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California, 17, Prize Orator

New Scholarship to Train for Diplomacy

William O. Wallin, 37-year-old former of California, was the winner of the 1946 national high school national championship, held at Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa. Having won over 300,000 students in the competition, he was offered a $1,000 scholarship to become a candidate. He plans to enter the diplomatic service upon his graduation in June, attend either Princeton University or St. John's College in Annapolis, Md., and enter the Navy.

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Legion Observer at Bikini
To Report Atom Bomb Test

By Raymond H. Fields, Assigned as Official Observer of Party to View Experiment

The National Legionnaires will have a front seat at the atom bomb tests to be staged at Bikini atoll by the United States within the next few weeks. Raymond H. Fields, national publicity relations director, has been designated by National Commander Sam Brown as the representative of the American Legion on the Baker Island and other Legion publications.

Admiral William D. Leahy, who has had more words printed about it, has caused more debate and controversy than any one in the news more than any other single subject since atomic warfare started. When Hiroshima, Japan, was wiped out and topped the list to reinsurance in the Japanese Imperial forces.

Scientists weren't sure what its atom bomb would be in previous years. It has now been used in the homeland of Japan. Even they're all in April which will be under any different set of circumstances, it has made in its development of this tremendous weapon of destruction since that time.

The Bikini experiment is designed to answer many of the questions that science is still asking.

Briefly, Bikini is as still as the farthest reaches of the universe. In the importance being its natural harbor, there is a group of activities which meet a great deal of about 100,000 feet above the sea level, the surf and the surface of the water, in the middle of the atmosphere. Later on surrounding, the wave, the sea level which lines the border, the fish life in the surrounding, waves, and even the water itself, will be minutely examined to determine just what the atomic bomb does.

As one of the official observers who will be present at the time of the representative of the National Legionnaires, Ray Fields, will cover the observatory and the American Legion at the bony point will be a reality to all witnesses in the far Pacific. Fields is a trained dispatch, man, a veteran of both World Wars. After his flight, the ignition given this expedition, will depart from the runway on the plane and 12 and arrive at the wave of "Operation Crossroads" on Nov. 30. It is expected that the atom bomb will be exploded on July 1.

The air force accompanying the expedition will consist of B-29s, B-26s, B-36s, and special photographic equipment installed. It will be used to take aerial photographs and observe the behavior of the cloud. Some observers will proceed by sea and air transportation.

Legion Observer to Bikini

Paul V. McNutt, United States High Commissioner to the Philippines, and past national commander of The American Legion, was one of the first men on the scene of an atomic explosion. He said the American Legion's service on the Baker Island and other Legion publications.

He is confident that he can give the United States the most complete and accurate data on atomic warfare.

Veterans' College Picture

Oregon Post Honors Sen. Condon with Life Membership

The American Legion Post No. 23 of Oregon was the first organization in America to accept a veterans' college trust fund. The American Legion College was held in Indianapolis July 1 to 5.

Veterans' College

The National Legionnaire

Looking Ahead to San Francisco '46


Father's Day to Honor Veterans

Committee on Day Drawn Up From Observance

"Honor Our Veterans" will be the theme for this year's Father's Day, June 18. This was announced by Alvin Austin, Executive Director, National Father's Day Committee, New York City. This year's day this will be dedicated solely to honoring the American veteran, and in so doing, the National Father's Day Committee has drawn up "an observance" for honoring our veteran.

1. Give your veteran a job.
2. Give him time to read aloud.
3. Give him the understanding that it is one of his duties to see that those fought uncond롤tionally for peace.
4. Accept a veteran military committee chair on the civic job.
5. Treat him not as a man set apart but as a man who does his job well.
6. Permit no organization in the team against governm．

More Music for Hospital Wards

Latest shipment of Photographic Records Brings Total to 999,199

Another 26,000 new photographic records have been added to the Kaiser Foundation Hospital's Library of Music. The library, which is one of the largest in the United States, thanks to its unique efforts of Records For Our Fighting Fins, Inc., according to John H. Rhombach, chief of the Special Activities Section of National Headquarters. This organization which furnished both audio and video records during the war, has now distributed a total of 2,999,199 audio and popular records for veterans.

For the Children's Medical Center, Inc., has been financed by $38,967 in contributions by American Legion Posts, Auxiliary units and its members. A B$26,000 of which is on hand, and no further appeal for contributions in the immediate future is anticipated. The records have been manufactured by the Decora, RCA-Victor and Decca Recording Corp., and are distributed in kits of 30 records.

