

For What It's Worth Dec. 1 Deadline

By Clifford P. Rowe

WITH ALL THE emphasis given these days to fighting for the rights of minority groups, it is indeed remarkable that no one has taken up the fight in defense of the "looker on." One need but to pick up this newspaper to see this glaring example of discrimination, this lastingly violation of every American's right to peace and the pursuit of happiness.

How many times have you seen pictures with a description similar to the following: "Mrs. Iva Gottrocks (center) pours at reception honoring Mrs. Vanderbilt Updyke Vandersnoot (left) while Mrs. John Smith (right) looks on. We know why Vandersnoot and Gottrocks are in the picture but why is Smith included."

We can only come to the logical conclusion that Mrs. Smith was quietly sneaking in to chisel a third cup of Liptons and got caught in the act.

Or take a picture on the sports page. Beneath it we read, "Tom Quirtozyxsqpti drives for five yards before being brought down just short of the goal line. John Smith, right tackle, look on." Sure enough, there stands John Smith, hands on hips, looking on. We can summon nothing but pity for him when the coach climbs his frame in Monday's practice.

The worst persecution of all is that unwittingly inflicted on the "looker on" who isn't even identified. The picture caption reads, "President Truman welcomes ambassador from Texas... In the background an unidentified man 'looks on.'"

Now there is a picture that will undoubtedly go down in history, but Mr. Anonymous will have a tough time trying to convince his grandchildren that the character leering over the President's shoulder was old Grandad himself. They are much more likely to be convinced that the mystery man was a disgruntled office seeker slyly preparing to drop a bomb in

For Veterans' Bonus Applications

With the Oregon veterans bonus deadline less than two weeks away, a decided upsurge in claims filed has been noted in the Department of Veterans' Affairs reported today. The last date to apply is Monday, Dec. 1.

H. Saalfeld, bonus supervisor for the state veterans' department, said veterans and survivors of deceased ex-servicemen have been applying recently at the rate of about 300 a day, or double the previous volume. Some 10,000 veterans think if they don't receive their bonus checks by Dec. 1, they won't be paid.

"Such is not the case," Saalfeld declared. "The date of Dec. 1 is the deadline for applying, not for payment of the bonus. The important thing is that veterans, or the surviving unmarried widow, children or parents of deceased veterans get their applications in the mail on or before Monday, Dec. 1."

the President's hip pocket.

The situation is unbearable. It is time for the press to take drastic measures toward easing the plight of the "looker on."

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Where this is done, the applicant should attach a note to his application stating that the documents will be submitted as soon as available.

The bonus division is concentrating on clearing up some 9,000 backlogged applications where evidence of foreign duty, residence and other items are missing.

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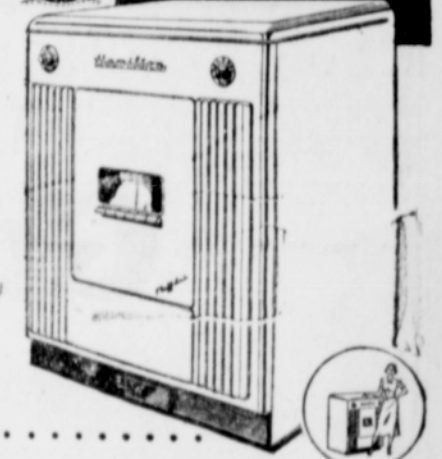
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