

Legion Blasts Armed Forces, Housing, Reds

Brown Warns Leaders In Closing Session

Members of the American Legion's National Executive Committee had ended their business today with blasts at the armed forces and the Public Housing Authority.

Also in the closing hours of their session Legionnaires approved a resolution aimed at a smashing blow to the Communist Party of the United States.

In a warning to military leaders, Perry Brown, Beaumont, Tex., chairman of the National Security Commission, said:

"The manpower pool of 18-25-year-olds best fitted for military combat services has dwindled to 1,300,000, marking the lowest ebb in modern times."

"In terms of last ditch fighting manpower we have less than 5 million World War II Veterans standing as the last bulwark between our national security and national disaster in the event of any emergency."

Our armed forces had better take the grim hint from these shocking figures and release all their fit men from housekeeping duties and let civilians do the Army's KP chores. We're going to need fighters and the sources from which we have to get them just are not producing."

Ralph B. Gregg, the Legion's national judge advocate, said that the Legion is taking action by the Public Housing Authority in selling a wartime housing project at Knox, Ind., to a commercial firm without giving veterans living there priority.

The veterans offered \$25,000 more than the \$150,000 the commercial firm paid the government for the project, he said.

Immediately following Mr. Gregg's speech, George Craig, Brazil, introduced a resolution demanding the ousting of four PHA officials. It was adopted unanimously.

The document named Raymond Foley, administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency; John Taylor Egan, acting administrator of PHA; Orvil R. Olsted, director of Region 3 for PHA, and Everett Lohrop, assistant regional director for real estate and disposition.

Unleashing a barrage against the Communist Party, this country, Legionnaires hailed a resolution urging the Legion to back "to the fullest extent" the Mundt Bill handed to Congress by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Said the resolution: "Whereas the bill conforms in principal to the long established American Legion policy, the Legion enthusiastically endorses the bill and authorizes immediate mobilization of all its resources to aid in its prompt enactment."

The bill would make it a crime to establish in this country a totalitarian dictatorship under foreign control. It would require the Communist Party to file a list of officers and members and an annual financial report with the U. S. Attorney General.

Car Strikes Tree, Trio Badly Hurt

Four persons were injured in two traffic accidents here last night.

Two men and a girl were badly injured when the car in which they were riding crashed into a tree in the 800 block E. 36th St. They were Miss Mary Gladys Isenhour, 17, of 2037 N. Alabama St.; Robert Thrasher, 25, of 5536 Carrollton Ave., and Norman Lamb, 21, of 2040 Central Ave.

Mary Lou Guyant, 3006 E. 14th St., was injured last night when a truck driven by Donald Clegghorn, 28, of Cincinnati, crashed into her car at U. S. 32 and Pleasant Run Pkwy.

Rescuers Race To Helpless Ship

KODIAK, Alaska, May 6 (UP)—A fishing schooner with 13 persons aboard radioed an SOS today that she was being crushed by ice 30 miles north of Fort Heiden in Bristol Bay, Alaska.

The captain of the vessel radioed coast guard headquarters here that the ship had been hemmed in by a floating ice pack. He said she was taking water in the aft part of her hull.

Coast guard officials believed the vessel was the 119-foot Tootsie but said they were not positive of the identification.

Police Snare Trap 3 on Lottery Counts

Three men were arrested on lottery charges in two raids last night.

Clarence Baird, 39, of 3040 N. Illinois St., was charged with advertising a lottery at a smoke shop at 130 W. 39th St. Thatcher Massey, 42, of 3346 N. Illinois St., owner of the place, was charged with keeping a room for pool selling.

Christ John, 52, of 33 N. Harding St., was charged with selling lottery tickets at the Ritz Tavern, 444 W. Washington St.

Buy Automotive Surplus
S. Cohn and Son, 132 W. Vermont St., Indianapolis, purchased two lots of automotive surplus at a recent sale of government goods in Milwaukee, Wis., conducted by the War Assets Administration.

CARRIER IN ENGLAND
PORTSMOUTH, England, May 6 (UP)—The United States Aircraft Carrier Valley Forge arrived today for a week's stay. It will be open daily for public inspection.



ACCENT ON YOUTH—Four members of the younger set in Jordan Conservatory's ballet program at 8 p. m. tomorrow in Caleb Mills Hall are, left to right, Carolyn Anne Watters, Denise White, Jimmy Rogge and Kathie Shirley. Directed by Eileen Poston, tomorrow's free public program will present senior as well as junior members of the Jordan ballet.

U. S. Bar Calls Divorce Laws 'Rotten' and Full of 'Deceits'

ABA Declares Trials Are 'Sham Battles With the Little Man Who Wasn't There'

WASHINGTON, May 6 (UP)—The American Bar Association said today that people who seek divorces should be handled like "juvenile delinquents."

In a report to the National Conference on Family Life, the association denounced present divorce laws as "rotten." It complained that the law today requires one spouse to "prove" the other is a sort of criminal. This results in "deceit" and "trickery," it said.

Divorce laws are "a mess," the report stated, and honest lawyers and conscientious lawyers are ashamed of them.

The bar association charged that divorce trials today are "a sham battle against the little man who isn't there."

The laws assume that every divorce case is one where one party seeks to break the tie and the other resists. Actually, more than 90 per cent of all divorce cases are not contested, it said.

The bar association said that three major "vices" in divorce procedure should be abolished. The "vices" are the doctrines of collusion, recrimination, and use of the husband's offense to seek

a divorce again. Now she must wait until he has transgressed again. The ABA suggested this results in adulterous husbands tricking divorce-seeking wives.

The bar association urged President Truman to set up a commission to re-examine the nation's marriage and divorce laws. The President addressed the family life conference today.

