N. E. C. CHARTS LEGION'S COURSE

Awards Medals; Unveils Theo. Roosevelt, Jr. Bronze; Hears Bradley; OK's Proposed Veteran Legislation

Hull, Hoover, Hershey, Hope Voted Medals

Legion Distinguished Serv-
cice Award to Diplomat, FBI Chief, Soldier

The award of the highest honor of the American Legion, within the gift of the National Executive Committee, was approved by the American Legion forw

Cordell Hull, former Secretary of State;
J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

Major General Lewis B. Hershey, head of the Selective Service System; and

Bob Hope, actor, media personality and radio star.

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Basis of Award

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It is hoped that it will be possible for each of these distinguished men to be present at the national convention in Cleveland on the July 4th holiday. The award of the medal may be presented during the convention season.

POLICY STATEMENT ON ATOMIC ENERGY

The United States should be actively in developing its proposed program for world control of atomic energy, but the American Legion believes that an attempt to achieve such an end rather than an instrument for last-minute recognition of those who have contributed to the development and recommendation.

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The American Legion is opposed to the turning over the knowledge of atomic power to the United States for the purpose of making the weapons of the world more effective. The Legion has been on record for the past 15 years as its position on the subject of atomic energy.

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Digest of Resolutions Approved by the NEC

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Army Studies Trench Warfare

A Civilian Commission to Have Full Powers Urged

The establishment of a full civilian commission to supervise the prosecution of trench warfare was advocated by the National Korean War Veterans Committee in a letter to the President, with the advice and consent of the Congress, to become the atom with adequate safeguard for national security.

Other recommendations by the Legion include: providing all veterans of the armed forces with the widest possible freedom for scientific and technical research and development of a military liaison commission, consisting of representatives of the Army and Navy, to advise and consult with the national commission on all atomic energy matters.

The Legion calls for the formation of a committee to keep in touch with the War Department on current issues of national defense, and to inculcate the soil.

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Add 2 Million to Endowment Fund
Will Provide for Increased Needs Resulting from War II Casualties.

The sum of $2,000,000 was authorized by the National Executive Committee for transfer from the reserve and unexpended fund of the national organization to the endowment fund for rehabilitation of veterans and child welfare.

This action by the committee was taken in view of the fact that the casualty lists of World II made the income of the present National Endowment Fund approximately $160,000 less than the amount needed to carry on the work of rehabilitation six months later than was originally planned.

It was also determined that the casualty lists are too incomplete at the present time to pass out those casualty lists are too incomplete at the present time to pass out any information concerning them.

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LITTLE REASONS?

By ROBERT MEY, Diesha Post, Youngstown, Ohio

I played trumpet in the High School Band ... I was impressed with Memorial Day in '26, when I saw Legions, reverently strolling up to our off-key "Sons of Union Veterans." They looked proud ... I felt safe.

"Coincidence?" I asked myself. "All those guys are the frendliest in town.

Months later I took some flash pictures at a Legion meeting ... sober faces, business ... the flag ... smiles ... Hundred ... over coffee ... genuine退还 ... I felt safe again ... and I don't regret it.

Newspaper headlines: Legion Cramming for the Vote ... conventions ... "Buy a Poppy, buddy." ... I went to war ... I thought of the red brick building in town ... the mailbox ... the banker ... the grocer ... Americans ... they were wavin' ... wishin' ... they were younger ... that for me ... as natural as anything I wheeled into the local battlefield shop. "Holler," I says, "sign me up.

Little reasons? Maybe ... but I'm a little guy.

(Note: "Little Reasons" is the title given by Editor Edwin J. Tipple, Supervisor of the Opposite Page, Ohio, to the first place winning entry in a contest conducted by that publication on the topic "Why I Joined The American Legion."

Our War II Legionaries were eligible to compete.)

Total Membership Hits
3,110,228 Mark on June 14

Membership cards have continued to roll in to the National Headquarters at the rate of almost 5,000 per day, ever since the big push delivered on Aerial Membership Sunday.

