

IS SHE LEGAL?



The Supreme court has agreed to take a look at the Varga girl and other "Esquire" magazine features, and rule on the 2-year argument whether or not the Post Office can revoke Esquire's 2nd-class mailing permit on the basis that it isn't "information of a public character".

Over 3 Million GIs Have Been Released Since May 12, 1945

Washington (CNS) — Declaring that the rate of demobilization was twice the peak reached after World War I, the War Department announced that 3,114,000 of the 8,300,000 men in the Army on VE-Day had been discharged through Nov 16.

Discharges from the Navy, Coast Guard and Marines brought the total of men released from the armed forces to 3,950,000.

Since VE-Day more soldiers have been discharged than were in the AEF, the WD said, recalling that on Nov 11, 1918 the Army had 1,929,760 men overseas out of a total strength of 3,673,883.

The demobilization peak after the first World War was in December 1918 when 621,203 veterans were released.

The WD said that discharges were now running "far ahead of the rate planned" and declared that 1,270,000 soldiers became civilians in October, with discharge figures contemplated at 1,200,000 in November and more than a million in December.

AL DONAHUE'S ORCHESTRA TO PLAY N.C.O., OFFICERS CLUBS & REC. HALL FOR 3 NIGHT STAND

Look Out For Used Car Chiselers OPA Warns Vets

If you're buying a used car, don't get stuck by unscrupulous dealers, as many a vet has. There's no need to be gyped, for the OPA (Office of Price Administration) has rigorously controlled prices, not only to prevent inflation, but to prevent those who need cars now from being victimized.

Since all used vehicles have ceiling prices, whether purchased from a dealer or private owner, it is illegal to sell for more, though there is no bar to selling for less. Prices are based on make, year, and body type.

A seller may charge the "as is" price, calculated from those 4 factors, or a "warranty" price, usually 25% higher. In the latter case, the dealer must certify in writing that he will pay half the normal cost for repairs or replacements to keep the car in good operating condition for 30 days or 1000 miles, whichever comes first.

If the car has a radio, \$30 may be added, and \$10 may be added for a heater. If you want to pay cash, the seller may not require time payments, nor can he make you finance the purchase through any particular finance company.

You cannot be required to trade in a car to buy another, but if you do, the dealer must give you "reasonable value" for it. To determine reasonable value, get bids from other dealers.

Before making a purchase check with your local OPA Price Control Board for ceiling prices.

If you have already bought a car, and you think you have been overcharged, make the same check. The OPA will get you a refund if you were bilked. It got

"IKE" UPPED



This is the latest portrait of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, newly appointed Chief of Staff who succeeds Gen. George C. Marshall. Marshall completed a lengthy tenure as the Army's top-man, taking over the chores on August 31, 1939.

MONAHANS, LITTLEFIELD VIE FOR REGIONAL HONORS

Monahans High School Lobos will meet the Littlefield Wildcats in a regional football playoff on the Monahans gridiron Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. The Lobos are bi-district champions of Districts 7-A and 8-A, and the Wildcats are bi-district champions of Districts 5-A and 6-A. The regional playoff championship is the highest honor a class A school can acquire in football competition in Texas.

Admission for the game: Enlisted personnel 50c; officers \$1.25, tax included.

such refunds for 4 vets at one of its eastern offices in one day recently.

Al Donahue brings his "Low Down Rhythm in a Top Hat" to Pyote for a three night session that hits the NCO Club, the Servicemen's Club and winds up at the Officers' Club. Thursday night the Irish Bandsman plays for the Non-Coms. Friday evening, the Service club is expected to open its newly redecorated doors for the first EM dance since last spring's fire. If the work is not completed, the dance will be held in the base rec hall, Miss Martha Gould, Service Club hostess, announced.

Saturday night the Officers Club plays host to Donahue and his solid jump outfit.

Donahue promises to vary his program with the right amount of the very-swingy and the very-soft-and-mellow. The man made a big name for himself with his recording of "Shrine of St. Cecilia" and "Deep Purple" before he switched styles and went in for the jive stuff.

LIBRARY IS FAVORITE SPOT

The base library continued in its place as one of Pyote's favorite spots with a new shipment of books being placed on the shelves this week. The list includes E. B. White's "Every Man's Meat"; G. B. Shaw's "Political What's What" and Wm. Sarayan's "Razzle Dazzle" and others which Miss Hutson or assistants will recommend.

