

Demand Gains in Congress For Revision of G. I. Law

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WASHINGTON, April 12.—Dis-satisfaction is growing in congress over operation of the G. I. bill of rights and veteran-minded members are demanding that the law be overhauled.



Mr. Brooks
The veterans administration has discovered flaws and will shortly make recommendations to congress for correcting them.

One amendment would make veterans receiving training for vocational handicaps eligible also for

free schooling offered able-bodied veterans. Another would extend the time for completing college courses in certain professional fields.

Favor Direct Loans

Discontent over functioning of the G. I. loan program is reflected in bills to substitute direct lending by the veterans administration for the present system of government guarantees of privately made loans.

Rep. Wright Patman (D. Tex.), author of the world war I veterans' bonus law, says the G. I. bill is "useless" in aiding ex-servicemen to buy farms. He is preparing a bill to expand direct loans under the Jones-Bankhead tenant purchase act.

A similar measure already has been introduced by Rep. Paul Cunningham (R. Iowa), member of the house veterans committee. His bill would permit ex-servicemen to borrow up to \$12,000 for purchasing farms at 3 per cent interest and with 40 years to pay.

The bill adopts the pattern of the tenancy act but the program would be handled by the veterans administration rather than the agriculture department.

Avoids Pauper's Oath

Rep. Cunningham says it would "eliminate the pauper's oath now required of Jones-Bankhead borrowers and prevent the agriculture department from dictating how the farms should be operated."

Criticism is being directed at the program because only 18 government-guaranteed loans have been closed for farm purchases, only 50 for buying businesses and only 2400 for buying homes.

Rep. Cunningham also is preparing a bill which would extend the time in which a veteran may qualify for a loan. The act fixes the limit at two years after the applicant's discharge or two years after the end of the war, whichever is later.

This limit, the Iowan points out, may operate to prevent loans to the veteran who spends his first post-war years completing his education.

Enrollments to Swell

The veterans administration estimates that 336,000 veterans will be taking college courses at federal expenses by next year. Some 52,000 have applied, 17,000 have started their courses.

Other suggested G. I. bill amendments are aimed at simplifying the loan-making procedure, admittedly cumbersome.

Rep. Cunningham proposes that approved lending institutions be permitted to close loans with the 50 per cent federal guarantee, eliminating the process by which contracts now must be passed upon by the veterans administration. Other pending proposals would adopt the same method, but would reduce the guarantee to 10 or 20 per cent.

"The government losses might be larger but a huge administrative expense would be eliminated," Rep. Cunningham said. "Banks would be just as cautious because they would still be risking their own money."

Few Business Loans

Many authorities believe loans for businesses will be few because the G. I. bill contains no provision for the veteran to obtain funds for working capital or inventories.

One difficulty which the veterans administration is powerless to overcome concerns veterans under 21 years of age. Many states have laws under which contracts made by minors are voidable and lenders therefore are compelled to turn down their loan applications.

Some congressmen are demanding the inclusion of correspondence schools in the G. I. education program. The law permits the veterans administration to add to the lists of approved institutions supplied by the state education departments, but so far the mail-order schools have been let out.

Georgian Urges Change

Rep. John S. Gibson (D. Ga.) is sponsoring a bill which would give the veteran the right to select a correspondence school in preference to an institution on a state-approved list.

The G. I. bill allows \$500 a year for tuition, books and other school expenses and \$50 a month for subsistence, with an extra \$25 a month subsistence if the veteran has dependents.

A bill by Rep. Gordon L. McDonough (R. Cal.) would eliminate the G. I. bill provision which makes benefits under the act deductible from whatever adjusted compensation congress may vote for veterans in future years.

Jap Sinkers



Fast carrier task forces of the U. S. navy which blasted a Jap force off Okinawa, sinking the 40,000-ton super-battleship Yamato, were commanded by Rear Adm. G. F. Bogan, top, left; A. W. Radford, top, right; J. J. Clark, bottom, left; and F. C. Sherman, bottom, right.

Wholesale Insect Spraying Done by Planes on Okinawa

By WILLIAM McGAFFIN
Times Foreign Correspondent
WITH THE U. S. 10TH ARMY,
on Okinawa, April 12.—Bullets are not the only weapons on this beach-head. There are D. D. T. powder and impregnated clothes—and money. (D. D. T. stands for dichlorodiphenyl-trichloro-ethane.)

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Our men's green utility uniforms Mr. McGaffin were soaked in a strong chemical solution before we stormed the beaches to give added protection

against bugs, some of which carry scrub typhus.

Invasion currency is carried by everyone ashore. It is paper money printed in Japanese and English in 10-yen, 5-yen and smaller denominations. This is real money. You have to buy it with American greenbacks at the rate of 10 yen to the dollar.

Any purchases made on Okinawa must be made with this currency. Nobody is doing much buying as yet, of course, but presumably the stores will open and a money economy will be resumed after the battle is won.

There's another kind of money, an obviously phony imitation of Japanese brownbacks, which we scattered from planes for propaganda purposes.

This money, in 10-yen denominations, is printed only on one side. On the other side is a message to Okinawans:

"Pay your taxes with this. The gungat-su (military clique) is wasting your tax money. For this war

Brothers on Front



James Bartlett Wounded Charles Bartlett Brother

TWO SHELBYVILLE brothers serving on the Western front are Pfc. James R. Bartlett, who was wounded March 18, in Germany, and Pvt. Charles H. Bartlett, an infantryman stationed in England.

James, who is 20 years old, attended Shelbyville high school. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley A. Bartlett, live at Shelbyville.

the gungat-su has spent the equivalent of 5000 yen for every Japanese. Copyright, 1945, by The Indianapolis Times and The Chicago Daily News, Inc.

Young Nazi Hoodlums Brag After Bloody, Futile Fight

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LIPPOLDSBERG, Germany, April 8 (Delayed).—We took Lippoldsborg on the eastern bank of the Weser this afternoon, after a prolonged cowboy and Indian battle with a gang of 16 and 17-year-old S.S. hoodlums.

Badly outflanked, but too dumb to know it, they kept sniping at us from village houses until 5 p. m. when a few well directed shells and rifle-men from Co. G of an infantry regiment polished them off.

The survivors, most of whom were wounded, were as nasty a collection of young gangsters as you could find outside the movies. One of them even refused to

have his wounds treated or to be carried on an American stretcher until we told him not to be a dummkopf.

Another, named Erich, from Mannheim, insisted upon showing us scars from four previous wounds of which he seemed very proud.

Carl was 16, Joseph, Ervin and Hans were all 17 and were very proud of their black leather S.S. jackets.

Outside the first house in town we found three grim-faced G.I.s gazing at the body of their platoon commander who had just been killed by a sniper's bullet through the neck.

Inside, a group of German civilians and a couple of S.S. men stood with their faces to the wall. The second I spoke to one of the civilians suspected of sniping, he began to bellyache because he said he was sick and it hurt him to stand that way.

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