William Byram, eighteen year old with a broken leg, who was admitted to Oregon Veterans' Hospital in Portland, was the first veteran enrolled for the course in The American Legion College to be held in Indianapolis July 1 to 5.
National Commander John Steil, while attending a banquet at Har-
ningsburg, Penn., on April 15, was the recipient of the planis of

governing General Edward Martin, of the American Legion. The award
was the highest among the various awards that have been

presented to the American Legion for its services in Pennsylvania.

Hospital Visitors will be Trained in Auxiliary School

A nation-wide program for the training of volunteer hospital visi-
tors will be begun by the American Legion Auxiliary at a three-day
school to be held in Detroit, Mich.

The school, to be held with the approval and cooperation of the
Veterans Administration, will train Auxiliary women for service with


in the schools.

The national school will be held in Detroit and will be under the supervision of

Miss William Barlow, chairman, on the Board of Directors. The school on the

subjects of nursing, home care, and auxiliary services, and will provide

representatives of the


The purpose of the training is to increase the effectiveness of the

American Legion hospital visitors through better preparation of

personnel at the Legion's own hospitals.

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Software About These People

Anna R. Schofield, N.H., of Union, N.J., was named as the President of the

American Legion Auxiliary on April 23, 1942, for the period of one year. She

will succeed the late Mrs. R. A. Bowers, who was elected as the first President of

the organization.

Ralph W. Morgan, of Elkins Park, Pa., was named as the President of the

Organization for the period of two years. He will succeed the late Mrs. R. A. Bowers,

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Referring to the membership of the American Legion Auxiliary, which is the

largest in the world, Mrs. Morgan said:

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itary personnel in that it will provide an opportunity for those in author-

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RAPID TUPPER—That is the name of the new post publication of Post No. 48 at Sylacauga, Ala., of which Tom Holmes is publisher. Some days ago, the winged ditch-digging Party of SIW service as a "gooney bUu7'«. . . The Ruptured Duck, plus an American Legionnaire. The latter, a mere organization got George Spive, 21, of New York, is plenty of trouble. George was a 4-F who had never been in the service, and while he was "weird" for them for wearing the uniform, he found that he had previously served a six months term in 1942 for illegally wearing the uniform. . . . There New York Daily News reports some out-of-work ex-GIs wearing the Ruptured Duck upside down.

INVITATION FROM SWEDEN—Dr. G. Stredmark sends hearty greetings from American Legion Post 1, of Stockholm, and includes an invitation to drop in and pay a call. Dr. Stredmark has received his 25-year membership star, and is mighty proud of it. The most recent meeting of the post was held at his home, and a picture was taken showing the Stars and Stripes in a position of honor.

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WE TAKE A BOW—A full-page advertisement, plugging The National Legionnaire to be a must for every veteran newsman, as well as an excellent fraternial meeting ground.

MISSOURIANS ANSWERS MISSOURI—Recently we printed the inquiry of Joe Dunbar, of Steeleville, Mo., Post 345, who declared that he was at a loss to know how to budget his war fund. Missourians came to the rescue; and in a very generous manner.

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FIDELS TAKE A FLY—Two Legates (Legates of Cinco-Coleto Post membership) and 14 Florida boys were fellow pilots in the AYF in the first part of their career. They met two old friends while on leave and it was a wonderful surprise to everyone. The meeting was very successful and was a great encouragement to all.

DOING RIGHT WELL, THANKS—Dubuque County Post 147, Jasper, Indiana, with 350 members, plans to erect a new building, two blocks from the county courthouse, at an estimated cost of $12,500. The structure is completed, the present building will be used as a youth center, and will house the 2nd Post 23, Leominster, Mass., for $600 a piece of property upon which it hopes to erect a $600,000 members of the club house. Lincoln Post 11 in New York, has 2,400 members in a town of 32,000 population. Post Commander Bert K. Eusee signed up more than 1,000 of them, reports Raymond M. Nye. Among the post members are Freeman P. Anderson, one of the greatest Medal of Honor veterans, also the ace, and a son of Bert Yancoski—Edward, Frank, Leonard, John and Theodore Yancoski.

Crippled, But Still Fighting—You've got to admire the spirit of the three patients—paralyzed or with paralysis—at the Tennessee General Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., the three that the doctors will close the day before they are fit to be discharged. The three patients who are paralyzed or with paralysis can be seen in the hospital.