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Days
Till
Christmas, Mac!



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A Kingdom For a House

A few weeks ago we editorialized about the housing situation. Since then, additional light on the subject of "where ya gonna live when ya get out" makes the picture even gloomier.

Thousands of veterans are jammed into crowded and unsanitary quarters, many are homeless, but only inadequate steps are being made toward a solution.

Congress last week turned down a bill which would appropriate \$24,500,000 to cover the cost of dismantling and moving 25,000 temporary war housing units. The committee flunked the bill because of the unsatisfactory conditions of the houses and the high cost of dismantling and relocating them.

Senator Arthur S. Vandenberg and Representative Clare Booth Luce have introduced bills in the Senate and House respectively for the establishment of a special Housing Bureau in the Veterans' Administration to act in relation to the procurement of homes or farms for war veterans, and to liberalize loan conditions and reduce loan interest costs. So far, unfortunately, neither of the bills has been reported on by the committees.

And from the security of a GI roof over our head, it looks like World War II veterans can speak of the winter of '45-'46 as the curbstone winter.

Prices remain high, rents and homes continue scarce, and curb-sitting looms as a postwar pastime for returning veterans.

Now to top it all, the papers report that considerable pressure is being brought to bear on OPA Administrator Chester W. Bowles to discontinue ceiling prices on rental accommodations.

"A powerful business minority," says Cowles, "that seems determined to make a killing on uncontrolled prices and rents" is out to see that Congress does not renew the Price Control act when it expires next June 30.

"I don't dare think of what would happen if rent controls were removed," said Bowles. And we agree. We would see the dizziest bidding for houses and apartments in the history of the country. We would see a price for bed and bath zooming to \$100 a week. This inflation would naturally up costs all along the line. With rental costs one of the big factors in any budget, a terrific increase in this department means higher living costs all along the line.

We can see with direful clarity the reasoning behind the boys that want to make a killing on uncontrolled rent prices.

Bowles figures that by the end of 1946, three and a half million families, two million of them families of veterans, will be homeless. He anticipates a building boom of 550,000 homes in the latter part of '46 to help meet this need.

But—in the meantime—against this pressure group urge to inflation all America will be condemned to a brief period of a false boom following a shattering smash-up that will make the '29 depression look like a prosperous spell.

What can we—you and I—do about it? Frankly, we have two things we can do; two methods of aiding the loused-up housing situation.

1. We can demand of our Congressmen that they continue the

Airing Out Japan

Historians will debate for years what really caused the sudden downfall of Japan. Spokesmen for the atom attribute Hirohito's defeat to mighty U-235. Moscow suggests the spectre of the powerful Red Army made the Japanese cry quits. American advocates of sea power say the U. S. Navy was mainly responsible.

The Air Forces, through the third report of General Arnold, now put air power's case on the record. Arnold says he fully recognizes the "indispensable contributions of the other arms," but he claims that "air power's part may fairly be called decisive."

An idea of air power's influence in getting Japan to surrender can be obtained from a comparison of what the enemy expected from the air and what he actually got.

THEY WORRIED

The Japanese began seriously worrying about the possibility of American bombings after the Americans captured Tarawa in January 1944. Enemy intelligence officers then prepared an estimate of the scale and direction of possible attacks. Their document—later captured on Okinawa—showed that they expected most of the air raids to come from China or aircraft carriers. Little more than token attacks were foreseen from Midway and the Aleutians.

They were wrong. When the air blitz began to roll, aircraft from the flattops proved eight times deadlier—in terms of both number of flights flown and bombs dropped—than the Japanese thought they would be.

Expected raids from the Aleutians and Midway did not materialize and only one-twelfth of the bomb tonnage the enemy thought would come from China actually was flown from there. Instead the fe got plastered from the unexpected directions—and with a fury that must have sent Hirohito's intelligence officers scurrying to the hara kiri chambers.

END ASSURED

In the Air Forces view, Japan's end was assured when the American flag went up over the Marianas in the summer of 1944. It was from there that the Super Forts began the real aerial offensive.

By the end of the year, the 20th Air Force was sending flights of 100 Super Forts over enemy industries, each plane flying bomb loads of about 2:5 tons. The number of planes per raid and bomb load per plane increased steadily. Then in March Maj. Gen. Curtis LeMay, head of Super Fortress operations, decided to throw his full force over Tokyo with incendiaries. It was the most destructive air attack in history up to that time, burning out 15.8 square miles in the heart of Tokyo.

