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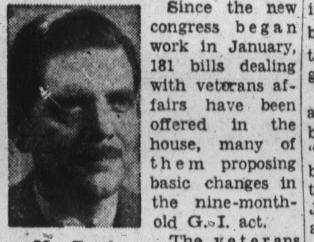
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Demand Gains in Congress For Revision of G. I. Law

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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.



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free schooling offered able-bodied
veterans. Another would extend the
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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.

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

Avoids Pauper's Oath

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

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

Rep. Cunningham also is pre-
paring 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 esti-
mates that 336,000 veterans will be
taking college courses at federal exp-
enses by next year. Some 52,000
have applied, 17,000 have started
their courses.

Other suggested G. I. bill amend-
ments 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, elim-
inating the process by which con-
tracts 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 over-
come 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 pro-
gram. 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 sub-
sistence, with an extra \$25 a month
subsistence if the veteran has de-
pendents.

A bill by Rep. Gordon L. Mo-
donough (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.

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Jap. Sinkers



Wholesale Insect Spraying Done by Planes on Okinawa

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Times Foreign Correspondent

WITH THE U. S. 10TH ARMY,
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 dichloro-
diphenyl-trichloro-ethane.

D. D. T. powder is sprayed over
our lines by low-flying planes. It
is harmless to humans, but it
brings death remarkably fast and
over a wide radius for the great
variety of vermin that abound here.

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 denomina-
tions. This is real money. You
have to buy it with American green-
backs 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 propagan-
da purposes.

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

Okinawans: "Pay your taxes with this. The
gumgat-su has spent the equiva-
lent of 500 yen for every Japanese."

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Brothers on Front



James Bartlett Charles Bartlett
Wounded Brother

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

James, who is 20 years old, at-
tended Shelbyville high school.
Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Char-
ley A. Bartlett, live at Shelby-
ville.

Young Nazi Hoodlums Brag After Bloody, Futile Fight

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LIPPOLDSBERG, Germany, April

8 (Delayed).—We took Lippoldsberg
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.

Baldly out-
flanked, 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 col-
lection 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 ci-
vilians 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 belyache because he said
he was sick and it hurt him to
stand that way.

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