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# BILL ASKS CHANGE IN VET PREFERENCE TO A POINT SYSTEM

## Dewey to Consult Employees On Pay as Permanent Policy

### State Assn. Diners Hear Governor

By H. J. BERNARD  
Special to The LEADER

TROY, March 1.—The new policy of discussing with state employees projects affecting their pay, hours and working conditions, and thus having them participate in the formulation of policies on such subjects, is a permanent one in his administration, Governor Thomas E. Dewey announced in a speech at the 29th annual dinner of The Civil Service Employees Association, at the Hotel Hendrick Hudson. His announcement was greeted with uproarious applause by the 400 diners. He stressed the point that the permanent policy sets a pattern in the relations of public employees with government, but also stated that government, being sovereign, can not surrender any of its sovereignty, and any public official who attempted it would be violating his oath of office. Mutual trust and confidence was his motto for "a new concept of government."

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### 300 to Get Police Jobs

Three hundred appointments to the Police Department will be made the latter part of this week from the new Patrolman (P.D.) eligible list. Request for certification of names has been made by the Police Department to the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

The new appointments will follow closely the graduation of 438 probationary Patrolmen from the Police Academy last Friday in ceremonies at Washington Irving High School. Police Commissioner Arthur W. Wallander presided at the exercises, which included presentation of Victory medals and trophies.

The batch of 300 new recruits is part of a series of staggered appointments, in line with Commissioner Wallander's goal of bringing the department up to a strength of 20,000 men, in which he has the support of Mayor William O'Dwyer.

### Measure Gets Strong Backing

Special to The LEADER

ALBANY, March 1.—Two proposed amendments to the State Constitution, providing for changes in preference to veterans in civil service appointments and promotions, were introduced in the Legislature. One measure, supported by veteran groups and by The Civil Service Employees Association and the Civil Service Reform Association, introduces a point-credit system, both in original appointments and in promotions, for all veterans, limited to one application of the new benefit. The other, submitted by the American Legion, would withdraw all preference for non-disabled veterans in promotion examinations and extend for five years, until 1956, the present laws, leaving disabled veteran preference unchanged.

The point-system amendment, known as the Mitchell bill, would give the following preference indefinitely:

Disabled veterans: 10 points added in appointment examinations (entrance tests); 5 points added in promotion tests.

Non-disabled veterans: 5 points added in appointment examina-

tions, 2½ points added in promotion examination.

The points are given as an "extra" to those, and only those, who first pass the examinations, and are added to the final average. In promotion exams, where

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### Mayor's Letter on Raise Worries NYC Employees

Mayor William O'Dwyer's letter to legislative leaders in Albany, broaching the possibility of reduction of present cost-of-living bonuses, if sufficient State aid is not forthcoming, caused grave concern among NYC employees. Hard-pressed by high living costs, and receiving inadequate salaries, even with present bonus included, the employees and their organization emphasized the necessity for a raise, State aid or no State aid. The Mayor in his letter, after stating need of \$168,000,000 from the State, for various purposes, went on:

health stations and add to our Police and Sanitation forces. Nor will it be possible to provide cost-of-living increases for our employees. In fact, cost-of-living increases paid to city employees may have to be rescinded. Many other functions of city government will suffer seriously.

"In conclusion let me say this program has been presented only because it is an absolute necessity. I do not like it any more than others do. No one, certainly not I, takes pleasure in making recommendations which result in

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daily increases in cost such as the fare on the transit lines, an increased cost which touches the budget of almost every family in the city. However, the finances and needs of the city have been carefully investigated and analyzed, and I have come to the unalterable conclusion that the program is essential for the best interests of all of the people of New York City."

Word had gone out previously, as told exclusively in last week's LEADER, that a general pay increase for city employees was "out," but that increases for the most underpaid positions were possible. That would not give a raise to any large percentage of the employees.

### Truman Considers Approval of Raise

Special to The LEADER

WASHINGTON, March 1.—President Truman is reported considering changing his mind about no Federal pay raise, on the plea of the lack of funds. The Administration is expected to present a pay raise plan which will not involve a large amount of money.

The House Post Office and Civil Service Committee opened hearings on pay raise bills. Heretofore the administration ignored such hearings, but if it continued such tactics might get a pay raise bill it didn't want, and from a majority that now figures on Democratic aid to override a Presidential veto.

# STATE AND COUNTY NEWS

## The Public Employee

By Dr. Frank L. Tolman

President, The Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., and Member of Employees' Merit Award Board.



### The Association's Annual Dinner

ONCE a year during the legislative session, The Civil Service Employees Association has the pleasure of entertaining and of paying our respects to our top bosses, the Governor, the Administration, the Legislature, the Judiciary and the heads of State.

By long tradition, the breaking of bread together is a symbol of friendship and unity. For us in the Association, this dinner is a recognition of a community of service, a common dedication to the welfare of the citizens of the State on the part of all public employees and public officials, high and low.

There are some labor and employee organizations that operate on the principle that management and the employees are necessarily enemies, that the war of the classes, the struggle for power admits of no truce or any amenities.

### Dedicated to Peace

Our Association is dedicated not to war but to peace through fair conferences and conciliations. We hold that fair minds can sit down as equals around the conference table and reach agreement or compromise as fair as any that can be won by conflict and by strike. As men of good will, employees and high executives can discuss difficult problems fully and fairly, iron out differences and arrive at just and fair conclusions or compromises.

We owe much to the present administration, but to my mind the greatest is the advance in dealing openly with our employee Association. The Association has often been called into conference before—too frequently, after major decisions had been made. This year we were accorded conferences to reach decisions—a very different matter. We were given facts and figures prior to the conferences and we had full opportunities both to present our proposals and points of view, and to fairly and fully examine counter-proposals and viewpoints.

### Trust in Open Diplomacy

We hope, we trust, and we even expect that this policy of open diplomacy with agreements freely and openly arrived at, will prevail through the years as long as the Association is worthy of the trust and confidence of its members, of the people and of the administration. We even propose and urge that this method be written into the law of the State of New York, as provided in the Public Employees Labor Relations Bill, introduced by Senator Thomas C. Desmond and Assemblyman Irwin D. Davidson.

## Vet Preference Plan Introduced

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record and seniority usually have a weight of 50, and competitive written and other tests a weight of 50, the addition of 2½ or 5 points to final average has a relative numerical equivalent of twice that value.

The Legion bill provides for the extension of preference, for non-disabled veterans on original appointment only, until five years after the present 1951 expiration date. Disabled veteran preference continues indefinitely, as now, hence is unchanged, putting disabled veterans, who pass, at the top of the list, whether promotion or appointment. Promotion preference for non-disabled veterans would be wiped out.

The Mitchell bill, with its points, does not move disabled veterans to the top, or non-disabled ones to the next group, or make any relative position change on the percentage list, except as added points would necessitate.

### Text of Mitchell Bill

The point-system bill follows: "Concurrent Resolution of the Senate and Assembly Proposing an amendment to article five of the constitution, in relation to civil service appointments and promotions, and repealing section six of such article, relating thereto.

"Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur). That section six of article five of the constitution be REPEALED, and that such article be amended by inserting therein, in lieu thereof, a new section, to be section six, to read as follows:

"§6. Appointments and promotions in the civil service of the state and all of the civil divisions thereof, including cities and villages, shall be made according to merit and fitness to be ascertained, as far as practicable, by examination which, as far as practicable, shall be competitive; provided, however, that until January first, nineteen hundred fifty-one, any member of the armed forces of the United States who served therein in time of war, who is a citizen and resident of this state and was a resident at the time of his or her entrance into the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from such service, shall be entitled to the preferences granted by the provisions of former section six of this article, which shall continue in effect until such date, notwithstanding its repeal by the concurrent resolution of the senate and assembly adding this section, and provided, further, that on and after such date, any such member shall, in lieu of such preferences, be entitled to receive five points additional credit in a competitive examination for original appointment and two and one-half points additional credit in an examination for promotion or, if such member was disabled in the actual performance of duty in any war, is receiving disability payments therefor from the United States veterans administration, and his or her disability is certified by such administration to be in existence at the time of his or her application for appointment or promotion, he or she shall be entitled to receive ten points additional credit in a competitive examination for original appointment and five points additional credit in an examination for promotion. Such additional credit

civil service. Laws shall be enacted shall be added to the final earned rating of such member after he or she has qualified in an examination and shall be granted only at the time of establishment of an eligible list, except that eligible lists in existence on January first, nineteen hundred fifty-one shall be revised by adding the applicable credits provided herein for such members of the armed forces. No such member shall receive the additional credit granted by this section after he has received one appointment, either original entrance or promotion, from an eligible list on which he was allowed the additional credit granted by this section. The legislature may provide by law for preference in retention of such members in case of the abolition

or elimination of positions in this section.

"§2. Resolved (if the Senate concur). That the foregoing amendments be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the next succeeding general election of members of the assembly and, in conformity with section one of article thirteen of the constitution, be published for three months previous to the time of such election."

The introducers of the foregoing bill were Senator MacNeil Mitchell (R), Manhattan, and Senator Wilson C. Van Duzer (R), Middletown.

The Legion bill was introduced by Senator William F. Condon (R), Yonkers, and Assemblyman Bernard Austin (D), Kings.

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Notables on the dais at the annual dinner of The Civil Service Employees Association were (left to right), Lee B. Mailler, Majority Leader of the Assembly, who was crunching an olive; Dr. Frank L. Tolman, President of the Association; Mrs. Charles A. Brind, Jr.; Mayor John J. Ahearn, of Troy, who made the speech of welcome; Charles A. Brind, Jr., Master of Ceremonies and past President of the Association; Governor Thomas E. Dewey, the principal guest of honor and principal speaker; Janet Macfarlane, Association Secretary, and Chairman of the Social Committee that planned the dinner; Lieutenant Governor Joe R. Hanley; J. Edward Conway, President of the State Civil Service Commission; Mrs. Harold J. Fisher, widow of the past President of the Association, in whose husband's honor The LEADER's annual Fisher Memorial Award is donated, and Oswald D. Heck, Speaker of the Assembly.

## Dewey Calls Policy on Pay Permanent

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Dr. Frank L. Tolman, President of the Association whose committee had held conferences with administration officials on the pay question, which resulted in the raises found acceptable by the employees, called the permanent method of consultation "the Dewey system." He took the name from another Dewey, Dr. Melville Dewey, who devised indexing and other systems a couple of decades ago.

### Presents Fisher Cup

Governor Dewey presented nine awards. Principal of these was the annual Harold J. Fisher Memorial Award, made by a citizens committee, and consisting of a large, handsome silver cup donated by the Civil Service LEADER. The 1947 winner, William E. Hannan, recently retired, who was head of the Legislative Library in Albany, could not attend because of illness, so Dr. Charles F. Gosnell, the State Librarian, was selected to accept the cup for him. Turning to Maxwell Lehman, Editor of The LEADER, who stood beside him, the Governor asked: "Max, have you got the cup?" Max had it. The award was for outstanding service as a State employee, in skillfully creating a comprehensive and scientific legislative library. Also, five runners-up received a gold medal each, donated by the LEADER. They were Francis X. Disney, Charles F. Finnick, Martin P. Lanahan, Jr., Harry C. Smith and George J. Brett. The names of winners of LEADER awards and their citations were published in the LEADER, issue of December 16 last.

The State Employees' Merit Award Board's gift of \$250, to be shared by three winners for inventing a money-saving method of mechanical tree-planting to be used by the State, was given by the Governor to Conservation Commissioner Perry B. Duryea, who will split it up evenly among Harry E. Dobbins, Grant M. Powell and Herbert A. Lane, the inventors, employees in his department.

All award winners, excepting only Mr. Hannan, were present and they stood beside Governor Dewey as he read the citations that went with their awards.

