

# LEGION SEEKS JOBS FOR 700,000 VETS

## Nation-Wide Appeal to Help the Unemployed

Indianapolis, Ind.—Employment of 700,000 veterans of the World War who are now idle and in need will be undertaken in a great joint national effort already initiated by the American Legion in co-operation with an impressive list of national business, civic, fraternal and welfare organizations, according to announcement today at the national headquarters of the legion.

Preliminary preparations for the campaign have been started under the direction of local units of the legion and co-operating bodies. This includes a survey of conditions and suggestions for remedy in every locality. This work will be completed before March 20, which shall be known as American Legion Employment Day. Hanford MacNider, national commander of the legion, has appealed to the President, State commanders have requested their governors, and local leaders have asked Mayors of cities and towns to set aside that day to launch by concerted effort in every community in the nation this joint drive to give work to and relieve need among the unemployed who served their country in war.

### Local Meetings Planned

On March 20 it is planned to hold meetings under the auspices of the joint local committees in every city and town in the United States at which the business men and employers and representatives of every element in the community life will be confronted by a survey of the situation in their town with suggestions for relief which fit the conditions. Programmes will be perfected and en-

dorsed at these town meetings and the organization constituted to carry out the projected work of employment and relief.

"Properly supported this concerted, localized national effort will result in the relief of 500,000 men in thirty days," declared Lemuel Bolles, national adjutant of the legion, who supervised the organization of the effort. "We are dealing with methods which have been proven. The legion has long been interested in the unemployed problem. Through our own bureaus we have placed several hundred thousand men in jobs within the past six months. A recent concerted effort in St. Paul resulted in putting every deserving veteran to work in that city. The Louisiana department of the legion reports not a resident veteran unemployed in the State.

"We are simply endeavoring, in co-operation with other organizations, to apply everywhere and at the same time the methods and means which have been demonstrated to be effective. The public and the unemployed should be impressed by the fact that this movement is for the exclusive benefit of the resident veteran. Floaters and transients can expect no consideration. The slogan of the movement might well be, 'Every community cares for its own. If you want a job go home and the home folks will care for you.'"

### Co-operation Asked

Mr. Bolles announced that national heads of the following organizations had been urged to co-operate with the legion and to transmit instructions to this effect down to their local units: American Legion Auxiliary, United States Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions clubs, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A. Community Service, Knights of Columbus, Elks and Jewish Welfare Board. Local units of the legion were instructed

to extend this list. Pastors of all churches will be asked to mention the movement in their sermons on Sunday, March, 19.

Legion officials assert the unemployment situation among veterans has never been worse since the end of the war. The veterans are in more desperate straits, since their savings and credit are both becoming exhausted. National Headquarters suggests that the County Engineer should be pressed to go ahead with the repair of bridges and all county improvements and to put ex-service men on the job.

"Municipal enterprises will also afford a medium of employment," the legion suggestions state. "Woodyards, municipal recreation centers, swimming pools and other public projects can be established to the benefit of the community and the jobless man.

### "Veterans Could Be Used."

"Truck gardening is work that pays as it goes and is work particularly essential. The season is here for it. "Veterans could be used in the construction crew of public utilities companies which are often behind hand in service, it is stated. Such work would consist in the installation of telephones, the repair of paving, and so on.

"The problem of the building shortage would be utilized for the benefit of the ex-service man if a suggestion from national headquarters is carried out. If the post is going to build a home of its own, let it start now and put service men on the job. Homes and apartments are needed everywhere and loans are always available for building.

"The planning of town additions is also mentioned, lots to be sold at easy terms and the proceeds to be divided as they come in between the original owner of the land and a fund for relief of service men.

"Every effort will be made to encourage the back-to-the farm movement."

driver sent to prison. Should the driver be found guilty he shall serve a term of imprisonment and his car will be sold. If left free he shall be allowed to regain possession of his car and only receive a severe reprimand. These instructions have taught motor drivers in Paris to be extremely cautious.

## Paris Finds Way to End Auto Slaughter

Paris—The Prefect of Police of Paris, Robert Loullier, has found a radical means of obliging drivers of motor vehicles in the streets to be more careful. So many accidents to pedestrians have occurred through carelessness that M. Loullier has issued instructions that in future when any motor vehicle runs down a pedestrian or is in any way responsible for serious collisions the car shall be confiscated and put under seal and the

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