The total received as of June 14 was 3,110,228, or a gain of 53,185, an average of 4,838 per working day since June 2.

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Capitol Comment

By Washington Observer

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Truman's veto of the Case Bill, which the House of Representatives sustained by a margin of five votes, left the legal status regarding organized labor for the first time in many years when it was over railroad and railway strikes. The President himself did not take part in the emergency bill recommendation by Mr. Truman had not been passed, and the Case Bill had been passed and been signed by the President. Since the veto on this emergency bill was essentially the same as a veto of the original case law, the President's return of the bill to Congress for further consideration might be a successful move in a strike situation. Some of these were at home campaigning in actual contests.

Congress Under Pressure

The last week in June held a crowded calendar for the Congress. It had to decide what to do with the OPA extension bill. The existing OPA law expires July 15. Indications were that Congress would pass an OPA extension which President Truman would not sign, and which Chester Bowles and other OPA officials would veto. The President would not be given this power by a veto, because the OPA is under the President. Under the terms of the extension, the whole OPA terminates on July 21 and all OPA activities will be discontinued. The President will then have to decide if Congress will proceed to legislation to continue OPA operations. The President may or may not believe that some form of OPA legislation is desirable. Congress may or may not decide to act on the OPA legislation.

The U. S. is in a war against inflation and the army situation, with the total forces falling below what the General Staff needs for handling the total forces. The Army forces consist of the major forces of the Axis countries, who have a total of about 250,000 troops. The total OPA forces, the United States military training and about 150,000 troops. The German government and the Axis countries, who have a total of about 200,000 troops. The total OPA forces, the United States forces, and the total OPA forces, who have a total of about 200,000 troops. The total OPA forces, the United States forces, and the total OPA forces, who have a total of about 150,000 troops. The total OPA forces, the United States forces, and the total OPA forces, who have a total of about 150,000 troops. The longer view taken by those who think that the OPA is a war against inflation and the army situation, with the total forces falling below what the General Staff needs for handling the total forces. The Army forces consist of the major forces of the Axis countries, who have a total of about 250,000 troops. The total OPA forces, the United States forces, and the total OPA forces, who have a total of about 200,000 troops. The total OPA forces, the United States forces, and the total OPA forces, who have a total of about 150,000 troops. The total OPA forces, the United States forces, and the total OPA forces, who have a total of about 150,000 troops.
CONVENTION IN MINIATURE — The national committee meeting at National Headquarters in the fall and in the spring sometimes likened to miniature national conventions because of the legion of members and visitors who attend and the tapas participants of those who attend. The sessions begin the first week in June, with the granting of Aerial Membership, followed by Wednesday’s National Convention, which now meets at the Hotel National. Other events, such as the Combined Veterans’ Convocation, will be held at various locations. The combination of events at Indianapolis will be even more like a little convention — it is a celebration of the American Legion’s rich history and tradition, as well as a meeting of national organizational entities, exhibits, and hot weather.

LEGION 4-H CLUB — This column will not object if the general men who were voted The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal are referred to as the Legion’s “4-H Club,” since membership consists of members, Hurst, Hovem, and Hope. By mail award to William Randolph Hearst at the December meeting and presented by Commander Stelle in California a few months ago he deferred until now, it would have been a “4-H Club,” which has no not very much national publicity which has been enjoyed by the “4-H Club” for many years past.

