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ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Even the interminable debate over U.S.—U.S.S.R. relations hasn't been able to obscure the Palestine problem. The once-quiet Holy Land, which used to seem almost as remote as another planet to most Americans, is now at the core of the world's difficulties. The warfare which is going on there is not a localized contest between the Jews and the Arabs. It has an ominously direct bearing on the prospects for world peace, and for world economic rehabilitation.

The most startling development in the Palestine crisis was President's Truman's recognition of the new Jewish state, Israel. Israel is a tiny and poor country, and its population is under a million. It cannot sustain itself. Mr. Truman's recognition was given with almost unprecedented suddenness—Israel's government was not even completely organized. There are grounds for believing that he acted against the advice of some top State Department officials. And one result of that action was to create the first serious cleavage between us and England.

Britain, once more or less neutral when it came to Jew-Arab differences, has been supporting the Arabs for a considerable time. She has supplied the Arabian states with arms and other supplies, and her position is unequivocal. It is now common knowledge that our recognition of Israel, which, in effect, aligned us against England, caused shock followed by rage in Britain's Foreign Office. On the other hand, it seemed to please the Soviet Union, which is now standing on the sidelines with a watchful eye on Middle East oil.

Oil, of course, is what gives the Jew-Arab war its world-wide significance. Of the world's known oil reserves, according to a United States News and World Report summing up, the Middle East has more than 27 billion barrels out of a total of 67 billion. All the plans for world recovery, including our ERP, are based on putting this oil to use. British and U.S. oil companies, and, to a lesser extent, the French, have been carrying on intensive development of the fields, building pipelines, etc. The war has impeded this work. In some sections construction has been halted entirely, and the danger of destruction of facilities which have been built is intense.

It is thus to the interest of all the Western powers to bring hostilities to a halt as soon as possible. But, in spite of occasional truces, no workable program, acceptable to both Arabs and Jews, has been offered. The two races feel a burning hatred for each other.

Both sides regard the conflict as a holy war, with all the fanaticism and associate purpose that engenders.

The Arabs have an enormous advantage in number and land area. However, according to military observers, they are temperamentally unsuited to modern, organized warfare. The Jews, on the other hand, have shown a definite talent for organization. Their army and their underground are led by men with wide combat experience. They seem to be well supplied with weapons, and they are schooled in guerilla tactics. So they have held their own.

Just how conflicting U. S. and British policy in Palestine can be reconciled, and how a peace may be secured, is the great question. The crystal ball is clouded now. But everyone is agreed that it must be done if the world is to have the vital Middle Eastern oil, and the Western powers' plans for world rehabilitation are to go through.

NOT SO SIMPLE

The Legislature Reference Service of the Library of Congress has prepared a report on some of the economic factors involved in minimum wage legislation. The report is of special interest at this time, as measures for increasing the minimum wage will be considered by Congress in the relatively near future.

The study opposes the use of data such as the Bureau of Labor Statistics' City Worker's Family Budget as an argument for higher minimums. Under the BLS budget, if a worker were supporting a family of four in one of the largest cities his minimum wage would be about \$2 an hour. For a family of two it would be \$1.35. It is obvious that minimum wages of this kind for unskilled workers would be impossible of realization.

An increase in the minimum wage, the report continues, often institutes an upward adjustment of wages in general, sometimes throughout the entire wage structure of an industry. It thus contributes to higher prices and more inflation. Finally, the report says, "A statutory minimum wage cannot solve the problem of inadequate income for workers in the lowest-wage categories and for those among the unskilled who have large families to support."

The issue, therefore, is nowhere near as simple as it may appear on first glance. An unreasonably high minimum wage would unquestionably be a powerful spur to inflation. The only solution to the problem of the low-paid worker is for him to acquire the skills and to accept the responsibilities that will justify a better-paid job. The best-meant social legislation cannot change the fact that, in the long run, ability and productivity are the measure of anyone's earning power.

PERSHING LAST HONORARY COMMANDER

Washington, D. C.—In the death of John J. Pershing, who passed away here at the age of 87, The American Legion lost its last honorary national commander. General Pershing was voted this honorary title by the 8th national convention in Philadelphia, Pa., October 15, 1926. He was one of only two men ever honored to be so by the American Legion. The other was Marshal Ferdinand Foch of France.