**Dewey Praises Finkelstein**  
As an introduction to the presentation of the Harold J. Fisher Memorial Award and the five gold medals, Governor Dewey read a history of the award and praised the brilliant career of Mr. Fisher, who was President of the Association, when he died, on May 1, 1944. Next Governor Dewey discussed The LEADER itself as an important factor in the civil serv-



Jerry Finkelstein (left), whom Governor Thomas E. Dewey praised for having risen to publisher of the greatest civil service newspaper in the United States. The Governor's remarks were made at the annual dinner of The Civil Service Employees Association in Troy. The picture was taken on a previous occasion.

ice field and an influence on behalf of employees. He praised its publisher, Jerry Finkelstein, who was his office boy when Mr. Dewey was a Special Prosecutor, or rackets-buster. The Governor said

that Jerry was always full of ideas, that he knew that his former aid would go places and that, within four years after leaving his employ, or by 1939, Jerry had established a civil service

newspaper which has become the greatest one in the United States. It showed what a bright and industrious person can accomplish,

## 'Leader' and Publisher Praised by Dewey

TROY, March 1.—In addressing the 29th annual dinner of The Civil Service Employees Association, Governor Thomas E. Dewey delivered the speech of the evening and presented awards to winners of merit prizes. In connection with the presentation of the annual Harold J. Fisher Memorial Award, which William E. Hannan won for 1947, the Governor reviewed the history of the award and told about the fast progress of The LEADER, which donates the cup, and of its publisher, Jerry Finkelstein.

Maxwell Lehman, Editor of The LEADER, was standing beside Governor Dewey when the presentations of the cup and medals were made. The cup was received by the State Librarian, Charles F. Gosnell, proxy for Mr. Hannan, who was, until his recent retirement, director of the Legislative Library.

Said the Governor: "Jerry Finkelstein, publisher of The LEADER, stands for stout accomplishment under our system of free enterprise. There isn't any other guy that represents it better. He was my office boy 13 years ago, when I was racket-busting, and he became the publisher of the biggest civil service publication in the United States, all by his own efforts. It's an indication of what can be achieved in the

United States under our free enterprise system."

Mr. Finkelstein was graduated from law school while he was working for Mr. Dewey and founded The LEADER in September, 1939, a little more than four years later. He had previously been Civil Service Editor of the New York Daily Mirror.

"Jerry came into the racket-busting activities," the Governor recalled. "Paul Lockwood hired him. No, somebody down the line must have hired Jerry because Paul Lockwood was too important. That was in 1935 when Jerry was a very fresh boy and full of ideas. He stayed one year and then went out on his own to found his own paper.

"The American people have a curiously creative genius when they make a county prosecutor their Governor, as they did in 1942, while that boy Jerry was building up the greatest thing of its kind in America. The only thing against him is that he is a Democrat. I didn't intend to discuss this aspect, because my remarks are entirely non-partisan, but bring it up only to show how well people can get along together in this country. I'm very proud of Jerry. He and his associates are doing a wonderful job on The Civil Service LEADER."

## Fisher Award Is Presented By Governor

the Governor remarked, in the free enterprise system of our democracy. He cited Jerry as an example of American attainment.

### Stunt Show Draws Laughs

The other highlight of the dinner was a stunt show, written, directed, staged, produced and acted by Association members. It was entitled "Just One More Chance Or, Heaven Can Wait." State officials, and even employees, came in for much ribbing in song, story and dialogue. Governor Dewey laughed often at the jokes, particularly those at his expense.

Governor Dewey's new concepts of government in relation to public employees will appear in a story in next week's issue of The LEADER.

The list of names of those who attended the dinner will be published then also.



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# STATE AND COUNTY NEWS

## Plan to Train and Promote Bright Employees Meets Good Response, But Some Misgivings

By MAXWELL LEHMAN

State employees like the idea of additional promotion opportunities for those with unusual qualifications.

Administrators like the idea of training specially-qualified civil service employees to hold down more responsible jobs.

Personnel officers like the idea of seeking within the service workers with special aptitudes to fill jobs which can't be filled by normal recruitment methods.

But through the whole tenor of approval runs the wary forethought: If a system of training employees with special abilities for higher jobs is instituted, nothing must be done which might undermine existing promotion lists.

### Most Writers Favorable

These are the general results of an informal poll following a LEADER article on the subject (February 17).

The article described an experiment proposed by certain State officials:

1. Where it is impossible to recruit for jobs in the open market, the State should undertake to train present civil service employees to fill the vacant positions.
2. Only those would be admitted to the training course who could show, through examination, that they possess the aptitudes necessary for the position. (Aptitudes must be sharply distinguished from knowledge and techniques).
3. The in-service training course would be given by the State, without charge, to those who make the grade on the aptitude test.
4. Upon completion of the

course, a competitive promotion examination would be held among those who had completed the study. This examination would be based on knowledge and techniques of the job. And, as an added incentive, all those taking the examination could compete for a position one grade higher than that held at the time.

One position for which the plan would be utilized immediately, if it is found acceptable, is that of Examiner of Methods and Procedures, a field in which recruitment has been difficult. If it would work out here, the plan would then be extended.

### What They Say

Here are excerpts from some of the letters received by The LEADER.

Writes Edward W. Heroux, of Cohoes, enthusiastically: "... training employees with special abilities for higher jobs is one of the finest things that could ... come."

Mr. Heroux would like the program to apply to temporary as well as permanent employees.

Loretta H. Anderson, a secretary, writes in from Ossining:

"Many of us ... would like to progress beyond the secretarial stage. Some of us do not possess college degrees but have had more than a high school education and have acquired invaluable experience which would enable us to capably fill important positions."

### Warning

A warning note is sounded by

James A. Cavanaugh, of Brooklyn, who states warily:

"I am interested in how the aptitude tests would be conducted ... so that the merit system would not be violated."

This note of warning appeared in many of the comments, particularly from persons with technical personnel and civil service experience. "If such a plan is adopted," said one, who prefers anonymity, "we must be completely certain that promotion lists would not be by-passed. One of the big 'bugs' in such a deal would be the opportunity it might offer to renege on existing promotion lists. I don't say this would be done. I say only that the danger exists."

Irving Miller of Brooklyn wants to make certain that if the in-service training courses are set up, field employees would have an opportunity to participate. Says he:

"Most in-service training plans are predicated on an employee being in a certain office over a period of time. Unless an in-service training program takes cognizance of the fact that a great many times the most capable men are moving about, and an attempt is made to reach this group, it fails to tap a most important source."

To set Mr. Miller's fears at rest, The LEADER is able to inform him that as tentatively considered, the plan does not contemplate excluding field people.

Joshua Williams, with the New

York office of the DPUI, conveys another reason for supporting the proposed project.

### Benefit All

"... think it is a splendid idea. I am sure it is not even necessary to say that the idea of in-service training courses for those selected will benefit all concerned; the public, which will get superior and more efficient service; the various departments, because of better relations with the public as a consequence of superior service and because of personnel who feel more satisfied ...; and the personnel itself ... because of new pride in accomplishment and renewed feeling of 'belonging' with their departments and their specific jobs. As for the procedure of instituting the program, through selection of those who demonstrate the necessary aptitudes, that is also, to my way of thinking, an excellent idea ..."

### Straight Education

From James H. Surrudge, maintenance supervisor at the State School in Industry, comes this view:

"... The congregating of men and women for this purpose would in itself be a step forward. Personally, I would welcome the chance to participate if only for the educational benefits I may acquire ..."

### Untapped Potential

Jack Soudakoff, of New York, sees other advantages:

"... we should not lose sight of the boon to morale ... Surely, among the 67,000 State employees [the figure is closer to 50,000—Editor] there must be many whose potentialities are doomed forever to remain untapped. The fact that the individual has qualified for his present position does not preclude the possibility that he may be qualified by experience, by education, (possibly acquired concurrently with State service) or by aptitude, for other State positions many grades higher. "Narrow promotional lines are extremely demoralizing ... Broadening the horizon for specially talented State employees would also benefit the ... less talented ... by the possibility of moving up a notch."

### Open the Door?

Jacob Weiner, of Brooklyn, has another suggestion. "Why limit the field of recruitment and training to State employees? Why not widen the field and include employees of the Federal and city governments?" Ethel M. Smith, of the State Education Department, Albany, points out that:

"Teachers and members of other professions are given the advantage of in-service training. State employees should be given the same advantages. There are many employees in the State service whose capabilities have not been fully realized ..."

### Gives A Break

From Middletown, N.Y., L. L. Jacoby, a junior civil engineer in the Department of Public Works, writes:

"I have never heard what I consider a better idea both in regard to efficiency and employee satisfaction. This new method ... gives a break to an employee who is interested in utilizing to the full his inherent capabilities ... If some method can be worked out whereby an employee retains his rights, seniority, sick leave, etc., when he transfers from one job to another, I believe the proposed experiment cannot do otherwise than succeed."

Harold B. Wilson, an examiner of methods and procedures in Albany, writes:

"I am of the opinion that the higher titles in the methods and procedures field should be filled by qualified experts who now hold positions in lower titles throughout the State and that the lower

title positions be filled by other State employees under the plan."

### Dr. Tolman's View

Dr. Frank L. Tolman, President of the Civil Service Employees Association, made the point that the present development of educational aptitude tests might not be sufficient to warrant their use for the purpose proposed under the new plan. Dr. Tolman stated that he would like to see a strongly-enlarged program of in-service training at all levels, worked out in cooperation with the colleges and universities of the State, and that such a program of training would be ample to protect the State from recruitment shortages. He pointed out, too, that the 1948 budget of the Civil Service Department carries only \$25,000 for in-service training, "a ridiculously small sum." Like others, Dr. Tolman wanted to be sure, too, that if the proposal is adopted, ordinary promotion lists will not be jeopardized. He suggested that the important job is the setting up of a "real" program of in-service training.

### Advantages Cited

Those who are proposing the new plan, cite a variety of advantages for it, among them:

1. It would establish the groundwork for new methods of promoting employees, and better ways of training them for their jobs.
  2. It would assure that shortages in certain specialized positions could be filled from within the service, by employees who have the aptitudes.
  3. It would provide a means for increasing the efficiency of operating departments, in that they would not have to go without certain types of employees simply because such personnel couldn't be recruited.
- And Ella M. Orts, of Dunkirk, writes what is the conclusion of most who commented on the proposal. "It should at least be given a try."

## WHAT EMPLOYEES SHOULD KNOW

### Court Ruling Extends Effect of Back-Dated Seniority for Promotion

By THEODORE BECKER

ONE of the protections accorded to public employees who performed military duty during World War II is the right to take a "comparable" promotion examination equivalent to any given while they were on military leaves of absence, provided they were entitled to participate therein. This privilege stems from the language of Section 246 (5) of the Military Law which provides that "if a promotion examination is held while a public employee entitled to participate therein is on military duty, such public employee shall be given a comparable examination, provided he makes request therefor, etc."

A reading of the above-quoted provision of law indicates that two conditions must be met in order that a returning employee be deemed entitled to a comparable examination—(1) the promotion examination must have been given while the employee was on military duty; and (2) the employee must have been eligible to take the examination.

### Effect of Back-Dated Seniority

In line with this construction of the statute, Civil Service Commissions have taken the stand that returning employees who have received appointments from lists on which they were skipped while on military duty (and whose dates of appointment from such lists are moved back to the earliest date anyone lower on the list was appointed) could not use such back-dated appointments to claim eligibility for promotion examinations in the next higher grade held while they were on military duty. For example, if a veteran's promotion from Clerk to Senior Clerk in 1947 is dated back to 1944 when he was skipped while on military duty, this was held not to entitle him to a comparable examination for the next higher position of Principal Clerk which was held in 1946 while he was in military service. This was based on the reasoning that the veteran was not eligible to take such Principal Clerk examination in 1946, when he was only a Clerk, and

hence, he did not really "miss" it.

### Court Ruling Differs

However, the Supreme Court in New York County, in a case involving a New York City employee, has apparently taken a different view of the law's effect. It seems that the petitioner was a Grade 1 employee upon his return from military duty. After he had come back, a promotion examination was held for Grade 3, which he was unable to take because he had not yet advanced to Grade 2. Thereafter, he received a promotion to Grade 2 which carried with it retroactive seniority. Such retroactive seniority brought the presumed date of his appointment back far enough to have qualified him to take the Grade 3 promotion. On these facts, the Court held the petitioner entitled to a comparable promotion examination to Grade 3, despite the fact that such promotion examination was held while the employee was back on his civil service job and not while he was away on military duty.

### Court's Reasoning

The Court argued that the provision of Section 246 (5) of the Military Law which declares that a public employee "shall not be subjected directly or indirectly to any loss of time service increment or any other right or privilege or be prejudiced in any way with reference to promotion, transfer, reinstatement or continuance in office" must be read in conjunction with the comparable promotion part of the section. Inasmuch as restoration to position includes promotion to Grade 2, and denial of promotion to Grade 3 is at least indirectly prejudicial because it arises from the continuous character of the employee's military duty, the court felt that the employee's request for a comparable promotion examination came within the statute and should have been granted. (Goldberg v. Morton)

It should be noted that the determination was made by a court from which an appeal can be taken to higher courts.