The Tokyo raid was followed by incendiary attacks on 65 other cities, in the course of which more than 15,000 sorties were flown and 100,000 tons of bombs were dropped. With the capture of Okinawa in June new plane bases were constructed there and air attacks were stepped up.

Then came the atom. After the smoke went up over Nagasaki, scene of the second atomic bombing, 68 cities with a total population of over 21,000,000 had been heavily battered. The Japanese was potential had been smashed.

Why is it a woman can look through a newspaper and never seem to know a single thing about the news, and yet she never misses a single ad for clothes?

You sure don't know what "cold" is till you've gone on a sleigh-ride party.

It's getting along about the time of year when the most expensive thing you can do is go window-shopping with your girl-friend.

The new Varga calendar is on the news-stand and will be purchased by the buys who don't care what day of the week it is.

We can hardly wait for the day when the only shortage there is is a shortage of shortages.

Office of Price Administration past next June and thus keep ceilings on rents.

2. We can demand early action by our Congressmen on the bills recently introduced by Sen. Vandenberg and Rep. Luce.

Okay, pal. There's the issue. It's the roof over your head people are talking about and fighting over. It's the cash in your wallet some smart boys are out to grab. We know how we can help beat 'em. Let's get at it.

Half of Army to be Out By Christmas

WASHINGTON. —Although rate of discharges from separation centers is continuing to decline, the Army is going to be half-demobilized by Christmas. Many men in the States mobilized for discharge are going to be home on furlough for the holidays, but hundreds of thousands more are going to spend Christmas in a foreign country or aboard a transport.

Rate of daily discharges is now down to about 36,000 from late October peak of 44,000, but is not expected to drop much more. It cannot go much lower if the Army is to discharge 1,200,000 in November and 1,000,000 in December.

Today, an additional 783,000 men and women were out through reduction in point scores, institution of length of service discharges and other changes previously announced. The new eligibles who are in the United States can expect discharge within a few days, but the bulk of the number must await shipping home.

Europe Returns Set

Although the rate of shipping is constantly on the increase as more and more converted cargo ships and naval vessels come into operation it will be late December before men in Europe with 55 to 65 points will be homeward bound.

Men in Europe with 65 points or more can expect to be home for Christmas, Army officials in Paris stated this week. They point out that all soldiers with 70 points or more should be out of the theater by today. Those with 65 to 70 points are scheduled to leave this coming week, while those with 55 to 65 points will be leaving during the latter part of the month.

Redeployment during November and December is expected to bring the Europe theater below its quota of 681,000 troops—370,000 for occupation and 311,000 for liquidation of supplies—but 87,000 replacements are scheduled. Forces needed for liquidation will be closed out gradually and will be home by the end of June. Shipping will not be a critical factor after Jan. 1; that is, men will be brought home as fast as they become eligible for discharge.

Shift Ships To Pacific

Giving further light on the shipping situation in the Atlantic, Capt. Grancille Conway, Deputy War Shipping Administrator, said Nov. 24 that vessels would have 34,000 more berths in December than the Army would have men ready to sail. Rapid clean-up of the European areas will make it possible to bring on the Queen Mary 50,000 war brides, who have been vociferously clamoring for passage.

During November, Conway said, 470,700 service personnel were returned from Europe and 37,000 came from India. During Decem-

ber, 410,000 will return from Europe and 42,000 from India. In January, the returns will be cut to 125,000 and will decline progressively thereafter.

This situation will make it possible to shift at least 50 Victory ships to the Pacific and to withdraw battleships and cruisers from troop service late in December. Carriers will continue to operate a while longer. The withdrawals of combatant ships will speed discharge of Navy high-pointers. The Navy has pointed out that combatant ships carry fewer men than transports, require much larger crews.

Clear Pacific Backlog

In the Pacific and other areas shipping will not be a critical factor after mid-April, the War Department said. By the end of June it is expected Pacific garrisons will be down to 400,000 from 500,000, exclusive of Pacific and Europe, to 100,000.

Further light on the elimination of Pacific backlogs was shed by Captain Conway who said that in early November, 200,000 men were waiting for ships, but that this group will be moved out by the end of December.

