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AUXILIARY NEWS

Committee members are attentively working toward the success of the Fall Card Party and Fashion Show by Dorothy Lynn. Esther Cooke and Lenore Smith remind the members to bring the delicious tea sandwiches for serving the guests. Tickets can still be obtained from either Zen Campbell (439-398) or from Marcia Rosenfield (439-6225). If you would like to have a bridge session at home May Smith, Joan Stower and Irene White will furnish you with tallies and table prizes. Either way, at home or in the Post Rooms it will be an entertaining evening. The date: October 14 at 8 p.m.

The Third District Conference has been changed to Wednesday, October 8. Attending will be Lee Hurley, Child Welfare Chmn.; Marcia Rosenfield, substituting for Helen Reynolds, Rehabilitation Chmn.; and Fran Tyman, Treasurer.

Helen is not ill—she was hospitalized last spring—but is back to work. Three cheers! However, Barbara Palmer has been sick and in the hospital. It's always too bad when someone like Barbara has to be ill. The membership hopes that very soon you'll be well, and up, and out again.

The regular monthly meeting will be held October 21. Geraldine Klett, Empire Girls' State Chairman, will introduce lovely Sidney Jones to us at this meeting. Miss Jones was our representative at the Girls' State Conference held at SUNY this past June.

AUXILIARY NEWS

The month of November marks the 50th Anniversary of the National American Legion Auxiliary. We will celebrate by inviting the husbands of our members to attend a covered dish supper on the 18th. More details will follow in the November issue of the 1040 TIMES.

The annual Gift Shop will be held the first part of December at the VA Hospital. Donations of gifts are welcomed and volunteers are always needed. First time volunteers always return because this is such a heart-warming experience. New members especially will find Christmas will have a deeper, spiritual meaning if they devote a few hours helping the handicapped veterans. Please call President Maud Hafley or Helen Reynolds to offer your services or gifts (or both). Don't get bogged down with the commercial aspect of Christmas—do something *big*!

Joan Stowers is in charge of our 7th Annual Christmas Drawing for the Basket of Spirits and Case of Champagne. Chances are available from Joan, Art Quinn (at the bar), and Commander Hugh Stowers. I'm sure he won't leave the house without a handful of booklets—right Joan!

Delmar Lumber and Builders' Supply, Inc. donated the printer's fee for our 300 Fall Card Party tickets and Gallagher's Ski and Sport Shop did the same for our 500 booklets (2,500 chances). We sincerely thank the owners of both these businesses, Scottie Rowe and Brian Gallagher, and urge our members to patronize these community stores.

A quick reminder—October 14—Card Party evening and October 21—regular monthly meeting.

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WEDNESDAY, Oct. 8—Third District Conference, place to be announced.

TUESDAY, Oct. 14—Fall Card Party and Fashion Show, Post Room, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, Oct. 21—Regular monthly meeting; speaker, Miss Sidney Jones, at Post Room, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, Oct. 28—County meeting, place to be announced.

TUESDAY, Nov. 18—50th Anniversary, American Legion Auxiliary. Covered dish supper for members and husbands, 6:30 p.m. at new Post Rooms?

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"Bryn Mawr Names Aptheker Director of Black Studies" was the headline of an article in the May 27, 1969 issue of the *Daily World*. Herbert Aptheker was elated and commented: "It is thrilling, with a wide significance for the Communist Party. It also reflects something of what this student movement is all about, which many people have failed to understand."

It is indeed true that many do not understand what this student movement is all about. Those who are enlightened—and this includes many students—do know that the Communists, while not in complete control yet, are behind much of what has been transpiring in our educational system. In a "College Poll" taken recently, the student questioned do not believe that this is part of any over-all Communist conspiracy but half of them feel that those leading the riots receive "some backing" from Communist organizations.

Those who have fought even permitting Communists to speak on the campuses of our colleges and universities are appalled by this announcement. Aptheker is the leading theoretician of the Communist Party, USA and Director of the American Institute of Marxist Studies. His daughter, Bettina, was one of the leading proponents of the Free Speech Movement at Berkeley a few years ago and this was a "trial run" for the subsequent riots and disruption of academic life at hundreds of colleges and universities across this nation.

