



# Ten Forty Times

DELMAR, NEW YORK



DECEMBER 1963

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

### THUNDER ON THE RIGHT

In our monthly discourse on matters of concern to all thinking Americans we have included quotations from articles that we think will be interesting to our members, and in most instances express "the other side of the picture", something that we may not always get from the daily press. The following is from just such an article. While we don't expect everyone to agree with it, we know that no one could deny that it is a tremendously powerful summation in capsule form.

"There is a wise old saying that the smartest trick of the Devil is in convincing people that he doesn't exist. That saying has a first cousin that says the Devil can always find willing helpers.

"Those who are so terrified by what they call *Thunder on the Right* are not as old as the Devil or as wise. In their compulsive need for a cordial togetherness with all men everywhere they naively assume that there is no difference between the hunters and the hunted, between arsonists and the cremated.

"The smartest trick of our Red Fifth Column is in convincing the public that it doesn't exist. And like Old Nick they are finding it easy to enlist willing helpers. But the amazing thing is that while the auxiliary know that this particular devil exists all over the world today, they deny that he exists here. Terrified by the thunder they ignore the lightning.

"They must think our judiciary is hallucinating in bringing to trial on twelve charges in a Federal Court a non-existent organization. They must think the Ben Davises, the Gus Halls and all the rest of the Communist leaders who now claim to be merely 'spokesmen for the Communist Party' are disembodied mouths, voices without bodies.

"But, of course, the substance of this situation is not as it is represented. *Thunder on the Right* is not at all what the protesting brethren are afraid of. What they fear is that this is not thunder at all, but a gathering lightning mounting to strike. And what we are hearing is their loud announcement in the form of *Thunder on the Left*.

"Some of the rumbling comes from merchants who deplore their inability to trade with the Communist bloc and who openly envy their Canadian and English companions - in - currency. Some of it comes from hairbrained Hollywood artists who have a hunch that pink will come back into fashion next season. Some of it comes from pharisaical legal Samaritans who can't tell a party from a

plot and who, with Voltaire, will defend the right of anybody but Moise Tshombe to speak his piece in Madison Square Garden. Some of it comes from that strange breed of humble clergymen who are always quietly backing into the lime-light and who must always be, like grapefruit, in the public eye. The hot air components of our *Thunder on the Left* have a complication of causes and origins.

"The psychiatrists have not yet met with their lexicographers to coin the Greek derivative that means 'a morbid fear of conservatives'. But surely this is one phobia curable by eye-surgery quicker than by couching. Let the afflicted really see what is actually going on in a world where the boundaries of freedom are shrinking daily, and in a nation that must annually spend three-quarters of its tax-revenue for military defense, and the noise on the Right which they interpreted as thunder will be recognized for what it is, the sound of concern.

"When they have shed their phobia, they will understand that the Red propaganda machine is re-tooling the word Right for its own uses. And when their memory returns, they will realize that the trick is nothing new for it was successfully turned with other good words like: colonies, liberation, self-determination, peace, negotiation, and freedom."

Charles J. O'Hara

**YOUR ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS IS SLIPPING !!  
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● P.S.: At the last few meetings Commander Dalton drew a name from the membership card file, and had the person whose name was drawn been present, would have been \$\$\$ richer. The drawings are continuing.

## BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, DEC. 2—Regular monthly Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7—Tinsel Ball at Post Hall. Dancing starts at 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 9—The Post Affairs Committee meets.

MONDAY, DEC. 16—Mid-monthly Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 21—Annual visit by Santa Claus for Children's Christmas Party which commences at 1:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 21—Annual Egg Nog Party at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25—*Merry Christmas to All!*

THURSDAY, DEC. 26—County Legion will meet at Bucci-McTague Post, 8:30 p.m. 117 Jefferson Street, Albany, N. Y.

MONDAY, DEC. 30—Board of Directors will meet at 8:00 p.m.

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## GET A MEMBER

By mid-November, Membership Chairman-Vice Commander Fred Stahlhut reported 415 paid-up members were on the rolls for 1963-64. In this number were 17 new members, of which three are brothers: Bill, Tom and Jack Stevens, all of Albany. They were signed up for Blanchard Post by Charlie Haeusser.