The War Department informed members of Congress that on Oct. 15 there were approximately 75,000 men in the Pacific theater and 5000 in the China and India-Burma theaters who had as many as 85 points on the basis of the Sept. 2 computation. No figures were available on the reduction made in this particular group, the department said, but pointed out that in view of efforts which have been made to bring high-pointers home first, the great proportion are known to have left and the remainder will be on their way home very soon.

Plans to reduce over-all strength in China to 6000 by Jan. 1 depend upon early conclusion of arrangements for disposal of property, authority for an American Advisory Mission to China and availability of shipping, the department said.

See Half Army Out

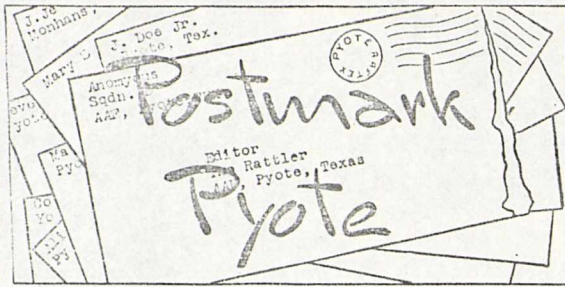
Supporting contentions that the Army will be half demobilized by Christmas are these facts:

Discharges between May 12 and Nov. 23 inclusive, totalled 3,356,000, bringing Army from peak strength of 8,500,000 to about 5,150,000. Between Nov. 23 and Dec. 23 releases should total over 1,000,000.

(See HALF ARMY, Page 6.)

"Postmark, Pyote"

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CEREMONIALS

Editor, the Rattler:

I read where a veteran can wear his uniform on ceremonial occasions. What does that mean?

Sgt. N. R. S.

• Ceremonial occasions are those of an essentially military character, where your GIs are more suitable than civilian clothes, such as memorial services; military funerals, balls, and weddings, parades; meetings and functions of associations formed for military purposes.

FINANCE TROUBLE

Editor, the Rattler:

Before induction, I was buying a refrigerator and a car on time. Recently my wife quit work because she is expecting a child. Therefore we can meet payments on the refrigerator but will have to surrender the car. Can this be done?

(Name withheld)

• The finance company can't take either away without a court order. The court, if it feels there will be undue hardships on your wife, may appoint appraisers and require money to be paid to her as a condition of repossessing the car or ice box. Your wife is entitled to full protection if the court finds her ability to pay has been materially affected by your military service.

THEY DON'T COUNT

Editor, the Rattler:

Do the combat infantryman badge, the good conduct medal, the Theatre of Operations ribbons count toward point score? If so, how many?

Pfc. N. L. K.

• They don't. Rough.

GI LOANS

Editor, the Rattler:

May GI loans obtained under the loan guaranty of the Veterans Administration be used for two purposes?

Sgt. F. D. H.

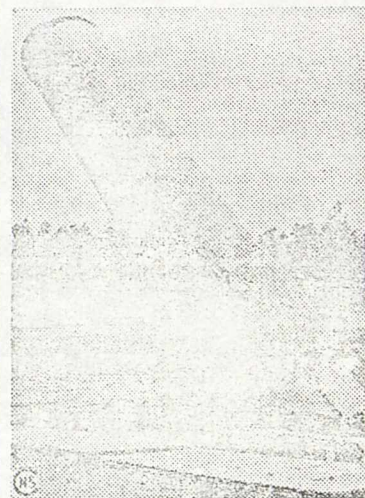
• Yes, provided the loans come within the provisions of the GI Bill and other requirements, such as the size of the loan, are complied with.

DESERTION

Editor, the Rattler:

Does any statute of limitations

L'I'L DAVID



Newest Army mortar, the Little David is the most restructive weapon of its kind, has a 914 mm (36½ inch) bore, a rifled 22-foot tube, weighs more than 85 tons and is mobile. You can't chuck the projectile into the tube of this mortar to fire it. It weighs 3650 pounds.

Over 300 Recruited On Field To Date

Eighteen names on the re-enlistment dotted line brought the Pyote total to three hundred this week, Lt. Alvin Shulman, recruiting officer, announced Tuesday.

Lt. Shulman reports that the recruiting office, located in the Personal Affairs building adjacent to Station Headquarters is becoming more popular by the day. He points out that more men have realized the army offers opportunity for financial independence.

The recruiting staff is keeping abreast of all benefits granted men re-enlisting and is fully informed. Lt. Shulman is on the job to answer all questions, ready to talk it over with any interested GI.

apply to desertion from the Army? Pfc. C. B. R.