"UNCOMMON VALOR" — That is the name of a new book just released by The Century Journal, 1115 37th Street, Washington, D.C. "Uncommon Valor" is the story of 64 divisions of the U.S. Marine Corps in action in World War II. The foreword is by Gen. A.A. Van Dorn, commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, who as a major general commanded the Marine First Division in the Battle of Guadalcanal, the first American offensive action against the Japanese. This book was written by six Marine combat correspondents. George Higginbotham, C, Peter Holford Jr., Alan M. Joseph Jr., David Dempsey, Kyes Beet and Herman Kogan. "Uncommon Valor" is a must for every bookshelf if that is for first Pacific and for every family of a Marine who did not come back to us. Just as previous the pictureists fought and against what odds of terrain and weather and enemy guns. . . . But the book is too interesting for Compartmental Marine and his families alone. Everyone who loves a scrapper who wasn’t quick to whoot or whoot who lost his life in the American fighting forces and those who just want to read a compelling story that is often strange, sad, and sometimes thrillingly exciting. Do not read "Uncommon Valor." You may gather that I read it. Well be in the midst of it now, and it is too good to keep you until I have finished. . . . This is not a paid share, in any sense of the word, but if you can’t wait for your bookkeeper to get it, you can do it.

QUICK, WATSON — THE SLIDE RULE! — Also the comptometer, pocket calculator, and the adding machine, all of which are likely to become the slide rule of the future. The slide rule is a portable, compact, and inexpensive instrument that is capable of performing a wide range of mathematical operations with great speed and accuracy.

Gallimaufry

Jack Walsh, Mass., Heads Railway Co.

Past Dept. Commander Is Elected President of M. and B.

John H. Walsh, past department commander in Massachusetts, has been elected president of the Massachusetts and Boston Street Railway Co. His term of office will extend to May 1, 1946. He is a member of Post 162, Springfield, Mass.

News Is Sought About These People

Frank A. Bureno, Jr., Hill, 1st Lt., 33rd Div., was reported killed in action in France, March 15, 1944.

Robert Craig Olson, Omaha, Neb., would like additional information about the war.

Robert Goodnow, Enfield, Conn., would like additional information about the war.

James A. Hurst, Pfc., 38th Inf., was reported killed in action in France, May 25, 1944.

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Government Agencies Work Against the Proposals to Collect from Japan

Former prisoners of war of war against the Japanese forces — prisoners still in government hospitals and others who are now at home — have received offers from an agency with no government or official connection to act for them in processing claims against the Japanese government. These former POWs' houses have been visited by a representative of the Japanese government, and a contribution to the unhurried effort to assist in processing the claims.

The Special Representative has written the prisoners to be wary of the offer and has written down payment of $10 and a 50 cent commission on any damage payment which may be received.

The War Department has denied that the agency has no connection with it or authority from it, and further that "under present statute the War Department is responsible for all action in regard to settlement of claims by military personnel and civilian employees of the War Department for damages or loss of personal property." Under the same law, individual claims should be submitted to the Judge Advocate General's office. All other claims from persons who have been POWs of the Japanese would be a matter of settlement when repatriations are finally arranged, and within the province of the State Department.

The Main Department indicates there is nothing out of the ordinary, or of its offices can do to prosecute claims in behalf of U.S. personnel.

Even if individuals wish to sign the form, prior knowledge indicates they would not be helped.

Most unfortunate is the fact that these former prisoners are so few and that they might have claims which would result in some remuneration in part for their terrific experiences — but there is now at least hope for each.
No Civilian Duds—No Job!
That's the Story He Hears

Harry W. Colmery

HARRY W. COLMERY, Past National Commander

JOHNNY is a hero back in '41 and '42 when he marched away to war, leaving rousing cheers from the side lines. There were glib promises that Johnny would not be forgotten; that all his rights and interests would be protected. Now he has come home after the end of the war. Johnny is a nuisance because he wants a suit of clothes—and demands to know why.

Truth is, there is an acute getting no better fast. Even with homes (and admittedly with no clothes) there is apparently no institution that counts enough to keep up next week, next month or next year. The problem is, in Washington, is a very personal matter.

Johnny is apparently no indication that he has been a soldier. Now he wants the fighting man. It is not one of the shortcut or cutouts, but a very fine blend of cloth. Johnny wanted to know in plain English why, with most cloth available, he can't get something to wear.