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# NEWS ABOUT STATE AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES

**ROCKLAND STATE**—Speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Rockland State Hospital Chapter was Harold Williams, Town Supervisor of Orangetown. Mr. Williams spoke on local problems and offered the services of his office to all who needed help. The visit is in line with the policy of becoming acquainted with the men who represent us in government and making our needs and wishes known to them. Many local problems were discussed and possible solutions arrived at. President Fred Seminara thanked Mr. Williams for his help and for the interesting talk he had given the group. Mr. Seminara read a letter from Assemblyman Wamsley regarding the proposed increase of salaries for State employees. The fact that the State Administration has found many difficulties in administering the extra 7½ per cent paid to employees serving on extra hazardous or arduous wards and is considering the elimination of such was reported by the President. Emil Bollman announced that the group would hold its annual dinner at the Silver Pheasant on Saturday, April 10.

**MANHATTAN STATE HOSPITAL**—The Chapter held a special meeting on Ward's Island. Victor J. Paltsits, Chairman of the Metropolitan Conference, and William F. McDonough, Association Field Representative, spoke. Mr. McDonough congratulated the Chapter in its splendid effort in getting the Legislators to support its request for a substantial raise in salary. He also spoke of the State administration's desire to repeal hazardous and arduous compensation, and of the Association's intention of trying to have the titles of these employees either reclassified or upgraded. The Labor Relations Bill was discussed at length and the members present felt that such a proper method for adjustments or disputes, through a legal course, would be most desirable. A 25-year pension without age limitation is still the hope of the Chapter members. Mr. McDonough explained that there are six pension bills before the legislature and among them is the 25-year plan. The Stenographers of Manhattan State Hospital submitted the resolutions, which will be sent to

## Correction Group Re-elects Dillon



**HARRY M. DILLON**, of Auburn Prison was re-elected President of the State Department of Correction Civil Service Conference at the semi-annual meeting.

Special to The LEADER

**ALBANY**, March 1.—The New York State Department of Correction Civil Service Conference elected the following officers: Harry M. Dillon, of Auburn, re-elected President; William Meehan, of Clinton Prison, Vice-president, and Ray Marohn, of New York State Vocational Institute at West Coxsack, Secretary and Treasurer.

Previous to his election as President, Mr. Dillon served six years as President and delegate of the Auburn Prison chapter of The Civil Service Employees Association.

Daniel Shea, Director of Personnel. They ask that maximum salaries of all Stenographers be raised from \$2,200 and \$2,600 to be commensurate with salaries paid in private industry; that Stenographers working in Mental institutions be classified as Psychiatric-Medical Stenographers; Establishment of a work-week of 37½ hours, the same as accorded to Stenographers in State offices in Albany and in NYC, and a 25-year pension plan without age limit.

Upon completion of 39½ years service in the institution, Dr. Elizabeth S. Hellweg was presented with a bouquet of red roses. The presentation was made by Cynthia Hutchings, the youngest member of the Chapter.

American Legion Post 1047, has sent a resolution to the Legion Legislative Committee, requesting support of the 25-year pension bill without age limit. The Commander of the Post is Robert Martin, Laundry Supervisor.

Officers were elected as follows: President John Wallace; 1st Vice-president, Dennis O'Shea; 2nd Vice-president, Robert Martin; 3rd Vice-president, Al White; Treasurer, Teddy Kraje; Secretary, Isabel V. Uttal; Delegates, Elizabeth McSweeney and Patrick Geraghty; Alternate Delegate, Catherine M. Boyle and George Whyte.

The members extended thanks to Association and officers and

counsel who attended to the salary raise adjustment with the administration for "a job expertly done."

**UTICA**—The following officers and delegates were elected by the Utica State Hospital Chapter for 1948: President, Margaret M. Fenk; Vice-president, Vincent P. Karwacki; Treasurer, John W. Kauth and Secretary, Gertrude Payne. Delegates, Margaret Fenk and John Kauth; Alternates, Vincent Karwacki and Joseph Bisneau.

A party was held at Hutchings Hall February 25. The following committee served:

Joseph L. Maxwell, John W. Kauth, Delbert Baker, Dave Currier, Adolphe Desgrosellier, Charles Potter, Joseph Podoris, Catherine Jones, Donald Hendricks, Thomas Davis, Leo Servatius, Lawrence Maxwell, Stanley Rosnek, Margaret Fenk, Genevieve Maxwell, Gertrude Payne.

A meeting of the Chapters in the Rome-Utica area was held at Hutchings Hall, Utica State Hospital, Saturday, February 21 at 8 p.m. in connection with the Headquarters Building Fund drive. Laurence J. Hollister, Field Representative will preside.

**ALBANY TAX**—The annual election of the Albany Taxation and Finance Department Chapter resulted in the following officers being elected: President, George Hayes; Vice-president, Arnold Wise; Treasurer, Louis Vella; Secretary, Anne Schelde; Delegates, Francis Kelliher and James Decker.

## Armory Employees Strong for 3 Bills

"The Armory employees of the State are interested in the Hammond Bill, and also the Radigan Bill, for the changes in designations, and also the salary base scale," said Frank E. Wallace, Executive Secretary, Armory Employees, Metropolitan Chapter. "The Armory employees have not had a permanent raise in pay since 1924."

"The Armory employees of the State are organized in seven chapters. The President of the State Conference of Armory Employees is George Fisher, and the State Secretary is Clifford Asmuth."

The Metropolitan Chapter Armory Employees were represented at the dinner of The Civil Service Employees Association by Frank Gonsalves, President; Mr. Wallace, Mr. Fisher and James A. Deuchar, former President of the Armory Employees Association of the City of New York.

## Montross Appointed

Appointment of Harold K. Montross as Metropolitan Director of the New York State Employment Service was announced by Milton O. Loysen, Executive Director of the Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance, State Department of Labor. Mr. Montross succeeds M. Joseph Tierney, who had been named Director of the State Employment Service when Richard C. Brodsky became Assistant DPUI Executive Director.

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**Passing of Frank J. Prial  
A Loss to Civil Service**

**E**VERY one connected with civil service in any way felt pangs of regret over the death of Frank J. Prial, fighting official and editor and publisher of The Chief, who during half a century did as much for civil service employees as any other individual. From 1905, when he placed first on a competitive civil service list, until the day he died, last week, Mr. Prial was an outstanding figure in NYC governmental affairs. The protection and advancement of the competitive principle was deep in his blood, as was only to be expected of one who had entered public life through that route, and he was fearless in opposing all attempted inroads upon the merit system. This he did not only as an individual, but as a public official. Early seeing the need of organization of city employees, he successfully undertook that task, showed his brilliant qualities of leadership and caused his policy of outspokenness to become the guiding principle of the group he led.

Mr. Prial was a man of many interests, exceptionally well informed and as close to the pulse of the city's body politic as any man was in his time. He was the courageous investigator of irregularities by government officials, when courage was dearly bought, and in fighting for what he thought was right. In what he deemed a just cause, he did not hesitate to enter his name. As in all else, everybody knew exactly where Frank J. Prial stood. He was that kind of a man.

The Civil Service LEADER found in Mr. Prial a keen competitor, one whose fighting qualities and strength of character it always admired, and while we contested with him for reader interest and coverage of civil service news, we felt we owed him a debt for inciting us to even greater efforts by his stimulative example.

In 1939 The LEADER entered the civil service periodical field that he had enjoyed exclusively, and it was natural that he should be stirred by the spirit of rivalry. But he was stirred as a gentleman is stirred and when he fought us for circulation and prestige, we knew that he would keep up the fight until his last day. He did. He was a tough, hard but clean fighter, and we're sorry he's gone, for one does not meet either friend or foe of such ability, integrity and zeal too often in a lifetime.

**Pilgrim State Chapter Joins Metro Conference**

Francis H. Nietzel, President of Pilgrim State Hospital Chapter, notified the Metropolitan New York Conference that his Chapter has voted to join the Conference. It is the ninth chapter to join.

Also believed to be ready to join are the Kings Park State Hospital Chapter and the Agricultural and Technical Institute Chapter.

With these three Chapters in, 11 of the 13 eligible Chapters would be members of the Conference, said Victor J. Paltsits, Chairman of the Conference.

Solomon J. Heifetz has been appointed chairman of the legislative committee of the Conference. He was admitted to the Bar in

1932, entered State service in 1935 as Senior Law Clerk from open competitive list and has served continuously for past 13 years in a legal capacity. He rose by promotion from Senior Law Clerk to Principal Law Clerk to Attorney to Senior Attorney. He has had extensive experience with the Mortgage Commission, Insurance Department, Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board and the Commission Against Discrimination.

The Conference will meet again on Saturday, April 10 at the 71st Regiment Armory, 34th Street and Park Avenue, NYC. The Metropolitan Armory Chapter, Frank Gonsalves, President, will be host.

**How NYC Is Run**

"People everywhere, who have grown up with the idea that Tammany is synonymous with vicious politics, that Tammany controls New York, and that therefore the metropolis pours the taxpayers' money down the political sewer, may find it hard to believe that New York is one of our best-run cities. It is, for a politically-managed place, even though John Gunther's notion that it tops the list is pretty far-fetched."—From an editorial in National Municipal Review, a monthly published by the National Municipal League.

*Don't*  
**Repeat This!**

**T**HE NYC Civil Service Commission has decided that a steady gait is best and will avoid frequent recurrence of large open-competitive examinations. None of the promotion examinations is in a comparable numerical category. The Patrolman, Fireman, Transportation and Sanitation Man lists are the big ones, and now the last of these, Fireman, had just closed for applications. The other lists exist or will be out soon. Just now the Commission is finishing promotion examinations in the uniformed forces. Police Commissioner Wallander has the names of the Police Captain eligibles, arranged alphabetically. So the big NYC exams are at an end for a couple of years, or maybe three, when the next Patrolman test comes up. Larger clusters of smaller exams will result.

Opinion is divided among postal workers on how large a salary increase should be sought through legislation now in Congress. A Senate sub-committee came out for \$1,000, for a general pay raise, but some postal groups favor \$800, saying that the lesser amount has a much better chance, as the other runs into fancy cost figures . . . The Auto Mechanic examination, which caused such a fuss in NYC because the examination paper served notice, in effect, that each wrong answer would count as two wrong answers, will be rated on a straight basis, and if there aren't too many eligibles, that'll be it. Authority to ignore the examination paper's announcement exists, as the change benefits candidates, hurts nobody . . . Coast Guard reservists, including part-time, seeking a ruling from NYC granting them preference, as is done in other jurisdictions . . . Veteran organizations all interested in proposed amendments from within their own ranks to the State constitution provision on vet preference.

The annual report of the NYC Civil Service Commission is in the printer's hands and is entirely statistical . . . Move afoot to have NYC Comptroller's jurisdiction widened in Labor Law cases, so that he can fix the prevailing rates for many skilled and semi-skilled workers who aren't engaged in construction and repair, and who get far too little money . . . Great upheaval of personnel will follow replacement orders of Second Region U.S. Civil Service Commission (New York and New Jersey). Heads of offices who don't hire those who have the strongest legal leg on the job will be in trouble if they keep up their present shenanigans . . . Deputy Mayor John J. Bennett, of NYC, distinguishing himself as an orator on the many occasions when he speaks not only in his own right, as Chairman of this or that, but also as representative of Mayor O'Dwyer.

Sixty are taking a course in all the duties of budget analysis. They are members of Budget Analysis Boards of the NYC departments, appointed by order of the Mayor. Each department has employees on that job full-time, from one to six men and women, besides the committees consisting of employees who devote part of their time to bettering the budget job . . . The N.Y. Public Library's Monthly Bulletin, commenting on the report of the Citizens Budget Commission, showing the way to improvement in NYC service, says that the report stressed the need of up-to-date office machines, to expedite work, and the Bulletin points out that departments operate on annual budgets, not suited to long-range planning in a machine age. Bulletin does say that many recommendations will be adopted in the fullness of time. Some department heads wrote to Mayor O'Dwyer, using sassier words in criticizing the report.

**Prison Guard Test To Be Held March 20**

The written examination for Prison Guard will be held on Saturday, March 20.

