, the service man must accompany the application if the amount of the policy has been converted, payments which have been paid must be returned with interest.

The building being occupied by Green Mountain Post 1 of the American Legion was formerly occupied by a newspaper, The Vermont Republican, which will be purchased for $30,000, and a large room, wooded, for the use of the Legion. The building has been a "strong military establishment.

The Kaiser and Hitler ordered this country to influence our people to destroy our best friends while we clasp our worst enemies to our bosoms." We have not fought two terrible wars for the purpose of "liquidating our best friends while we clasp our worst enemies to our bosoms." We have not fought two terrible wars for the purpose of "liquidating our worst enemies to our bosoms." We have not fought two terrible wars for the purpose of "liquidating our worst enemies to our bosoms." We have not fought two terrible wars for the purpose of "liquidating our worst enemies to our bosoms." We have not fought two terrible wars for the purpose of "liquidating our worst enemies to our bosoms." We have not fought two terrible wars for the purpose of "liquidating our worst enemies to our bosoms." We have not fought two terrible wars for the purpose of "liquidating our worst enemies to our bosoms." We have not fought two terrible wars for the purpose of "liquidating our worst enemies to our bosoms." We have not fought two terrible wars for the purpose of "liquidating our worst enemies to our bosoms."