LEGION ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE STARTS

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America's duty to the disabled and the orphans is only equalled by America's willingness to fulfill this duty to the utmost. To that end nohing can be left to

ing the American people today. The American Legion, with a

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means a vital responsibility to habilitation work listed TOMORROW MORNING the Legion, and a permanent \$112,500 per year (one-half of fish and public service. The welfare) can perform a vital, sum total of the absolutely nation-wide, and thorough part necessary financial endowment of a task to which the governtent of the spiritual endowment housand times that sum o which goes with it is unlimited. meney this year.

be the backbone of the most im- years of this work. Perhaps posts. portant public service confront few Americans understand why eran with the government is an

Each dollar accepted in this trust, cash outlay for national recommittment of the Legion to the proposed endowment income this service, and to other unsel- -the other half being for child is relatively small. The exp ment is appropriating three

chance.

In realization of this fact, as shown by experience The American Legion is raising, during 1925, an endowment fund of five income (estimated at \$225,000 yearly) will guarantee a solid firancial basis in perpetuity for the programs of disabled men's rehabilitation and child-weifare.

The Legion is asking this endowment fund from its own members and the American public jointly. The Legion asks it confidently in the knowledge that it will be the backbone of the most im-

The case of the disabled vetofficial, intricate, legal problem, involving many technical homeless child of a veteran," is families, but families which stand complications. Under given sets the basis of The American Les the test of thorough going wholeof facts, prescribed by law, the gion's child welfare program. some character and American government can extend legally The constantly growing cas- ideals, as foster homes for the specified medical or hospital ualty list, as men die by the homeless children of veterans. treatment, money compensation, thousands each year from wounds. In this work the Legion seeks or vocational training. Within and disease incurred in the World, the assistance of every estabits necessary limits, the gov- War, accentuates this need. The lished agency in the country deernment on the whole has done accumulating discovery of these voted to child welfare. To all well, and is tending steadily to children in alms houses, in undo better. It does not and happy and unfit homes of dis- assistance, and to the whole nacannot have completely intimate tant relatives unable or unwilling tional duty of child care it contact with the disabled man to give proper care, in the very brings the power and enthusiasm his family, his needs.

storing to physical, mental and It is determined that every help hold the far-flung line of spiritual health and to a status homeless child of a veteran shall defense for childhood against of self-support and self-respect, have a fair and square chance poverty, hunger, disease, vice, a man who has suffered the at life, an honest, happy Amer- ignorance, crime and death. It wounds, disease and shock in ican home; a proper education, will hold especially firm that cident to war. Government ma-chinery, however ample, remains has been disrupted by war's by the war and its orphans. machiery. It is limited at the tragedies offers a special probtop by the limit of ability which lem the child welfare plan of ter home restoration and adop-government service has been able The American Legion has certain tion have been provided for many to command. It is limited at definite bases of action. Pri- children a group of orphans unthe bottom by the extent of marily, where one parent sur- suitable for adoption because of human contact possible to gov- vives, the effort is to maintain ernment machinery. The Ameri- the patural, original home can Legion rehabilitation service Where none survives, or surviv-

ing under a motto, "Temporary must be a home found for the Care Permanent Cure" declared child. Preferably that home will that not one of these men should be found by adoption into the be given up to a hopeless future family of a Legionnaire, a famof confinement and domicilary ity carefully selected and tested care until every earthly means as to its ability to bring up of cure had been tried. Expert that child. psychiartrists, supplementing and augmenting the government staff, were brought into this problem by the Legion and are still in

The Legion is not paying them. Most of them have refused even expense allowances. But the Legion, speaking in the name of its comradeship for the disabled, has won them to this

New methods have been developed, and are being developed. Men are going forth cured and well every day, who but for the long insistent battle of The American Legion would have gone to insane hospitals for life. This fight is being won, not by dollars, but by the spirit which the Legion and the magnificient men who have rallied to its aid have put into it. The dollar cost has been insignificant compared to the salvaging of the nerve-racked men who were a hideous by-product of war. That small dollar cost must be assured as it will be, by the American Legion Endowment.

The providing of an American home for the orphan of every man who fell in the nation's service is so obviously right that it needs no discussion. These children are plainly entitled to the same chance in life which they would have received had their father not given his life to America. That is the very minimum. "A home for every



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streets and alleys sometimes, has of its whole nation-wide organi-The problem is that of re- wrung the heart of the Legion, zation and membership. It will

knows no limit at either end. | ing, none is willing, competent The American Legion, operat- or able to maintal a home, there

> The characteristics of the adopted home must accord as well as possible with what the the parents if living, could have given, or dying, would have approved for their baby. Questions of financial ability, of social, moral and religious environment must be considered. The Legion, being wholly non-sectarian, hopes that homes will be found where the religion will be that to which the child might have been attracted in is own natural home. It seeks, not perhaps wealthy

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