**FIRE DEPT. BILL HARMFUL**

*Proposal to Have Chief of Department a Designee of NYC Commissioner Opposed as Blow to Career Service*

By H. ELIOT KAPLAN  
Executive Secretary, Civil Service Reform Association

**T**HE office of Chief of Department the NYC Fire Department has been a storm center for years, since Chief John Kenlon's retirement more than ten years ago. Since then there has been one attempt after another to fill the place without resort to the competitive promotion that the charter specifically provides.

The first scheme to get away from competition among the members of the uniformed force was a statute which authorized the Fire Commissioner to act also as Chief of Department. Later, to avoid an appointment of a veteran career Fire Officer from the promotion list, a new position of Chief of Staff and Operations was created and placed in the exempt class. Most of the duties and responsibilities of the Chief of Department were assigned to the newly-created position. Since the resignation of Harold Burke, whose appointment as Chief of Department by Commissioner Quayle was short, because of Mr. Burke's retirement request, the place has been left vacant, although the eligible list for Chief of Department is available and its use is required by present law.

**Career Service Principle Is at Stake**

Now legislation is sought to authorize the Fire Commissioner to detail any Deputy Chief to act as Chief of Department at the pleasure of the Commissioner. The salary of the Acting Chief is to be fixed by the Board of Estimate. The Commissioner's reported reason for the proposal, introduced by Assemblyman Irwin Steingut, is that he ought as a matter of better management of his fire fighting forces, to appoint or assign anyone of the deputies whom he believes is in full accord with his policies. He pleads that his hands should not be tied by civil service procedure in making such detail.

The issue is more fundamental and its implications and graver than this simple explanation would indicate. Involved is the basic issue of the career service principle in the Fire Department. The place involves no determination of political policies. Indeed, it shouldn't. It involves solely a matter of sound organization of the fire-fighting forces led by a Chief from among the ranks, selected solely on demonstrated capacity, and in whom the rank and file have utmost confidence as to his leadership and impartiality.

**UFOA Solidly in Opposition**

It is significant that the Board of Fire Underwriters is concerned over this move. The Uniformed Fire Officers Association, comprising nearly all the officers in the department, is strongly opposed to the scheme of exempting the Fire Chief position from competition. The UFOA reasons were stated by President Richard A. Denahan as follows:

"In accordance with the principles on which the Uniformed Fire Officers Association was founded and the purposes it has always pursued, we protest the bill, Assembly Int. No. 1482, Print No. 1515, introduced by Mr. Steingut which provides for the detailing by the Fire Commissioner of a Deputy Chief to the position of Chief of Department.

"This organization considers the elimination of any position from the Competitive Class in the Uniformed force of the New York Fire Department as a direct blow at the merit system, the preservation of which deeply concerns us.

"As Officers of the uniformed force who have attained our present ranks under the merit system, we cannot permit this occasion to pass without registering our fervent protest.

"In preserving the merit system we feel sure you are also serving the best interests of your constituents and this association will deeply appreciate your cooperation in preventing this bill from becoming law."

**Should Be Dropped for Morale**

There is thus a clear difference of opinion between the Commissioner and the UFOA and one in which the officers are in the right. Nor need this difference mar in any way the cordial relations existing between the Commissioner and his officers.

The bill ought to be dropped. The sooner it is squelched and forgotten, the better for the morale of the service.

**MERIT WOMAN**

**T**HAT glamorous blonde who darts busily in and out of the NYC Law Department is not a Powers model, for what would a model be doing there, or poring over legal volumes in the law library? She is Assistant Corporation Counsel Angela R. Parisi who, after establishing a high reputation as a trial counsel and bear on briefs, is working wholly for the City of New York, instead of, as in the past, sometimes against it as plaintiff's counsel. And she's deep in the civil service cases that come into the office, too.

Miss Parisi is a woman of many and telling activities. Her name has the distinction of being the first of the three that reveal the members of a law firm in Brooklyn; she's a group organizer and public speaker, active in civic organizations and in charitable and welfare work, and her interests range from local community improvement to foreign policy. A former instructor of government and history at Marymount College, Tarrytown, and now an instructor at the Brooklyn Diocesan Labor School of Industrial relations, she is an eager searcher for knowledge herself and laughs when anybody talks about having "completed" an education.

**Advocates Adequate Pay**  
Friendly and enthusiastic by nature, she still is hard-boiled enough to say that what public service needs, more than anything else, is adequate compensation, and that civil service will always improve as fast as pay is brought up to the level that induces such improvement. She sympathizes with the plight of the underpaid, recommends advanced study and training to equip one for better-paying jobs in the public service,



ANGELA R. PARISI

and sees opportunities for resourceful and energetic public employees. No coasting, mind you; advancing the hard way is what she means, and sees no reason why anybody should be afraid of a struggle. She was never afraid herself.

She's secretary of the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association, on the two committees of the Brooklyn Bar Association, and is a member of the Foreign Policy Association, the National Municipal League and the American Academy of Political Science, among many other organizations. Her activities involve occasional travel, but she gets home just as fast as she can.

In private life she's the wife of Leo Louison, attorney.

# FEDERAL NEWS

## Green Of AFL Backs Postal Pay Raises

Special to The LEADER  
 WASHINGTON, March 1—President William Green, of the American Federation of Labor, assured the Executive Committee of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks at a meeting that he personally supported postal salary increases. He backed legislation at hearings which followed, before a subcommittee, headed by Edward H. Rees (R., Kans.), chairman of the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

Mr. Green pledged the support of AFL legislative counsel and all officers and members of equitable postal salary legislation at this session of Congress. "Your plight," he told the meeting, "is the same as that of other workers trying to make an inadequate wage cover present day costs."

The subcommittee which is conducting the hearings, in addition to Chairman Rees, consists of Congressmen John C. Butler (R., N.Y.), Tom Murray (D., Penn.), Chas. Vursell (R., Ill.), George P. Miller (D., Calif.), Thurston B. Morton (R., Ky.), John H. Lyle (D., Tex.), Robert T. Wyman (R., Ill.), J. Lindsay Almond (D., Va.), Francis J. Love (R., Va.), and J. M. Combs (D., Tex.).

There were 47 pay bills before the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, 20 of which were for postal employees, 17 for Federal employees and 10 bills covering both categories.

Chairman Rees introduced his own bill for postal and Federal employees for a \$480 a year temporary increase from January 1,

1948 to June 30, 1949. Twelve congressmen testified in favor of pay increases. Several asked for \$800 or \$1,000.

William C. Doherty, President of the National Association of Letter Carriers (AF of L), testified on behalf of 80,000 letter carriers in favor of at least a \$800 permanent increase, effective January 1 last. He also objected to any bill that would tie up the bulk of the Federal employees in one bill.

Mr. Armbrust, National President of the United National Society of Post Office Clerks, testified for an \$800 permanent increase effective January 1, last. E. C. Hallbeck, Legislative Representa-

tive of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, testified for \$1,000 increase and likewise objected to any bill linking postal with Federal employees. Abraham C. Shapiro, President of Empire Branch 36, favored at least an \$800 permanent increase because of the cost of living increase of 29.9 per cent since the date of the last increase, January 1, 1946. Andrew T. Walker, President, Branch 1, N.Y.P.O. Clerks, and Ephraim Handman, President of Local 10, N.Y.P.O. Clerks, testified for a pay increase.

David Silvergield, President of Local 251 Brooklyn P. O. Clerks, did likewise.

On March 3 and 4th a subcommittee will hear testimony from Congressmen Empire Branch 36, with 4,700 letter carriers in the Manhattan and the Bronx, got out letters to local congressmen urging them to appear before this committee next Wednesday advocating an increase of at least \$800 permanent, and 40 cents an hour for substitutes.

## U. S. Pension Bill Signed by Truman

Special to The LEADER  
 WASHINGTON, March 1.—The Senate adopted the conference report on the Stevenson Retirement Bill (H.R. 127). The House of Representatives had previously adopted the report. The bill was flown down to President Truman for signature. If signed in March it will become effective on May 1.

The bill provides for \$8,000 or 25 per cent (whichever is the lesser) as an increase in the annuity of all postal and other Federal retired employees.

Another benefit is that for the

first time it sets up widows' and dependents' benefits, as well as increases in the annuity of employees who will retire in the future.

It is considered to be an increase of 23 per cent in annuity. Annuity on the rolls today, about 120,000, would receive a questionnaire from the Civil Service Commission on whether they wish to provide a widow's benefit. They either get the increase, or if they don't take the increase they set up a pension for their wife when the widow would receive half the regular pension, but not more than \$600 a year.

All those who wish to retire must wait until the effective date.

## N. Y. Federation Backs \$1,000 Postal Raise

Special to The LEADER  
 WASHINGTON, March 1.—Ephraim Handman, president of the New York Federation of Post Office Clerks, here to testify before House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, on the absolute need of a \$1,000 salary increase for postal employees, said that more than 40 salary bills have been introduced and that five of them call for \$1,000.

Mr. Handman was accompanied by Vice-president Otto Gottlieb and Secretary Patrick J. Fitzgerald of the NYC Federation. They joined delegations of postal employees from other sections of the country and prior to the hearings called upon all Congressmen to attend the open hearings and support the legislation proposing the \$1,000 annual salary increase.

## College Corner

The Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners for Scientific and Technical Personnel of the Potomac River Naval Command and The Committee of Expert Examiners of the National Bureau of Standards have announced a Student Aid examination. The fields they are interested in include Chemistry, Engineering, Mathematics, Metallurgy, Physics and Meteorology. Student Aids will perform sub-professional duties in the various fields, involving scientific research, laboratory experimentation, recording and analyzing data. Vacancies exist at the Bureau of Standards, the Naval Research Laboratory and the Naval Ordnance Laboratory in Washington, D.C. Vacancies in the U.S. Weather Bureau in Washington, D.C. and throughout the United States will be filled from the Meteorologist register.

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### Hearings on Six New Exempt Jobs

Public hearings will be held by the Municipal Civil Service Commission on Tuesday, March 2, on three proposed amendments to the classification of the classified service, including one to include in the exempt class, under the heading "Department of Sanitation," Executive Assistant to the Commissioner. The hearing on this item is scheduled for 2 P.M., Room 712, 299 Broadway.

A hearing is scheduled for 2:30 on a resolution to include in the exempt class, under the heading "Office of the Mayor," Assistant Research Consultant, Consultant on Child Welfare, Consultant on Recreation and Group Work, Research Consultant, Secretary, New York City Youth Board.

The third hearing, scheduled for 3 P.M., is on a resolution to

amend the classified service as follows:

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### Burke Asks State University in Queens

Governor Dewey and all Queens members of the Legislature were asked by Borough President Burke to support the establishment of a State University at Queens College.

In letters to the Governor and the legislators, Mr. Burke pointed out the urgent need for improving facilities at Queens College and declared that the 2,200,000 people of Queens, Nassau and Suffolk have a common interest in the establishment of a state university at the borough institution.

### WOMEN TO HOLD RETREAT

The Ladies of the Catholic Court Attaches' Guild will hold their annual retreat at the Villa Pauline, Mendham, N. J., conducted by the Sisters of Christian Charity, the week end of April 30 to May 2nd. Any member wishing to attend should address Gertrude Gibbons, Surrogate's Court, Hall of Records, Brooklyn 2, N.Y. Her telephone number is TRIangle 5-7020.

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# Disabled Vet Preference In Appeals Court March 8; Last Round

The case to end all disabled preference cases will be argued in the Court of Appeals on Monday, March 8, on an appeal by NYC from a unanimous decision of the Appellate Division, First Department, holding that disability preference does not apply unless the disability rating of the Veterans Administration is 10 per cent or more. The Appellate Division had affirmed an order of the Supreme Court Justice McGeehan. The case is that of Robert W. Carey and other eligibles on the Fire Lieutenant promotion list, against the NYC Civil Service

Commission. It was brought by the group, known as the Committee to Void Paper Disabilities, through Attorney H. Eliot Kaplan, Assistant Corporation Counsel Seymour B. Quel is expected to argue the case for Corporation Counsel John P. McGrath, while the veterans with less than 10 per cent disability, who are on the same side as the city and are intervenors in the proceeding, will be represented by Attorney Robert H. Schaffer.

