100 Boys in Washington, D. C.,
For Forum on Government

Boys' State Top Officers and High School Leaders
Are Guests of the American Legion for Practical Course of Study at National Capital

One hundred young men are gathered in Washington, D. C., as we go to press, as guests of the national organization of the American Legion, for a five-day Boys' Forum of National Government.

These young men come from practically every domestic department of the American Legion—in two states each from state commanders who had held Boys' State this year, were requested to send their Boys' State President, lieutenant governor, or the next ranking successor to governor at the discretion of the department. Departments not junior classes. high school boys from senior or commission, with director Elmer National Forum, the young men senators Arthur Vandenburgh and delegation to the United Nations, This movement has been so successful in teaching good citizenship, that national commander John Stelle believed it y_id youth of the nation. hold a Boys Forum of National Boys' White House, all rolled into ship and the practical operation of state government, that national commander John Stelle believed it

TENASKANA—In a powerful speech delivered in the definition of a new American Legion home born, national commander John Stelle pointed to Russia as the stumbling block in the road to world peace—and declared that the United States must be alert to its international policies accordingly.

"The time has come for the American people to wake up and sense that we are in this world," declared commander Stelle, who explained that the present situation was not a pleasant one to contemplate—and that reason alone should require the whole thinking man to be concerned. Stelle said that this concern had been indicated in more than 60,000 letters and telegrams to congressmen.

"Every attack by proponents of the Universal Military Training Plan is met by veterans at face value, plus accrued interest, in payment of the national debt.

The West Roxbury (Mass.) Post 187 recently announced that it had sworn in 243 new members, and another is the son of World War II members of the post. These included four sons of 34 World War I members, and another is the son of World War II veterans organized in that city in 1914 shows an increase of 2,585 posts over the 15,000th post, the membership of "Veterans Associates." Commander John Stelle said that when the site was secured in 1934 just recently voted to become a Grand Post No. 583."

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No Salutes Are Required
Off Post—It Says Here
WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Army issued an order on July 31 allowing the reduction of all officers and enlisted men exchange officers from the military posts in the United States. The usual salute will still be used on military posts, at army ceremonies, and off posts in foreign countries.

Marines' Camp Elliott
To Be Sold As Surplus

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Camps Elliott, which was established as a major Marine Corps station during the war, has been declared surplus and turned over to the War Assets Administration for disposal. The site was acquired in 1941 as a training site, and was known as Camp Gooch until 1948, when it was named Camp Elliott.

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Measures to White House For President's Signature

Legislative Review Shows Insurance Bill Signed; Universal Military Training Stymied; Other Bills Hang Fire

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A strong tension gripped Capitol Hill as American Legion legislative representatives thrust a foot into closing Congressional doors and staged a spectacular last minute rally to run through the Legislative Leave and Pensionこんにちは bills, as a brilliant climax to the Legion's most successful legislative year.

The Legislative Leave bill was passed on July 31 and was sent to the White House for President Truman's signature, which would probably be in hand as this issue of the Legionaire went to press.

The Senate agreed to a compromise Terminating War Service bill, but was providing for payment of bonuses without distinction between officers and enlisted men. The bill is directed at Senate, so that it is not necessary to pay NELI insurance premiums.

Action in the House came on a voice vote approving a conference report on the measure. The report was then placed on the Senate floor where final Congressional action was being taken by approval of the measure.

Help from Back Home

A major factor in the amazing progress of the bill to provide terminal leave for veterans having service as enlisted men was attributed by John Thomas Taylor, National Legislative Director of the Legion to a heavy response by腿 legislators throughout the nation to an appeal to the Senate, asking for approval of the measure.

Great Demand from a Local veterans' group in Texarkana, Tex., by 18,000 veterans, who made a local demand for the rights of veterans, was met with a resounding depiction of the legionnaires throughout the nation as American Legion for the first time to put such winning on a national as well as a state basis for the first time to put such winning on a national as well as a state basis for the first time to put such winning on a national as well as a state basis for the first time to put such winning on a national as well as a state basis for veterans.
Regional Cities Named For 1946 Jr. Baseball Playoffs

Syracuse, N. Y.; Aberdeen, S. D.; Gastonia, N. C., and Lafayette, Ind., selected for Sectional Toursneys Preceding Finals

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Dates and sites of The American Legion's 1946 junior baseball regional tournaments have been announced by W. Worth Shumaker, assistant national director of Americanism.

The high school-freshman level beginning of the 1946 season, June 20, 500,000 young lads, all under 17 years of age, on 20,000 teams, began the all-American tradition of junior baseball which will be played at Lexington Park, St. Paul, Minn., August 25-29. State championship titles are now taking place in 48 Departments throughout the country, the survivors of which will compete in 12 regional tournaments.

Four sectional tournaments taking place in Syracuse, N. Y.; Gastonia, N. C.; Lafayette, Ind., and St. Paul, Minn., will provide the national finals from which will emerge the championship team of the nation.

