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A Message From the National President



WALKER H. COLSTON

COMRADES, FRIENDS AND LADIES OF THE RAINBOW:

Our first thought is the phrasing of a question to the reader and confidentially said question happens to be "Just how does one start the page dedicated to the perpetuation and attempted continuation and standardization of the high ideals and principles of Rainbow as established by our predecessors?"

With our super-grand Atlantic City Reunion not even around the corner, we enter into a new Rainbow year with an enthusiasm such as befits the occasion. The spirit of "Rainbow Comradeship" as displayed and exemplified all through the Reunion has proven an inspiration to your present slate of officers and is responsible for the optimism and zeal with which we enter a new year—with a feeling of complete harmony permeating.

Your President desires to express his heartfelt thanks to each and every comrade attending the Reunion and thereby making it possible for your officers to be elected and inducted into office unanimously and harmoniously. To the many friends who were unable to attend and have forwarded numerous wires and letters of congratulations, felicitations and good wishes, may we offer an humble "Thank You" and we "Missed You." We are most grateful to Judge Advocate Leland Whitney and Treasurer "Bob" Hayward, who have agreed to continue in their respective offices during the ensuing year and feel particularly fortunate in securing the services of Ed Weitzel as successor to the most competent and ultra-efficient Al Hoyt, known to many as "Ye olde balance wheel."

To those of you who feel that we are possibly starting the new year entirely too soon, then let us state that we felt it absolutely imperative that the present administration lose no time if we are to equal and endeavor to surpass the deeds and accomplishments of our predecessors. We feel that the "Rainbow" is on the march toward a goal to be reached in the not-too-distant future wherein we shall exceed heights far beyond the fondest expectations and aspirations of its founders. The answer to the aforementioned being "Harmony," we feel quite sure we have, while the vital attribute, "Cooperation" we know will not be lacking, so Comrades of the Rainbow your present administration solicits your assistance in making this the banner year in Rainbow. We thank you heartily and sincerely for the honor conferred upon us and for the much-needed assistance which we know you will give wholeheartedly.

WALKER H. COLSTON.

Rainbow Division Veterans



A national association of veterans of the Rainbow (42nd) Division, to perpetuate that spirit of comradeship which was the greatest single factor in the success of the Division and to keep alive the memory of departed comrades.

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THE REVEILLE SALUTES TWO PRESIDENTS—

Not the least of the compensations enjoyed by your Editor in his service with The Rainbow Reveille is the opportunity it has afforded to know more intimately the succession of National Presidents who have held office during his tenure as Editor. For example, although it has been our privilege to number Bill Nevius among our friends for many years, during his administration we came to know him much better and love him much more. It has been a happy privilege to have served under him. To know Bill Nevius is to be a better Rainbower.

No finer Rainbower could have been chosen to succeed Bill Nevius than Walker Colston. We have been closely associated with Walker in Rainbow affairs for nearly twenty years. In that time he has contributed richly to the welfare and tradition of Rainbow. His interest and activity in both National Association and Chapter affairs have gone hand-

in-hand, and few men have a keener understanding of the workings of Rainbow, or are better equipped to further their interests.

Walker takes the helm of Rainbow at a time when it is enjoying the most substantial success. In membership, in widespread interest, and in general activity it is at its highest point since its organization. Its affairs are on a solid foundation financially and spiritually. The mutual association of men of the Rainbow has been a happy experience to all of us, and the continuation of this association is an aspiration dear to every man who served with the Division. This is the heart and the soul of our organization: this is the basis upon which we have been highly successful as an organization, and it is a basis upon which we can confidently depend for a continued success and continued growth. It is Walker Colston's philosophy to place all the accent on this spiritual platform of friendship and comradeship, and to subordinate the mere mechanics of organization to its proper place in the background. The Reveille felicitates Rainbow on their choice of a leader and salutes Walker upon the honor accorded him and the opportunity afforded him to serve the Rainbow.