**Stresses Substantial Disability**  
Since Justice McGeehan's decision was handed down the Com-

mission has not been recognizing as anything less than a 10 per cent rating for disability preference. The State Civil Service Commission is recognizing less than 10 per cent—the so-called zero disability claimants—because in an upstate case veterans with zero disability rating won a Supreme Court decision. The outcome of the Carey case, in the State's highest court, will decide the issue generally.

The complaint of the Fire Lieutenant eligibles was that unlawful grants of preference were made to a large number of eligibles, because they had disability ratings of 10 per cent less than, hence disabilities which were either non-existent or which consisted "at most of some trivial or insubstantial physical condition which constitutes no impairment of health or on physique or any consequential disfigurement."

**Law Cited for Recognized Disability**  
The contention made by the city is that the constitutional amendment states disability preference

shall be granted, without specifying the degree of disability, although requiring that the V.A. certify to the existence of a disability.

Mr. Schaffer, on behalf of the veterans seeking to retain the preference granted them by the Commission, holds that the law is clear and uncontradictory, that the question of whether there should be any particular degree of disability was decided when the voters approved the amendment which requires no specified degree, and that if the law takes its course the original action of the Commission in granting preference must stand.

## Sidelights

Turmoil in Albany over legislation worse this year than ever, and with Governor Tom Dewey wanting to get the Legislature home earlier than usual. Looks like March 20 final clear-out. More bills than last year's record, and Rules Committee will add to the profusion.

The NYC Civil Service Commission, which goes in for promotion lists in a big way, has only one promotion list in its own department, promotion to Examiner from Assistant Examiner. "Twill be different when the lists are out for the Clerks, Grades 2, 3 and 4, for which examinations

were held last September. . . Medical Officers on the new list should ponder fact that 21 were appointed from the last list. On the basis of the same number of appointments, four-fifths of the eligibles will be disappointed. . . The promotion exams in the Welfare Department will be held on Thursday, April 1, because so many of the candidates are Sabbath observers. Such large exams are usually held on Saturdays, because of difficulty of obtaining school quarters on any other day, but Comptroller Lazarus Joseph, Sabbath observer himself, grandson of a Chief Rabbi, used his good offices.

## Loyalty Oath Asked In Several Bills

Special to The LEADER  
ALBANY, March 1.—Several proposals are before the Legislature requiring those in the employ of the State government and its civil divisions to take oaths disavowing membership in subversive organizations. The Association of the Bar of the City of New York has made public the report of its committee on State legislation on one of the bills (S. 64, Mills, A. 92, Carney) in which it holds that the proposal may be in violation of the State constitution, which now provides (Art. 13, Sec. 1) that all officers swear to support the constitution and be not required to take any other oath.

The report concludes by saying: "The oath required by the bill does not seem to add anything to the constitutional oath now required to be taken pursuant to Section 30 of the Civil Service Law. Furthermore, such words as 'sympathetic,' 'movement,' 'totalitarian' and 'subversive' are not defined in the Act nor subject to any common or constant definition."

## Highway Engineers Attend 3-Day Session

ALBANY, March 1.—State Department of Public Works highway engineers from all over the State attended a three-day Concrete Highway Construction School at the State Office Building. The opening meetings, under the direction of Edward T. Gawkins, Deputy Chief Engineer of the State Department of Public Works, was devoted to lectures and discussions. The other sessions included discussion of field inspection trips on which the engineers examined modern equipment for laying and finishing concrete.

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# BILLS INTRODUCED IN LEGISLATURE

Introductory numbers given. "To Pensions" means referred to the Pensions Committee.

## SENATE State

**Retirement, annuities, contributions.** 1812, Campbell. (A. 2199, Noonan). Civil Service Law, §63. Authorizes members of state employees' retirement system on or after July 1, 1948 and before July 1, 1957, to contribute at greater rate for additional annuities and on portion of pay up to \$7,500 a year. Civil Service Emp. Assn. bill. To Pensions.

**Retirement, Civil Service Law** §87-a new. 1871, Moritt. (A. 1534, Knauf). Regarding correction, mental hygiene health and social welfare depts. Civil Service Emp. Assn. bill.

**Unemployment Insurance, extension.** 1829, Fino. (A. 2048, Drohan). Extends unemployment insurance coverage to include seasonal employees of paid park depts. AFL bill. To Labor.

**Retirement, correction law.** 1788, McCleery. (A. 2076, Stier). Correction Law, §624, new. Permits members of pension or retirement system employed as prison guards or officers to retire after 25 years' service upon making contributions therefor. Police Confer. bill. To Pensions.

**Retirement, Civil Service Law.** 1821, W. J. Mahoney. Civil Service Law, §87; §68-d repeal. Authorizes members of state employees' retirement system in state police division to contribute on basis of retirement after 20 instead of 25 years of total service; fixes contributions and allowances. Police Confer. bill. To Pensions.

**Westfield & Albion, rates of pay.** 1803, Williamson. Provides that employees of Westfield state farm and Albion state training school, guarding and attending inmates shall be classified in competitive civil service and receive same rate of pay as other prison officials in

correction dept. institutions; appropriates \$90,000. To Finance.

**Retirement, Civil Service Law:** §50. 1864, Fino (A. 2165, Austin). Provides that persons who become members of second retirement system and have not withdrawn contributions from first system, may give notice to effect transfer within one year or on or before June 30, 1949. Covers small group of policemen who transferred from Federal employment to city employment. To Pensions.

§68-d. new. 1898, Rosenblatt (A. 916). Allows members of state retirement system who are honorably discharged veterans and have reached age 50, to retire after 25 years of total creditable service; fixes annuity and pensions. To Pensions.

§50. 1955, Radwan. (A. 2167, Baczkowski). Allows certain members of state employees' retirement system who are employees of state institution at Napanoch to receive credit for prior service under certain conditions. To Pensions.

**Retirement, C.S. Law §87-a new.** 1767, Hatfield (A. 1598, Fitzpatrick).

**Correction Dept., retirement.** 1768, Hatfield (1865, Fitzpatrick).

**Veterans, reinstatement.** 1874, Wicks (A. 2274, Wilson). Provides that public employees who resigned from civil positions within 12 instead of six months before commencing military duty, may be reinstated within 18 months instead of one year after date of resignation excluding time of military duty. No Nat'l Def.

**Mental hygiene, removal.** 1872, Moritt. Mental Hygiene Law, §34. Provides that employees in state mental hygiene institutions who have held non-competitive civil service class positions for at least six months, shall not be removed except on charges and after hearing. To Health.

**Veteran, eligibility, civil service.** 1794, Santangelo (A. 2040, Cloffi). Civil Service Law, §14-c new. Provides that conviction of crime before entry into military service shall not disqualify honorably discharged war veterans for civil service employment. To Civil Serv.

thorizes municipal fire comr. of paid fire dept. to detail not to exceed two members of uniformed force to places of amusement where machinery or scenery are in use to guard against fire and to take charge in case of fire; comr. may detail as many as necessary for places with capacity of more than 5,000; pay of firemen shall be placed in pension system of dept. AFL bill. To Labor.

**Expenses for injuries.** 1890, Pakula. (A. 1997, Delgiorno). Allows persons employed in local penitentiary or by municipal correction dept. as guard or correction officer, expenses for injuries in performance of duty and pay for period of disability. Police Confer. bill. To Penal Instit.

**Disabilities, I.** 1815, Wicks. Allows policemen of municipalities with police dept. to receive regular pay during disability caused in performance of duties and makes municipalities liable for medical and hospital care; municipalities may retire permanently disabled policemen. Police Confer. bill. To Pensions.

**County probation depts. competitive class.** 1779, W. J. Mahoney. (A. 2080, Tift). Criminal Code, §938-b. Provides that officers and employees of county probation depts. shall be in competitive class of civil service and changes provisions relating to appointment of county directors. To Codes.

## N. Y. City

**Credit for Service, NYC retirement.** 1869, Fine. (A. 2171, Bennett). NYC Code, §B3-8.1 new. Provides that when public or quasi-public agencies assume functions of N.Y. City agencies or bureaus, employees who are members of N.Y. City employees' retirement system, shall continue to receive benefits on making contributions. Forum memo states: "When the functions of any city department is transferred to an authority, or any other independent agency, the civil service employees who perform the functions to be reallocated are usually transferred to such authority or agency. There is, however, no provision in existing statutes for continuing such employees as members in the NYC Retirement System by authorizing such authority or agency to assume the city's obligation to make contributions into the pension fund. "The immediate case concerns itself with the Port of New York Authority. Officials of the Authority have no objections." To Pensions.

**Overtime pay.** 1791, Parisi. (A. 2050, Gama). NYC Code §487a-13.1 new. Allows members of NYC fire dept. uniformed force overtime pay after 45 hours and 48 minutes a week except for necessary time in changing tours of duty. UFA bill. To NYC.

**Retirement, transfer of credit.** 1775, Greenberg. (A. 2180, Brook). NYC Code §B3-30.2 new. Authorizes members of NYC employees' retirement system to transfer credit to fire dept. pension fund; fixes minimum periods of service and age for retirement. UFA bill. To Pensions.

**Pension credit for extra work.** 1877, Panken. (A. 2254, Olliffe). NYC Code, §g41-64.1. Allows members of uniformed force of NYC fire dept. credit for extra work to add to annual service pension, \$50 for each completed additional year of service upon making contributions therefor; fixes minimum periods of 20 to 25 years of service

for retirement and minimum age at 55. AFL bill. To Pensions.

**Retirement, NYC Code.** 1918, Hammer. (A. 2198, Levine; A. 2192, Dwyer). Strikes out provision that regular interest rate for police pension system purposes in N.Y. City shall mean interest at 3 instead of 4 per cent a year for new members after June 30, 1947. Police Confer. bill. To Pensions.

**Death representative allowances.** 1856, Fine. (A. 2117, Goldwater). NYC Code §b19-6.0; §b19-7.471 new. Increases from \$600 to \$1,000 annual allowances for representatives on death of members of NYC uniformed force in police dept. and increases amount for death benefits after injuries while engaged in performances of duties. Police Confer. bill. To Pensions.

**Transit vacations.** 1801, Wicks. (A. 2116, Wilson). Rapid Transit Law, §16. Increases from two weeks to 24 days, minimum vacation allowance for NYC transportation board employee after one year's service and from one to two days a month, pro rata allowance for those employed for less than a year. To Public Service.

**Pension to Widow.** 1773, Friedman. Judiciary Law, §108. Provides that if employees or officers of appellate division 1st dept. shall die within one year after having retired following 50 years of service widows shall receive difference between amount paid in retirement and total amount which they would have received during first year. Bill introduced to cover a specific case. To Judiciary.

**Two platoons allowed, NYC firemen.** 1783, Condon. (A. 1953, Steingut).

## ASSEMBLY State

**Extra increment after 5-10-15 years.** 2130, Van Duzer. Civil Service Law, §41. Allows state employees in positions allocated to salary grades, additional salary increment in excess of maximum after five but not less than ten years of service, two increments after ten but less than 15 years and three increments after 15 years; aggregate pay shall not exceed \$4,000. Civil Service Emp. Assn. bill. To Ways & Means.

**Retirement, C.S. Law.** §87-a new. 2058, McGowan. (S. 1114, Condon).

**Military & Naval affairs, salaries and grades.** 2066, Radigan. Military Law, §187-189 repeal; §187 new. Fixes salaries and grades for employees in military and naval affairs division, executive dept., including those in charge of armories, arsenals and other buildings, under control of adjutant-general; specifies duties and number of employees for each armory. To Ways & Means.

**Insurance Dept., annuities.** 2083, Bennett. Military Law, §246-b new. Allows members of pension or retirement systems under supervision of insurance dept. after discharge from U.S. armed forces, to receive annuity after 25 years service or at age 50 upon payment of necessary contributions. To Ways & Means.

**Insurance Dept., annuities.** 2083, Bennett. Military Law, §246-b new. Allows members of pension or retirement systems under supervision of insurance dept. after discharge from U.S. armed forces, to receive annuity after 25 years service or at age 50 upon payment

of necessary contributions. To Ways & Means.

**Salaries, Correction Law.** 2144, Ten Eyck. §495 new. Provides that minimum annual pay for penitentiary guards and correction officers in competitive civil service class of municipalities, shall not be less than gross annual pay for patrolmen of local police force except for special duty.

§499 new. A. 2041, Clancy. (S. 1889, Pakula). Provides that gross annual pay for penitentiary guards and correction officers in competitive civil service class of municipalities, shall not be less than gross annual pay for patrolmen of local police force. Police Confer. bill. To Ways & Means.