• There is no limitation as to time upon trial by court-martial for desertion committed in time of war; but in peacetime the period of limitation upon trial and the punishment by court-martial is three years.

U.S. Veteran Benefits Comparison

WASHINGTON. — A detailed chart comparing the legislative benefits enacted for veterans of World War II in six nations, including the United States, has been presented to Sen. Ed C. Johnson (D. Colo.), chairman of the sub-committee on veteran's legislation of the Senate Finance Committee, by Bernard M. Baruch, New York financier and presidential advisor.

The chart reveals that an enlisted soldier with the rank of private in the United States Army receives the smallest cash discharge benefits among the soldiers of similar rank in Canada, New Zealand, Great Britain, Australia and the Union of South Africa. Canada pays \$611 compared with our \$300 mustering out pay.

Baruch wrote Senator Johnson that he hoped the comparison of veterans' legislation made in his chart "will contribute to bringing our own program into better perspective."

No attempt is made in the chart to evaluate the comparable benefits either as too low or too high.

Baruch's letter to Senator Johnson follows:

"My dear Senator Johnson:

"Knowing of your deep interest in veterans' matters, I enclose herewith a chart comparing the legislative benefits that have been enacted for World War II veterans in six countries, Australia, Canada, Britain, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa and the United States.

"During my studies of veterans' problems, numerous questions arose as to what other nations were doing to assist their service men and service women in readjusting to civilian life. In seeking the answers to such questions, it developed that no detailed comparison of the veterans' programs of various countries had been brought together. Accordingly, I had this chart prepared. I believe it will be of considerable interest to the American people and the Congress and that it may suggest a number of helpful ideas for improving our own program.

"For the comparison, seven major programs of veterans' benefits were chosen: discharge payments; loans and grants; unemployment benefits; reinstatement rights and employment preference; education; vocational training; medical care and benefits for the disabled. The chart is limited to these six nations because in countries once over-run by the enemy, the difficulties of inflation and physical reconstruction leave no basis for comparison.

"Sticks To Facts"

"In the making of this chart my

researchers were instructed to 'stick to presenting facts.' They were told to avoid judgements or interpretations as to whether any particular benefits in any country were either too low—or too high. Nor was any attempt made to weigh how effectively the programs in the different nations are being administered.

"To facilitate comparison, all monetary benefits have been translated into American dollars and cents at the Federal Reserve's certified rates of exchange for October. I want to stress, however, that no allowance has been made for differences in living costs and purchasing power in the countries. All of the information in the chart was drawn from official sources and verified, as far as possible, by the Governments themselves. The Veterans Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics were particularly helpful in this checking.

"Briefly, to summarize the chart:

1. In the main the provisions enacted by Congress for American veterans are more liberal than comparable programs in the other countries.
2. One striking exception is in payments to veterans on discharge, the United States being lowest. Mustering-out pay in the United States is a flat sum of \$300 for men with more than six months' Service, a portion of which was overseas; or \$200 if more than six months' domestic Service. All other countries scale discharge payments by length of Service. In Canada and New Zealand such payments run at double our mustering-out pay.
3. The United States offers the highest scale of readjustment allowances for unemployed veterans and of pensions for the disabled; also the most liberal standards of eligibility for education and vocational training.
4. Canada, however, pays higher subsistence allowances to veterans attending school or taking vocational training. In Britain, the maximum allowance for subsistence may go higher in some instances, being scaled to the veteran's individual, financial needs.

"It should be pointed out that both the Senate and House have passed bills which would increase subsistence allowances for education and vocational training.

Stands As A Whole

"This general caution should be emphasized. The chart must be studied as a whole. None of the

seven programs compared stands alone. All are interrelated.

"For example, mustering-out pay merges into the allowances for veterans while seeking a job or going to school. Where some veterans will benefit from the education and vocational training opportunities others may prefer to

utilize the financial assistance available for the purchase of home or farm or for starting business. Thus, apparent disadvantages in one program can be offset by features in some other program.

"These other highlights stand out from the chart:

Country	If Single	If Married and One Child
Country	\$611	\$711
New Zealand	586	640
Great Britain	383	472
Australia	375	395
Union of South Africa	336	336
United States	300	300

"American programs might be termed more democratic than those of other countries in that benefits are identical regardless of rank. Other countries make distinctions because of rank.