BEHIND THE SCENES—What makes a large, nation-wide organization like ours "click"? Many things, but not least of these the hard work and intelligence direction of the office of the National Secretary. Under Al Hoyt's Secretaryship, Rainbow has enjoyed an unprecedented prosperity, and Al has contributed largely toward this by his painstaking, conscientious devotion to the tasks he has done so well. Your Editor knows whereof he speaks. During these three years there have been few mails which did not include communications from Al, often voluminous, every line of which represented hard detail work. The kind of work which is largely unknown to the membership and largely unappreciated save by the initiated few. But without this work the successful progress of such an organization as ours would be impossible. All credit to Al for his devoted services; and all credit to his successor, Ed Weitzel, who has undertaken to carry on the heavy burdens of the office, fully aware of the weight of the task he has undertaken, and fully equipped by his energy and understanding to step into the responsible shoes of that great Rainbower, Al Hoyt.

DO IT NOW!—The current administration has adopted a definite program for Rainbow. It does not seek to do NEW things, but it does seek to do the old things, which have proven so indisputably successful, SOONER. Every Chapter is urged to immediately launch a membership campaign, the keynote of which is to GET STARTED NOW. Chapter Officers are also urged to IMMEDIATELY send in to the National Secretary a list of the names and addresses of the officers of each Chapter. A Yearbook is to be published as soon as this information is available; so sit down right NOW and make up this list and send it in to Ed Weitzel and let's get this year's Rainbow program of activities started NOW!

Highlights of the Atlantic City Reunion

ATLANTIC CITY UNFORGETTABLES — The friendly smiles of everyone from New Jersey—How the boys and girls of the Reunion Committees did work, and what a splendid Reunion it was in every way. The perpetual smile of little Rose Barrows—the enthusiasm and niceness of Kathryn Coggins—the business efficiency of Flo Slattery. The much-needed help Mrs. McAuliff gave us both. That handsome couple Colonel Garrett Olds and his lovely Ivy Anne. Lieutenant Lawrence Wood and little Frances, both these officers on active duty and in uniform. Also Ohio's Major and Mrs. Walters on leave from Camp Shelby. How nice to see again the wholesome smiling face ("Which I have loved long since and lost a while") of Frank West of Minnesota. And how we missed the old timers Bill Williamson, Fred Crawford and Barre Blumenthal. The seriousness of Barney Sullivan in performing his duties as Sergt.-at-Arms—and how happy he was when he got the next Reunion and was made a Vice-President. The little known incident of the Sergt.-at-Arms protecting the room of Mother Watts from an outside intruder. The many Rainbow children becoming regulars at Reunions. The entrancing Southern drawl of Louise Carroll. Two dogs attached to a lovely girl in the hotel lobby and Hed Hagen baying them. Those nice Horn folks from (F. F. V.) Virginia, now of Columbus, Ohio. The unintentional but highly humorous pantomining of Johnnie ("Thank God for a Garden") Horn. That indecent and screaming rag that Ralph Randolph wore for a sport shirt. "Deadshot Dan" Glossbrenner proving he killed the buffalo in Oklahoma City by knocking off clay pigeons in a shooting gallery on the Boardwalk—but why did the waitress ask him "Do any of you want anybody else?" The prayers of Chaplain Carter which surely softened all of us. Meyer Levy of Westchester who in the

absence of Johnnie (Ducks, Pigeons, Pigs) O'Neil seconds all motions with a nod of his head. The mist over the ocean one morning before most Rainbowers were up. The hardest working man in Rainbow, the whimsical, unperturbable and perennial Editor of the Reveille, Harold Barnhart Rodier. That happy and holy trio (or is it?) Monroe Johnson, Ruby Garrett and Chaplain Callan, playing golf together. The thrill of the entire year—talking to Fred Cornelius on the phone. Lieut. Gen. Matthew Tinley of Iowa, our oldest living Past President and one-time candidate for Vice-President of the United States—what a privilege it is just to know him. And was Mayor Taggart of Atlantic City a diplomat—he not only presented the key of the city to President Nevius but also had one for President Lilymae Weitzel of the Auxiliary. Two charming ladies any time—Rainbow Gold Star Mothers Thompson and O'Brien of New York. One scene which made the whole Reunion worth while—Rothholtz of New Jersey and Sullivan of Florida seeing each other for the first time in twenty-three years—each thought the other was dead. And for the first time in too many years we had with us the Regimental Chaplain of the 168th Inf., Roscoe Conklin (The Rock) Hatch. It would not be a Reunion without the Frews of Wisconsin, Mother and Estell. John Brenner of Pennsylvania, who underwent an appendectomy ten days before the Reunion. Our congrats to President Helen Davidson of the Auxiliary and her staff. By the way, where were the Ramseys (Mr. and Mrs. Thin Man) of Kansas City? The fine banquet and solemn "Champagne Hour." The never-to-be-forgotten "There Is No Death," by Lucy (Star Spangled Banner) Munroe. The final climax of the National Anthem and then the silent departure from the Twenty-third Annual Reunion.

