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Sign Follows Facility

The presentation of a direct sign presented to the Veteran Facility at Newington, Conn., by the National Encampment at New Britain, the

writer was put in charge of a Committee to provide a similar sign at Lyons, New Jersey. The State Department had for many years deplored the fact that J. W. V. was not represented by a plaque in the Assembly Hall at



A. MEYEROWITZ

the Facility, as were the other Veteran groups. It came to pass, however, that the plaques that had been placed, were defeating the purpose of the acoustical material of the walls and all had to be remedied. The result is that J.W.V. will be represented by a practical and lasting token.

From the eagerness with which the erection of this Sign is awaited by Manager M. E. Head and Utility Officer J. J. Callahan, at Lyons, we suggest that each State Department look about for an opportunity to do likewise.

The newly-formed Plainfield Post 119, have volunteered their services for the presentation and dedication of the Sign, when it is ready. We are especially fortunate in having Commander Herman Shrager and his Post the nearest geographically to Lyons; for Deputy National Hospitalization Officer Aaron Allen, Adjutant of Plainfield Post is the outstanding Jewish contact with the Facility at Lyons.

Comrade Allen has done so much work there, in connection with his position as Director of the Plainfield Jewish Community Center, for many years that he is actually accepted as a Rabbi. If the Editor's humble opinion has any weight, Comrade Allen has earned this title. Wonder why the New Jersey Rabbis haven't located the Hospital yet?

Civil Service Exams.

This dep't receives regular notice of all U. S. Civil Service examinations, but unfortunately too late for effective publicity in this column. If any Comrade, particularly interested in any special type of work sends in his name, address and description of the position sought he will be advised when an examination is announced.

Wherein Ye Editor Vows Never Again To Use the Third Seat

In answer to those who wrote for further information regarding the announcement re New York State Bonus, we must admit that what we received under the best auspices at both a County and a Post meeting of another Veteran organization has turned out to be one of those rumors obtained at the end of the Company Street. The real truth is that applications filed prior to July 1st, 1932, but rejected, were being re-considered. But, as a result of our publicity and the good efforts of National Commander in Chief Krador, the question of reopening the entire list for those who never filed application may be pushed in the State Legislature.

S.C.K.

Replying to your question as to eligibility of members of the Student Army Training Corps to Adjusted Compensation, the following under Sec. 202 ("no allowance shall be made to"), (c) member of the Students' Army Training Corps (except an Enlisted man detailed thereto).

"Adjusted Compensation Payment Act 1936"

The Act, as passed by both houses, provides for the refunding of interest paid and to remit any interest due. For the benefit of those who borrowed on their Certificates from a Bank or Trust Company, provision is made to pay the bank any interest due, and to refund to the Veteran any interest he has paid, as well as a like amount to that paid to the bank in clearing the loan.

"FIRST PAPERS" FOR EINSTEIN

Trenton, Jan. 15—Professor Albert Einstein has taken the initial steps to naturalization as an American citizen.

He applied for and received his "first papers" at the Naturalization Bureau in the Post Office Building, and five years hence he will be eligible to become a full fledged citizen of this country which has afforded the great scientist a haven from Nazi persecution.

LOUIS KERXTON please take notice
United States Marine Corps.

Louis Kerxton—served with the roving marines during the war—retired—please get in touch with H. Bruch—J.W.V Post 41, Rochester, New York.

REPORT OF NATIONAL HOSPITALIZATION OFFICER

During the short period of my office as National Hospitalization Officer, I have taken care of about 25 emergency cases, where ambulances have been sent and the patients admitted to the Hospital.

There have been 50 cases examined and accepted for hospitalization, who are now awaiting admission due to the fact that there is a shortage of beds.

About 150 cases have been interviewed and advised of the procedure for hospitalization and otherwise.

I am mindful of the fact that this is a new office in this organization and I am called upon to assist in supplying personal needs of the patients.

At the present time there is a great shortage of beds, and over three hundred patients are now on the waiting list from the metropolitan district.

On the Chanukah occasion, I called upon all the Posts and Ladies Auxiliaries, all over the United States to visit the hospitals and bring personal needs to the veterans, which are always greatly appreciated.

The following information which I am quoting is submitted for your use.

There are eighty Veterans' Administration facilities in operation today, distributed widely throughout the country and located near centers of ex-service population in their respective areas. In those 80 facilities under the direct and exclusive jurisdiction of the Veterans Administration there is a standard bed capacity for 44,806 hospital patients and 20,005 beds for beneficiaries requiring domiciliary care with medical treatment—a total standard bed capacity of 64,811. Of these 80 such facilities, 13 are primarily for tuberculous, 25 for neuropsychiatric, and 42 for general medical and surgical patients, but it must be explained that practically all such hospitals, regardless of their designated type, are prepared to accept emergency cases of any kind. When the emergency is passed or the condition of a patient so admitted permits of travel, he is transferred to another facility better adapted to render any continued treatment judged necessary.