"All other countries vary their veterans' benefits for dependents; the United States, in general, does not. On Sept. 1, 1945, more than one-half of the men in the American Army were single.

Job Rights Clearer

"Job reinstatement laws of the other countries seem more explicit than ours. Most countries assure the veteran the same rights that would have been his had he stayed on the job and not entered the Service.

"Australia and Britain require employers to hire certain quotas of disabled workers.

"New Zealand protects veterans against paying inflationary prices for homes, farms or businesses by absorbing the cost above "fair market value" through virtual grants.

"The United States gives veterans the most liberal preference in Civil Service employment.

Funds For "Second Injuries"

"Canada pays the compensation costs of industrial accidents to disabled veterans—so-called second injuries—offsetting one objection to the employment of disabled persons. In the United States, 17 States still have no such 'second injury' fund.

"Australia permits veterans to apply for loans for farms, homes or businesses until five years after completion of vocational training, which permits veterans to take training before deciding their future plans as to where they may want to live or what business they may want to go into. In the United States, the application period is two years after the end of the war or discharge.

"United States benefits are

set forth as rights automatically available to all eligible veterans. In other countries, administrative approval is required for a veteran to obtain many of the benefits.

"This tendency for U. S. programs to be ready-made as against the efforts of other countries to tailor the benefits to the individual veteran, reflects, of course, the enormously greater number of veterans in this country. The 12 or more million American veterans of this war are almost a third again as numerous as is the total for the other five countries. The fact must be constantly borne in mind in analyzing the chart.

"Differences in the economic, political and social development of the countries must also be considered since these national characteristics affect veterans' legislation. Some countries, for example still place great emphasis on stimulating agricultural settlement. In Canada, the wide disparity of benefits between veterans who obligated for overseas service and those who did not reflects Canada's conscription issue during the war.

"There follows a highlighted summation program by program. The enlisted man, who makes up the bulk of veterans in all countries, has been taken as the basis of comparison. All benefits listed are preferences which a veteran receives in addition to whatever rights and benefits he enjoys as an ordinary citizen.

"An enlisted soldier of the rank of private, with three years in service, two of which were overseas, has been taken as a fairly typical example in all countries. On being discharged this private would receive the following discharge benefits:

Allowances For Clothes

"For all countries other than the United States, specific allowances for civilian clothing are included in the discharge benefits listed above:

"These allowances are:

Compared With Other Nations

Union of South Africa	\$120
Canada	91
New Zealand	81
Australia	35
Britain	48
United States	No specific allowance

"The discharge programs of the other countries are scaled to length of service and rank. Under the flat sum, mustering-out pay of the United States, Americans released after relatively short periods of service fare proportionately better. Where lengthy periods of service are involved, the disparity between the United States and the other nations becomes greater. All these nations entered the war two years earlier than the United States.

"Bonus" History

"Of the countries compared, the

	If Single
United States	\$20.00 weekly
Canada	45.50 monthly
New Zealand	11.30 weekly
Australia	8.00 weekly
Britain	4.80 weekly

"Rates for Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Britain vary with number of dependents. In the case of Canada, a veteran with dependents could receive higher allowances than in the United States.

"In South Africa, veterans with no pre-war job to return to are kept in the service on full military pay until "suitable employment" is obtained.

Self-Employed Covered

"Britain brings her veterans under her regular Unemployment Insurance system immediately on discharge. In Canada, in addition to the 'out-of-work' benefits listed above, the veteran receives credit for time in the Service under her regular Unemployment system. He exhausts 'out-of-work' benefits before coming under Unemployment Insurance.

"The United States, Canada and Australia provide readjustment allowances for self-employed.

Reinstatement And Preference

"Laws assuring veterans reinstatement rights to jobs held before they were called into the Service have been enacted by all the countries. Britain, New Zealand and Canada provide for reinstatement on terms no less favorable than if veterans had remained on the job and had not entered the Service.

"Various forms of preference in employment are provided for. Australia and the Union of South Africa grant veterans and certain war workers a preference in general employment. All countries give veterans some preference in public employment. In Britain and

United States and Australia have a history of so-called 'bonus' legislation. In addition to the immediate discharge payments cited above, Australia is providing a War Gratuity (\$330 for private used as example) which does not become available until five and a half years after discharge.