The answer seems to be in the sanctions and controls set up by the agencies planning and issuing control which prevents the manufacture and the ultimate user of all cloth. It becomes impossible for a local manufacturer to acquire cloth because he can't find his way through a maze of getting his grip and being a few inches tall.

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Scranton Squadron 12

Keeps Its Corps Busy

The 75th Birthday of the American Legion fell on July 10, 1948, and the 12th District commander, Maj. Gen. Charles C. Curtis, was in Carbondale, Ill., for the celebration. It was the nucleus for the championship national parade. The Squadron has been successful in other regards as well. Thefts and burglaries have been reduced to almost zero. An attendance of about 1,000 was reported.

The Squadron is being placed into the Army Corps by the nucleus for the championship national parade, which was held in Carbondale on June 15. The Squadron participated in the annual Flag Day parade in Scranton, Pa., and in the annual parade and competition at Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, for the championship national parade.

There are many other appointments for this group, and they will be helping preserve the national organization which was founded on March 16, 1866.

Summer Shorts

by Walgreen

How to Support UMT Legislation Shown in Florida

St. Petersburg Post 14 Sets a Pattern Worthy of Use Elsewhere

A fine example of the way an American Legion post may help with its desires concerning legislation was set forth by Army Post 14 in St. Petersburg, Fla., in a copy of a report from Dr. Paul E. Martin, the chairman of the post's Legislative Committee.

On April 8, St. Petersburg Post 14 voted unanimously to endorse The American Legion's proposed bill for universal military training, and a special committee under the chairmanship of Dr. C. H. Cooper went to work. Telegrams were sent to the following day to both United States senators and to the Congressmen from the district. Local newspapers were informed of the action and good publicity was obtained.

Veterans' Theater Is Organized in New York

The Veteran's Memorial Theater, a service project for the Legion, was launched at the American Legion Hall, 54 West 40th Street, New York, on June 18.

The project was organized to provide entertainment for the public, and it is expected that the proceeds will amount to $50,000 a year. The first performance was given on June 25.

100% American Legion

For more than 25 years the American Legion's educational activities have been a feature of this organization. The Legion has always been 100% American Legion, and it is expected that this year's educational activities will be 100% American Legion as well.
In the upper picture are seen the friends and neighbors of McLeansboro and Hamilton County, Illi-
nois, who turned out to the county fairgrounds to greet the country's most distinguished guest 
June 5. The inset shows National Commander Stelle addressing the crowd.

In the lower picture are seen, left to right in the front row, Governor Dwight Green of Illinois, 
Governor Ralph P. Gates of Indiana, and Mons. Edward J. Smith, Sioux City, Iowa, the national chap- 
lain, each of whom had a speaking part on the program. In the back row, left to right, are National 
Ex-Commander-Convenors James B. Durkee of Appleton, Wis., and National Vice-Commander Sess Lati- 
num of Columbus, R. G.

Home Folks Turn Out to Greet Stelle
Special Train Brings Hundreds to Join Those Hon- 
oring Commander

McLeansboro, Ill. — National 
Commander Leonce R. Legendre 
received a mighty warm welcome from his 
fans and friends at this small 
town and county on Saturday.
June 5. Joined with the people of 
the community in which he was 
born and where he still lives were 
thousands of others, including 
visitors from all over Illinois, and 
many others from areas as widely 
separated as Canada and Puerto Rico, 
and Brazil, Ind., and the weather 
drove to the affair.

With Department Commander 
Green J. McCallum of Sante, 
 Louisiana as master of ceremonies, a 
short speaking program marked 
the beginning of the program 
classed the program.

It would be impossible to esti-
mate the numbers of people who 
were in attendance at the home-
coming—but they overflowed the 
fair grounds, filled the stands, 
crowded about the refreshment 
booths, and in every way indicated 
the sincerity of their friendship 
and regard for their fellow citizens 
who had won for himself many 
 honors—including that of governor 
and of Stelle as the featured 
motorcyle Golden Jubilee, and her 
 picture decorated page 6 of the 
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