**State Police, terms of duty.** 1961, Van Suzer. Executive Law, §94. Provides rules of supt. of state police shall prescribe tours of duty with maximum of eight hours, and six tours a week; supt. shall appoint additional members necessary for such change, subject to approval of governor. Police Confer. bill. To Ways & Means.

**State Police, review of dismissal.** 1982, Van Duzer. Executive Law, §94. Provides that determination of supt. of state police in dismissing member shall be subject to judicial review. Police Confer. bill. To Ways & Means.

**Retirement, Civil Service Law.** §40-a new. 2094, Martinis. Allows state employee after receiving maximum salary for particular grade and continuing therein, to receive one additional increment for each seven years of service and at end of each seven year period, for not more than three such increments. To Ways & Means.

§12-b, c, new. 2124 Schupler. Provides that pension or retirement system benefits shall not be available to public officers or employees who misappropriate public funds or property, commit felony relating to conduct of office or fraudulent or corrupt acts in official capacity or in relation to election or appointment. Same as A. I. 1460 of 1940, which died in com. To Pensions.

§79-a new. 2257, Rabin. Allows members of state employees' retirement system disabled on military duty and unable to perform (Continued on Page 13)

## LEGAL NOTICE

At a Special Term, Part II of the City Court of the City of New York, held at the Courthouse in the County of New York, at Chambers Street, in the City of New York, in the Borough of Manhattan, the 24 day of February, 1948.

Present: HON. JOHN A. BYRNES, Chief Justice.

In the Matter of the Application of HELENA D'AMORE De LORENZO PILATO for Leave to Change her Name to HELENA LAWRENCE.

Upon reading and filing the petition of HELENA D'AMORE De LORENZO PILATO, 1948, verified the 13th day of February, 1948, and entitled as above, praying for leave of the Petitioner to assume the name of HELENA LAWRENCE in place and stead of her present name; and appearing that the said Petitioner was not required to register under the provisions of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940; and the Court being satisfied that the averments contained in said Petition are true and that there is no reasonable objection to the change of name proposed;

NOW, on motion of JOHN A. O'MELIA, Esq., the attorney for the Petitioner, it is

ORDERED, that HELENA D'AMORE De Lorenzo PILATO be and she hereby is authorized to assume the name of HELENA LAWRENCE on and after the 5th day of April, 1948, upon condition however that she shall comply with the further provisions of this Order, and it is further

ORDERED, that this Order and the aforementioned Petition be filed within ten (10) days from the date hereof in the office of the Clerk of this Court, and that a copy of this Order shall be filed within ten (10) days from the entry thereof in a newspaper published in the City of New York, County of New York, and that within forty (40) days after the making of this Order, proof of such publication thereof shall be filed with the clerk of the City Court of the City of New York, in the County of New York, and it is further

ORDERED, that following the filing of the Petition and Order as hereinabove directed and the publication of such Order and the filing of proof of publication thereof, that on and after the 5th day of April, 1948, the Petitioner shall be known by the name of HELENA LAWRENCE and by no other name.

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# Most Important Bills Listed

The following continues the listing of bills that The Civil Service Employees Association drew up, sponsored or endorsed, with The LEADER's comment on prospects. The first instalment appeared last week, issue of February 24.

Intro. No.	Print No.	Intro. By	Committee	Action
46.	Sick Leave and Vacation Credit on Retirement (D)			
Assembly 749	754	Austin	Ways and Means	
Provides that a member, on retirement, may elect to take a lump sum payment in lieu of time accrued for sick leave and vacation. Passage in doubt.				
47.	RETIRED EMPLOYEES (E)			
Senate 1131	1176	Halpern	Pensions	
Increases pensions of retired employees by the percentage the cost of living has increased since January 1, 1942. No prediction.				
48.	Retirement Pensions (E)			
Revises Retirement Law by including in new recodified law amendments made last year. Becomes effective July 1. Passage assured.				
<b>CIVIL SERVICE BILLS</b>				
55.	Create Machinery for Negotiation and Settlement of Personnel Problems in Public Employment (D)			
Senate 325	1022	Desmond	Finance	
Assembly 367	367	Davidson		
Creates a public employment labor relations act; settles public policy of state; provides methods for consultation and negotiation of questions arising out of public employment. No prediction.				
62.	Extend Merit Award Board (D)			
Senate 1130	1175	Halpern	Civil Service	Passed Senate
Assembly 1303	1327	Van Duzer	Civil Service	Passed Assembly
Makes present Merit Award Board permanent. Passage assured.				
63.	Removals—2 Year Limitation (D)			
Senate 1224	1276	Fine	Civil Service 3rd Rdg.	Senate
Assembly 1533	1578	Foy	Civil Service	
Provides that removal proceedings must be brought within 2 years after misconduct or incompetence charged; in cases of fraud or crime, 2 years after discovery thereof. Passage probable.				
65.	Appeals—Power To Reinstate (D)			
Senate 1604		Manning		
Assembly 1461	1494	Lupton	Civil Service	
Empowers Civil Service Commission to order reinstatement of dismissed employees. Fair chance.				
66.	City Police (D)			
Senate 1244	1296	Desmond	Cities 3rd Rdg.	Senate
Assembly 1769		C. Lawrence		
Repeals obsolete provisions relating to promotion in city police forces from eligible lists. Passage assured.				

67.	Examination Fee—Promotion Exams (D)			
Senate 747	752	Austin	Civil Service	
Provides Mental Hygiene Employees, of more than 6 months, can be removed only on written charges under Sec. 22, Civil Service law.				
68.	Removals, Mental Hygiene (D)			
Senate 1789		Merritt		
Assembly 1789		Van Duzer	Civil Service	
Resolution directs Civil Service Commission to extend competitive class to positions now classified as non. Passage improbable.				
70.	Competitive Class (E)			
Senate 256	256	Erwin	Civil Service	Passed both
Assembly 277	277	Lupton	Civil Service	Houses
Revises and clarifies Section 14, of Civil Service Law relating to examinations. Cleans up badly-worded provisions. No change in substance. Passage assured.				
71.	Promotions (E)			
Senate 255	255	Erwin	Civil Service	Passed both
Assembly 276	276	Lupton	Civil Service	Houses
Revises and clarifies Section 16 of Civil Service Law relating to promotions. Cleans up badly-worded provisions. No change in substance. Passage assured.				
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>				
72.	City Clerks (E)			
Senate 1560		Hammer	Cities	
Assembly 1747		Bennison	Cities	
Permits cities to provide by local law that city clerks and deputy city clerks shall be in competitive class. No prediction.				
77.	Time and One-Half for Overtime (E)			
Senate 104	104	Wachtel	Finance	
Assembly 318	318	Austin	Ways and Means	
Provides for same work as (43) but establishes overtime rate at time and one-half instead of straight time on all salaries less than \$5,000. No chance of passage.				
78.	Armory Employees			
Senate 1323	1375	Halpern	National Defense	
Assembly 1538	1583	Gugino	Ways and Means	
Provides that armory employees shall have some vacation and sick leave allowances granted by Civil Service Commission to employees in departmental service. Fair chance of passage.				
82.	Institution Patrolmen—Peace Officers (D)			
Senate 1544	1589	Knauf	Codes	
Amends Code of Criminal Procedure to provide that institution patrolmen in Department of Mental Hygiene shall have all powers of peace officers off institution grounds. Passage improbable.				
83.	Public Offices—Saturday Closing (D)			
Senate 1075	1117	Wicks	Finance	
Assembly 1025	1039	Wadlin	Ways and Means	
Permits political subdivisions to close public offices on Saturday. Fair chance.				
84.	Employees—Claims Against State (D)			
Senate 1287	1339	Mitchell	Finance	
Assembly 1527	1572	Douglas	Ways and Means	
Provides that in institutions employee may be paid for loss or damage to his personal property resulting from damage by inmates or by fire upon certification by comptroller and approval by head of institution. Limits such payments to \$150. Is retroactive to March 1, 1947. Passage assured.				
85.	Public Employees—Time to Vote (D)			
Senate 566	571	Anderson	Judiciary	3rd Reading
Assembly 659	663	Pomeroy	Judiciary	
Extends to all public employees provisions of Election Law allowing 2 hours off duty to vote. No prediction.				

## Burke's Table Tennis Team to Vie With Transportation Five

Queens Borough President James A. Burke's table tennis team will tussle with the Board of Transportation ping pong players in the city employees' championship Wednesday night at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Elmhurst.

The final match of the city employees interdepartmental table tennis tournament sponsored by Mayor O'Dwyer brings together two undefeated teams. Each has won 10 matches and lost none.

Frank Spinka of Elmhurst, chairman of the Mayor's table tennis committee, and an engineer in the Queens Topographical Bureau, is No. 1 player on President Burke's team. The others are Harry Connolly, of Flushing, consulting engineer's office, captain; Harry Engelman of Jamaica; Jack Bergstein, of Manhattan, all Queens Topographical Bureau engineers.

Board of Transportation players are Frank Antico, captain; Louis Alper; Julius Friend; Herbert Palter, and Louis Stern.

A women's and men's singles elimination tournament will be held the same night to determine the civil service employees' championship. Competition will be open to all civil service employees whether they participated in the team tournament or not. Play will start at 6 p.m. There will be no admission fee.

## State Employees Win \$250 For Digging

Special to The LEADER

ALBANY, March 1.—Two hundred and fifty dollars in cash! That is the amount of the award recently granted jointly to three employees of the Conservation Department by the New York State Employees' Merit Award Board.

Here is how it came about: Harry E. Dobbins, of Jamestown, together with Grant M. Powell and Herbert A. Lane, stationed in the Lowville district, decided there must be a more efficient way to plant young trees than the method in use. So they started to experiment, attempting to develop some form of mechanized tree planter.

Using scrap materials, they first attached a crude type of spade to a wagon wheel. This, however, did not work to their satisfaction.

Continuing to tinker, they finally perfected a spade which could be installed on a tractor. The device is capable of digging 8,000 tree holes per day. Its use will raise the planting rate from less than 700 trees per man day to 1800 per day, an increase of 150%. It is estimated that the use of the equipment will save about \$5.00 per thousand trees planted. On a limited trial in the

fall of 1946 and spring of 1947, a total saving of \$4,500 resulted. In view of the millions of trees which the state plans to set out within the next few years, the economy may run into many thousands of dollars.

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The tractor method will also increase planting efficiency, since it spaces the tree holes uniformly and cuts the sod on one side only, leaving the other side hinged so it may be easily replaced by the tree planter. In addition it eliminates any delay in the work since the tractor can dig holes well ahead of the planting crew.

The three employees who perfected this novel device decided to send a description of it to the Merit Award Board. After thorough investigation by a Committee in the Conservation Department and by the State Merit Award Board, the joint award of \$250 and Certificates of Meritorious Service were granted to the ingenious employees.

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## NEW BILLS IN LEGISLATURE

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civil duties, to retire before age 60 with same benefits as for accidental disability retirement. The purpose is to provide coverage in cases where a disability incurred by a veteran while in military service has made him unable to carry out the duties of a civil service position he formerly held. At present such veterans are threatened with either demotion or total loss of their jobs. The bill would allow such veterans to enjoy the alternative privilege of retiring with full rights, just as if the accident had occurred while on their civil service job. To Ways & Means.

### Local Government

**County employees, added salaries.** 2035, Bennison. (S. 1675, Campbell). County Law, §12. Allows county officers and employees elected or appointed for definite terms, additional salaries as cost of living adjustment of not more than 15 per cent of salaries authorized heretofore for 1948. To Local Finance.

**Guards, City Correction Depts.** 2077, Stier. General Municipal Law, Art. 14-f (§460-463). Provides that when cities maintain correction depts., guards shall not be required to have custody of more than 60 prisoners at any one time and allows additional pay for guards who have charge of more prisoners unless they remain locked in cells; fixes qualifications for guards and correction officers. To Local Finance.

**Firemen & policemen, disability.** 2243, Carney. General Municipal Law, §208-c. Provides that members of city police or fire depts. disabled as result of illness because of duties shall receive 3/4ths of regular pay during disability; amount shall be reduced by bene-

fits from workmen's compensation payments or by pension or retirement.