Urges Family Courts
The association recommended that "family courts" be set up with wide power to decide what's best for the family—just as juvenile courts decide what's best for the child.

The family courts, it proposed, should be staffed with specialists who would investigate, diagnose and treat. If the case is hopeless, a divorce would be granted.

The report said serious consideration should be given to:

ONE: Compulsory education for marriage before a marriage license is issued;

TWO: Laws to put a brake on elopements because one-third end in divorce; and

THREE: A British law forbidding a spouse to sue for divorce during the first three years of marriage.

Ask Mrs. Manners— Husband Comes Home With Lipstick Smudge

MY HUSBAND stays away week-ends and comes home with lipstick and perfume on him. He says it's none of my business where he's been and he raises heck about bills. I tried to talk and reason with him but it didn't help. I love him and don't want a divorce and neither does he, but we're separated.

We've been married nine years and have two sons. What should I do?

Did you forget your own lipstick and perfume? Your reaction to that first smudge of lipstick shouldn't have been a sob over the dishwasher, but an effort to look your best. The lipstick was a danger sign—you were slipping some place.

Maybe the other women appeared because you were extravagant or too anxious to save money, leaving no funds for recreation with your husband. Maybe you complained that your husband didn't have the ability to make much money.

I realize that many men don't know much about household expenses or the money required to dress their wives like the women they admire. Those alluring costumes and tantalizing perfumes attracting husbands often bring howls of shock when purchased by their wives.

Your husband doesn't want a divorce so you aren't sunk if you lay the right plans—say to be cheerful, good company, reasonable and attractive.

I didn't know that perfume so lastingly accents persons exposed. You have me sniffing like a bloodhound.

'My Husband Drinks Almost All the Time'

MY HUSBAND DRINKS almost all the time and takes some of the \$10 to \$12 a week he gives me to feed a family of five for whisky. He uses terrible words when he comes home. There's no use trying to reason with him and if I talk to him afterward he says the money is his.

I don't believe you'd want to live with such a beast who never asks you anywhere and who uses such words. Why doesn't he get his clothes and get out and see if he can live anywhere else for \$10 a week? Please don't say I'm to blame. I'm not perfect but I do want some happiness at home.

Your husband should visit Alcoholics Anonymous if he actually can't leave liquor alone. He'd need your backing if he is an alcoholic and joins the group; he needs your help if he's only a heavy drinker.

You'll have to supply substitutes for the excitement or escape that he thinks liquor provides him. Try to tell him that you want to be happy again and plan your budget and recreation together.

A money talk won't help if you go at it angrily or complainingly. Be a good wife and a thrifty wife won't help either if you keep telling him your virtues.

Fella... Not Up to Their Standards

WE'RE IN OUR EARLY 20's and though we aren't as glamorous as Lana or Hedy we aren't as homely as Lena the Hyena. We can't seem to find fellows reaching up to our standards for husbands and fathers of our children—self-respect, ambition and love of a Christian home life.

Men think they're premiums and should be allowed liberties. Girls are classified as "wet blankets" unless they go in for heavy necking. We prefer tucking a good book under our arm and picking up old Tabby and going into seclusion, remaining unmarried by choice.

Have moral ethics and society's ideals of well-bred fellows been lowered or are we old-fashioned to expect respect? Isn't there a way to make people come to their senses and see this world is turning into a place of evil living?

You need the right men, not a new world. Maybe you're too emphatic about your platform and rub the boys the wrong way. The purring of Tabby won't be as satisfying as the jangling of the telephone, even by those men who need to be "straightened out" on a few details, but straightened out with tact and conversational tricks.

Naturally, modern men are a little more "alert"—they saw a lot of action and many girls in the service—they learned to act quickly. They'll catch on about behaving just as quickly as they learned how to react to fast action if they know you mean it, but that you like them.

'A Little Shy' and Without Boy-Friend

I'M 17 AND NO BEAUTY, but I'm not so bad that anyone would be ashamed of me. For the life of me I don't seem able to get a boy-friend.

Some boys like shy girls—but shy girls who are smart enough to make them carry the load of conversation.

Enroll in public speaking classes and toastmasters clubs and force yourself to make public appearances in church and club activities.

Mother's Savings Almost Gone

I'M A MOTHER, 34, and always worked in a factory, but haven't worked for a month and my savings are about gone. I can't get work. I'm divorced and own part of my home, but it's a joint deed and I can't sell because my ex-husband won't sell. Can you help?

Apply at the Indiana State Employment Service, watch ads and advertise for work.

Disagrees on 'Cookie Cure'

I DISAGREE with you on giving children cookies when they run over your grass, ride over your lawn with bicycles and tear down your trees. I tried giving children cookies and candy, but it doesn't work in this neighborhood.

You can't banish the memory of those glares you gave the children with one friendly act. Wouldn't their friendship be worth several plates of cookies?

How Tall Is Gen. MacArthur?

WILL YOU PLEASE tell us how tall is Gen. MacArthur?

Six feet.

How Can I Find My Boy-Friend?

MY BOY-FRIEND has left down because he said he couldn't stand it without me. I've tried to find him without success and I'll never forget him. Is there some way I can find him?

This man and I went together six months and were going to marry but my mother came between us. He is 26 and I, 22. I imagine I should have run away with him but I didn't want to hurt anyone. I love him so much.

Ask about the Bureau of Missing Persons by writing CBS, 485 Madison Ave., New York City (22).

Why Played Lead in 'Fiesta'?

WHO WAS the man playing opposite Esther Williams in "Fiesta" and what song did he play on the piano? Is that song recorded?

Ricardo Montalban and John Carroll took the male leads and the former played "Fantasia Mexicana," taken from Aaron Copland's "El Salon Mexico," recorded by MGM.

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