

Legion, VFW Claim Most Of New Veterans

World War II Agencies Mushrooming All Over U.S., However

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Though new organizations for veterans of World War II are mushrooming all over America, the well-established American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars still claim the majority of new veterans, a survey revealed today.

Warren A. Atherton, national commander of the Legion, estimated his organization had enrolled more than 250,000 honorably discharged men and women. At the same time VFW National Commander J. A. Brunner estimated that two-thirds of the 300,000 men who have joined that organization since Pearl Harbor still were on the fighting fronts and added that applications are coming in at the rate of 1,000 per day.

May Join Overseas

Under the VFW's by-laws, servicemen but not servicewomen, may join immediately upon arrival in a "hostile soil" or in hostile waters. One of the larger of the new organizations is the American Veterans Committee, which claims it is enrolling several hundred new members a month in Washington, New York and Los Angeles, with a program urging security for veterans and their families and a continuance of the United Nations to maintain peace.

One new group has taken the obvious name of Veterans of World War II in a number of communities, including Utica, N.Y., Washington, D.C. and Portland, Me. The Military Order of the Liberty Bell is enlisting veterans in the southeast. A Tennessee group is itself Global War Vets and publishes The Global Item. Employees of the Boeing plant at Wichita, Kan., have organized a unit for Kansas veterans.

Errant Trains Make All In Brooklyn Dodgers

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Brooklyn is famous for its Dodgers and the trees that grow there but of late it has become known as the Borough of Lost Trains.

It seems subway trains end up on the wrong tracks. The most recent incident involved a train, headed for Manhattan, which ran in the wrong direction. It crossed four lanes of track and pointed back to Brooklyn.

The trainmaster of the Interborough Rapid Transit explained it merely as "signal trouble."

Plans to Employ 1,500,000 Vets Offered by Ickes

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Interior Department post-war projects will cost more than \$4,500,000,000 and provide 1,500,000 returning veterans with a year's work, Secretary Harold L. Ickes said today.

He said plans to develop natural resources were tentative, pending approval of Congress. The New York Herald Tribune added: "Ickes' announcement is the first major post-war projects proposal to be outlined in concrete form by the Roosevelt Administration." Most of the program has to do with irrigation projects which would provide water for many acres of never-farmed but potentially fertile soil.

Willkie Urges Aid for Labor

Asks It Be Given Share In Planning, Protection Against Enemies

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 10 (AP).—Appointment of a "real labor representative in the Cabinet so labor will share in the determination of our government's fiscal, domestic and international" post-war policies was urged by Wendell Willkie in a telegram to the convention of the United Office and Professional Workers of America (CIO).

According to the union, Willkie's telegram said: "In the period of transition from war to peace we must be alert that any effort to destroy unions will not be successful. We must insist upon continuance and improvement of federal wage and hour laws. We must work toward the repeal of unwise legislation such as the Smith-Connally Act. We must promote increased labor cooperation so that a development into partners in a common cause ensues."

LONE RANGER KILLED

LONG BEACH, Calif., Sept. 10.—Sgt. Lee Powell, 35, who as movie-dom's red-masked Lone Ranger rode his white stallion through 15 episodes of a motion picture serial, has been killed in action with the Marines. He had been in the South Pacific since November, 1942.

BOOKIE IN A BOWER

BROOKLYN, Sept. 10.—Two flat-footed cops were admiring the beautiful vegetation in a victory garden in this borough of churches when close inspection revealed bookie John Cardello comfortably ensconced amid the corn, peas and tomatoes. "Certain parties" were present and wagering, the detectives said. Cardello was held for \$500 bail.

POISONED FAMILY FOOD

DETROIT, Sept. 10.—Police said today that William J. Mackay, 32, had confessed to placing poison in foods and liquids in the family refrigerator from which his 14-year-old sister Isabelle obtained lunch shortly before her death. "I wanted to get my father," police quoted the boy as explaining. "He was always after me to get a job."



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