Regional Schools

The regional tournament is as follows:

Aug. 15-16—Mass. New Hamp-
shire, Vermont and Maine.

Aug. 13-14—Flor., Alabama, Ten-
sas, and Mississippi.

Aug. 6-7—N. Y., N. J., Conn., New Jer-
sey, and Rhode Island.

Aug. 10-11—Calif., Oregon, and Wash-
ington.

Aug. 11-12—Cal., Okla., Ark., and Mis-
issippi.

Aug. 12-13—Mich., Ill., Ind., Ohio,
and West Virginia.

Aug. 15-16—Va., Del., W. Va., and
Maryland.

Aug. 18-19—S. Dak., Iowa, Minn.,
and S. Dakota.

Aug. 19-20—Ohio.

Aug. 20-21—W. Va., Pa., Md., Penna.,
and N. Jersey.

Aug. 21-22—N. M., S. D., N. Dakota,
and Mont.


Aug. 24-25—S. Dak., N. Dakota, Iowa,
and S. Dakota.

Aug. 25-26—Cal., Okla., Ark., and Mis-
issippi.

Aug. 26-27—Mich., Ill., Ind., Ohio,
and West Virginia.

Aug. 27-28—W. Va., Pa., Md., Penna.,
and N. Jersey.

Aug. 28-29—N. M., S. D., N. Dakota,
and Mont.

Aug. 29-30—Cal., Okla., Ark., and Mis-
issippi.

Aug. 30-31—Mich., Ill., Ind., Ohio,
and West Virginia.

Aug. 31-Sept. 1—W. Va., Pa., Md., Penna.,
and N. Jersey.

All subsequent rounds will be elimina-
tory.

The tournament is open to any junior baseball team of 9-13-year-olds not in high
school, and the tournament is the climax of the Junior Americanism program.

Signs New Ones All Over Europe

Californian Totes Blanks Where He Goes and Seldom Loses

Meet a Legionnaire who carries
application blanks all over Europe,
and signs eligibility wherever he
finds it.

That is Richard Battle, junior
post commander of Doughboy Post 50 of Santa Monica.

Battle is now in Europe, serv-
ing the civilians in Holland, Den-
mark, Norway, and France, in
serving the G.I.'s that were

sought from the U. S. Air Force.

In Paris to join with Paris Post 71, he


Floyd Dupont when the grades of the final
examination had been compiled, it

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have a pasta, television, basketball, baseball,

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Crowdwood, Ind., Post 72 is planning to have a parade, a dedication of the day's activities.

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Barstow, Calif., will dedicate a parade.
the Great Lakes. Lake Gogebic in the northern part of Michigan, Great Lakes lumber, northwest Minnesota, upper New York state, Florida, eastern Tennessee—and many other small lakes and gravel pits in northern British Columbia in the midst of a hard winter evening blizzard. But I can't bring back any of my own catch, because I don't want to take the risk of dragging them out of Canadian waters.

**REASONABLE REPORTS**—For a time I thought I might be able to get through a summer season without finding first hand reports from my peripatetic post partners. But the poaching angle is a strong one—one that has to be present in the mind of the individual at all times. Then, after several months, the poachers got wise, and began to realize that if they didn't change their ways, they would never be able to continue in business. So they started to become more discreet, and began to take greater care in their movements. The result was that the supply of fish decreased, and the prices went up. This, in turn, caused the poachers to become even more desperate, and the cycle continued until the situation became critical. Finally, the authorities intervened and took steps to prevent further poaching. These measures included increased patrols and surveillance, as well as the imposition of new regulations and penalties. As a result, the situation has improved, and the supply of fish is now more stable than it was in the past. However, there is still a need for continued vigilance to ensure that the poaching angle is prevented from resuming. The benefits of this approach are clear: the supply of fish is more stable, and the prices are more predictable. Moreover, the poaching angle is eliminated, and the authorities are able to focus on other issues that require their attention. This is a clear example of how a strategic approach can be used to achieve positive outcomes.
Pacts to Prevent Impacts

By National Commander John Bolls

The right kind of pact now will prevent international impacts tomorrow.

This is the issue that confronts the Big Four and 17 smaller victorious allied nations as they assemble in Paris to write the peace treaties for Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland.

What are right pacts?

The artillers of peace must bear in mind that history is filled with wars due to the dead that the little nations get from the big ones from the bottom of the pact. That is one mistake the Peace Conference must avoid. There must be no sowing of dragon teeth there to grow another crop of war.

If lasting goodwill is to be established among nations it must be founded on a square deal. Mankind has the right to expect from America to furnish the leadership for that kind of deal in Paris. Of all nations concerned we alone have no axes to grind. But if we delegates are to champion justice and fairness as the grounds for lasting peace, they must be firm and resist in fighting for these principles. They cannot give moral leadership by vacillation and further appeasements. The time to be determined and to be strong for a just peace is NOW! The prayers of 3,260,000 members of The American Legion are backing the U.S. delegates in Paris for that kind of leadership.

