

### American Legion's New Chief Seen As Young Man Bound To Go Places

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WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Back in his home town in Brazil, Ind., (pop. 4000) they predict big things for their No. 1 hero, George N. Craig. His becoming the first World War II veteran to win the high post of national commander of the American Legion is just the first step, they think, governor next, United States senator along there somewhere. After that who knows? Supreme Court? Maybe even President.

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There's good precedent for such hope. Being national commander of the Legion has always been big time. And since the war, with all the World War II members, it's even bigger. The post launched the career of Paul V. McNutt (incidentally he nominated Craig for the commandship at the convention), who comes from Craig's congressional district, and who was Craig's law teacher at Indiana University.

Other past national commanders who first achieved national fame through the Legion include Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, former Sen. Bennett C. Clark, now U. S. judge, and a host of top business executives, such as Franklin D'Oiler, chairman of the board of Prudential Life Insurance company.

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If fate has willed that all this is in store for George N. Craig, George Craig will be the last man to try to interfere with the decision of the gods. With all of the influence that the job carries and the chance to make important contacts a good man could hardly fail to make a lot of hay for himself. And George Craig shows every evidence of being a

### Sea Lion Swims English Channel In Five Hours

DOVER, Eng., Oct. 12.—(AP)—Pierre Cillon, a California sea lion with a sense of humor, has shown the human race that it still has a lot to learn about swimming.

In the most casual sort of way Pierre swam the English channel Sunday in just over five hours. That is approximately half the best time ever set by a human.

Pierre—spurred on by snacks of herring—made his bid for fame and radio, television and movie contracts on just about the worst possible day for a channel swim. The crossing was so rough that half the 20 news correspondents and photographers who went

along in two motorboats became very seasick.

The correspondents themselves established some sort of record for stunts of this sort. Many of them made the crossing without any pants—because the surf was so heavy they had taken off their trousers and waded out to the boats. Then water splashed into the boats and made the garments too wet to wear.

Pierre's swim was part of a stunt for "Truth or Consequences," a radio program familiar to listeners in the United States. Burt Kennedy, who missed a question in a quiz, was required to assist in managing the venture.

good man. He loves to refer to himself as a "plain old country lawyer." At the age of 41, it's a safe bet that Craig's plain old country law days are over.

They say that Craig is second only to McNutt as being the handsomest national commander. He's got a clean-cut, all-American look, a firm grip and hearty voice. Added to that is a lot of black curly hair graying at the temples. His smile is warm and friendly.

One of the reasons for his successful campaign for the commandship is his great energy. In 10 months he traveled 108,000 miles, visiting local posts in 38 states without once lagging out. The going was made tougher because he doesn't like to fly. In the service he survived the toughest action with Patton's Third army.

As to what change his being the first World War II vet to hold the reins will have on the Legion's direction, Craig says flatly there will be none. "I am bound by mandates of the convention and will do my best to carry them out." He adds that he sees no need for changing "any of the Legion's traditional programs, aims or activities."

#### Citizenship Emphasized

The one big thing which he considers the first duty of the Legion is "to awaken all Americans to their responsibilities as citizens." He says, "It is a shocking fact, for instance, that 10 per cent less people voted in 1948 than in 1914 and that less than half of the qualified voters in the U. S. bother to go to the polls."

Although Craig doesn't think that the Legion should waver from its traditionally non-partisan stand in national politics, he thinks that local posts have the responsibility to fight any individual candidate "who does not have the best interests of the country as his first goal."

But he doesn't hesitate to tell you his own politics. He's a Republican and willing to elaborate. One of his best personal friends and former college classmate is

Republican Senator from Indiana William Jenner. They share close political views, Craig says.

"A look at the laws which Congress has passed in the last few years shows you the direction in which we have been going. We have always celebrated an independence day. If we don't change that direction we'll soon be celebrating a 'dependence day.' We want a healthy state of welfare, not a welfare state."

#### Assn. Opposes Further Federal Land Grabbing

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Oct. 12.—(AP)—The Interest Association of Public Land counties elected W. H. Jensen, Pocatello, Idaho, president at its closing convention session here.

The Executive Secretary, F. L. Phipps, The Dalles, Ore., and Counsel, Forrest E. Cooper, Lakeview, Ore., were re-elected.

Delegates were told by William A. Brown, Helena, Mont., to work for State laws prohibiting further land acquisitions by the Federal government without express consent of the legislatures. He is General counsel of the Montana Association of County commissioners.

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