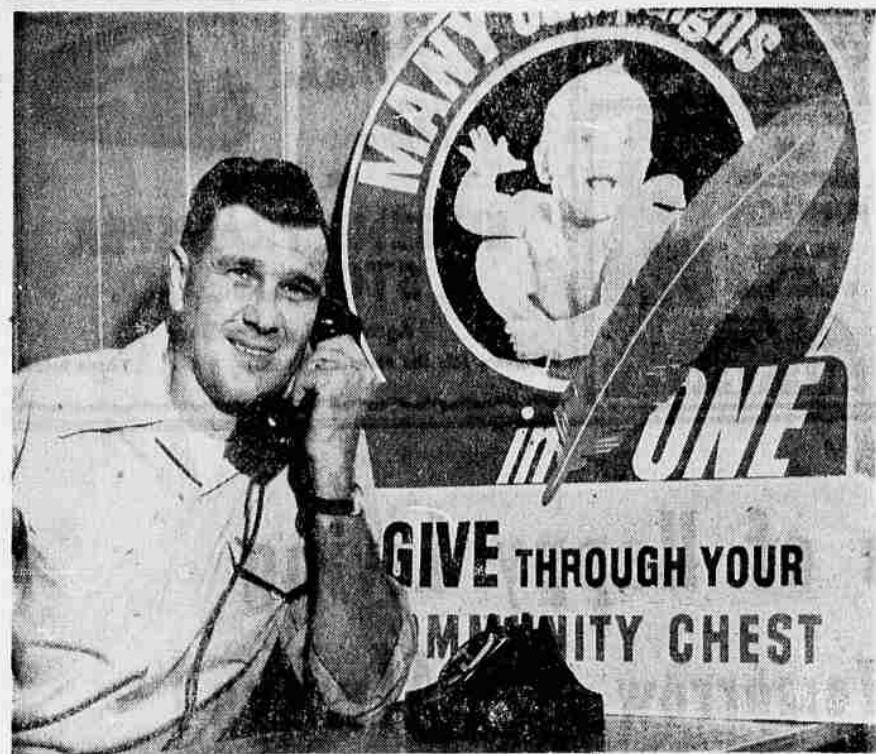




BUSY. That's what Nat Giustina was last week, as he planned the annual Community Chest campaign. The general chairman was lining up committees for the appeal which is expected to open in mid-September. Goal for Lane County's contribution to the 29 chest agencies is \$184,958.24.

UMT Would Abolish 'Castes' Set Up by Induction System

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NEW YORK (U.P.)—Adoption of universal military training would rid the country of an induction system which has set up a "caste of special privilege," a speaker told the American Legion national security commission Saturday.

Lt. Gen. Raymond McLain, USA (Ret.), told the commission that UMT would "move the country away from a situation of class legislation." McLain, an Oklahoma City banker, is a member of the National Security Training Commission set up by the President.

The Legion commission met to formulate policy on resolutions to be submitted to the 34th national American Legion Convention here next week.

PRIVILEGED CASTE

"We've set up now a caste of special privilege," McLain said. "Under it one fellow is inducted into the Army, spends four months training, goes to Korea and sits in the trenches a year or more, comes back and finishes two years, and under the law is liable to six years recall."

"But we've got 2 million people under the age limit who have been deferred. They get no training, perform no service, have no reserve responsibility. And in case of a new emergency they'll still have no training and the veteran will have to be called again. That's what we did this time in Korea, and I think it's a shame."

WAR STRENGTH IN 30 DAYS

McLain said if the country had had UMT four years ago it would have had 2 million trained men when the Korean war started and MacArthur's forces could have been brought to war strength in 30 days.

McLain said UMT would save money, equalize the burden, and "announce to the world that we are ready to defend our great human values."

Henry H. Fowler, administrator of the National Production Authority, told the commission that the United States is less than half way through the three-year defense buildup to create the base

required for minimum armed readiness.

In terms of military production and atomic weapons, Fowler said, "If there were deliveries on outstanding orders plus the unplaced orders at the current rates of delivery, we should still be three years away from the completion of the program that is to make us even minimally secure."

Other Legion leaders worked on resolutions to present to the membership next week and New York's Department of Sanitation prepared to cope with the veterans' extracurricular merry-making.

The resolutions committees continued meetings, hearing government officials and others on the problems they will present for an official Legion position during convention sessions opening Monday.

The Department of Sanitation announced it had 40 street flushing machines, 24 mechanical brooms, 20 collection trucks and a force of 300 men ready to clean up Fifth Avenue after the Legion's 40 and 8 parade Sunday.

Tuesday's Grand Parade will require additional forces, the department said—at least 700 men. The Legionnaires left 985 tons of debris in the wake of their 1947 parade here, the department said.

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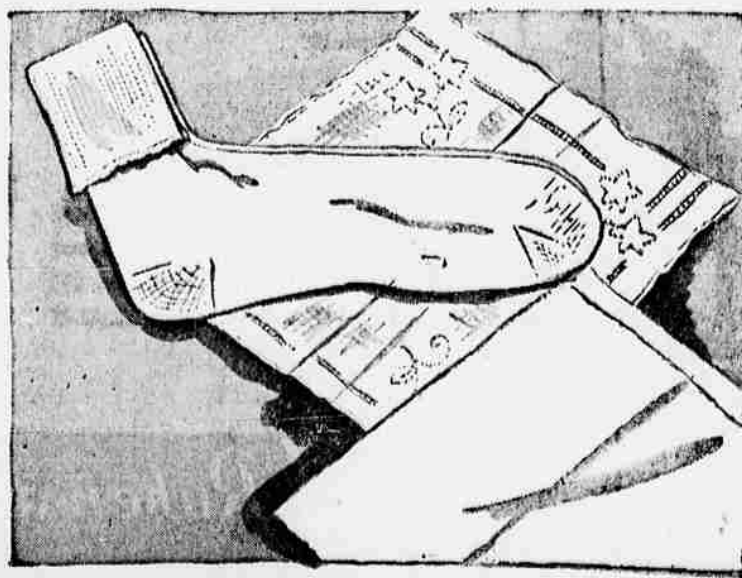


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