Chairman Stahlhut says: "Charlie has really done his share in getting new members for the American Legion and Blanchard Post. I wish everyone could sign up at least one member. If we did, Blanchard Post would move up from third place to the largest Post in Albany County."

As it is, Blanchard's membership has gone past the half-way mark. Blanchard needs 340 more paid-up members to be able to meet its quota of 755.

"To those of you," says Chairman Stahlhut, "who have not yet paid their 1963-64 dues and you read this item, please let it be a reminder to pay your dues now—it's \$7.50 this year—so that we can get our membership program secured."

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## Sick Call

Chairman Hugh Stowers reports that a get-well card was sent to Frank O'Connor who has been confined to the VA Hospital in Albany.

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**MARY'S CORNER**

As this publication comes out, the Auxiliary year is well on its way. Though response to the membership drive has been good, Chairman Norrine Cooke reports there are about 25 dues outstanding, which she feels is an oversight. If Norrine can reach quota by the 31st of December, Blanchard Unit will be eligible for a special citation. Let's do it! Checks should be sent to Mrs. Leroy Cooke, 37 Royal Boulevard, Delmar, N. Y., or, if you want to talk to her about it, call HE 9-3057.

A happier note! Plans are nearly complete for our annual Christmas dinner meeting and party. Anne Heilmann, General Chairman, is happy to report that the ladies of the Eastern Star will be with us to prepare and serve the food—a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The affair is to be held on our regular meeting night, December 17 at 6:30 at the Post rooms. The cost is \$3.00, which includes the gratuity. Irene White and Patricia Van Galen are in charge of reservations, the deadline for which will be December 12. To make it easier for the committee in knowing how to plan, the sooner you call, the better! Irene is HE 9-1975 or Pat is HE 9-3906. If you find it necessary to cancel these girls will take care of this also, but allow sufficient time for them to notify the ladies catering. Surprise entertainment is being arranged by Alice Vaughn. Work on the table decorations is already underway with our talented Helen Kemnitzer acting as Chairman, assisted by Lee Hurley, Grace Von Ronne and Peg Butman. General Chairman Anne wishes to remind all those planning to attend to bring a grab bag gift valued at \$1.00. For a little added excitement, a prize will be awarded to the person bringing the gift wrapped in the most original manner and also a prize for the prettiest wrapped package. Get those busy fingers going, gals, and win yourself a bonus for your efforts.

Now that you are in the Christmas party mood, let's mark the calendar for Saturday night, December 21, when the Post will hold its annual Egg Nog Party. Joe and Gracie Von Ronne have again consented to take the Chairmanship. This has become a joint effort on the part of the Post, the Auxiliary and the wives of all those attending and has become one of the outstanding affairs of the year. In order to make Joe and Gracie's giant task of having the hors d'oeuvre table as bountiful and beautiful as always, tell them when you see them that you are coming and will bring along a plate of what you do best. What a party to look forward to!

At these affairs you will have an opportunity to see the job accomplished by the Auxiliary's Drapery Committee composed of Chairman Ruth Jorgensen, Chris Barkhuff, and Fran Hynds. Much time, thought and money has gone into this project but the effort is self-evident. For a job well done, a hearty vote of thanks to this committee.

To offset the cost for these beautiful draperies, which add the finishing touch to the redecorated meeting room, a Ways and Means

Committee, with Charlotte Johnston as its Chairman, is working out a very appropos money-raising idea. Serving on the committee are Fran Hynds, Ruth Jorgensen and Viola Knapp. A raffle on a huge basket of holiday cheer is planned, so get in the "spirit" to win the "spirits" when you are asked to help. To make this raffle a success will mean then that we all can be proud of our share in making our Post such a beautiful one.

At the time of this writing word has come of the sudden death of Ruth Dalton's father, Clarence Blanchard. Sincere and heartfelt sympathy is extended to Ruth from her many friends in the Auxiliary.

