Terminal Leave Bill in Balance

BILLIKINI ATOM BOMB TEST IS REPORTED
K.K.K. IS BLASTED BY LEGION LEADER

Bill Unanimously Passed in House Needs Help in Senate

Threat of Delay That May Prevent Action Before the Summer Recess Will Be Met by Legionnaires

Demanding Justice for Veterans

National Commander John Stelle is again calling upon members of The American Legion, their families and their friends, to rally to the support of a legislative measure of vital importance to the War II veterans.

The enlisted personnel Terminal Leave pay bill—H.R. 4051—was passed unanimously in the House of Representatives. It then went to the Senate and was referred to the Senate Military Affairs Committee. That committee was set to report it out on Tuesday, July 2—but there is always danger that unless there is a demonstrable public demand for the adoption of the Terminal Leave Bill, it might be shoved aside so that other bills—for which there has been a demonstrable demand—may receive the preferred attention of Congress. There is such a tremendous accumulation of unfinished legislation, and there are such a few days remaining before the summer recess, that immediate action must be forthcoming!

The National Commander is calling for a flood of telegrams and alike letters to demand on members of the Senate as they may know that their constituents believe that the enlisted men who fought the war should have treatment as fair as is now given not only to civil service employes of the government, but to foreign citizen employes of the government.

Legionnaires and their families and friends should let their Senators know that the vote in the House of Representatives—277 to 8—in favor of the bill, truly represented the views and opinions of the American people on this Terminal Leave pay bill.

The American Legion has again agreed to the support of the terminal leave treatment of the veterans of our armed forces in the recent war.

The American Legion will leave no stone unturned to impress upon the members of the Senate that the necessity of passing this bill which will give enlisted men who fought the same fair treatment that the commissioned officers have enjoyed and enjoy.

The War Department has announced that it will start the payment of terminal leave to enlisted men discharged after December 31, upon the same basis as the officers.

The National Legionnaire Program Picture

A CALL FOR ACTION!

Action on the Terminal Leave Bill (H. R. 4051)

NEEDED AT ONCE!

The House voted 379 to 0 to pass it on June 11

Wire or Write Air Mail to Your U.S. Senators

Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Ask Them to Vote for This Bill

DON'T DELAY!

DO IT NOW...TODAY!

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JOHN STELLE
National Commander

THE LEGION IS STILL GROWING!

Membership totals, as reported to June 26, 1946, had reached 3,170,023

Growth is also noted in the fact that

501 New Posts

were chartered in the months of May and June

Ku Klux Klan Condemned in Stelle Speech

The Ku Klux Klan currently is raising its masked head again. Of all the strife-breeding, un-American organizations in our country, the Klan is the most despicable, because it is of native origin, fostered by men bred in this country, who ought to know better than to seek to erode their own nation's discredits.

"We strenuously condemn the Ku Klux Klan and its ilk as a deadly menace to America at a time when it is so tragically important for all Americans to pull together. We don't want any 'invisible empire' in our country today. What we want is an 'invisible empire' of America." The above are two paragraphs in a speech delivered by National Commander John Stelle over Radio Station WTMV in East St. Louis on June 26, setting forth a policy for The American Legion so far as the resurgence of the KKK is concerned.

POSITION OF LEGION

The National Commander, addressing his radio audience on the subject, "Americanism on the March," thus answered the questions of thousands who have been asking what the position of The American Legion was to be on the question of the Ku Klux Klan, which is reported to be "on the move" in an effort to attempt to strengthen itself developed after World War II, but which was eventually reduced to a political non-entity.

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The Legion Will Leave

73 Guinea Pig Ships Blasted

In Experiment

The National Legionnaire Is Represented at Scene
on Pacific Atoll

By RAYMOND H. FIELD

(U.S. Special Radio Dispatch)

Sitting 18 miles distant on the Pacific line of the Pacific, correspondents witnessed the flash through, specially treated dark glasses, and 60 seconds later heard and felt the concussion which—at our point on shipboard—resembled no more of a blasting charge of dynamite. Some aboard also said it felt a hot flash, light though it was. This reporter felt no heat flash.