Unemployment Benefits

"Except for the Union of South Africa, all countries provide the equivalent of readjustment allowances for unemployed veterans. Amounts and duration of payments are as follows:

	If married with One Child	Duration
United States	\$20.00 weekly	up to 52 weeks
Canada	75.00 monthly	up to 52 weeks
New Zealand	19.40 weekly	for 13 weeks
Australia	13.00 weekly	for 13 weeks
Britain	9.00 weekly	for 25 weeks

South Africa, a number of vacancies in the Civil Service are earmarked for veterans; Canada gives overseas and disabled veterans and the widows of servicemen a preference in filling Civil Service lists. The most generous and expansive system of Civil Service is that of the United States, where veterans with service-connected disability have 10 points added to their score in the Civil Service tests and are placed on top of the list for employment. Veterans without disability have 5 points added to their test score. Widows of veterans or wives of disabled veterans who cannot qualify receive 10 points.

"New Zealand and South Africa provide financial assistance for veterans who must move to a new locality to find a job. In some cases, Australia pays moving expenses of veteran and family if veteran is settling in a new locality.

Education & Vocational Training

"The United States offers the widest educational and vocational training opportunities. All eligible veterans are entitled to at least 12 months of schooling, with the maximum schooling possible put at 4 years:

"In Britain, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa, the veteran must be approved by some government body to receive education. Canada assures university education to all veterans who can qualify for admittance but for other education or vocational training administrative approval is required.

"As to the subsistence allow-

ances paid veterans while attending school or undergoing training, less disparity prevails among the

	If Single	If Married With One Child
Britain	Up to \$54.00 Monthly	Up to \$104.00 monthly
Canada	54.00 monthly	75.00 monthly
United States (present)	50.00 monthly	74.00 monthly
Australia	45.00 weekly	17.00 weekly
New Zealand	10.60 monthly	83.75 monthly

"The high British figure must be qualified as the maximum allowance that is possible. Many, if not most, veterans will get lower allowances since the amounts are scaled to the individual veteran's 'financial obligations and resources.' In the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, allowances are fixed for all veterans and do not vary with the financial means of the individual. The bill recently passed the Senate would raise American allowances to \$65-\$90 a month.

"South Africa has an unusual scheme of financing education and vocational training through grants up to \$1000 and supplementary loans up to \$2400 if such loans are necessary to complete the course.

Away-From-Home Allowances

"The United States, Australia, Canada and South Africa provide the same scale of allowances for veterans being trained vocationally as for those taking a course of education. Britain pays slightly lower subsistence allowances for vocational training; New Zealand slightly higher allowances than for education.

"Australia, Britain, Canada and New Zealand all provide additional allowances for vocational training which requires veterans to live away from home. The United States does not.

"The vocational training programs of some of the countries appear to be more closely tied in with industry than in the United States. In Australia, for example, applicants are selected by regional committees on basis of adaptability to trade, prospects in that trade and quotas arranged between Commonwealth Government and industrial bodies.

"With formal education, the United States limits the length of schooling to four years. Australia, Canada and New Zealand permit a full professional course.

Disabled Veterans

"The United States provides the most liberal program of hospitalization and pensions for disabled veterans. For 100 per cent disability (excluding any extra payments for specific disabilities) the pension amounts in the various countries follows:

countries than in any other financial program. Allowances under the education program are:

	If Single	If Married With One Child
United States . . .	\$115.00 monthly	\$115.00 monthly
Canada . . .	\$68.25 monthly	\$104.65 monthly
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"Australia, New Zealand and Britain base pensions on rank and dependents; Canada on dependents, rank, and loss of earning capacity; the United States solely on loss of earning capacity. South Africa limits pensions to veterans over 60 years of age, or under 60 if incapable of undertaking regular work.

"All of the countries provide more liberal programs for vocational training for disabled veterans than for non-disabled veterans. South Africa extends medical care to the families of disabled veterans. Australia provides for educating the children of deceased, blind or permanently incapacitated veterans. Australia also provides furniture grants to disabled veterans.

Loans And Grants

"Of all the programs in this chart, loans and grants is the most difficult to compare because of the numerous elements involved.

"The United States gives no outright grants, expressing preference for veterans through more liberalized credit for homes, farms or businesses than is available for other citizens. This preference takes the form principally of a \$2000 government guaranty of loans and lower interest rates; also no down payment for the purchase of a home; and the benefits of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act. Veterans become eligible for loans for 100 per cent of purchase price of family-type farms, extending over 40 years at 3 per cent interest.

