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The Canal – The Legion Still Says “No”

As we are all aware, the American public has been bombarded for months, by the news media and other interested groups and individuals, on the subject of the proposed Panama Canal Treaty. Any member who has not read our National Commander's message on this subject in the December issue of the American Legion Magazine, should do so for a clear understanding of why the Legion opposes the Treaty. We have also received for publication the following editorial from our National Headquarters as a further clarification of the position of the Legion on this matter.

EDITORIAL

After listening to National Commander Smith state why The American Legion opposed the Panama Canal Treaty, U.S. troop withdrawals from Korea and all other positions which weaken our U.S. security, a news reporter asked, does The American Legion oppose everything?

The answer is, we support everything that strengthens the United States and we oppose anything that weakens our defense and our national will to resist communism. Let's take the proposed Panama Canal Treaties for example:

The American Legion supports continued U.S. sovereignty, ownership, control and jurisdiction of the U.S. Canal Zone and Canal. We oppose giving it away. The proposed treaty gives the Canal away. That is the key issue. We support U.S. ownership.

The American Legion supports dependable, efficient Canal service for all ships of all nations at reasonable toll transit rates. We oppose giving this vital trade and defense artery to a dictator whose reputation on human rights is worse than Castro's Cuba. Moreover, Panama under Torrijos has violated the present treaty at least twelve times in the past two years.

The American Legion supports the priority passage of U.S. warships and support ships through the Canal in times of war or emergency. The proposed treaty doesn't guarantee this.

The American Legion supports an adequate U.S. military presence in the U.S. Canal Zone. The Zone is one of the world's foremost important maritime choke points. If Castro's Cuba or the Soviet Union should decide to choke us off, we would face a major power confrontation. U.S. survival would be threatened.

The American Legion supports fair and equitable toll transit. Ambassador Sol Linowitz, chief U.S. negotiator for the proposed new treaties, stated tolls will go up 25-30%. Toll authorities anticipate tolls may have to go up 46% to pay all the monies promised Torrijos. This money will be at the expense of American grain growers and shippers; coal miners; oil and gas consumers; steel importers. The American Legion opposes such economic threats to U. S. prosperity.

The American Legion supports improvement for Panamanian citizens, better housing, increased incomes. We support modernization of the Canal to increase efficiency. We oppose the political turmoil which precludes improvement.

The American Legion supports what is fair, reasonable, just and in the national interests of both the United States, Panama and all the maritime nations.

In summary, we believe that these treaties will ultimately be decided by the people in grassroots America. That is as it should be. This is one defeat that the United States need not accept. The issue can and will be won at the post level through individual Legionnaires expressing their opinions to their Senators and Congressmen. Let them know how you feel about these treaties. DO IT NOW!

Lest We Forget
JANUARY 21, 1977

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Fellow Legionnaires:

I trust that each member and his family had a joyous Holiday Season. Ours was a particularly happy one with all of our family around us and the many friends who greeted us.

Now, with the Holidays behind us, we look forward to our great winter program of social and special events, and as the old chestnut goes, "can Spring be far behind"?

Thus far my tour of duty as Commander has been an interesting and happy one, working with so many helpful people and being faced with so many challenging problems. I know that the balance of my term will be just as rewarding.

I want to thank all who made December such a successful month at the Post and to wish everyone a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

See you at the Post, but in the meantime, read the Canal Editorial in this issue.

William J. Blanchard, Sr., Commander

JANUARY CALENDAR

- Jan. 1 (Sun.) New Year's Day
- 3 (Tues.) Post Meeting at 8 p.m.
- 14 (Sat.) Ice Skating Carnival
- Thaw date, Sat. Jan. 21
- 16 (Mon.) Post Affairs meeting at 8 p.m.
- 19 (Thurs.) WW II Luncheon at the Post at Noon
- 21 (Sat.) German Night Dinner-Dance
- 22 (Sun.) Oratorical Contest at 2 p.m., St. Teresa's School, Albany
- 26 (Thurs.) County meeting at Blanchard at 8 p.m.
- 30 (Mon.) Board of Directors meeting at 8 p.m.

Bingo every Wed. at the Post at 8 p.m.