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REGISTRATION AND HANGOUT WILL BE AT 1432 WEST WISCONSIN AVENUE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CLUB HOUSE. THIS WILL BE IN OPERATION DURING CONVENTION. BANQUET PLANS OFF WE WERE NOT SURE OF ATTENDANCE AND TOO MANY COUNTER ATTRACTIONS.

JAMES F. BURNS.

Resume of Business At 23d Reunion At Atlantic City

FIRST SESSION

The Twenty-third Annual Reunion of Rainbow Division Veterans opened on July 1 at the Chelsea Hotel, Atlantic City, President William S. Nevius presiding. The Right Reverend Monsignor J. B. McCloskey delivered the invocation, and Mayor Thomas D. Taggart made an eloquent address of welcome, which was answered by Past President Dan Glossbrenner. Vice Presidents William Butts and John Brenner spoke briefly, and letters from Governor Edison and the Mayor of Newark were read. Auxiliary President Lilymae Weitzel made a short address, and introduced the officers of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Frew, and Mrs. Thompson, Gold-Star Mother and President of the New York Auxiliary. Lieut. Col. Garrett Olds and Lieut. Lawrence Wood were introduced, after which Col. Monroe Johnson and Col. Ruby Garrett each spoke. Col. Johnson being allergic to public address systems, his speech was enjoyed by those present but lost to posterity, as it was not recorded. Colonel Garrett spoke eloquently on a variety of subjects ranging from his golf game with Col. Johnson and Chaplain Callan (another linguistic stymie for the Colonel), to world crisis. He condemned those verbal saboteurs who are tearing down the Nation's defense efforts with words as effectively as are less subtle saboteurs with bomb and torch. Secretary Hoyt then read a number of communications and Past Presidents Neagle, Clarke, Whitney, Marcus and Glossbrenner were introduced. Manning Marcus, Al Hoyt and John Brenner were appointed to the Reveille Committee. Chaplain Harry L. Carter delivered the benediction and the session adjourned.

SECOND SESSION

President Nevius convened the second session at 2:30 P.M. July 13, and Chaplain Carter delivered the invocation. At this time President Bill gave one of his delightfully intimate little talks, touching on his year in office, the attainment of the year's objectives, and his experiences in the many thousands of miles he had traveled during the year making Rainbow contacts. Secretary Al Hoyt then made his report for the year, the highlight of which was an increase in membership to 3,751 paid-up members, an increase of 331 over the previous year's excellent attainment. Six new Chapters and a new State Association were reported organized and chartered. The Reunion voted their authorization and issue. These Chapters were: Lee County Chapter, Fort Madison, Iowa; North Iowa Chapter, Mason City, Iowa; Reading Chapter, Reading, Pennsylvania; Lynchburg Chapter, Lynchburg, Virginia; Philadelphia Chapter, Philadelphia, Pa., and the Pennsylvania State Association. Secretary Hoyt reported the issue of 10 numbers of The Reveille and the conduct of another Rainbow Broadcast on a coast-to-coast hook-

