

AMERICAN LEGION ANNIVERSARY

An Editorial

A U.S. Army soldier was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for giving his life to save the lives of the other members of his squad when he threw himself on a grenade and absorbed its blast. The award recognized SP4 George Alan Ingalls' heroic action during a combat operation near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam, on April 16, 1967.



Specialist Ingalls

Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor, acting for the President and in the name of Congress, presented the medal to Specialist Ingalls' mother, Mrs. Maud M. Ingalls of Yorba Linda, Calif., for her son's conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.

Specialist Ingalls was serving as a rifleman with Company A, 2d Battalion, 5th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), on a night ambush mission. Sometime after ambush had been set up, a hand grenade was thrown from the nearby dense undergrowth into the center of his squad's position. The grenade did not explode and was followed shortly by a second grenade which landed between Specialist Ingalls and a nearby comrade. Although he could have jumped to a safe position, Specialist Ingalls threw himself on the grenade and absorbed its full blast. The explosion mortally wounded him, but his heroic act saved the lives of other members of his squad.

Specialist Ingalls' other decorations include the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

COMBAT — VIETNAM STYLE — 1968 - 1969

Fifty years ago, a small group of war-weary servicemen representing the various outfits of the American Expeditionary Force met in Paris, France, and brought forth a magnificent idea. These delegates — still in the uniform of their country and thousands of miles from home — brought to that assembly in Paris the raw materials with which to build a civilian organization of war veterans dedicated to God and Country.

They recognized the need for a fraternity of service which should have as its purpose the preservation and perpetuation of the lofty principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

And their "big idea" became The American Legion.

In the succeeding 50 years, three generations of war veterans have been united under the banner of The American Legion. While they are proud of having met the highest obligation of citizenship — service in the uniform of their Country in time of war — American Legionnaires also realize that the responsibilities of citizenship do not end when the military uniform has been exchanged for civilian apparel.

As a fraternity of service which has as one of its basic purposes "to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to community, state and nation," The American Legion has become a pacesetter to the nation in the expression of patriotic thought and deed. Of great concern to the Legion today is the possibility that leaders of the godless-communist doctrine shall mistake demonstrations and expressions by a handful of dissidents as an indication of weakness on the part of our nation.

A staunch advocate of our nation's policy to defend the cause of freedom against the threat of forces seeking world domination, The American Legion has stepped to the forefront in the upsurge of patriotic expression which has swept the country in recent months. In so doing, the Legion has helped not only to reawaken a spirit of national responsibility but also to affirm in the eyes of a doubtful world the depth of our nation's purpose.

On this 50th Anniversary of The American Legion, we salute the "big idea" of this gigantic fraternity of service. May the millions of Legionnaires throughout the nation continue to succeed in their endeavors dedicated to God and Country — and, ultimately, a better world.

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50 YEARS AGO

February 23, 1919

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Mrs. George Milligan has moved from her farm home on Greenwood Hill to Andover and is occupying the C. E. Hann house on Fairview Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Rice have moved their household goods to Andover from Orwego and are located in their new home on Chestnut Street purchased from Walter Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lynch are the parents of a daughter, born Thursday, February 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davis entertained at a shower Thursday night, February 20th in honor of their son, Lt. Uriah Davis and his fiancée Miss Agnes Cassidy of Rochester.

Mr. Shea of Scranton, Pa., is spending the week with his cousin, R. McAndrew and family of South Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. George Green returned to their home last Wednesday, after spending several weeks at the home of their son, Will Green and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Bines and daughter, Georgia, were week-end guests of Mrs. G. A. Updyke of Independence.

Edward Horan and Guy Wood are in Buffalo this week attending a Hardware Association Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Saunders of Bradford, Pa., were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Strait Friday and Saturday.

A. R. Baker went to Buffalo Monday evening and will attend the Hardware Dealers Association Convention in that city this week.

Miss Ruby Snyder came home Wednesday evening from Rochester for a short vacation from her duties at the Rochester Business Institute.

Harold D. Hardy of Tecumseh, Michigan, who has recently returned from overseas, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hardy.

Lt. Chas. Mourhes arrived in Andover Sunday evening, remaining until Tuesday, when he returned to New York City to get his discharge.

E. D. Baker left Wednesday for Buffalo, where he will attend the Hardware Dealers Association Convention and also will visit relatives in Niagara Falls and take in the Buffalo Automobile Show next week.

40 YEARS AGO

March 1, 1929

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Two fire alarms were sent in Friday evening. One to the residence of Allen Fuller on Grove Street, which was totally consumed. The other to a farm on Call Hill. Both alarms came at the same time. Firemen were unable to reach the Call Hill fire on account of snow.

Chester Green has purchased the Randall Pease farm on the Greenwood Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean of South Hill are moving to the Doran home on Chestnut Street this week, where Mr. Dean will engage in State Road work.