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MEMBERSHIP

For the New Year we are setting a very ambitious goal, namely, making our quota of 865 by January 15. While this may seem a little overly optimistic, it really isn't. As of press time we had a paid-up membership of 724, leaving us just 141 to go with 171 of our current membership still unpaid.

Let's start Commander Bill off on a real Happy New Year by sending him to the County meeting in January with a report showing that we have reached or topped our quota. It can be done, but it requires the cooperation of those members who have not paid as well as all of the membership in soliciting new members.

Checks have been coming in quite well since the mailing of the second dues notices. As a reminder, if you carry American Legion Life Insurance you must keep your membership current each year. Anyone who has not paid by January 31 will be delinquent.

As we have stated so many times, new members are the lifeblood of an organization, and the Legion is no exception. We must recruit to replace those who have passed away, moved, transferred out or who just have not renewed. This year we are running far behind the past two years in new members. We have a great potential all around us to build for the future - so let's get going.

Milt Andre, Membership Chairman

TAPS

The death of Robert H. Glenn in June 1977 was recently reported to Milt Andre by Bob's widow upon the receipt of a dues notice for him. It seems that his death occurred at some distance from this area and was not reported locally. Bob was a professional photographer who had performed many photographic services for the Post some years ago.

Another death of a Post member was that of Joseph P. Cummings on December 4. Joe was another long-time member who also donated his services for the "good of the Legion" on many occasions.

Joe was the recipient of the 1976 Diamond Pin Award given each year by the Past Commanders of the Post for meritorious service to Blanchard Post and the American Legion.

Both of these fine gentlemen will be missed. May they rest in peace.

The following note was received from Mrs. Cummings.

"The family of Joseph P. Cummings expresses their deep and heartfelt appreciation for the many kind thoughts and actions the members of Blanchard Post and Auxiliary extended to us over the loss of our Beloved Husband and Dad. Our sorrow was lightened by your words of comfort, and your open sharing of our loss stands in tribute to the fact that Joe had many friends at Blanchard Post, and we will always cherish this thought."

ORATORICAL CONTEST

This year's Oratorical Contest of the Albany County American Legion Posts will be held on Sunday, January 22 at 2 p.m. in St. Teresa's School Hall at New Scotland and Hollywood Avenues in Albany. The Albany County winner will then go to the District Contest and hopefully to a place in the Department and National finals.

Michael O'Connor of 119 Winne Rd., Delmar, a Bethlehem Central High School senior will represent Blanchard Post in this year's contest. Our Post Oratorical Chairman, Al Woehrl, was notified of his selection in a letter from Charles A. Gunner, Principal of the High School.

Michael is the son of Dr. Paul M. O'Connor, a radiologist at the Albany Medical Center Hospital. He has been active in the Model Congress and other student activities at school, and is a "war games" enthusiast. He plans to follow his father in the medical profession.

Commander Blanchard urges members, who might be free that afternoon, to attend the contest and lend moral support to an important Legion activity for the youth of America.

WINTER CARNIVAL

Jim Beck is again Post Chairman for our participation in the annual Winter Carnival which will be held at the Town Park on Elm Avenue on Saturday, January 14. What has now become an elaborate production is actually an outgrowth of Blanchard Post's annual Children's Skating Party held each winter at the Herrick and Von Ronne Ponds. Advance publicity on this year's carnival in both the Helderberg Sun and the Spotlight failed to even mention the Post as having a part in the Carnival.

For the record then, we will again conduct the Children's Ice Skating races beginning at about 1:45 p.m. Prizes will be awarded in each of the girls and boys classes. Harvey Hasen will again oversee the "chow line" which will dispense free eats to participants, and to spectators at a nominal cost.

Other activities will include a Snow Queen contest, a Poster contest, Cross Country Ski Clinic, a Skating Show, Snowmobile rides, a Winter Camping Clinic and a Family Skating Party.

The day's activities will begin at 11:00 a.m. and conclude with the Family Skating Party beginning at about 6:30 p.m.

Jim Beck says he can use some help with the Skating Party (phone 459-5170 days, 439-4634 evenings).