up. He advised that the sale of Rainbow Buttons had increased 50 per cent, and that 1,000 Rainbow windshield insignias had been sold. He said that the F. J. Heer Company had been asked to bind up all remaining copies of the Rainbow History, and stated that approximately 125 copies are now available and that when these are gone no more will ever be obtainable. Secretary Hoyt spoke of the introduction of H. R. 3261 authorizing the Rainbow to erect a National Monument on Federal property in the District of Columbia, in honor of the dead in the Rainbow Division. Significantly, Secretary Hoyt noted that out of thousands of communications received in the Secretary's office, not one had contained an unkind word, a marvelous commentary on the unity and fraternal spirit of Rainbow. Secretary Hoyt received a rising vote of thanks, and appreciation of his report, and the accomplishments which lay behind it. Chaplain Harry L. Carter then spoke on the work of his office during the year. He urged that Rainbows make suggestions as to how their National Chaplain can best serve our organization. Colonel Ruby Garrett then reported as Chairman on the Committee on the Reorganization of the Rainbow Division. He advised that various technical difficulties had made the War Department rule against the organization of a composite Division made up of units from widely separated states. They have therefore decided not to re-form the Rainbow Division, at least at this time. The Rainbow's Division number has not been assigned, however, and if there is never another Rainbow Division there will never be a 42d Division. Comrade Walter Breheny then spoke urging that the project of attempting a re-formation of the Rainbow be dropped. Marx Rosenthaler then moved that a committee be appointed to cooperate with the Long Island Chapter in developing a plan to finance and complete the monument at Camp Mills. Frank West seconded the motion and it was passed. President Nevius appointed George Seaman, Lester Sullivan and Chaplain Roscoe Hatch to this committee. The Reveille Committee then issued a report approving the conduct and handling of The Reveille during the preceding year, and re-appointed Harold B. Rodier as Editor for the year 1941-42. Upon motion of Manning Marcus there was a vote of confidence in the Editor.

THIRD SESSION

President Nevius convened the third and final session at 12 noon on July 14. Chaplain Carter delivered the invocation, and made a deeply moving prayer for harmony and guidance to the assembly in their deliberations. He then issued a report for the Memorials Committee, in which he stressed the importance of keeping and sending into the National Secretary accurate and complete record of the death of Rainbows. Homer Gardner

then submitted the report of the Budget and Finance Committee, and upon due motion the following budget for the ensuing fiscal year was passed:

1941-1942 BUDGET

Postage (Secretary)	\$ 125.00
President's and Treasurer's Expense	250.00
Reveille—nine issues	2,000.00
Membership cards and stationery	175.00
Supplies	50.00
Secretary's Stenographic Expense	350.00
Secretary's Allowance	200.00
Emergency	500.00
	\$3,450.00

*Tenth issue to be paid for by Reunion Committee.

Treasurer Bob Hayward then offered his report for the year, for approval. Bob received a rising vote of thanks for his splendid job during the year. His report follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance from 1939-40 Administration	\$1,178.50
Dues	3,805.00
Lapel Buttons and Decalcomanias	282.30
Reveille Subscription	50
Charter Certificates	22.50
Histories	42.00
History Rebates from the F. J. Heer Co.	31.50
Refund to Secretary's postage account	18.00
Donations	1.25
	\$5,381.55

Expenditures

Secretary's Postage	\$ 150.00
President-Treasurer's Expense	92.60
Reveille	1,980.00
Membership Cards and Stationery	66.75
Secretary's Office Supplies	50.00
Secretary's Stenographic Expense	348.00
Decalcomanias	84.38
Addressing and Mailing Index Cards	32.50
History Rebates Paid to Chapters	25.00
Final on Note held by Ohio Chapter	26.00
Charter Certificates	29.75
Lapel Buttons	124.75
Message to General Gouraud	7.56
Printing Warrants	60.00
Histories	42.00
Refund (Decalcomanias and Buttons)	3.00
Special Committee Meeting	15.61
Recording Broadcast	9.65
Broadcast Expense	29.44
Miscellaneous Expenses	103.46
Total Expenditures	\$3,280.45

Funds on Hand

Cash in Merchants Trust Company of	
Red Bank	\$2,032.35
Moneys received at Atlantic City	68.75
Total Funds on Hand	\$2,101.10

Marlin Prather then reported for the Membership Committee, which recommended that the Reville schedule be modified to assist in an early membership drive; that each chapter start an immediate membership campaign, with competing teams being organized to provide a spirit of competition. It was recommended that chapters set up prizes for the winning teams. The report of the committee was adopted. Ed Weitzel then reported for the Credentials Committee. Lieut. Gen. Matt Tinley of the Resolutions Committee offered a resolution condoling Colonel Cooper D. Winn on his illness. Another resolution offered warm praise to President Bill Nevius for the splendid job he had done during his year in office. Another thanked the city of Atlantic City and the New Jersey