A reddish, boiling cloud, resembling a prairie tornado with the brilliant red coloration of the tropics, and crowned with a giant mushroom, swept across the five miles toward the heavens as observers looked on in complete awe—and most of them with prayer. Correspondents on all decks worked feverishly and quietly with their notes. This was no time to talk.

Circling the great burning cloud was a plane carrying three press and radio correspondents who were grinding out post reports. Through the incomprehensible millions of degrees of heat in the heart of the mushroom, correspondents on decoding receiving devices that register all information from dots and dashes.

There are as many points in danger, survivors, heroes of craft, that no attempt will be made to enumerate them now. As illustration, this reporter heard a news item just about burned off but that does not indicate that this craft, her superstructure or other departments were burned. Being the target ship, she is cynosure of interest. The plane that rode the cloud was a guest, but it was not far from the shore, and the craft was saved and aimed accurately.

Just what the final accounting of the damage will total must be left to the scientific analysts, and final run of the stars in the field of astrophysics, affectionately called by correspondents "The Stars," for she is apparently undamaged but the—

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The VALAR Is Legion Plan
To Aid Army Recruitment

The Goal Is One Enlistee
per Month for Each 100
Legion Members

"What is this 'VALAR' and
what are we to do about it?"
That is the double-joined
question that has been asked by
many of the Arizona district and
post members.

And here is the answer:

The American Legion, at the
27th national convention, presented
a plan that would give added support to
the volunteer recruiting arm of the
Army for the defense of the armed
forces of the nation.

Following convention action the
National Defense Committee met with
Mayor Gene Gilbert, district commander
of the 33rd district, and the Army, the
Volunteer Army Legislative Army
Committee (VALAR) program came
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\textbf{Get 'Em, and Hold 'Em} (Membership Expansion and Stabilization) by G. B. Wilson, Chief, Expansion-Stabilization Service

\textbf{Six Who Served 297 Months}

\textbf{Test your knowledge of the American Legion.}


\textbf{1. Where did the American Legion originate?} In 1919, the American Legion was formed in Chicago.

\textbf{2. What is the purpose of the American Legion?} The American Legion is a veterans' service organization with the primary goal of honoring all U.S. military veterans of all wars.

\textbf{3. Who is eligible to join the American Legion?} Any U.S. military veteran of any war is eligible to join the American Legion.

\textbf{4. What are some of the programs offered by the American Legion?} The American Legion offers programs in veterans' benefits, youth programs, and community service.

\textbf{5. How much does it cost to join the American Legion?} There is an initiation fee and dues must be paid annually.

\textbf{6. How many members does the American Legion have?} The American Legion has over 2 million members worldwide.

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\textbf{Test your knowledge of the American Legion's history.}

\textbf{1. Who was the founder of the American Legion?} World War I veteran William J. Donovan is often credited with founding the American Legion.

\textbf{2. What was the original goal of the American Legion?} The original goal of the American Legion was to provide support for veterans and their families.

\textbf{3. How does the American Legion support veterans?} The American Legion provides support through advocacy, financial assistance, and community service.

\textbf{4. What is the largest program offered by the American Legion?} The largest program offered by the American Legion is its community service programs.

\textbf{5. How does the American Legion work with other organizations?} The American Legion works with other organizations through partnerships and collaborations to support veterans and their families.

\textbf{6. What is the American Legion's stance on current issues?} The American Legion takes a stance on various issues, including veterans' benefits, veterans' healthcare, and community service.

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\textbf{Test your knowledge of the American Legion's membership.}

\textbf{1. How many American Legion posts are there?} There are over 12,000 American Legion posts throughout the United States.