In 1965, Gus Hall, General Secretary of the Communist Party, USA said: "The youth program of the (Communist) Party is so important that I or any other national leader would go anywhere to meet with young students even if but one student is met." Little did he dream that four years later one of the leading Communists would have 1,500 young, impressionable minds in which to sow the seed of revolution. There are those professors who have been brainwashed by the Communists to subvert the youth of this country but to have the leading theoretician of the Communist Party, USA thrust into such a position—indeed what a glorious victory for those forces who would destroy our way of life and overthrow the government of the United States by any means necessary.

This is a triumph for the Communists and a sad commentary on the permissiveness of some of our college and university administrators. This is academic freedom? It is sheer stupidity!

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AN INSIGHT INTO THE VIETNAMESE SITUATION

Two years ago there was founded by ex-Presidents Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower, (the latter having since died) along with former U.S. Senator Paul H. Douglas, the Citizens Committee for Peace With Freedom in Vietnam.

Recently the Committee sponsored a nine-member Fact Finding Commission made up of prominent Americans on a non-partisan basis to delve into the participation of our national resources and its commitments in Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand. The Paris "Peace Talks" also received the Commission's attention.

Here are the findings and recommendations of that Commission:

Findings

1. Since TET, the enemy in Vietnam has become much weaker, our side much stronger. This is chiefly because of the enemy's staggering losses, General Abrams' small unit spoiling tactics, and the mobilization of the South Vietnamese people which is one of the greatest in modern times.

2. Progress is striking but precarious. Since TET the enemy has won no victory, taken and held no ground, sustained no major long-term engagement and has fallen back chiefly on hit-and-run tactics. The South Vietnamese Army found its soul at TET and in the mass graves of Hue. Since TET it has won victories, expanded its ground, taken over the defense of provinces and an entire crops area, and inflicted far greater casualties on the enemy than he has upon them. Peasants are returning to the fields, rice production is up, increasing numbers of local election are being held, the number of defections to our side is increasing and the enemy keeps the fight going in the South by infusion of troops from the North.

3. Yet the enemy retains a kind of initiative through use of his sanctuaries on Laos and Cambodia and north of the DMZ. If he is willing to bleed himself white he can still, for short periods, double American casualties. If American and Vietnamese commanders are not able or are not allowed to deny him access to certain corridors, our casualty rolls could go still higher. Our commanders know this and we were tremendously impressed with their concern to spare American lives.

4. The South Vietnamese must still rely for some time to come upon United States troop lift, air support, staff assistance and reserves. Progress on the political and pacification front is gratifying but still vulnerable.

5. In this situation timing is crucial, particularly with respect to the substitution of Vietnamese troops for Americans. *The policy of reciprocal de-escalation is feasible, provided the withdrawal of U.S. forces is closely geared to demonstrated improvement in South Vietnamese capabilities and is not forced prematurely by war-weary American public opinion.*

6. To our surprise we found the Vietnamese eager—perhaps over eager for the transfer. The first withdrawals have actually stimulated them. However they see the whole process as gradual, related to their own progress and involving at the end an important American residual logistical presence.

7. President Nixon has made three stipulations for U.S. force reduction of which we consider South Vietnamese progress the cardinal one. As to the other two—reduction in the enemy's military activity and progress at Paris—the so-called "lull" in the fighting collapsed while we were in Vietnam. We do not believe such "lulls" mean that the enemy is trying to tell us anything, only that he has had to fall back and regroup.

8. As to the Paris peace talks, they have not failed but they have shown no progress of the kind the President stipulates. They have, however, served to demonstrate that the enemy is unwilling to face the challenge of free elections, wants the United States to throw the Thieu government out, then wants the United States itself to get out unconditionally after having installed a coalition government for the future convenience of Hanoi. There has seldom been a clearer case of a belligerent's trying to recoup at the conference table what he is losing on the battlefield.