Chapter for the warm hospitality and successful functioning of their great Reunion. Col. William J. Donovan was congratulated, in a resolution, upon his recent appointment as a White House aide. All these resolutions were adopted. Leo Moquin reporting for the Auditing Committee stated that the Secretary's and Treasurer's records were in order and accordance. Dan Glossbrenner then moved that the customary cablegrams be sent to Permanent Honorary Presidents Generals Gouraud and MacArthur.

President Nevius then presented the Past Presidents' badges to Matt Tinley, Bill Screws, Monroe Johnson, Ruby Garrett, Howard Smith, Jack Clarke, Leland Whitney, Manning Marcus, Dan Glossbrenner and Elmer Neagle. Badges for Father Duffy and Colonel Hough were presented to the New York and Ohio Chapter representatives for suitable disposition. Colonel Ruby Garrett reporting for the Constitution and By-Laws Committee offered the following amendment to the Constitution:

ARTICLE V—There shall be an Executive Committee of the National Association of Rainbow Division Veterans that shall consist of the former national presidents and in addition thereto thirty members who shall be nominated and elected by a majority vote of the delegates of the national reunion, for a term of three years, one-third of whom shall be elected at each Annual Reunion beginning with the Annual Reunion of 1941.

The members of the Executive Committee elected at the Annual Reunions of 1941, 1942, and 1943 shall fill (1) existing vacancies upon the present committee, and (2) vacancies thereon to be created by the declaration of the National President in the order to be determined by the drawing of the present members by a committee to be appointed by the National President in 1941.

Present members of the Executive Committee shall continue to serve until their places become vacant as aforesaid and thereupon shall be eligible to election to the Executive Committee.

The above amendment to the Constitution was offered as the majority report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. James P. Striffler then submitted as a minority report of the Committee the following alternate amendment to the Constitution Committee:

ARTICLE V—There shall be an Executive Committee of the National Association of Rainbow Division Veterans that shall consist of members who have been chosen by election by the chapters which they will represent.

Every Chapter which pays dues to the National Rainbow shall be entitled to direct representation on this committee. The term of office shall be for one year and shall run from Reunion to Reunion. Members may be re-elected. In addition to and not including the elected chapter representatives all other duly elected National Officers or duly appointed officers during their term of actual office and the President of the immediately preceding year shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee. No honorary members shall be elected. The National President shall be the chairman of the Executive Committee. If a regularly elected representative is unable to attend the National Reunion his Chapter may designate an alternate. At the National Reunions all committees shall be named from members of the Executive Committee or their alternates. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be con-

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ATLANTIC CITY REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

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NOTES TO YOU BY A NITER IN A. C.—

Members of the world's largest chapter (Father Duffy) discussing some and wondering what Chicago would do with that stationery they printed some time ago designating that windy village as having the W. L. C. (are you listening, Mr. Crawford?) John (Yidda) Smith suggested a most efficient and speedy disposition of the stuff. BUT YOU CAN'T PRINT THAT!

Barney Sullivan selling Florida as the next reunion state and telling us there are no flies in Orlando. Hmmm. There are no flies on Barney, either.

Arthur (Slats) Slattery trying to convince us as to the reason Jesse James never came east. No go. We still feel Jesse steered clear of Atlantic City to avoid being stuck up.

The Al Hoyts both retiring secretaries. Mrs. H's name is Wealthy. No wonder, when she has a guy like Al. Well, they're both wealthy.

Johnny Horan being motioned by two house dicks to leave the Ambassador. That was one motion John couldn't table.

The Florida, L. I., Floyd Harpers and Ed Rieker's rooms. Centers of gayety and free loads.

The Monroe Johnson-Ruby Garrett golf contest. Apparently Ruby got licked again. By the way, what did the sergeant-at-arms do with his gum, or did Larry Wood's lad Paul get hold of it. Anyway, Paul was chewing like a son of a Wood.

