

## News from Other States

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cal activity. While every citizen has the right to political activities, nevertheless, reasonable rules can be adopted with respect to State employees." The Denver Post lauds the ruling in an editorial from which the following is quoted:

"In upholding the civil service commission rule prohibiting State employees from taking active part in political campaigns, Judge Walsh made this pertinent observation. 'The rules on religious and political activities were passed so that the public employee should be given SECURITY against dismissal or demotion for trivial, personal, religious, racial, political or other extraneous reasons.'

"That should be a reminder to people that their government never gives something for nothing. For their security of employment, under civil service, State employees have to pay by giving up a part of their political freedom."

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### RAISE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE WAGES URGES SENATE GROUP

The wartime health and education subcommittee of the senate labor committee submitted the following recommendation:

"That the WLB cease applying the Little Steel wage formula to sub-standard wages and that a sound, simple and expeditious procedure for raising such wages and salaries be developed."

The committee found that 20 million white collar, many of them public employees, have been overtaken by in-

flation and are suffering serious privation.

The procedure recommended by the senate committee follows in part:

1. That employers be permitted to raise wages to \$200 monthly for family heads and \$150 for unmarried persons without application of any kind to the WLB.
2. That state, county and municipal governments increase salaries of low-paid workers, especially salaries of teachers.
3. If local governments fail to make salary adjustments to meet higher living costs, the federal government should provide relief through higher income tax exemptions for such workers.

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### *Veterans Preference*

At the Civil Service Assembly Conference, held April 26 and 27, at the Hotel Shoreland in Chicago, Dr. Leonard D. White, Professor of Public Administration, University of Chicago, discussed the question of veterans' preference during 1944 and in the future. Dr. White emphasized the need for a definite policy on which to grant veterans' preference—a policy which does not close the doors to non-veteran employment, which maintains entrance standards, and which concentrates preference to entrance examinations. He pointed out that "the greatest guarantee that the public service will not suffer, lies in the ingenuity of personnel officers in making the most of the rich human resources which the veterans collectively possess."

—from the Civil Service Assembly  
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