GERMAN NIGHT

Chairman Bill Campbell has completed arrangements for another spectacular German Night Party on Saturday, January 21. Music for our 14th Annual German Night will be furnished by an outstanding German-American Band, The Deutschlanders.

The evening will start with the customary cocktail hour in the Lounge from 6:30 to 7:30, dinner at 7:30 and dancing to follow.

Tickets are \$7.50 per person and are available from Bill Campbell (phone 439-3398) or Jake and Vic in the Lounge.

Because of the greatly increased cost, and our poor sales last year, we will probably not have Beer Mugs for sale this year.

But anyway, get your tickets early and resolve to break up those January Blues.

BINGO DONATIONS

Two donations from the Bingo Fund were announced just prior to press time, \$50.00 to "Toys for Tots", the Marine Corps project and \$200.00 to the "Danny Fund" for "Danny" Mallory, a local multiple sclerosis victim.

LUNCHEONS

The World War I luncheon will be on Tuesday, January 10 at 1:00 p.m. at Brockley's Delmar Tavern.

The luncheon for all Post members and their guests, held each month at the Post, will be at noon on Thursday, January 19.

Uncle Miltie Says
Let's Make It A Great '78

NEW PRINTER

Because of rising costs and a location change of The Peters Print, the long-time printer of the 1040 Times, we have made change to a new printer. The Letter Shop, which has been doing our addressing of the 1040 for years, will now also do the printing.

After better than 20 years it was not a pleasant task to terminate our relationship with The Peters Print, whose work was always of the highest quality and whose people were a pleasure to work with. We take leave of them regretfully but with the consoling realization that the parting was not the fault of either of us, and that we parted as friends.

We know that our relationship with The Letter Shop will also be a happy one.

ROTTEN NEWS OF THE MONTH

Radical left-wing Iranian students conduct a violent demonstration in front of and on the White House grounds. It was reported that the FBI has been handcuffed in trying to cope with demonstrations such as this. Jody Powell, one of the President's right hand men was quoted as saying that he had heard that they were to be "just a nice bunch of kids". What qualifies this for the January "Rotten news of the month award" is the fact that they are guests of this nation.

DINNER-THEATER PARTY

There will be a return engagement on February 18 of last year's very successful dinner-theater. More about this next month. However, because of the limited seating, it is suggested that those interested in attending contact Roger DiNucci (phone 439-2348) early for reservations.

DUST 'r SNOW

... and Bobbie & Norm FENTZKE have moved back to Orchard Park (Buffalo) and we're all gonna miss 'em!! ... Larry MONETTE, Milt ANDRE 'n others extolling the feeds at WW II Luncheons ... 'n I haven't seen my 2 gal-pals Lois MONETTE and Helen HAKER in quite a spell ... great ta see Mer ATWOOD, Hal MASON, Warren BOUTELLE on der bingo team, that's what! ... and very attractive bingo-refresher gals such as Freda SHERMAN, Ruth BRUSO, Karla BURNS 'n many others lite up the room on a Wed-Nite ... and it was nice of Betty and John WILLIAMSON to give Ruth BURNS a ride home that late nite in NOV! (what were ya doing out that late, Ruth?) ... 'n it was happy news for Marie SMITH and Freda REISSIG ... always nice ta see that gracious gal Eleanor ATWOOD