The former commander-in-chief of the first AEF joined The American Legion immediately upon his return from Europe in September of 1919. He became a member of the George Washington Post 1 here. He maintained his affiliation there until his death. He was initiated into the Forty and Eight, the fun and honor organization of the American Legion here, in August 1927, as a member of Voiture 174. General Pershing attended the national American Legion conventions in 1921, 1922, 1926

LEGAL NOTICE OF MEASURE TO BE VOTED UPON

NOVEMBER 2, 1948
(BALLOT TITLE)

PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

AN ACT relating to veterans of World War II; providing for compensation and terms of eligibility of Nebraska residents who served in the Armed Forces of the United States within certain periods of World War II; providing for the administration of this act, defining terms, and creating the veteran's compensation fund; authorizing the Department of Veterans' Affairs to establish rules and regulations; providing for a three and one-half mill levy upon all taxable property of the State, except intangible property, for the years 1949 to 1953, inclusive; and to provide penalties.

TITLE AND TEXT OF PROPOSED LAW

A law relating to veterans of World War II; to provide for the payment of compensation in recognition of patriotic services of residents of the State of Nebraska who served in the armed forces of the United States, within certain periods of World War II; to define terms; to provide for the terms of eligibility of such persons for compensation payments and the amounts thereof; to provide for the administration of this act; to establish the Veterans' Compensation Fund; to authorize the Department of Veterans' Affairs to establish rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions of this act; to provide for a three and one half mill levy upon all the taxable property of the state, except intangible property, for the years 1949 to 1953 to be used to establish said fund; and to provide penalties.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. In recognition of the patriotic service of residents of the State of Nebraska who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II, provision is hereby made for the payment of a Veterans' compensation and for administration of said payment and of this act by the Department of Veterans' Affairs with full and final authority of said department to determine which residents of the state are entitled to payments under the provisions of this act and the amount of such payments.

Sec. 2. (1) The term "armed forces", as used in this act shall mean and include the following: United States Army, Army of the United States, United States Navy, United States Naval Reserve, United States Marine Corps, United States Marine Corps Reserve, United States Coast Guard, United States Coast Guard Reserve (which shall not be construed to include the United States Coast Guard Temporary Reserve), Women's Army Corps, United States Navy Women's Reserve, United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve, United States Coast Guard Women's Reserve, Army Nurse Corps, Navy Nurse Corps, and officers of the United States Public Health Service detailed by the proper authority to duty with any of the foregoing. Merchant marine service shall not be considered under this act.

(2) Wherever in this act a word indicating the masculine gender is used, it shall be construed to apply to the feminine gender as well.

Sec. 3. Upon application, on or after July 1, 1954, but not after July 1, 1955, each person who shall have served or entered service in the armed forces of the United States at any time between the period beginning September 16, 1940, and ending September 2, 1945, and who served for at least ninety days, provided no compensation shall be paid for service in the armed forces after March 2, 1946, or was discharged with less than ninety days service by reason of a service-connected disability, and who was a resident of the State of Nebraska for a period of not less than six months immediately prior to the time of his entry into service of the armed forces of the United States and whose service meets the requirements of this act, shall be paid from the Veterans' Compensation Fund, as provided by this act, compensation payment, computed as follows: Ten dollars for each and every month served in the armed forces while in the continental limits of the United States (excluding Alaska) and fifteen dollars per month for each and every month served outside the continental limits of the United States (including Alaska); Provided, maximum payment to any individual under this act with domestic service in the armed forces only, shall be two hundred and fifty dollars and maximum payment to any individual under this act with domestic and foreign service or foreign service shall be three hundred and fifty dollars. Any individual receiving a compensation payment as provided by this act shall have been discharged or separated from service with the armed forces under

VETERANS ADMINISTRATIVE

New property appraisal procedure which will virtually eliminate delay in negotiations between real estate owners and potential veteran-buyers was announced today by the Veterans Administration.