Ruth Dickinson, a Past President of our Unit, is presently confined to St. Peter's Hospital. Our best wishes for Ruth are for a rapid and complete recovery and an early return to her home.

Happy holidays to all from President Mary, her officers and committees.

Kay Mossman

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**Taps**

The death of Clarence A. Blanchard of Delmar, N. Y., brother of the man for whom our Post was named, occurred at Albany Hospital on November 16. Mr. Blanchard, 69, had a heart ailment. He was stricken ill at home. His son-in-law is our Commander, Richard P. Dalton.

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard was the only brother of Clarence Blanchard. He was killed in France on Armistice Day in the year 1918.

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Bill Flint's team of Bullheads still led the Mixed Bowling League as of press-time. Gus Franze's Guppies moved up to second place, displacing the Barracudas, and third place is held by Chet Becker's Pirranhas. The other Bullheads include Given Hynds, Tillie Lephart and Kay Becker.

Top three men in the League are Jules Aupperle, Clarence Lephart, each with a 170 average, followed by Gus Franze with 167. The three top gals are Grace Franze and Fran Hynds, each with 145, and Tillie Lephart with 141.

Anyone wishing to have their name put on the list for substitute bowlers, should get in touch with the League's President, Howard Lockhart or Sally Foster, Secretary.

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Tanks .....	20	17	10	21370	.630
Artillery .....	19	15	12	21621	.556
Infantry .....	19	13	14	20994	.481
Navy .....	19	15	12	20740	.556
Engineers .....	18	14	13	20824	.519
Army .....	17	12	15	20642	.444
Marines .....	15	13	14	21031	.481
Coast Guard .....	13	10	17	21840	.370

	Games	Pinnage	Avg.
1 K. Stinson .....	24	4267	177
2 L. Greene .....	27	4756	176
3 W. Berry .....	27	4725	175
4 E. Loftus .....	27	4702	174
5 C. Smith .....	24	4111	171
6 W. Flint .....	23	3874	168
7 W. Johnston .....	21	3540	168
8 R. Strickland .....	24	4022	167
9 O. Voelmle .....	18	3016	167
10 M. Andre .....	27	4501	166
11 P. Lawler .....	24	3994	166
12 R. Cole .....	27	4467	165
13 C. Loftus .....	21	3467	165
14 B. McCarthy .....	24	3956	164
15 H. Drew .....	24	3823	163
16 G. Butman .....	27	4382	162
17 D. Williams .....	27	4346	161
18 H. Kindberg .....	24	3876	161
19 T. Noonan .....	21	3381	161
20 W. Tougher .....	27	4243	157
21 H. Lockhart .....	21	3312	157
22 J. Aupperle .....	27	4219	156
23 A. Wickert .....	21	3278	156
24 S. Klett .....	21	3251	154
25 P. Devio .....	24	3739	153
26 W. Volk .....	27	4121	152
27 C. Wiley .....	27	4086	151
28 R. Williams .....	27	4058	150
29 A. Greenwood .....	21	3130	149
30 G. Geurtze .....	18	2664	148
31 P. Smith .....	27	3938	145
32 B. Mosmen .....	27	3884	143
33 G. Wenger .....	24	3335	139
34 F. Buker .....	21	2913	138
35 R. Callagan .....	21	2834	135
36 J. Haker .....	27	3513	130
37 G. Feiden .....	23	3009	130
38 E. Cassidy .....	23	2967	129
39 E. Boyd .....	24	3012	125
40 A. Woehrle .....	21	2313	110

## Oratorical Contest Coming

The Albany County Legion Oratorical Contest for this year is scheduled for January 26, 1964 at St. Teresa of Avila Auditorium in Albany. The time is about 2:00 p.m. Blanchard Post's Oratorical Committee Chairman, Mark Scurrah, is making arrangements for a Blanchard entry in this event. Post members who can attend are asked to mark their calendar for that date so that there will be a good attendance for this important American Legion program.



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In cooperation with the Albany office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Blanchard Post has initiated a program aimed at alerting the elementary school children in the Bethlehem School District against child molesters.