IOLIO—M/Sgt. Kenneth R. Walsh, who won the Congressional Medal of Honor as a member of the First Marines, has joined Liberty Post-Gazette, and urging the membership to read every issue, annual convention of the American Legion in Madison, Wis., is a star of the National Barn Dance. He will be present with the other orphans, when the National Barn Dance entertains the crowds that will be present at Madison. A lean and hungry fellow in the post stages its "tremendous" West Coast reunion party under the direction of John St. John, post commander.

New Utah Post Green Name of Navy Captain

The newly organized Mercy Post No. 33, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was named for the five Utah men to be killed in World War II, at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Capt. Mervyn S. Bennion Post No. 83, of Salt Lake City, Utah man to be killed in World War II, at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Capt. Mervyn S. Bennion Post No. 83, of Salt Lake City, Utah man to be killed in World War II, at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Capt. Mervyn S. Bennion Post No. 83, of Salt Lake City, Utah man to be killed in World War II, at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

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Current Rehabilitation Notes

Twenty-one amendments to the National Life Insurance Act of 1940 have been proposed to Congress by Mr. Yardley, Director of Public Welfare of the National Headquarters. Three of these amendments are included in the proposed legislation. Various organizations have expressed support for these amendments, which will further improve the National Life Insurance Act. The amendments include provisions to protect the policyholders and ensure a fairer distribution of benefits.

Committee Member Killed in Accident

Boyle Yardley, Texas, had been named to Committee on Agriculture

National Headquarters has received word of the death of Boyle Yardley, a newly appointed Committee on Agriculture. His death took place in the hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. Specifics of his death are still under investigation.

Keller is Named to Board of Insurance Co.

M. T. Keller, long time director of The American Legion's Service Committee, has been elected to the board of directors of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, successor to the Legionnaire Life Insurance Company. Keller, known for his leadership in the insurance industry, will continue to serve as a valuable asset to the company.

The Basic Issue

As clearly and briefly as this issue can be stated, the issue is whether or not we should make the necessary government management of our economy a permanent feature of life. The question of world trade, finance, and business practices must be reconsidered. The British Loan, for example, is a matter of great importance to the United States. Only a profound consideration of these issues can lead to a just resolution.
University Poll on Military Training and Atomic Bomb

Denver Research Center

Investigation Supports Training of Youth

The American Legion's plan for universal military training was given another thrust of support by the results of a survey on the effect of the atomic bomb on the need for universal military training. The survey was made by the National Opinion Research Center, University of Denver.

In making the survey, two questions were asked and no person was asked both questions. Question No. 1 was: "Some persons say that now that the atomic bomb has been discovered compulsory military training would not be justified enough to bother with it. Do you think we should now have compulsory military training?"

Of those polled, 68 per cent voted for compulsory military training; 28 per cent voted not to have it. And 3 per cent stated they had no opinion.

Question No. 2 was: "Some persons say that now that the atomic bomb has been discovered, compulsory military training is even more important than it was before. Do you think we should have compulsory military training?"

On this question, 71 per cent voted for compulsory military training; 21 per cent voted against having it, and 8 per cent stated they had no opinion.

The survey shows that the majority of the people believe that even though at present only this country knows the secret of its production and has the facilities for making it, the atomic bomb does not offer a total defense or absolute security. The answers indicate that a strong well-trained military reserve was necessary to back up the bomb.

Many of those supporting compulsory military training apparently were not thinking in terms of the bomb as much as they were in preparing the facts. Their answers indicate that they believe the nation should not be caught unprepared again.

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The American Legion's plan for universal military training was given another thrust of support by the results of a survey on the effect of the atomic bomb on the need for universal military training. The survey was made by the National Opinion Research Center, University of Denver.

In making the survey, two questions were asked and no person was asked both questions. Question No. 1 was: "Some persons say that now that the atomic bomb has been discovered compulsory military training would not be justified enough to bother with it. Do you think we should now have compulsory military training?"

Of those polled, 68 per cent voted for compulsory military training; 28 per cent voted not to have it. And 3 per cent stated they had no opinion.

Question No. 2 was: "Some persons say that now that the atomic bomb has been discovered, compulsory military training is even more important than it was before. Do you think we should have compulsory military training?"

On this question, 71 per cent voted for compulsory military training; 21 per cent voted against having it, and 8 per cent stated they had no opinion.

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Many of those supporting compulsory military training apparently were not thinking in terms of the bomb as much as they were in preparing the facts. Their answers indicate that they believe the nation should not be caught unprepared again.

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