MORRIS BAUMFELD,
Nat'l. Hospitalization Officer.

SERVICE RECOGNIZED

James G. MacDonald, ex-High Commissioner for German refugee relief, was presented with a silver service by the executive committee of the Joint Distribution Committee at a reception in the home of Felix Warburg.

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YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION PLEASE

A number of correspondents have sent us their post notices or bulletins and even newspaper clippings of post events, requesting us to "take what we can use."

We regret being unable to use items sent to us in such manner. We are limited in space, *but we will gladly publish all matter sent by posts or individuals* including original poems and war experience stories. All we ask is brevity and pertinence; something of interest to all readers.

F.D.R. REBUKES BIGOTRY

"The policy of the United States has been clear and consistent.

"We have sought with earnestness in every possible way to limit world armaments and to attain the peaceful solution of disputes among all nations.

"We have sought by every legitimate means to exert our moral influence against repression, discrimination, intolerance and autocracy and in favor of freedom of expression, equality before the law, religious tolerance and popular rule."

President Roosevelt addressing both Houses of Congress at the opening session on "The State of the Nation."

POST PUBLICATIONS

More and more Posts are issuing newsy pamphlets which should prove most helpful in holding the interest of their membership and in the attainment of our objectives. We congratulate Cutler Post No. 3 on its pamphlet "The Cutler Post" and Rockaway Post No. 57 on "The Comrade," edited by Gedalia Rabinowitz and Clare Ascher.

Sholom Sholom Alechem!

(PEACE - PEACE UNTO YOU)

*"And he shall judge between the nations,
 And shall decide for many peoples;
 And they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
 And their spears into pruning-hooks;
 Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
 Neither shall they learn war any more."*

—ISAIAH—2: 4.

Peace Prize By Cantor

IN his regular radio broadcast Sunday, January 5th, Eddie Cantor, celebrated comedian of radio, stage and screen, offered a \$5,000.00 scholarship in any American college or university for the best essay on the subject "How Can America Stay Out of War?"

The judges as announced by Mr. Cantor, will be Robert M. Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago; Frederick Bertrand Robinson, president of the College of the City of New York; Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Stanford University, and Henry Noble MacCracken, president of Vassar College. The title of the peace essay was suggested by Honorable Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War, at the request of Mr. Cantor.

In 500 words or less, contestants may express their thoughts by letter addressed to Eddie Cantor, care General Post Office, New York City, before midnight February 22nd, Washington's Birthday.

The contest is open to "every man, woman and child in America," the only condition being: that the winner who is not in position to attend college must designate some one to receive the benefit of the four year scholarship in any college or university of their choice.

World Peace Is Paramount

Mr. Cantor, happily, has hit upon a theme than which none can have a greater influence upon humanity, and its accomplishment may well prove to be of everlasting benefit to generations yet unborn.

We submit for all earnest advocates of peace, a proposal which should be effective judging by its reception in certain authoritative circles as will be noted.

Jewish Great-Grandmother Speaks

And it came to pass that a daughter of Israel, whose years are numbered four score, in conformance with the teachings of our patriarchs and prophets, brought forth a plan to end the slaying of man by man.

The New York Times of October 10, 1935, reporting the fortieth annual meeting of the American Jewish Historical Society devotes a paragraph to the proceedings of that important association and a column to the historical background of eighty year old Flora Spiegelberg, daughter of "Colonel William Langerman, a Forty-Niner," who electrified the assemblage with her tale of those hectic times of the Gold Rush.

Of far greater moment, than the pioneering reminiscing of this "Bride of the West," are her "Ten Commandments for World Peace."

As to these commandments, Victor E. Deverout, Director of the "Department of Americanism" Veterans of Foreign Wars of U. S., writes:

"On Monday evening, September 16, at a banquet given in honor of the Japanese delegation and other distinguished guests to our Convention, Senator Nye made a splendid talk on 'World Peace' along the lines of your ten commandments.

"I am enclosing herewith three of the principal resolutions which were passed at our National Encampment and which were directly a result of your Ten Commandments. I am also enclosing statements prepared in this office and presented to various Congressional Committees at the hearings held by them.

"I wish especially to call your attention to the testimony presented by our Commander-in-Chief before the Nye Committee. This, of course, was the result of our Resolutions:- 'Taking the Profits out of War,' which in turn was the result of your Ten Commandments. So you see, Great-Grandma Spiegelberg, that the fine things you did many years ago have been far-reaching."