9. As a result of all this, a kind of protracted "stand-off" seems to be looming in Vietnam. If the President, the American and South Vietnamese people stick by Mr. Nixon's three criteria and if the South Vietnamese succeed in cementing a political consensus, there is a better than even chance that the "stand-off" will be resolved in favor of peace with freedom. If we pull out prematurely the enemy can reverse the tide running against him, complete his subjugation not only of Vietnam but of adjoining territory and we will have lost more than 38,000 American lives in vain.

10. In Laos and Thailand we become more aware of the possible effect of a premature American withdrawal on other countries in Asia. In Laos we noted that the North Vietnamese invaders' unprecedented success during the rainy season had coincided with the so-called "lull" in Vietnam. In Thailand our visit coincided with the move by the Thai government to reduce the United States forces, a decision which, however conditional and hedged toward gradualness, must give comfort to the enemy.

Recommendations

1. That the substitution of Vietnamese for U. S. troops take place on the basis of demonstrated improvement in South Vietnamese capabilities; the American policy should be: "cut and look" not "cut and run."

2. That no time table be proclaimed and that any schedule for planning purposes be flexible.

3. That President Nixon and General Abrams set up an extraordinary commission to assess ARVN progress; and that this commission inquire into whether "Vietnamization" can in fact involve a more rapid rate of modernization

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and activation than was laid down in schedules before "Vietnamization" became a by-word publicly linked with U.S. forces reductions.

4. That American editors and correspondents and USIA give much more coverage to ARVN sacrifices and progress.

5. That the United States continue to urge the Vietnamese government to broaden its base and find new support in the countryside. The object should be a government which can not only prosecute the war but which can also face up to the enemy in the stand-off which will follow United States reductions and can speak more authentically in peace negotiations. Such a broadening should not, however, prefigure the kind of peace-at-any-price coalition Hanoi would like to see imposed without elections.

6. The United States should recognize the political benefit which can accrue from the proposed new land reform program and give appropriate assistance.

7. The United States and South Vietnam should stand firm at Paris for free elections, against a coalition prior to elections, and against unilateral withdrawals (despite the fact that we already seem to have begun them).

8. That the United States, consistent with the accords of 1962, try to expedite the equipment of Laotian forces; and that our stand for reciprocal withdrawal of forces apply to Laos as well as to Vietnam.

9. That the United States give what explanations and assurances as it can to its Asian allies about the purposes and implications of U.S. force reductions.

For further information about the Citizens Committee for Peace With Freedom in Vietnam which has its headquarters in Washington, D.C., contact Blanchard Legionnaire Al Woehrle.

Forming of Color Guard

A new Color Guard and Firing Squad is now being formed. Don Smith will be in charge with the drill whip of Major Ed Korp, Ret. The squad will meet one half hour before meetings on all regular meeting nights. New uniforms and rifles will be supplied. To date the following men will be members:

Merwyn Atwood
John Brady
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Don Smith
Walt Smith

BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, Oct. 6—Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.; Regular Post monthly meeting at 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, Oct. 1—World Series Day program at Post, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

SUN. Oct. 12-MON. Oct. 13—Columbus Day—Fly the American Flag.

MONDAY, Oct. 20—Mid-monthly Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, Oct. 21—Auxiliary meets

MONDAY, Oct. 27—Board of Directors meeting at 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, Oct. 30—County Legion meets (place to be announced)

Committees

Commander Hugh Stowers has named the following committees and their chairmen for this year:

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Sick Call & Relief	Arthur Quinn
United Nations	John Brady

Some of these chairmen are continuing to do the job they have done well in past years, others are new chairmen who we all know will do an equally good job. Interest and dedication are so necessary among our members to insure the Post's services and activities being carried out to the fullest. Anyone who can aid these committee chairmen are urged to do so.