Lots of comment on the fact that Larry Wood is only a First Lieutenant. We think he rates Major, at least. What do you say, Washington?

The Champagne Hour. Lucy Monroe's superb singing and Al Hoyt's memorial roll call. This should be a permanent assignment for Al; he hits the spot.

Randy Randolph's terrible shirts, making the hangover worse.

The poor response to Long Island's appeal for Rainbow funds to help erect the memorial at Camp Mills. Let us hang our heads in shame if outsiders have to supply the necessary funds.

The swell job done by the Jersey Rainbrowsers in putting the reunion over. They were severely handicapped by the fact that Atlantic City is an all-year convention town and Rainbow was just one more convention.

But, boy oh boy, and girl. Get to Orlando next July.

Observed at 5 a.m.:

Monroe Johnson and Ruby Garrett with their arms around Jim Striffler assuring him of their support of the New York amendment... Fred Crawford, Barre Blumenthal, and Tom Finnegan of Chicago walking into the N. Y. room singing "You're the top"... Fred Corneliuss of Texas arriving in town unexpectedly and being given a grand ovation... Johnny

Horan (N. Y.) (for whom the bell should toll) swimming in the deep Atlantic, going down three times and only coming up twice... Louise Carroll (Ala.) and her lovely daughter Martha telling us confidentially that they were leaving the South and coming to New York to live... Ditto the Harpers (Ind.), Glossbrenners (Ind.), Woods (Okla.), Hoyts (Ohio) and the entire Rainbow gang... The hotel management assuring us that Rainbrowsers without coats were welcome in any part of the hotel... The president granting the little infantry man the same floor privileges as the "heavy artillery"... Pres. Colston arranging to enlarge his mustache and appointing Bob Taylor as "technical advisor"... Finding a joint in the town where the hot dogs didn't wear full dress and high hats... Bill Nugent (N. Y.) pointing out the guy (not from N. Y.) that swiped a bottle of firewater from our party on the way to the Los Angeles reunion in 1932... All those present immediately making reservations for Orlando, Fla., for the next reunion... Then the phone rang. 'Twas only an Irishman's dream.

RAREBITS FROM ATLANTIC CITY—Seen only once in a lifetime—Ted Hagen (Alabama) escorting a slightly inebriated Rainbrower from a business session—Bill Butts (Oklahoma) claims he said only "good morning" to one of the perennial patrons at the Chelsea while waiting for the elevator. Why then, Bill, did she raise her cane and say "I don't know you"—What made it necessary to invite Rev. John Callon (Oklahoma) to serve as moderator for the golf match between Col. Ruby Garrett (Missouri) and Col. J. Monroe Johnson. See you in Orlando. CURLEY.

THE AUXILIARY "DOES" THE BOARDWALK

Estelle and Mother Frew having breakfast No. 2, the first with a gentleman from Ohio and the second with a trio from Virginia—Helen Sullivan with the retort proper for three elderly ladies who complained of the noise made by the Rainbrowsers—Bill Hitt (Virginia) draped on top of the grand piano must have been an inspiration for Vic Van Yox at the piano—Dan Glossbrenner says "This noise will only last three days and it is mild in comparison with what they endured in France for almost two years"—Ruth Butts playing M. C. at the Auxiliary meetings and how the gals did like the gay banter—"Bennie" Cook would make a hit on Broadway in a skit entitled "My Trials and Tribulations with the Red-Headed Hotel Clerk"—Irene Callen doing an "Annie Oakley" and, by the way, we are now convinced that "Deadeye" Dan Glossbrenner shot that buffalo—Mary Mesch in the tragedy "National Treasurer Loses Purse"—Moth O'Brien winning hearts with a smile and some sweet words—Ivy Anne Olds, the quick-change artist, "She sells seashells on the seashore"—Kathryn Coggins bemoaning her wandering "Mardi Grasers"—Did you notice how President Boll's bodyguard grew larger at each appearance at the Auxiliary meetings—

Wealthy Hoyt went down, she skinned her knee on the "bottom" of the ocean—All hail, Helen! Best wishes for a grand and glorious year.
 LILYMAE W. WEITZEL.