### N. Y. City

**Three Platoons, NYC Firemen.** 2115, Wilson. (S. 1952, Steingut). NYC Sanitation, Holiday pay. 2205, Rabin. (S. 1701, Halpern). NYC Sanitation Overtime Pay. 2256, Preller. (S. 1702, Halpern). **Appointments, jurisdiction.** 2038, Brener. Judiciary Law, §349-a new. Confers on appellate division justices jurisdiction over appointments, salaries, grades, promotions and removals of employees of county clerk and supreme court clerk offices in counties in N.Y. City, subject to civil service law provisions. To Judiciary.

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The Bewley-Rabin "Widows' Pension" bill and the Condon-Steingut "Two System Work Week" bill headed the nine bills sponsored by the Uniformed Firemen's Association before the State Legislature, according to John P. Crane, UFA president.

In a letter to each member of the UFA, Crane and Gerard W. Purcell, UFA Fin. & Rec. Secretary, presented briefs of each bill and urged the membership to engage in a letter writing campaign backing each bill.

THE BILLS: BEWLEY-RABIN "Widows' Pension" bill (Senate Intro. 1300, Assembly Intro. 1550; referred to Insurance Committees of both chambers) imposing additional tax on domestic and foreign fire insurance companies of two per cent on premiums for the benefit of dependent widows of deceased firemen, and for the reduction of the amount obligated to be paid into pension or retirement funds by contributors for the benefit of uniformed firemen and their dependents.

MCCLEERY-WALSH "Service Connected Disability and Retirement" bill (Senate Intro. 1278, Assembly Intro. 1305 referred to Cities Committee of Assembly, PASSED by the Senate) providing that any condition of impairment of health resulting in total or partial disability to uniformed member of paid fire department, who successfully passed physical examination on entry into service without evidence of such condition shall be presumed to have been suffered in line of duty, unless contrary is shown by competent evidence.

FINE-GOLDWATER "\$1,000 Widows' Pension" bill (Senate Intro. 1856, Assembly Intro. 2117, referred to Senate Pensions Committee and Assembly's NYC Committee) increasing from \$600 to \$1,000 the annual allowance for widows under the firemen's pension plans.

PARISI-GANS "Overtime Pay" bill (Senate Intro. 1791, Assembly Intro. 2050, referred to NYC Committees of both chambers) allowing members of the New York City Fire Department uniformed force overtime pay after 45 hours 48 minutes a week, except for necessary time in changing hours of duty.

PANKEN - OLIFFE "Pension Credit for Overtime" bill (Senate Intro. 1877, Assembly Intro. 2254, referred to Senate Pension Committee and NYC Committee of

Assembly) allowing members of the uniformed force of the New York City Fire Department credit for extra work to add to annual service pension \$50 for each completed additional year of service upon making proper pension contributions.

FINO-CLANCY "Public Assembly Fees" (Senate Intro. 1828, Assembly Intro. 2042, referred to Senate Labor Committee and Assembly Judiciary Committee) authorizing municipal fire commissioners of paid fire departments to detail NOT TO EXCEED TWO members of uniformed force to places of amusement where machinery or scenery are in use to guard against fire and to take charge in case of fire. Commissioner may detail as many as necessary for places with capacity of more than 5,000; fee of firemen shall be placed in pension system of department. Fee \$10.00 for each fireman below 5,000 capacity. Not to exceed \$1000 per performance over 5,000 capacity.

CONDON-STEINGUT "Platoon" bill (Senate Intro. 1783, Assembly Intro. 1953, referred to NYC Committees of both chambers) providing that New York City Fire Commissioner shall install either two or three platoon system of both, fixes tours of duty and hours (45.8) subject to referendum of voters at general election in 1948.

HAMMER-DWYER "4% Interest Rate" bill (Senate Intro. 1918, Assembly Intro. 2192, referred to Senate Pension Committee and NYC Committee of Assembly) striking out provision that regular interest rate for pension purposes in New York City shall mean interest at 3 per cent a year for new members after June 30, 1947.

GREENBERG-BROOK "Transfer of Retirement Credit" bill (Senate Intro. 1775, Assembly Intro. 2180, referred to Senate Pension Committee and NYC Committee of Assembly) authorizing the members of the New York City employees retirement system to transfer credit to fire department pension fund; fixes periods of service and age for retirement.

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LEGAL NOTICE

AT a Special Term, Part II, of the City Court of the City of New York, held at the Courthouse thereof, Old County Court Building, in the Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York, on February 24, 1948.

PRESENT: HON. JOHN A. BYRNES, Chief Justice.

In the Matter of the Application of JOHN D'ARCY FRANCIS XAVIER HERON MILLER McCOY to change his name to D'ARCY HERON MILLER.

UPON reading and filing the annexed petition of JOHN D'ARCY FRANCIS XAVIER HERON MILLER McCOY, of the City, County and State of New York, duly verified the 18th day of February, 1948 and entitled as above, praying for leave of the Petitioner to assume the name of D'ARCY HERON MILLER in place and stead of his present name, and the Court being satisfied thereby that the averments contained in said petition are true and that there is no reasonable objection to the change of name proposed.

NOW, on motion of HOWARD E. REINHEIMER, attorney for the Petitioner, it is

ORDERED that JOHN D'ARCY FRANCIS XAVIER HERON MILLER McCOY be and he hereby is authorized to assume the name of D'ARCY HERON MILLER on and after the 5th day of April, 1948, upon condition, however, that he shall comply with the further provisions of this Order, and it is further

ORDERED that this order and the papers upon which it is granted be filed and entered within ten days from the date hereof in the office of the Clerk of the City Court of the City of New York, County of New York, and that a copy of this order be, within ten days from the date of entry hereof, published once in Civil Service Leader a newspaper of New York, and that within forty days after the making of this order proof of such publication thereof be filed with said Clerk of the City Court of the City of New York, County of New York; and it is further

ORDERED that following the filing of this order and the papers upon which it is granted, and the publication of such order and the filing of proof of publication thereof, all as hereinbefore directed, then on and after the 5th day of April, 1948, the Petitioner JOHN D'ARCY FRANCIS XAVIER HERON MILLER McCOY shall be known by the name of D'ARCY HERON MILLER and by no other name.

J.A.B. Chief Justice of the City Court of the City of New York.

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LEGAL NOTICE

At a Special Term, Part II, of the City Court of the City of New York, held in and for the County of New York at the Courthouse thereof, No. 52 Chambers Street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on the 24 day of February, 1948.

PRESENT: HON. JOHN A. BYRNES, Chief Justice.

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NOW, on motion of HOWARD E. REINHEIMER, attorney for the Petitioner, it is

ORDERED that JOHN D'ARCY FRANCIS XAVIER HERON MILLER McCOY be and he hereby is authorized to assume the name of D'ARCY HERON MILLER on and after the 5th day of April, 1948, upon condition, however, that he shall comply with the further provisions of this Order, and it is further

ORDERED that this order and the papers upon which it is granted be filed and entered within ten days from the date hereof in the office of the Clerk of the City Court of the City of New York, County of New York, and that a copy of this order be, within ten days from the date of entry hereof, published once in Civil Service Leader a newspaper of New York, and that within forty days after the making of this order proof of such publication thereof be filed with said Clerk of the City Court of the City of New York, County of New York; and it is further

ORDERED that following the filing of this order and the papers upon which it is granted, and the publication of such order and the filing of proof of publication thereof, all as hereinbefore directed, then on and after the 5th day of April, 1948, the Petitioner JOHN D'ARCY FRANCIS XAVIER HERON MILLER McCOY shall be known by the name of D'ARCY HERON MILLER and by no other name.

J.A.B. Chief Justice of the City Court of the City of New York.

# NEW YORK CITY NEWS

## 2 Are Restored to Police List in Vet Age Case

About a dozen veterans, candidates for Patrolman (P.D.), who were rejected because under age, were put back on the eligible list, the result of action taken by the NYC Civil Service Commission at its meeting last Wednesday.

Eight of the dozen had sought through a Supreme Court proceeding to have their names re-added to the list, on the ground that, since they were veterans, no maximum age limit for veterans was allowed by law, no minimum age could be, either. The Commission consulted Corporation Counsel John P. McGrath and the decision to put the names back on the list is the result of agreement of all the parties. The four who were not involved in the case, but who had written letters asking that their names be restored, got the same break, because the Commission canvassed the names of all in the under-age category, and treated all alike. One will be appointed until 21, that would be in a few months. No precedent is set, as there will be no more war veterans applying for the police job who are under the minimum application age of 20.

## Veterans Are Advised to Protect Rights

The Municipal Civil Service Commission warns veterans to familiarize themselves with their examination rights. It issued the following advice:

"All persons discharged from military duty are advised to consult forthwith and read carefully those provisions of the State Civil Service Law and State Military Law pertaining to their rights, duties and responsibilities in connection with civil service examinations, and civil service employment. In order to safeguard such rights, they are further advised to appear forthwith at the offices of the Municipal Civil Service Commission at 299 Broadway, Manhattan, N.Y. 7, with their discharge papers. Disabled war veterans and any war veterans who are City employees or whose names appear upon eligible lists and who did not claim such preference at the time of filing application are especially cautioned to appear forthwith at the office of the Commission with their papers that their preferential rights as provided by law may be safeguarded."

## Burke Starts Drive for Queens Beautification

Borough President James A. Burke and Supreme Court Justice Charles S. Colden of Whitestone hauled up the city and borough flags on the staff in front of Borough Hall to symbolize the start of the Queens "plant-up" drive.

The program is sponsored by a committee as part of its beautification program, which calls next for a spruce-up drive and later for a clean-up campaign throughout the borough. The spruce-up phase of the program is aimed at getting home owners and businessmen to paint their properties and buildings, while the clean-up phase will target cleaning up debris in yards and lots and elimination of littering of streets.

The planting program is the first activity to be undertaken in a series of events and celebrations planned by the Queens Golden Anniversary Committee, under the chairmanship of Judge Colden.

"The plant-up program," said Burke, "can mean a great deal to Queens. We have a beautiful borough, but if everyone plants just one tree, a rosebush or a shrub, Queens will be still more beautiful."

## Law Suits May Test Pay Rights of 5,000

The question whether Section 220 of the Labor Law is broad enough to require the payment by the city of prevailing rates of wages to Laundry Workers, Maintenance Men, Barbers, Cooks, Hospital Helpers, Hospital Workers and others, totaling about 5,000, is expected to be tested in a legal proceeding. Also, the question whether graded employees are affected by the prevailing rate law, which the city has always maintained they are not, may be likewise tested.

The proceedings by separate groups are to be brought in the Supreme Court. The outcome would affect the pay of about 5,000 NYC employees, by giving Comptroller Lazarus Joseph jurisdiction. All such proceedings are for obtaining increases.

## Promotion Exams

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**5537. Claim Examiner (Law) Grade 4, (Prom.)**, Comptroller's Office employees only, \$3,000 and over. Vacancies: From time to time. Written test: June 2. Tests: Record and seniority, weight 50, 70 per cent required; written, weight 50, 70 per cent required. (Opens Monday, March 15; closes Tuesday, March 30).

## STENOTYPISTS TO MEET

The Metropolitan New York Chapter of the Associated Stenotypists of America will meet from 7:45 on Friday, March 5 in Room 214, P.S. No. 17, 328 West 48th Street. Meetings, which are open to the public, are held on the first and third Fridays of each month.

## Vet Preference Action Deferred On Coast Guard

The question whether members of the Coast Guard Reserve are entitled to veteran preference is being held in abeyance by the NYC Civil Service Commission, pending a decision by the Appellate Division, Third Department, and also an opinion from the Corporation Counsel John P. McGrath.

Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein had ruled that the members of the Coast Guard reserve were not entitled to veteran preference under the State constitutions, in connection with appointments and promotions, but in a lawsuit by a former Reservist, the Supreme Court upstate held that he was. This is the case that the State is appealing.

One claimant on the Police Sergeant list, whose case was considered by the NYC Commission at its meeting last Wednesday, was enrolled in the Coast Guard Reserve, full-time, although his salary as guard was paid by the Gruman Aircraft Corporation during all the period of service under Coast Guard auspices. The claim is in with the others, but may be distinguished from them.

## Retreat to be Held For City Employees

The Annual City Employee's Closed Retreat will take place at Mount Manresa Retreat House, Staten Island, over the week-end of March 12. Employees may obtain reservations from Chairman Timothy Sexton, of 133-31 83rd Street, Ozone Park, Queens.