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"The Ten Commandments" condensed for the purposes of this article, follows:-

ONE: The Government of the United States of America shall be truly "a government of the people by the people for the people."

TWO: The free and sovereign people of the United States of America,



FLORA SPIEGELBERG

At age of 65 when she published her "Ten Commandments to Keep America Out of War."

who in the event of war, are called upon to bear its burdens and hardships shall have sole power to declare war.

THREE: The power of conscription shall be vested in the people, who furnish the human cannon-fodder in all wars.

FOUR: The wealth, industry and labor essential to carrying on a war shall be conscripted along with the youth of our land.

FIVE: The manufacture of all war materials, munitions and equipment shall be exclusively a government enterprise.

SIX: The manufacture, sale or distribution of war materials, munitions or equipment by private interests to the belligerents among countries at war, shall be prohibited.

SEVEN: The government of the United States shall maintain an adequate volunteer defensive military, naval and air force sufficient to safeguard its interests and protect it against foreign invasion.

EIGHT: The government of the United States shall set an example for honest and upright dealings among na-

Vet Preference Is Given Little Heed By Bureaucrats

By GEORGE D. RILEY, Staff Writer, The Washington Herald.

In Government service 10 per cent of personnel are war veterans.

In Government service there supposedly is what is commonly termed "veterans preference." All know the meaning of that term. Therefore, ignorance of its meaning is no excuse for abuse of the privilege granted by President Harding.

Yet, in Government today, veterans preference is merely something one hears discussed. There are offices where this expression is heard:

"Yes, we might get somewhere if we did not have that damned veterans preference to contend with." Others do not go to the trouble to cuss it or discuss it. They simply ignore it.

Independent establishments are the most conspicuous offenders. In major offices generally there is an element of restraint. The dignity of a major department is more pronounced. There is more inclination to acknowledge existence of such priority in appointments. Until recently we could not class Agriculture under the general group, however.

There are some in high places in Agriculture who do not know of and seemingly do not care for the value of the man who shoulders a rifle in the excitement of war time, who goes forth to wallow in shell holes and hell holes in the night light of star shells.

Smaller offices, probably emboldened by example from the White House in vetoing the bonus, have a way of playing law into themselves.

We believe in extending no special privileges to any group, except in the case of those who have the abdominal amplitude to "take it" on a battle field,

and encourage the doctrine of universal liberty, equal rights and full justice to all men.

NINE: The policy of this government shall be to cease glorifying war, substitute the teaching of the blessings of peace and reward all efforts for the betterment of humankind.

TEN: The profits to any enterprise dependent upon war shall be definitely eliminated.

It is our firm belief that these "Ten Commandments" evolved by Great-Grandma Flora Spiegelberg in 1919, if made the basis of our governmental policy would keep America out of War, and if adopted by other countries would help more than any contributing cause towards a permanent world peace.

and their widows.

The "war babies" will soon be of voting age. We live in terms of votes for the public offices they get us. It is practical politics and good horse sense to recognize once again that term "veterans preference."

Veterans preference must remain not only an expression. It must be an actuality, respected from top to bottom, with not even a breath from Civil Service Commission that it ever again wants to abolish "peace-time veterans preference."

And since this administration has seen fit to encourage all the undoing to veterans, not mentioning the death of 300 exiles on Florida's Keys, let us face the incoming congressional session with an eye to enacting veterans preference into law, with ouster from office to those who ignore its precepts, and no longer depend on the persuasive forces of an executive order.

We believe there is not a veteran organization but what should get in line and help coordinate efforts to obtain fuller recognition for veterans preference thru congressional action. This department plans to go ahead on this issue.

PART IN 1918, MEET IN HUB

76th Division Buddies Together After 17 Years

A little over 17 years ago, "Candy" Lou Gilen of 160 Bryant Street, Malden, and Eugene Cohen of 14 Claffin Road, Brookline, left Fort Devens together for France. In France they became separated. On Park Street recently for the first time they parted in France 17 years ago they met.

"Hey, Gene!" shouted "Candy" Lou. The two threw their arms about one another. Both were members of the 76th division. Old times were discussed. Plans were made to get together in the future. Cohen has charge of a group of newsboys at Park Street. Gilen has been working with a delivery company. Gilen was a comedian during the war, entertaining soldiers.

Gilen is an active member of Malden Post No. 74.

SCOTCH JEW TRAINER

Sam Montgomery, a Scotch Jew, is athletic trainer at St. Francis College, a Catholic institution in Brooklyn.