... great ta chat with that ever pleasant couple Mary & Al WOEHRLE a while back ... certainly a worker fer Blanchard Post is Bob GLASTETTER, that's who! ... C'mon, Lads, Join Dalton's Bingo Army! It's fun! It's interesting! It's a great thing for OUR POST!!! ... 'n tis always nice to see Renna & John HAUF at the Post ... Nice chat with Lions, Past Prez & Current Bd. Director, Bob ROSENFELD ... gotta git that Jean & Bob DUGAN out to a Post Affair. Haven't seen those kids in a long time! ... Mim & Merle OLIVER are not only Square-Dancers First Class, but also good at teaching the non-initiate! ... and tis great indeed ta have me former neighbor as a member of Blanchard Post - none other than Al YEZZI the genial Prop. of Elsmere Baskin-Robbins ... Dynamite Bill DONNELLY & Gal Pal sure put some pa-zazz to the Fri-Nite Dance floor ... Hiya, Gaye & Bud RUKWID! Only way I git ta speak to yez is thru the paper, that's what! ... gonna miss Gert & Jim CLEARLY around the Post ... 'n tis always a pleasure to see Katherine & Bob LA FORGE, Grace & Bud VIELE, Alice & Bill JOHNSTON ... 'n certainly a nice gal with people is Joan STOWERS, that's who! ... and it's always a pleasure ta see a coupla former Delaware Avenooers like Chuck ADALIAN 'n Jack MARTIN, that's what ... 'n Lois & Fred KLAPP have been some welcome addition to the Post ... Our sincere sympathy to Alice & Charley HERBER on the loss of Charley's Mother ... 'n who iz da President of the Shuffle-Board League (Shades of Shuffy McDuffy)? ... Like ta hear what Richard (the Lion Hearted) OATES said after he bowled 570 and hiz team had to forfeit. 'n even the ever good natured Ange TANGORA must have muttered a bit when the last pin stayed up and he hit 199 ... whenever ya watch Fred BUKER 'n Al PUGLIESE they are bowling strikes, but they must miss once in a while! ... 'n twas nice ta hear that Printer Larry PROPP, the genial Prez. of Bethleem Babe Ruth Baseball, will be handling the 1040 Times from A to Z ... Joe CUMMINGS - he was a professional athlete, a Past Vice-Commander, Diamond Pin Award winner, Chairman of many Post functions - yet most of all he was a gentleman and a genuine nice guy - we will never replace Joe CUMMINGS, but try to fill the void as best we can ... And twas nice ta see Della & Jack BRADY and all the other nice couples at recent Post Affairs. ... Dynamite Bill MITCHELL lining up Tom FOY, Joe MARINO, Bill KARINS, Ken Burns to invade Plattsburgh next Spring! ... League Officers fining Bill CAMPBELL for unsportsman like conduct - he was bringing a voodoo doll to Fri-Nite bowling and sticking pins in it (ya know it worked!) ... Hope yez

all had a Merry Ho-Ho and Rang them Bells ...

... till Feb. 'r Sometime.

The Gutter Duster

Uncle Miltie Says
Your Dues Will
Show You Care

BINGO REPORT - NOVEMBER

In accordance with the provisions of the New York State Bingo Law, the financial report of our Bingo operations for November is published herewith:

Five (5) occasions - 894 players	
Receipts	\$6,906.70
Prizes	5,000.00
Gross profit\$1,906.70	
Expenses	
Equipment and supplies	\$259.42
Services	117.00
License fees	89.38
Other expenses	13.00
Total expenses..... 478.80	
Net Profit\$1,427.90	

Uncle Miltie Says
Don't Lapse
Your Membership

AUXILIARY NEWS

by Lillian Blanchard

OFFICERS FOR 1977-1978

President	Pauline Ouderkirk
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Corresponding Secretary	Karla Burns
Treasurer	Dorotha George
Chaplain	Celeste Blanchard
Sergeant-at-Arms	Gloria Broom
Historian	Freda Sherman

We hope everyone had a very Joyous Christmas and will have a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

The District tea was held at the VA Hospital on December 4 to mark the opening of the Gift Shop. Workers at the Shop were: Thelma Ballard, Ronnie Moessner, Barbara Palmer, Freda Sherman and Joan Stowers.

Our adopted veteran at the VA Hospital, Douglas MacRae, who is in room 410A, had a birthday on November 18. Joan Stowers and Ronnie Moessner delivered his birthday gifts from the Auxiliary, a sport shirt, canteen book, cake and card. Doug also received other cards from Auxiliary members and gifts from Ted and Freda Sherman (tie and candy), Hugh and Joan Stowers (canteen book),

Warren and Ronnie Moessner (socks). Please keep in mind that Doug, like all hospitalized persons, would appreciate a card or a visit.

With the Holidays over a good way to start off the New Year is a resolution to volunteer to work Bingo on Wednesday nights. A commitment of one Wednesday a month would be a great help. Call Margaret Hasen at 439-2561 after 5:00 p.m. She'll have no trouble fitting you right into the schedule.