RAINBOW, I THANK YOU—Well, boys and girls, I am still with you. And I am starting this Rainbow year with a lot of enthusiasm—a lot of hope—a lot of good old honest-to-goodness prayer.

Again I thank Rainbow for a great thrill. The privilege of being with you by way of the telephone is the greatest moment of my year. I can never thank you enough for this, and for the many cards and letters of encouragement you sent me.

FRED CORNELIUS.

THOUGHTS OF AN EX-REUNION CHAIRMAN WHILE IDLE SITTING ON HIS FRONT PORCH

... Gosh, it's almost August in the year 1941. Where did the last twelve months go? What swell people Rainbowners are. No wonder even the weather man was good to them. Wish there had been more hours in the Reunion days so that I could have gotten around to doing more visiting. Ex-President Bill certainly has taken to kissing the ladies like a duck to water. Thanks for the goodbye gesture left at the door by the "Kunnel" and "Dan." And those lovely letters received from certain people, they certainly were appreciated by the New Jersey gang. A year spent to make possible a good Reunion, and to have same received in a manner that all the members of New Jersey and their Auxiliary are ordering hats two sizes larger.

New Jersey was very proud to welcome their comrades and their Auxiliaries and hope that at some future date we may be able to have them again with us. So I now say, on to Orlando, Florida. I'll be seeing you there is the Lord spares me.

ARTHUR E. SLATTERY,
 Ex-Reunion chairman.

RESUME OF BUSINESS

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fined to an advisory or policy-forming nature at the Reunions. Between Reunions they may pass on matters of emergency. The minutes of the Executive Committee, ordinary or extraordinary, shall be kept in their entirety by the National Secretary, and shall be available at any time for examination by any chapter. A final report shall be filed by the retiring Executive Committee at the opening business session of the Annual Reunion.

Jim Striffler spoke for the minority report, and explained it section by section as he spoke. He then moved its adoption, Myer Levy seconding the motion. Comrade Bunkley of Mobile, Alabama, then spoke on behalf of the minority report, as did Mr. Walter Breheny. Colonel Garrett, Leland Whitney, Col. Monroe Johnson and Marx Rosenthaler each spoke on behalf of the majority report. On request of Jim Striffler, President Nevius ordered a vote by states, following a brief recess. The vote having been taken, before the result was announced Comrade Jim Striffler moved for the unanimous adoption

of the majority report, which motion was duly seconded and carried. Colonel Ruby Garrett then spoke in warm praise of Jim Striffler's sportsmanship. President Nevius then ordered that the names of each member of the Executive Committee be placed in a hat, and that four names be drawn forth by a child, to create the necessary vacancies on the committee called for by the new amendment. The names drawn were Lloyd V. Wright, Sharon C. Cover, Ed C. Weitzel and Garrett W. Olds.

Howard Smith then reported for the Time and Place Committee. He reported that July 13, 14 and 15 had been selected as the time.

Howard asked that Committee Member William Bynum Hitt report for the matter of the place. Bill stated that the Committee had considered invitations from Orlando, Florida, and one issued by himself on behalf of Roanoke, Virginia. After some discussion in Committee, Bill reported that he had withdrawn Roanoke's bid, and that the Committee had thereupon decided to offer Orlando, Florida, as the place of the 1942 Reunion. On motion of Chairman Howard Smith, the Reunion voted that the 24th Annual Reunion would be held July 13, 14 and 15, 1942, at Orlando, Florida. Chairman Elmer Neagle then reported for the Nominating Committee that after careful consideration the following names were offered in nomination for the officers indicated:

For Honorary President—William S. Nevius.

For President—Walker H. Colston.

For Vice Presidents—Robert Reno, Leo Mahar, Bernard Sullivan, and William McCants, Jr.

For Chaplain—Rev. John Callan.

For Historian—Henry J. Reilly.

For membership on the Executive Committee—Floyd Harper, Alan B. Stout, J. B. Connelly, Vincent Fleckenstein, Joe Cardio, Frank West, J. Brawley, Garrett Olds, Lloyd Wright, Ed C. Weitzel, Henry C. Wood.

The above nominations having been seconded, it was regularly moved that the nominations be closed and that the above named Rainbowners be declared elected. The motion carried unanimously, and President Nevius ordered the officers-elect escorted to the platform.