Ashley Westmoreland, Lincoln regional office manager, said VA new will appraise property at the request of owners, builders or lenders who wish to obtain a VA certificate of reasonable value, on which approval of all GI loans is based, before beginning negotiations for sale to a veteran.

He said this will eliminate re-negotiations between veteran and owner over VA's reasonable value determination which were frequently necessary under the old procedure of authorizing appraisals only after a veteran had negotiated with the owner and had applied for a loan to purchase the property.

Requests for appraisals should be made by contacting the loan guaranty division of the VA office, Omaha, Nebraska, or the contact division of the Lincoln regional office, the VA official said. The new procedure applies to all home and farm loans and to business loans where real property is involved, he added.

Lost But Won Election

A man who made no election campaign and who did not have the highest number of electoral votes was elected President of the United States in 1824. World Book encyclopedia says that John Quincy Adams made little effort to get votes, but received 15 less electoral votes than the leading candidate, Andrew Jackson. Adams was selected by the house of representatives because none of the candidates had a majority.

1927, 1927 and 1930. He was awarded The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal in 1922.

He was guest of the American Legion at a mass meeting in the old Madison Square Garden in New York City late in 1919 and at a large testimonial dinner in 1925.

Pershing Hall, the memorial home of Paris, France, Post 1 of the American Legion, is named after the general.

THE COMMON DEFENSE

By Reverend William Kernan Equal Educational Opportunity

It is to be hoped that all Americans will see the significance for our society of the recent Supreme Court decision commanding Oklahoma to provide virtually immediate legal education for a Negro woman, a Miss Ada Lois Sipuel.

s stated, the facts of the case are these: "On January 14, 1946, the petitioner, a Negro, concededly qualified to receive the professional legal education offered by the state, applied for admission to the School of Law of the University of Oklahoma, the only institution for legal education supported and maintained by the taxpayers of the State of Oklahoma. Petitioner's application for admission was denied, solely because of her color." The District Court of Cleveland County and the State Supreme Court of Oklahoma also ruled against Miss Sipuel.

Then, on January 12th, the United States Supreme Court in a swift unanimous, one page order—decreed, "The petitioner is entitled to secure legal education afforded by a state institution. . . The state must provide it for her in conformity with the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and provide it as soon as it does for application of any other group."

This is a good example of how America makes progress, securing to more and more of our people the rights which they have as the gift of God. It is progress made without revolution, without bloodshed. It is progress made in accordance with the orderly processes of law. It is progress made in obedience to our great and unchanging principles of equality and equal rights as set forth in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Gettysburg Address—and reaffirmed in the report of the Presidential Committee on Civil Rights.

Moreover, this Supreme Court decision is a reminder to us all that—regardless of how basely the Communists and the Fascists misrepresent us—the American system of free soc-

honorable conditions and the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall make the final decision whether or not the type of discharge received by any applicant shall entitle him to compensation payment as provided by this act. The following periods of time shall not be included in computing months of service for compensation purposes:

(1) Periods of time applicant was assigned for a course of education or training under the Army specialized training program or the Navy college training program, or as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies.

(2) Periods of time applicant was absent without leave, which materially interfered with performance of military duty, periods of agricultural, industrial or indefinite furlough, time during which the person was under arrest (in the absence of acquittal) time for which the applicant was determined to have forfeited pay by reason of absence without leave and time spent in desertion or under sentence of courts-martial.

Sec. 4. No person shall receive compensation under the terms of this act who has received a bonus or compensation payment from any other state because of service with armed forces of the United States in World War II.

Sec. 5. In the event of the decease of any person who, if alive, would be entitled to the benefits under this act, the compensation payment provided by this act shall be paid to his dependents, if any; Provided, that if there be more than one dependent, payments shall be made in the order of precedence so far as practicable, as follows: Wife or husband, children, mother or father, brother or sister. No right or payment under this act shall be subject to the claims of any creditors, capable of assignment, regarded as assets legal or equitable of the estate of the deceased, or made the basis for administration thereof.