The drawing for the Basket of Cheer, held annually at the Tinsel Ball, was won this year by Tim P. Kochan on a ticket sold to him by Carol Cummings. Morey Maskin won the case of champagne with a ticket bought in the Lounge and the case of beer was taken home by Lee Barnum on a ticket purchased from Celeste Blanchard. Many thanks to all who sold tickets.

As always, all of our ladies did a terrific job in providing hors d'oeuvres for the annual Egg Nog Party on Sunday, December 18.

President Pauline Ouderkirk thanks First Vice President Carol Cummings for assuming Pauline's duties while she was hospitalized and all of the Auxiliary members for the planter and get well wishes she received.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Gayle and Carol Cummings and their family on the loss of husband and father.

The beautiful Christmas arrangement in the Lounge was the work of our President Pauline. Our thanks go out to her.

The Executive Committee will meet on January 5 at 8:00 p.m. The regular Auxiliary meeting will be at 8 p.m. on January 17, at which a program on breast cancer will be presented by the American Cancer Society.

**Uncle Miltie Says
Get Your Dues In Now**

DOWN THE ALLEY

Ken Havill's Air Force Falcons have again eased Ray Bender's Infantrymen out of first place and led the bowling league by a scant 1/2 point as of December 2.

Congratulations are in order for Ken Burns on his first ever 500 series, a 511 on the night after Thanksgiving. Skip Larkin and George Heilman were all smiles after their first 500 series of the season. Bill Alwell strutting around after making the 6-7-10 split and topping this off by reporting in the next week with a brand new red, white and blue mottled ball. The cooler weather seems to have loosened up a lot of old joints.

By the time this issue of the 1040 hits the road all bowlers will be settled into either Class A or B, for the remainder of the season competing against those in their own class only, for high average, high three game series and high single.

Have a Safe, Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

'Til next issue.

Milt Andre, Secretary

The standings as of December 2 were:

	HS	HT	Points	W	L	Pins
Air Force	890	2434	34	25	14	27360
Infantry	845	2406	33 1/2	26 1/2	12 1/2	29440
Navy	856	2425	26 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	29441
Tanks	876	2342	26	19	20	28826
Marines	848	2432	24	18	21	28486
Sea Bees	841	2416	24	17	22	28281
Coast Grd.	800	2303	20	16	23	28219
Army	858	2363	20	15	24	28248

	HS	HT	Pins	G	Av.
McDonald	242	585	6450	36	179
Kreh	231	616	5342	30	177
Havill	233	599	5814	33	177
DiSanto	204	564	5430	33	176
Lantz	213	530	4306	27	159
Bender	210	512	6213	39	159
Johnston	194	553	6208	39	159
Oates	213	570	5706	36	158
Palmer	198	510	4713	30	157
Marino	217	539	5090	33	154
Giacone	214	537	4597	30	153
Mitchell	184	514	5957	39	152
Viele	193	505	5039	33	152
Pugliese	201	543	5024	33	152
Karins	200	487	5934	39	152
Foy	199	499	4687	31	151
Pauquette	197	486	4537	30	151
Hanrahan	201	527	4990	33	151
Tangora	199	528	5906	39	151
Quinn	168	492	1359	9	151
Eagan	201	509	4224	28	150
Whitney	178	510	5208	35	148
Andre	198	526	5348	36	148
Larkin	186	517	4267	29	147
Vail	191	504	5732	39	146
Heilmann	196	529	5193	36	144
McCabe	200	491	4313	30	143
Burns	180	511	5571	39	142
Ristau	186	475	4670	33	141
Campbell	220	484	4623	33	140
Hasen	176	460	5035	36	139
Donnelly	190	516	4539	33	137
Mosmen	180	454	2889	21	137
Haker	177	474	5277	39	135
Brady	198	497	4778	36	131
LaForge	168	442	4323	33	131
Buker	172	421	4247	33	128
Monette	187	463	4529	36	125
Cole	188	431	4785	39	122
Alwell	152	393	3292	30	109

FOUND

A ladies' leather jacket - in the lounge - owner may claim upon identification.

BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY

JAN. 4 - 11 - 18 - 25

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