President-elect Walker H. Colston having spoken briefly, Chaplain Carter delivered the benediction, and President Nevius declared the 23d Annual Reunion adjourned.

APPOINTMENTS

Walker H. Colston having been formally inducted into office, he announced the following appointments:

To be Secretary—Edward C. Weitzel, P.O. Box 42, Akron, Ohio.

To be Treasurer—Robert J. Hayward, 10 Howard Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

To be Judge Advocate—Leland L. Whitney.

To be Sergeant-at-Arms—Elliott Hadley.

To be Associate Editors, The Rainbow Reveille—Fred J. Cornelius, William Carroll, Al Hoyt, Dave Wiley.

From the Desk of the National Secretary Ed Weitzel, P. O. Box 42, Akron, Ohio

"OFF WITH THE OLD . . ."—For the rare privilege of intimate association with all Rainbow which three years in the Secretary's office gave, I shall always be grateful to Presidents Glossbrenner, Neagle and Nevius. For the splendid and friendly cooperation which all of you gave me, I likewise am grateful. My service as Secretary was both a duty and a pleasure.

Because of the pressure of business due to National Defense, I requested leave and

President Colston graciously granted that leave and called to duty my friend of many years, Edward C. Weitzel. Your new Secretary has already entered upon his duties with enthusiasm and a desire to please. I shall visit his office frequently and render him any assistance possible. That our beloved Rainbow may continue to grow and prosper, I bespeak in his favor the same fine cooperation which you gave me.

Yours in Rainbow,

AL HOYT.

"... ON WITH THE NEW!"—In accepting the privilege of serving the membership of the privilege of serving the membership of the National Association of Rainbow Division Veterans as Secretary, we do so with the complete realization that a new high in efficiency has been established in the conduct of this office, and must be maintained. The consistently faithful service of our immediate predecessor is acknowledged by all in Rainbow. Al has worked tirelessly for the past three years for Rainbow and his accomplishments have been many. When retiring Presidents eulogize so sincerely the "humble servant" of Rainbow as did Dan, Elmer and Bill at the close of their respective administrations, he must be tops. It must have been a disappointment to President Walker Colston to learn that Al would be unable to accept again the responsibility of this office for another year, for during the banquet, Walker came rushing up to our table where we had, until then, been in perfect relaxation, enjoying a splendid dinner, and the company of those Rainbows immediately around us adn said, and we quote, "Ed, I need help, will you be my National Secretary?" shook us by the hand, and said, "Thanks", and away he dashed. We were speechless and motionless momentarily, filled only with emotion. Our first conscious thoughts were, what have we ever done for Rainbow that merited such

confidence, could we possibly assume such a responsibility—why us? The Rainbow Division Veterans Association is blessed with an abundance of material for more deserving than yours truly. This is not said by one who assumes an inferiority complex attitude suddenly. We happily believe and know it to be a fact, one observes immediately the sense of responsibility among the attendant membership at a Rainbow Reunion. But Rainbow must go on—having passed another milestone of accomplishment in Rainbow, we embark on another year. With the aid of the Rainbow Reveille, whose first issue of the year 1941-42 is being mailed out weeks ahead of schedule for previous years, the cooling off period between National Reunion and the time Rainbow activities throughout the United States get into high gear, is shortened. We are therefore starting immediately another campaign for new Chapters and the enlargement of existing Chapters. Inquiries for establishing new Chapters are urgently solicited. A minimum of fifteen Rainbow men is necessary to organize. Details for organizing will be forwarded immediately from this office upon request. From our established Chapters may we request your continued cooperation with this office, and our pledge to you is, we are at your service. Membership cards will be available August 15th. Keep 'em coming.

Yours in Rainbow,

ED WEITZEL.

(Tear off and mail with \$1.00)

E. C. Weitzel, National Secretary,
Rainbow Division Veterans,
P. O. Box 42,
Akron, Ohio
Dear Ed:

I enjoy the Reveille, but do not live in a Chapter Area—please find enclosed \$1.00 for which send me 1941-42 membership card and continue to send me the Reveille. I am proud of being a veteran of the 42nd Division.

Yours in Rainbow,

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