Thank You

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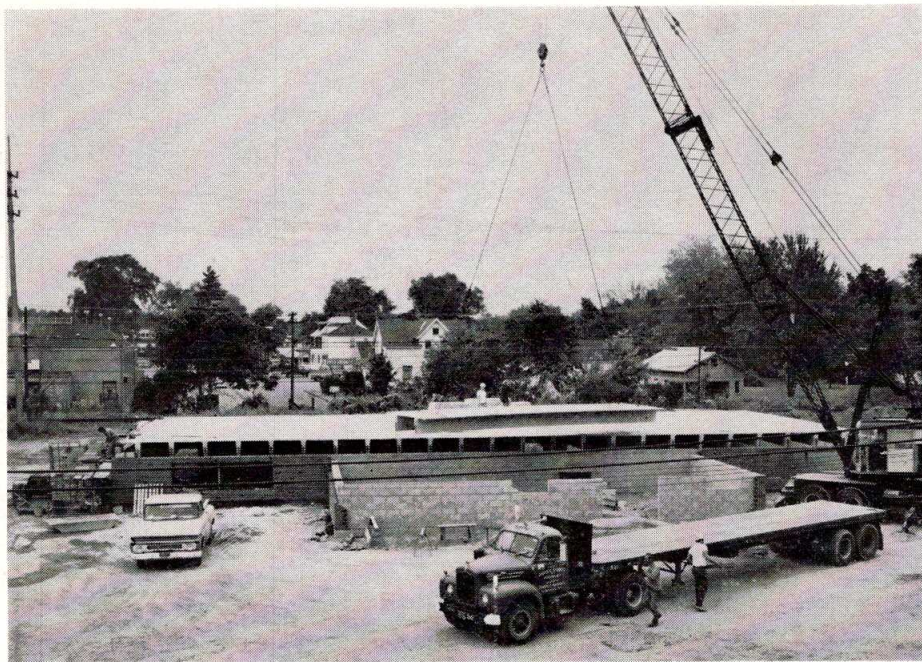
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Gus Williams and Hank Kindberg say after going over all the expenditures, plus listening to our Financial Fund Chairman Joe Von Ronne and Al Greenwood as to the amount of pledges still anticipated from our members and business firms. They have decided to plush up our new lounges. Gus and Hank say our lounge will be second to none. Also a bandstand up and down, a 18x18 dance floor, wall-to-wall carpeting, and a semi-circular bar—with a low island for a cash register. Sounds great men—good luck!

We hear George Reeber (our Flag Chairman) is vacationing in Lobster Town (Cape Cod) with his wife, and can't wait to go fishing. Have fun George but stay away from the hippies! Did our good members know that Joe Bauhofer was a drill sergeant in service?

If you want quick service for something to eat on Friday evenings, just look for Esther or Helen (Toni) and you'll get it! I hear Mrs. Bauhofer and daughter, Carol Vogel, will take on anybody at shuffleboard.

Did you hear about Saratoga? A beachhead landed successfully by the members of 1040 at Saratoga—all involved were loaded and ready for the war horses at the track. Although some were old war horses, they kept us busy trying to pick them off (winners, that is). I would say everyone had a great time. The chow was good and weather okay (at times). Some rain fell but we had good cover. Our Commander Hugh Stowers was honored and had his picture taken in the winning circle after the American Legion 1040 ninth race. With capable hands of Bill McGoey, Hank Kindberg, and Milt Andre, everything went along smoothly. Although the bus was a little hampered by visibility (bad

windshield wipers) and a slight shimmy now and then, we still landed home okay. Red Freeman kept us all (bus 102) laughing with his ad-libs and Bill Campbell took bets on a certain sharp turn by the toll gate. I believe Bill wanted to get even for the night. We just made the turn by a nose and Bill lost again. Bus 103 kept busy singing songs all the way.

To name a few members at the affair were: Gus Williams and his wife, Sid (lucky) and Mary Kaplan, Ed and Fran Tyman, Ruth and Dick Dalton (the handicapper), George (big bettor) Spawn, Ed and Betty Costigan, the Barkhuffs, the Reohrs (all four of them), Fred Graesser and his wife Gwen (cheering her head off), Esther (pick a familiar name) Patterson, Helen Quinn (seen at the \$50.00 window), Royce Day and his lovely spouse, Mrs. Andre, Mrs. Kindberg (the bowling star), the Tip Nelsons and many others.

I'll end this writing with... we came in with a bang and left the same way. (Canopy and all—bus 103, I mean).

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