

## STELLE NAMED LEGION'S CHIEF

Single Military Command Is Indorsed at Meeting.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22 (U. P.)—Indorsement of a single military command emerged today as the American Legion's sole diversion from its traditional policies as convention delegates returned to their homes.

The Legionnaires concluded their 27th annual session late yesterday, electing John Stelle, MacLeansboro, Ill., as 1946 national commander.

They reaffirmed their stand on their quarter-century fight for veterans' rights, universal military training and a strong national foreign policy.

The convention worked through its controversial topics without a single major fight.

The only subject to receive lengthy discussion was the Legion's indorsement of a "unified command of the army, navy and air forces on an equal basis." Attempts to take the sting from its hearty nod of approval of the army's merger arguments, were defeated.

A week-long fight in committee to make definite proposals on type and length of instruction to be given under a universal military training program collapsed on the convention floor.

As adopted, a legion resolution confirmed President Truman's proposal calling for enactment of a 12-month period of basic and advanced training for youths who would enter the program between the ages of 18 and 20.

Other national defense resolutions:

1. Registered opposition to the release of conscientious objectors "until six months after the return of the last combatant soldier."

2. Sought permanent U. S. retention of former Jap-held Pacific islands and inland bases.

3. Suggested establishment of west coast institutions similar to the U. S. military and naval academies at West Point and Annapolis.

4. Recommended retention of the "secret manufacture" of the atom bomb by the U. S., Canada and Great Britain and creation of an independent, secret foreign intelligence department.

Selection of two world war II veterans, the first such action by a major veterans' group, as vice commanders was carried out without contest.

Dudley Swim, Twin Falls, Idaho, 40-year-old navy veteran and railroad executive, and Capt. Fred L. Boon, Chickasaw, Okla., who survived the Bataan Death March and long Jap imprisonment, were chosen to represent new veterans now in the Legion.

Three world war I men selected as commanders were Sam Latimer, Columbus, S. C.; Jeremiah Twomey, Lawrence, Mass., and Graham Huntington, Maplewood, N. J.

A strong foreign policy was urged by the Legion, which also criticized the state department's representatives abroad, and recommended "a more thorough and complete system of training and supervision to qualify our diplomatic and consular representatives and their staffs for the efficient and intelligent discharge of their duties."

Selection of a 1946 convention site was referred to the Legion's national executive committee, pending a more complete survey of next year's housing facilities.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD FOR J. L. GAVIN

Memorial services for James L. Gavin, local lawyer who died Aug. 8, were held yesterday by the Indianapolis Bar association in Marion County circuit court, with Harry Elam presiding.

Mr. Gavin was a member of the firm of Gavin & Gaylor in the Hume-Mansur building.

## Organizations

The Monument chapter 549, O. E. S., will meet at the First Methodist church for initiation ceremonies. Bertha Mediel is worthy matron.

The Maj. Harold C. McGraw auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans, will meet at the First Methodist church. Mrs. Mattie E. Reiter, president, will officiate at the meeting and initiation ceremonies.

The Christian Mothers society of Sacred Heart church will hold a "Dessert Court" at 1 P. M. next Wednesday at Sacred Heart hall.

## IN INDIANAPOLIS

### EVENTS TODAY

Thanksgiving church services, all Indianapolis churches.

### EVENTS TOMORROW

Saturday, Army luncheon, 12 M., Hotel Lincoln.

American Welding society, dinner, 6:30 p. m.

Lifeguard Insurance and Trust council, dinner, 6:30 p. m., Hotel Lincoln.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Carl E. Humphrey, 516 E. 18th; Kathleen Beck, 2817 N. Euclid.

Alan Lee Weis, U. S. navy; Doris Lucille Brumley, 2100 N. Euclid.

Howard Lamar Prayor Bain, 928 N. Belle Vue pl.

Mary Agnes Reape, 908 N. Haugh.

Robert C. H. H. and Mrs. Castle, Littleton.

William Nicholas Snyder, U. S. navy; William Jerry Byers, 2108 S. Delaware.

Albertine G. and Mrs. Atterbury; Betty Losette, 1710 N. Delaware.

Howard Lamar Watson, 826 Gooding.

Stella Louise Valente, 1000 W. 10th.

Walter M. Edwards, 1522 N. Capitol.

Emma O. Kirkpatrick, Kansas City, Kas.

Cecil D. Love, Anderson; Mabel Scudder, Gabe Wagman, 3703 N. Meridian; Jane Cooley, 142 E. 48th.

James E. Fields, 45 S. Rutherford; Betty Agnes Fields, 216 S. Rutherford.

Lester S. Stansbrough, 1422 E. Market; Ida Catherine Romank, 17 N. Aransas.

John Edward and Mrs. Edward, Kathleen W. Cohee, 3512 N. Tacoma.

Thomas Preston Draper, Clarksville.

Virgil Hart, 2171 N. Kenwood; Gladys M. Kaiser, 324 N. Jefferson.

James T. Horton, Oak Hill.

Merle Moore, 516 N. Larchmont.

Jack Rosen, U. S. army; Mary Grace Souder, 2616 N. Illinois.

Velma B. and Mrs. Maxine, Cal. Nellie Catherine Mazzini, 219 N. Forest.

Thomas Weber, 2606 N. Michigan.

James and Anna Cawley, 2617 N. 15th.

James Leonard Foster, 210 N. Capitol.

No. 10; Norma Marcella Jameson, 2122 N. 15th.

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