The F.B.I., through Blanchard Legionnaire Bob Margison, sought to have its coloring-contest put into action. This activity calls for the distribution among the students of black on white drawings of situations which the young people are reminded to avoid, such as being stopped by strangers on foot or in automobiles.

To make an impression on youngsters they are to color the pictures. On the merits of the work by the young artists, it was expected prizes might be awarded. Because this program might interfere with their school work, it was decided that the drawings would not be used. Instead, Supervising Principal Hamilton H. Bookhout issued this memorandum to the Elementary School Principals:

The F.B.I. in cooperation with the local American Legion Post is continu-

ing its campaign against child molesters. One very simple educational activity is to impress upon pupils these rules of conduct:

1. Turn down gifts from strangers
2. Refuse rides offered by strangers
3. Avoid dark and lonely streets
4. Know your local policeman

I am recommending that all primary teachers develop a teaching unit around these rules in the interest of the safety and welfare of pupils.

Commander Dalton received the following letter from Mr. Bookhout:

"As a follow-up of the conversation with you and Rodger Fryer, I have sent to each elementary principal a copy of the enclosed memorandum. You will observe that it asks teachers to use the four rules suggested by the F.B.I. as the basis for a unit of instruction in our elementary grades. Thank you both for bringing to me the materials and for giving us the opportunity to promote this most worthy activity."

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## INSTALLED

At the November 4th meeting four of Blanchard Post's newest members were installed. Serving as the Installing Officer was George Reeber. Three of the installees are the Stevens brothers, Bill, Tom and Jack, all of Albany. Sponsor was Charles Haeusser.

The fourth new member to be installed that night was Albert Beckmann, who was sponsored by Royce Day.

Other recent new members to the Post awaiting formal installing, and their sponsors (in parenthesis) include:

Roger M. Aiken and Fred Albright (Membership Committee), Richard C. Gorman, Jr. (Bud Mosmen), Joseph P. Grieco (Rodger Fryer), John C. O'Hara and Benjamin Pasqualitti (Charles J. O'Hara), Arthur A. Prue (Art Bahn), William Roch (Art Quinn), Charles Tavernier (Al Woehle and Ken Jopp), Paul Tuppy (Art Quinn), and Walter Wiczczak (Robert Edwards).

These new members, with their sponsors, should come to the next meeting for their installation, which is Monday, December 2nd.

## WHO READS THE TIMES?

Two months ago an experiment was made to get a "reading" on the ad-power of our Post publication. To five different advertisers was given an envelope which was to be given to any Blanchard Legionnaire who patronized the advertiser and stated "I saw your ad in the TEN FORTY TIMES". The envelope contained instructions to bring it to the mid-October meeting for which it would be redeemed for a small cash award.

No one has returned any of the envelopes to the Post. It has been reported that at least one envelope was recovered but whoever has it has not yet brought it to a meeting. Well, whoever has it can still have the envelope with its note redeemed—and the four remaining notes if they are obtained from our advertisers may also be redeemed if their claimants bring them to the mid-December meeting.

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If you haven't done so, stop in at the Post and see the results of their efforts. The new paint job makes the Post Hall sparkle and at press-time the only thing remaining to complete the job was to hang the new drapes being contributed by the Auxiliary.

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Commander Dalton received the following letter from the Delmar Fire Department, through its Secretary, LeRoy J. Cooke:

"I want to extend the sincere appreciation of the Delmar Fire Department to the members of your organization for the donation of the bugles.

"The Department is going to sponsor the 'Millerettes', a baton twirling group from Albany and we are going to help them form a Drum and Bugle Corps. These bugles will help the cause along."

## You Missed It!

The quality and character of the American Legion's Boys State program was strongly portrayed at our October 21st meeting when Blanchard's Boys Stater of 1963, Tom Boehm, made his report. The 20 members who attended the meeting that night heard an excellent account of the Boys State Convention. His selection was a credit to the Post's Selection Committee as well as to Bethlehem Central High School, and last, but not least, his parents.

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