Current Rehabilitation Notes

By T. O. Klaaede

Director, National Rehabilitation Committee

"COMPENSATION" and "PENSION"

The American Legion has this time expressed itself in favor of adopting the terms of "compensation" and "pension" as they refer to monetary awards flowing from laws administered by the Veterans Administration. Recommendations came from several Deputys, and in at least one National Convention an appropriate resolution on the subject was adopted. This mandate of the National Executive Committee is being followed through to the Legislative Division and is no intention but to introduce in Congress.

On July 5, 1946, Public Law 494, 79th Congress, was approved. This Act provides that later laws as amended by the Veterans Administration, monetary benefits, other than retirement pay, for service-connected disability or death shall be designated "compensation." When the effort of obtaining the term in its original meaning was abandoned in the 1930's, Congress perverted it to "pension." The same Congress, however, has often interfered with the Department's interest of the pensioner to continue as a pensioner, but the right of the latter to continue in the service is now recognized. The above clarification should be widely received by all practitioners and service officers.

Killed at Sea After Bikini Atom Bomb Test

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. — Passing safely through the unknown hazards of the Bikini atoll bomb tests 13 days following the historic bombing, this week was received here of the death of Robert L. Moran.

The young Legionnaire was killed in the atomic bomb explosion while serving aboard the USS Abnermeyer, four days after the historic bombing. This week was received here of the death of Robert L. Moran.

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Children Quit Streets

AMHERST, N.Y. — Dr. William Tarbox, the president of the Amherst school board, has the children of the community during the past winter, and is now making plans for the coming winter months.

The Amherst School Committee grasped the use of a room in one of the schools for a winter’s work of classes, and local youngsters volunteered their services by being in class as far as possible. The streets of the village were cleared, the sidewalks were cleared of snow, and the streets were kept clear of litter.

In conclusion, the children were most successful in providing an impression of a wholesome, clean and orderly environment for all children in this crowded area off the streets during evening hours.

SAL Corps Has Fine Record

Here is the 1946 edition of the Norman barracks Squadron 79 SAL Drums and Bugle Corps of Corvallis, III. The corps was formed this summer and will be found in competition for more trophies which have been added to the corps in rewards to add to the one that was won when the corps was organized in 1946. Of the original members of the corps, 25 volunteered for service and five others were inducted, but the security of the United States was not interfered with in any way. The Squadron committee organized the corps the first week of the new term. From 10 to 25 are enrolled in the corps, and a fine record is being made. With a present Squadron roster of 35 there are 19 of the boys in the Drums and Bugle Corps.
Proposed Rehab Conference  

"Not Now Advisable"—Truman

President Agrees With the Statement That Action Must Be Local

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Truman, who was urged by National Commander John Stelle to call a conference of veterans' organizations to discuss the status of rehabilitation, has informed the cross, and federal and state agencies that the assistant administrator of the Retraining and Rehabilitation Administration recently announced here. Stelle said he had stated in his letter to the President that local agencies were relaxing on the job, and that the job of rehabilitation was waxing at the community level.

The complete text of President Truman's letter to Commander Stelle is as follows:

"THE WHITE HOUSE  

July 27, 1946.

Dear Mr. Stelle:

The suggestions contained in your letter of July 11th for a conference of veterans' organizations are, of course, being given serious consideration. I am grateful to you for placing these suggestions before me.

It is agreed that continuous and energetic action is necessary in each community to meet the responsibilities and the problems of the veterans of our country. I am pleased that General Kraneke has been urged in this appeal to the public in their regard. They have given the task of the presidents of the boards of directors of the various local agencies, and with the veterans and civic organizations, in each town north and south of the program with the programs that these boards have undertaken.

Specifically, General Kraneke, administrator of the Retraining and Employment Administration, is charged with the immediate employment of community centers throughout the country. He was encouraged all civic organizations, including veterans, to cooperate at the community level. We are urging all veteran organizations to participate.

In addition, the National Red Cross has also sponsored the appointment in the local communities of a veteranSimilar housing will have been provided in the area under construction. This has been made in the past. More than 100 organizations are now training for bands and for drum and bugle corps which are now training for the big competition.

Legion Post Has Quarter Of Town’s Population

RED LION, PA.—The American Legion post here has a quarter of the town's population as members. It reports a membership of 1,026.
Entrepreneur, bearing 219 signatures of HR 6811 through Congress was passed at the 119th House. A report was also made by the House on the issue of Federal Social Security, which was estimated to be a dollar in the city of $30 a month or 50 per cent of the compensation rate, whichever is larger.

The Senate White House bill, recently initialed a clause of $5,000 World War II veterans, as pictured here. The post office has a measure July 27 to remove a limitation of $1,000 payable in accumulated compensation and pension to veterans held as prisoners of war in enemy-controlled territory during World War II.

Military officers. In the latter case if the veteran leaves the armed forces, was stymied in Congress from $5,000 to $10,000, on Passage of the DeLacy Bill (HR 524), the National Cemeteries bill, instituted on a three-month visitor's permit by the Senate on July 17.

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