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NEW VETERANS' BODY OPENS CONVENTION
CHICAGO, Oct. 12 (U. P.)—The American Veterans of World War II today opened their first annual convention determined to win recogni-

tion as the national voice of the recently ended war's combat men. Formed just 10 months ago by the merging of a dozen smaller organizations, the AMVETS met to complete plans for further expansion of its membership. Claude Morgan, Los Angeles, convention chairman, said,

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DARDANELLES PLAN DROPPED

International Idea for Waterway Fails.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (U. P.)—The United States has abandoned its plan to include the Dardanelles in its broad program for internationalization of Europe's waterways, it was learned today.

In fact, the entire program has had very rough sledding since President Truman and Secretary of State James F. Byrnes proposed it at Potsdam.

None of the other big powers appears interested in placing waterways under control of international authorities.

The Truman proposal to internationalize the Dardanelles, however, never even got to first base, it can now be revealed.

Diplomatic experts on the Dardanelles contend that the Americans displayed naivete in foreign affairs by ever believing that the historic straits to the Black sea could be handled in the same way as the Rhine or Danube rivers.

These experts pointed out that the straits have been fought over since the days of Jason and the Golden Fleece; that since 1365 the Turks have held the fortifications on each side; and that since 1740 it has been handled through international treaties. They contend that international agreements on use of the straits is a far cry from international control of them.

LATEST CASUALTY FIGURES 1,070,153

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (U. P.)—U. S. military casualties stood at 1,070,153 yesterday, a post-war book-keeping reduction of 371 from a week ago.

The total included 263,203 dead. It was made up of 922,583 army and 147,570 navy, marine corps, and coast guard losses.

In addition, there have been 5880 merchant marine casualties including 802 dead, 4830 missing, and 248 prisoners.

The slight reduction in overall armed forces casualties was brought about chiefly by a decrease of 478 in the navy's figures. The army total this week was 107 greater than last week's.

The armed forces casualty table:

	Army	Navy	Total
Killed	207,754	55,448	263,203
Wounded	571,450	60,240	631,730
Missing	9,510	9,193	18,703
Prisoners	131,829	2,118	133,947
Totals	922,583	147,570	1,070,153
Of army wounded	363,322	return to duty.	
Of army prisoners	89,528	have been liberated.	

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World's Largest Theater Planned

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 12 (U. P.)—

Earl Carroll, who already boasts that he exhibits the world's most beautiful girls in his theater-restaurant, announced today that he will build the world's largest theater to display them—half a block from his present night club.

The \$5,000,000 theater is now being planned by Architect Gordon B. Kaufmann, and ground will be broken next March, Carroll announced.

Plans call for a 7000-seat theater with three revolving stages,

under which will be parking space for 1000 automobiles.

One stage will have a wooden floor, the second will be equipped as an ice rink and the third will be a huge water tank for aquatic shows, Carroll said. Each will be 75 by 130 feet.

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