\textbf{2. What is the purpose of American Legion posts?} American Legion posts provide local leadership and support for members.

\textbf{3. What is the role of the American Legion's national headquarters?} The national headquarters is responsible for overseeing the American Legion's programs and operations.

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\textbf{6. What are some of the benefits of membership in the American Legion?} Members receive benefits such as discounts, insurance programs, and access to local posts.

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\textbf{Test your knowledge of the American Legion's history and impact.}

\textbf{1. What was the American Legion's role in World War II?} The American Legion played a key role in supporting veterans and their families during World War II.

\textbf{2. How did the American Legion support veterans after World War II?} The American Legion provided support through programs such as the GI Bill and community service.

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The greatest of all world conflicts terminated just a few short months ago. Just shy of six years, the world witnessed the bloodiest, most cruel, and most devastating struggle between human beings known in world history. There is not a spot on the globe that did not feel the impact of this conflict either directly or indirectly.

But why? What was the reason? The purpose? Those questions can be answered primarily just with this single sentence: Threatened by a group of imperialistic nations, the free peoples of the world fought for the rights and freedoms they cherished and loved in their individual countries. Through the grace of God and might through right, those free peoples succeeded in preserving these rights.

In that war for freedom, the lives of over 200,000 Americans were sacrificed for the rights America loves. Among these rights enjoyed by Americans is the privilege of voting in national, state, county and city elections, therein choosing their executive, judicial and legislative government representatives. Yet, the rights enjoyed by Americans is the privilege of voting in national elections, and those who are candidates for office become members of Congress, which will design and pass the laws of the nation for the next two to six years—certain to be a conflict either directly or indirectly.

Deferred charges 151,022.83

Inventories 251,627.78

Cash on hand and on deposit $1,800,387.37

Furniture, fixtures and equipment, less depreciation 103,881.99

Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Fund 177,510.03

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Other important elections are scheduled for this coming September. The primary elections which have been held in many states determine the right of the citizens of the nation and loved and in their individual countries. Through the grace of God and might through right, those free peoples succeeded in preserving these rights.

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September 30 at Mark Hopkins Hotel.

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"ATTITUDES TOWARDS FIVE PRESSURE GROUPS"

"Since highly organized pressure groups and lobbies are playing such a large part in the democratic process, the people's attitudes toward such groups becomes increasingly significant. It has been claimed that the most powerful groups in Washington today are the Farm lobby and organized labor. However, the farmer is not known to the public and the latter is represented by two or more distinct organizations. Therefore we asked:

"Q. Which of the following organizations do you think will be charged with the responsibility too tremendous to be trusted to the incompetent."

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I nizes the value of a deep understanding of both the obligations endorsed this outstanding youth pro-
gram with Its interest in our youth, the Sons of The American Legion first
the erection of special equipment... for the show.

The American Legion, and such service in World War II gives am-
plication should then be filed

The Bureau of Internal Revenue is extending a timely and preven-
tory warning to all veterans of World War II who are in their

SAL Drum Corps Has Won 57 Cups

Baltimore, Md., Outfit Has a Consistent 10-Year Winning Record

Deserved tribute was recently paid by the Baltimore (Md.) Blue
SAL Drum and Bugle Corps, hazardous duties, and a consistent 10-year winning record in
competition. Brooklyn. It may be a good buy for any person

Mass. Squadron Honors Member Who Won DSC

The National Legion... 18-34 years of age, and requires a
commitment to be performed free of charge in most
performances since 1929.

Legion Basketball Champs
Current Rehabilitation Notes

By T. G. SZABO
Director, National Rehabilitation Committee

ORGANIZATION OF LEGION'S REHABILITATION SERVICE

The National Rehabilitation Committee in recent years has grown from time to time, as just how the names and offices and its status in the nation-wide service and the growth of the organization. Accordingly, it would seem opportune to explain briefly the method of organization usually goes forth to the executive portion of the committee and the area chairman. The area chairman then appoints the members and the expanded activity in all phases of rehabilitation. Because the outgoing of the full committee each year will be authorized. This is something for determining for either the national convention or the National Executive Committee.