Miss Mary Byrnes, who had spent the week with her cousin, Mrs. A. Dougherty, returned to her home in Wellsville Saturday.

Mrs. Carl Clarke of Independence returned from Galeton, Pa., Saturday where she has been helping care for her father, Vern Howe.

Miss Elizabeth Frost spent last week with her cousin, Paul Updyke and aunt, Mrs. Flay Pease.

The home of Wilfred Baker of West Greenwood, burned Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Baker were away from home and saved nothing but what clothing they had on.

Albert Gee is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kiple on Piggrey Hill.

Dan Flynn of Arcade was at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Flynn over the week-end.

Mrs. James Gee and family of Thamesville, Canada, are visiting



by Alex Rankin

Sometime—soon, perhaps even next week, the lower House of the state Legislature is going to come to grips with the issue of campus revolution.

As one might expect, the solution offered is punitive—a dose up of a large dose of campus politics, wheeling and dealing if you will.

The focal point is a bill which would deny taxpayer supported scholarships to students who have been found guilty in any court of first or second degree trespass, unlawful assembly, harassment, criminal nuisance, making false reports and possession of fire or stink bombs when these things took place on campus property.

The bill has a two-year history. Last year it passed in the Senate, which was controlled by Republicans, and was killed before it could even get to the floor in the Assembly, which was controlled by Democrats. On February 12 this year it passed the Senate, still controlled by Republicans, and is now in the Assembly, now controlled by Republicans. Specifically the bill is in the Assembly education committee, headed by Assemblywoman Constance E. Cook of Ithaca.

There are three sides to the issue. The third is practical politics.

On politics, Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea Jr. of Montauk, L. I., has already come to grips with the issue. He caught some people who had thought the bill would breeze through the Assembly off guard by declaring last week he wanted to think about it awhile.

Translated, that means he wants Conservatives to think about it awhile.

After they think about it a little, these folks, who are part of the paper-thin majority Duryea must work with, may decide they will vote for something else Duryea may want in the future in return for this bill.

All this is papered over for public consumption by Duryea's aides, who say Duryea has never been "enthusiastic" about the bill anyway.

But as a matter of fact, at this time in history when it seems obvious that many people (voters)

are... of campus violence, it is a year... and one... of the... be counted to... for politics.

As for the issue itself, two arguments that have until now been overlooked ought to be stated, along with some other observations.

To begin with there will be the temptation to turn this bill and what it does into some sort of... for the... Politicians are notorious for this kind of generalizing. In other words, the bill might not be that important.

Republican Assemblyman Kenneth G. Bartlett of Syracuse, who is also a vice-president of Syracuse University, favors the bill but has said something which ought to make people stop and think.

Bartlett said he is getting together figures on just how many students have actually been convicted of the crimes mentioned in this bill. He has a preliminary view.

"Darn few", he said. The other observation is an implied indictment of news media and television in particular.

It should be kept in mind that every campus in this state is not in flames, and that in fact a vast, overwhelming majority of college students are in fact going about the business of getting an education. And of equal importance a vast majority of those who are worried about and want to change what is wrong with the present system of higher education in this state and the nation are doing something about it without taking over buildings, kidnapping presidents or sitting down in front of Dow Chemical recruiting booths.

And there is the serious possibility that this bill may be an overreaction to the problem and not even a solution at all.

This bill may even serve to legitimize and give stature to those few student and faculty radicals who think the answer to the problem is to burn everything down. Television has already done this. It happens wherever radicals and extremists are allowed to become the sole spokesman for discontent.

30 YEARS AGO

March 3, 1939

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Mrs. Ida Shelley, 74, died at her home on Hill Street, Sunday, February 26th. A brother, Charles A. Rogers survives. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Bert W. Childs, brother of Will Childs, died Sunday, February 26 in Hornell. His wife, two daughters, two sons, two brothers and

in Bennetts Creek Cemetery. Fred Bass of Wellsville has purchased of Mrs. Ross... the buildings and two acres of land

at the flat adjoining Route 17. Richard Ladlee of Smithport, Pa. is a guest of his sister Mrs. Victor Hoagland and family of Davis Hill this week.

Mrs. Everett Clark spent a few days last week at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, where she assisted in the care of her grandfather, Mr. Wallace, who is ill.

Mrs. Oliver Downer of Wellsville, is spending a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. Locha Burdick of Elm Valley.

Mrs. W. P. Kibbe of Burtville, Pa., is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Wentworth this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lang of Olean are passing the week with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Win Lang.

Mrs. Etta Wilson of Wellsville spent Tuesday and Wednesday with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Goodridge.

Mrs. Cora Potter spent several days this week at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rollins at Albiontown.

Atty. Mira Diffin is passing some time with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Monaghan at Arkport.

Mrs. Sara Guinn is visiting her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Guinn of Wellsville this week.

Mrs. Mary... of Chicago, Ill., passed the week-end with...

Mrs. Cora... came in like a lion, with a... saw berries.