Sec. 6. There is hereby established as a special fund, separate and apart from all public money or funds of this state, a Veterans' Compensation Fund, which shall be administered by the State Treasurer, exclusively for the purposes of this act. This fund shall consist of (1) all taxes levied under the provisions of this act, together with any interest thereon, (2) interest earned upon any money in the fund, (3) any property or securities acquired through the use of money belonging to the fund, and (4) all earnings of such property or securities.

Sec. 7. The administration and certification of eligibility and amounts payable to applicants shall be under the direction of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The director of said department may hire such additional clerical help and personnel as is necessary to carry out the provisions of said act whose salaries shall be paid out of the Veterans' Compensation Fund, created by this act.

Sec. 8. The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall be authorized to prescribe rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions of this act and decisions of the department under the provisions of this act shall be final.

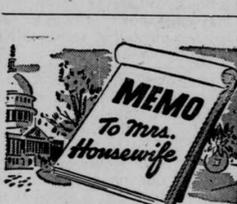
Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of the director of said Department of Veterans' Affairs and the State Advisory Commission of said department to determine who is eligible for a compensation payment and the amount thereof, as provided by this act. On and after July 1, 1954, the Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall certify to the State Auditor of Public Accounts, the name of each applicant eligible for compensation payment and the amount of such payment. The State Auditor of Public Accounts shall then draw on the State Treasurer a warrant, payable out of the Veterans' Compensation Fund, payable to each individual, or his dependent or guardian, if dead or insane, in the amount due the individual as provided by this act and certified by the director.

Sec. 10. The State Board of Equalization and Assessment shall make an annual levy to be known as the Veterans' Compensation Fund Levy, in the amount of three and one half mills on the assessed valuation of all taxable property of the state, except intangible property, in the State of Nebraska for the years 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, for the purpose of raising funds sufficient to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 11. Whoever knowingly makes a false statement, oral or written, relating to a material fact in supporting a claim under the provisions of this act shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

Sec. 12. The Attorney General of the State of Nebraska, or the county attorney of any of the respective counties, shall be empowered to file a civil action for the recovery on behalf of the Veterans' Compensation Fund of any money wrongfully paid from said compensation fund.

FRANK MARSH
Secretary of State



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By Anne Goods

Staying home July 4th? Then why not invite a few friends over? Serve a festive luncheon or supper to honor the spirit of '76. Arrange a tray with cottage cheese in the center decorated with "1776" cut out of pimiento. Flank with alternate slices of tomato and onion, then a row of sliced hard cooked eggs. Tuck a bowl of real mayonnaise in the corner. Fried chicken, dessert and beverages complete the holiday menu.

If you wear thong sandals you'll no doubt be interested in the new nylon made mitten-style to give toe comfort.

Can those cherries if your backyard boasts that famous tree. Cold weather in the Pacific Northwest has seriously injured this year's crop and one agricultural official says there won't be very many around.

Summertime and frequent trips to the beach require lots of changes. That in turn runs into expense. Keep your bathing suits fresh by giving them new color with all-purpose dye that is guaranteed to work on all fabrics whether natural or synthetic.

Keep prunes, raisins and dried apricots soft by storing them in a tightly covered glass jar as soon as you get them home from the store.

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It will continue to work. It will continue to resist the blandishments and false leads of the totalitarian left and right. It will continue to affirm its own formidable principles and by deeds made to conform with them, move forward—advancing through storm, if need be toward the goal of a nation, colon's words, "to the proposition that all men are created equal."

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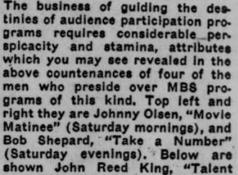
RADIO WHO'S WHO



Olsen



Shepard



King



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The business of guiding the destinies of audience participation programs requires considerable perspicacity and stamina, attributes which you may see revealed in the above countenances of four of the men who preside over MBS programs of this kind. Top left and right they are Johnny Olsen, "Movie Matinee" (Saturday mornings), and Bob Shepard, "Take a Number" (Saturday evenings). Below are shown John Reed King, "Talent Jackpot" (Thursday evenings), and John K. McCaffery, "What Makes You Tick?" (Sunday afternoons).

Half Have Lights
Fifty-three per cent of the nation's farms now have electric service.

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