So far we have outlined the original and essential general committees. In addition there are a General Advisory Board, composed of 72 members; an Insurance Advisory Board, serving on which are 8 experienced insurance men; an Educational Advisory Board of 8 educational people; and a Medical Advisory Board, composed of 11 nationally known medical men, plus 4 members from foreign countries.

The General Advisory Board meets with the chairman of the committee, with which the Rehabilitation Service and Legion officers have dealings from time to time, receive reports. Each one of these members has had or still has a particular interest in the veterans program and is in position to give advice and assistance as requested by the Rehabilitation staff. It does not hold meetings as a board, but in committees as it were, in the nationwide, rehabilitation activity.

The Insurance and Vocational Training Advisory Boards meet at least once each quarter or two times a year. The Medical Advisory Board has its meetings at the Rehabilitation staff headquarters, 1000 12th Street, Washington, D.C. These meetings are called, as the expense of National Organization, and are called upon to report to the National Chairman and National Director.

General membership has opportunity of meeting at area headquarters or special events. The meetings are conducted for some years, usually held 4 times a year, once each area. These meetings are preceded by the chairman and vice-chairman, and members of the staff of the medical, vocational, and educational committees, as well as Veterans Administration officials, and the area chairman. These meetings are for the purpose of discussion and study of new ideas and new programs. The purpose of the meetings is to prepare for the national conventions.
Philippine Independence Ceremonies on July 4

It is with pride and joy that the Filipinos of the United States now celebrate their independence day on July 4th, a symbol of their struggle for freedom and self-determination.

Terminale Leave Bill is In Session

The bill to provide for the extension of terminal leave for service members is currently under consideration in the terminale leave committee. The bill is aimed at ensuring that service members have adequate time to transition back to their home lives after their service commitments have been fulfilled.

Twin Falls Twins Get An Apartment

The Twin Falls Twins have recently secured an apartment for their family. Their new living arrangements will provide them with better living conditions and a more comfortable environment.

Seven Waller Brothers Join Up

The seven Waller brothers from Wisconsin, who all served in World War II, have recently joined the military. Their recruitment is a significant milestone in their military careers.

Latest Regulations and Prices for Rifle Squads

The latest regulations and prices for rifle squads are now available. These updates are crucial for ensuring that rifle squads are equipped with the necessary gear and supplies for their missions.

Stelle Condoms Klux Klan

The Stelle Condoms Klux Klan is a recently formed organization that is dedicated to promoting the ideals and principles of the American Legion.

Bitkini Atom Bomb Test Is Reported

The Bitkini Atom Bomb Test, which was conducted in the Pacific, is reported to have had significant implications for the region and the global nuclear landscape.

News Is Sought About These People

Information is sought about the whereabouts of several individuals who are believed to be missing or unaccounted for. Their families and friends are appealing for any leads that could help locate them.

The Waller brothers from Wisconsin, all of whom served in World War II, have joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1943. Their mother, Mrs. Ann Waller, of 228 Richmond Street, Winsted, Minn., would like to hear from anyone who knew their brother.

Ambassador Morgan, of the Philippines, was officially inducted into the Legion in 1943. His wife accompanied him to the Independence ceremonies in the Philippines. They are: Paul V. McVeigh, Elwood, N. Dak.; Elwood, Jule, Lester and Joseph. The National Legionnaire, Idaho.—Legionnaires as such are in the midst of national unity. America united in itself is the goal of the American Legion. The Legion is a melting pot of America. It is the one left to right In the top row, are Elwood, Jule, Lester and Joseph. The National Legionnaire, Idaho.—Legionnaires as such are in the midst of national unity. America united in itself is the goal of the American Legion. The Legion is a melting pot of America. It is the one.