Among the retreat leaders are William P. Madden, Chairman of the St. Andrew's Catholic Conference Committee; James Higgins, Chief Auditor of the Department of Welfare; John P. Power, Chairman of the Ozanam First Friday Luncheon Committee; Edward E. Rhatigan, former Commissioner of Welfare; Daniel J. O'Connor, of the office of the Commissioner of Investigation, and Thomas F. Loughlin, of the Bureau of the Budget. Anthony C. Russo, President of the Ozanam Guild of the Department of Welfare, is Co-Promoter. The Rev. Henry J. Pregenser of St. Rose of Lima Church, Manhattan, is Chaplain.

## Shanahan Appointed To Housing Authority

Thomas J. Shanahan has been appointed a member of the NYC Housing Authority to succeed Mrs. Mary K. Simkhovitch. The Authority now consists of Major General Thomas F. Farrell, LEADER Merit Man, as chairman, Mr. Shanahan, John S. Parke, Frank R. Crosswaith and former Housing and Buildings Commissioner William Wilson.

Mr. Shanahan is president of the Federation Bank and Trust Company. He is a director of the Grand Union Company, Victor Electric Products of Cincinnati and the Maxson Food Corporation. He is co-chairman of the Garment Center Synagogue.

## Transit Patrolman Papers Being Rated

The written papers in the examination for Correction Officer, Transit Patrolman and Bridge and Tunnel Officer are still being rated. If the rating can be completed by next week, the medical and physical tests may be given precedence over those for other titles, after the Laborer medical-physical test, which starts on Monday, March 8.

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# FIRE LINES

A Division of Finance and Supply, just created, will coordinate the activities of the following units: Audits and Payrolls, Repairs and Supplies, Personnel, Pensions—Office of the Board of Trustees, and Pensions—Office of the Treasurer.

Fireman 1st Grade Robert A. Barbier, Special Service Squad, has been designated an Acting Lieutenant in charge of this new division.

Medical Officer Dr. Milton L. Kramer has moved his office and is now located at 123 E. 83rd St., New York.

Battalion Chief William S. Ferry of the 52nd Battalion will retire on May 1 on three quarters pay after more than forty-six years of service with the Fire Dept.

The Fire Dept. Anchor Club and the two Holy Name Societies made a very good showing at the Memorial Mass of the New York Chapter, Knights of Columbus, celebrated at 11 a.m. last Monday in St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Fire Dept. contingent was led by Fire Comm. Frank J. Quayle assisted by Deputy Fire Commissioners James J. Moran, Dr. Harry M. Archer, Nathan C. Horwitz and Chief of Staff and Operations Frank Murphy.

Frank A. Bell has been temporarily appointed as X-ray Technician assigned to the Medical Bureau.

Medical Officer Samuel H. Klein has been transferred from the Medical Bureau of the Fire Department to the Police Department.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, March 3, Mayor O'Dwyer's Committee on Athletics will sponsor a Table Tennis Championship at Lost Battalion Hall, Queens. The contest is open to all Civil Service employees, Members of the Fire Dept. wishing to enter should call Fireman McConnell, Engine Co. 263, before 5 p.m. Tuesday March 2.

The quarters of Engine Co. 214 on Herkimer St., Brooklyn, have been temporarily closed, necessitating the temporary transfer of the 38th Battalion to the quarters of Engine Co. 234 on Bergen St. and the transfer of Engine 214 to the quarters of H & L Co. 111 on Halsey St.

State Senator Frederic E. Hammer of Queens is sponsoring a bill to require labeling of all toys, novelties and children's costumes containing combustible or inflammable material.

Milford M. Stern, President of the Uniformed Pilots and Marine Engineers Association, issued a statement in support of Mayor O'Dwyer's request to Governor Dewey and the Legislature for more financial assistance. He said:

"NYC must be granted legislative assistance in the form of an appropriation. Mayor O'Dwyer has made every effort to secure this objective, the Legislative 'package.' To date there has been a faint stirring of interest, but interest if it does not go as deep as the pocketbook is of no help! Our schools, hospitals and health facilities must be main-

tained. Our municipal employees must be sustained.

"We must continue to support this stand!

"Victory can be achieved. Interest and effort are the means."

The next meeting will be held at UFOA headquarters, 160 Chambers Street, on Wednesday, March 10, at 7 p.m.

James Steuer, former Fireman, was awarded \$45,000 by a jury in Brooklyn Supreme Court for injuries he suffered in 1945. The judgment was against a motor lines, corporation and a truck driver.

Mr. Steuer was retired in December, 1946 for disability suffered when the truck on which he was tiller man collided with a twelve-ton trailer-truck.

## Coming Events:

Tuesday, March 9. Regular meeting of the New York Fire Dept. Post 930 American Legion, to be held at 8:30 p.m. at Werdermann's Hall, 3rd Ave. and 16th St.

Tuesday, March 16. Regular meeting of the St. George Association to be held at the Tough Club, 14th St. and 7th Ave., at 8 p.m. Final arrangements for the forthcoming Communion Breakfast will be made.

Sunday, April 4. Annual Communion Breakfast of the Fire Department Holy Name Society, Boroughs Manhattan, Bronx and Richmond, to be held in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Sunday, April 11. Annual Communion Breakfast of the Fire Dept. St. George Association, Communion Service at the Church of the Incarnation with breakfast following at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

## 119 Firemen Vets Win \$140,000 Back Pay

Supreme Court Justice Pecora has in N. Y. County signed an order in a case (Kelly vs. Quayle) decided by Justice Null more than a year ago, whereby Firemen appointed while they were in military service gain benefit of seniority. Hence their military time counts as department time toward advancing them to top grade.

The cases of men appointed after their discharge from the armed forces are not affected.

Under the order 118 Firemen win \$140,000 in back pay. Todd and Lefferts, 120 Broadway, were Kelly's attorneys and praised the Uniformed Firemen's Association for supplying facts and otherwise making the success possible.

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# The Men Who Run New York City



Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York City will be away from his desk for a long-time vacation. The job he holds is one of the most trying in the world, probably the toughest in the United States next to the Presidency. The Mayor has to deal with political intrigue . . . with labor management intrigue . . . the paying off of obligations . . . going to functions, worthy ones and unworthy ones, as well as the real job of running the city. Nobody begrudges the Mayor his announced vacation, even if extended. He's going away and won't come back to his desk until he's in good shape, come snowstorms or investigations. The men on this page are those who are most influential in the sphere of Government, and on whom the major burdens will fall during the Mayor's absence.



**JOHN J. BENNETT**, Deputy Mayor. A sound, steady man and top administrator whose job it is to get done the details of city government. Commissioners report to him; O'Dwyer leans on him greatly. A self-effacing individual, the qualities which make him invaluable to O'Dwyer are the very qualities which make him less effective in his own behalf. In handling any problem, he asks himself: Is this good for the city and O'Dwyer?



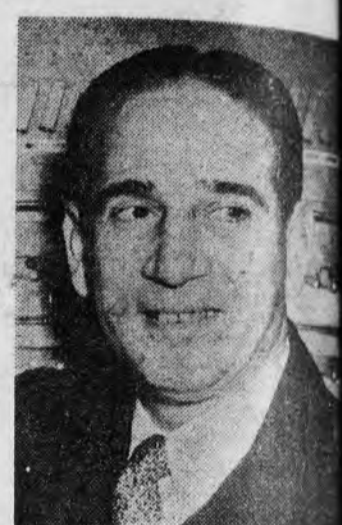
**WILLIAM REID**, Chairman, Board of Transportation. Has steadily increased in stature, and is now dean of the Mayor's coterie of fiscal advisers. LaGuardia consulted with him on financial matters, and under O'Dwyer his influence has reached a new high. A career employee without political affiliation, he was a LEADER Merit Man. Knows more about municipal finance than anyone else in the country.



**WILLIAM J. DONOGHUE**, Executive Secretary to the Mayor. The Mayor's publicity man and speechwriter, he has more power with the chief than is usual in such a job. Newsmen like Bill better than any press secretary who has ever been in City Hall. Hobnobs with the Mayor on a personal basis. He has vastly increased press coverage of City Hall, deserve much credit for fine press O'Dwyer has.



**LAZARUS JOSEPH**, Comptroller. A rough, gruff, hard-thinking watchdog of the City's treasury. In an unpopular post, as independent chief fiscal officer of the city, he performs with sincerity and ability. Friends would like to see him succeed O'Dwyer if the Mayor should become Governor of the State. His cause is aided by his fine legislative background.



**VINCENT R. IMPELLITTERI**, President of the City Council. Will be acting Mayor during O'Dwyer's absence, will make the speeches, attend the functions — but won't exercise pay any real power. He'd like to become Surrogate when Surrogate Delehanty retires at year's end. He's feeling pressure of Democratic colleagues to assert himself more to get more for Manhattan.



**HUGO ROGERS**, Manhattan Borough President. Considered one of the most logical minds in the administration. His experience as an engineer and attorney is an asset which impresses people as soon as they speak to him about any city problem. Has grown with his office, earned praise from sources which had formerly opposed him or wondered about him.



**JOHN CASHMORE**, Borough President of Brooklyn. A shrewd, sharp, capable politician, who knows how to get what he wants for his borough, and usually manages to get it. As Brooklyn's Democratic boss, he has not hesitated to tap on people who get in his way. A major political power in the city. He's ambitious to be Mayor. Knows his borough's problems.



**JAMES A. BURKE**, Borough President of Queens. Fights for causes in which he believes. The mere fact that he may share minority opinion on a project doesn't deter him in the least. Working hard to make Queens more autonomous, often clashes with city authorities over who does what job.



**JAMES J. LYONS**, Borough President of the Bronx. Has served on the Board of Estimate longer than any other member. His energy in debate, lively humor, debonaire bearing, are qualities many admire. Does a job for his borough—and speaks up frequently when he feels The Bronx is getting the short end of a deal.



**CORNELIUS A. HALL**, Borough President of Richmond. Has been in Staten Island public jobs since 1925, holding posts within the borough, and also as member of Board of Aldermen and City Council. Has faced a number of local catastrophes in past two years. Knowledge of government affairs is considered good.

## Others Who Play Big Part In NYC

Others who do a steady day-to-day job in helping run the City Government: Police Commissioner Arthur W. Wallander, whom O'Dwyer considers one of New York's great police heads. Wallander has strong influence in all matters concerning police protection, but the Mayor, a former cop, likes to act as his own police commissioner . . . John M. X. Murtagh, Commissioner of Investigation, is the Mayor's "boy," and O'Dwyer would like to see him District Attorney one day . . . Thomas J. Patterson, the Budget Director, does a difficult job well. He's expected to retire soon . . . Harold Herzstein, Legislative Representative for the City, performs a highly competent job in Albany, is a hard-working official sincerely interested in better government . . . Theodore Kheel, in charge of labor relations, a young exponent of "settling things around the table," has been one of the few who have helped build for O'Dwyer a reputation in the field of labor relations . . . Unofficially, the Mayor also takes advice from his dynamic brother, Paul, and from bright Oscar Bernstein, his former law partner.



**JOHN McGRATH**, Corporation Counsel. New member of administration. A good lawyer, scholarly, tends to be on the conservative side. Held in high respect by legal profession. It's said in political circles that he's headed for a Supreme Court judgeship in Brooklyn. Self-confident, known to make quick decisions. Heads the largest law office under one roof in the world.



**CHARLES PREUSSE**, First Assistant Corporation Counsel. Legal brains of the administration. Close working associate of the Mayor, who consults him whenever a "heavy" job has to be undertaken on policy matters. One of the Mayor's chief phrasemakers. Has a comprehensive understanding of all phases of City government. Always says what's on his mind. Straight-talking, sharp-thinking.



**ROBERT MOSES**, City Construction Co-ordinator. A fighter, with whom even LaGuardia didn't care to tangle, he has a tongue sharp as a rapier, usually comes out on top in a personal fracas. O'Dwyer listens to him, respects his ability. Moses now in ill-health. At the start of O'Dwyer's administration, was listed by newsmen as a top adviser, which isn't so. Plans improvement of city, which politicians without his vision often oppose.



**JOSEPH SHARKEY**, majority leader of the City Council. An able Councilman, who performs his job with too much energy to satisfy some of his political colleagues, who would like to curb his ambitions. He wants to be Borough President of Brooklyn, not likely to find Cashmore in his corner. Has ambition to be Brooklyn Borough President if Cashmore moves up.