National Security Top VFW Aim As Brannaman Takes Command

Ray H. Brannaman, Denver, Colo., Commander-in-Chief, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

World War II Leadership By 1949 Is Likely

Beggs Moves To Senior Command Post; Lewis Is Junior Vice

CLEVELAND. — With the leadership of the V.F.W. expected to go to a World War II veteran by 1949, delegates to the 48th annual encampment here elevated Ray H. Brannaman, Denver, Colorado, to the top job as national Commander-in-Chief.

Lyall T. Beggs, Madison, Wis., attorney and member of the State House of Representatives, was moved from junior to senior vice commander.

Both are World War I veterans and both moved up the line without opposition.

As forecast by the “Boys In The Know,” the race for the junior vice post was the hottest in many years with World War II Veteran Clyde A. Lewis, a Plattsburg, N. Y., lawyer emerging as the winner.

Lewis is the Finance Committee of the recent war to occupy one of the key slots. He chaired the committee through with a unanimous vote after a brief attempt at a call of the roll. One contestant, Ed-

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DISTRICT AREAS

RALLS CANCELS CONFERENCES

Named To National Financial Committee

The seven Area Conferences of V.F.W. District officials scheduled during October and November, have been canceled. State Adjutant Eugene G. Patterson disclosed this week.

Patterson said the cancellation was made because Charles C. Nalls, state commander, who was to address the groups, had no assurance regarding the recent National Encampment, has been named to the National V.F.W. Convention committee and will be in Kansas City during most of the week.

In lieu of the conferences, Department officials will attend district meetings whenever possible to furnish self-dissemination of information on the National Convention to members.

At District Commander's request to immediately submit to Patterson at Department Headquarters schedules for district meetings during the months of October, November and December. A department officers speaking itinerary will be drawn up from the lists submitted.

Posts Conducting Surveys Of New Business Projects ‘VRCF’ Could Finance

LOOKING to the problems of veteran employment, posts of the Department of Washington have responded to national headquarters' call for an immediate survey to determine the possibilities of establishing new business enterprises which could be financed by the government under the Veterans R.F.C. Bill.

The R.F.C. Act, which has been termed the most constructive piece of veterans legislation ever un-

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Bids Due Nov. 1 On Orienteering Home

ORTING—State, Rep. Rebice Knowles, member of the house state institution committee, told a third District meeting of V.F.W.'s that bids would be called about Nov. 1 for construction of a new home at Orting State Soldiers home. The project will cost $150,000 to $200,000 and will begin next year. The V.F.W. has recommended that the new building be named for Charles Van Scyoc, Jr., of Orting, a second lieutenant in the Seventh Infantry who was killed in Anzio in 1944.

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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ‘48 DUES?

DELEGATES ASK WWI PENSIONS, NATIONAL BONUS

Nat'l Encampment Asks Ban On 'Daily Worker,' Communist Party

By Jack Gordon

Encampment - weary delegates returned to their home-towns across the nation last month after one of the greatest conventions in the history of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

None-the-less weary was the city of Cleveland, host for the 48th annual conclaves, but native and visitor alike had praise for the civic atmosphere of the city.

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There was a vote strongly in favor of an increase of 13,000 delegates to the "V.F.W. encampment, and Cleve-

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$109,850 Approved For Veteran Council

OLYMPIA — Approval of a budget of $109,850 for operations of the State Veteran Rehabilitation Council during the quarter ending Oct. 1, was announced here by Victor Lindberg, chairman.

Lindberg also announced the names of 12 contact counselors operating out of established field offices. They are: Harvard E. S. A., Aberdeen district; George Hunsley, Bell-

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TACOMA. — Dates for the 1949 Department of Washington en-

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