"Canada gives a cash grant of several hundred dollars to overseas veterans only. No special preference is given veterans in home financing or business loans. For land settlement, farming and part-time farming, the Govern-

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KOOPS' KORNERS

PYOTERS ARE TALKING ABOUT:

One Senator's plan to give vets No. 2 priority on surplus property. They currently rank third, after federal and state institutions and agencies. . . . The Labor Dept's statement that 25 per cent of the four million women employed in factories either quit or were laid off by the end of September. They are not worrying over women keeping jobs at the expense of male vets. . . . That university of California experiment in putting vitamins in wine, which will offset some of the effects of alcoholism. There is "apparently no reason", they found, why vitamins could not be added with equal effectiveness to distilled liquors like whisky, brandy and gin. Purty soon you'll be able to hiccup B-1. . . . Arnold's resignation, rumored to be due the first of the year by the Press, but probably won't be. . . . The news that the AAF is demobilizing so rapidly that it's interfering with movement of returning troops. The 1st Troop Carrier Command—which once could put at least a thousand transports in the air, could muster but 16 planes ready to fly to help carry troops from the west coast last week. . . . The new speed record set last week which will probably be busted again when the P-80 jet plane tries it; they figger it'll do it in under 5 hours. . . . Tommy Manville's 8th altar-trip with his wife wearing slacks. . . . The colyums and colyums of houses and apartments wanted in bigger-town papers. Big bonuses (\$100, in one case) are offered and would-be renters plead "no children, no pets, no smoke, no drink". But still—no apartment. . . . Newark New Jersey's new health ruling which won't allow Santa Claus to kiss the kiddies. The health officer asked Dept. store Santas to keep their beards clean and carry bankies so they won't wipe their noses on gloves. How about vaccinating the reindeer? . . . A Chicago judge's ruling that wrinkles come from old age and "Miracle Slenderizing Cream" won't remove them. The owners were hailed for violating the pure food and drug act. The slenderizing cream was found to contain a cathartic, a dash of perfume and 50% water. . . . The poor AAF Captain and enlisted Wac who were forbidden

a military marriage at an Army chapel because, as the CO said: "It's simply against Army policy for an officer and enlisted person to be wed at any Army chapel. Sanction of mixed marriages would be an official recognition of fraternization between officers and enlisted personnel". Write your own punch-line, kiddies, I'm weary of it all. . . . The disclosure by a big-gun in the British Admiralty that every German ship and sub on the high seas was searched for a missing chap named Hitler. He was, however, a no-show. . . . The disturbing headline in Ft. Worth's Star-Telegram Sunday edition: "Top Female at Tierra Blanca Sale is Bought for \$1550". They're talking about cattle, though, darn it. . . . Marian Hargrove, ex-GI and author of that best-seller, whose speech at the national convention of Manufacturer's said what most GIs have long wanted to hear. He answered the problem of what the boss does about the former office boy who returns from the wars a full-fledged Colonel. "Very simple", said Hargrove, "Just put the Colonels back to work as office boys". Loud applause followed Hargrove's explanation that "a lot of unmitigated jerks were holding major's rank while their work was being done by a Private First Class". . . . The Army's plan to trim the number of men at western hemisphere bases (not including the continental US) because air transport can reinforce them in emergencies. Alaska, for example, will have its garrison cut in half. . . . Insiders in Washington say Stassen of Minnesota is a sure-bet to get the Republican nomination in 1948. He'll boost a strong vets program, they think. . . . The Army Times aborted campaign to put Gen. George C. Marshall in as Secretary of State. . . . Senator Morse's demand that the Senate conduct its own investigation into Army and Navy court-martial procedures. Says Morse: "Injustice is rampant". The Army is currently conducting an examination of its own. . . . The Navy's effort to get a bill through Congress that would provide discharged personnel with paid transportation to any place in the US that the vet selects as home. The bill was passed-over because one representative felt

"both services should act in unison on such practice". . . . Mayor LaGuardia's request that ex-NYC cops be discharged from the Army pronto to help stymie the Gotham crime-wave. The WD nixed the plea. New York City has had 67 violent deaths in 75 days. The NYC police force is 4776 short of its normal crop of cops: 18,791. . . . Sheppard Field, Texas, separation center, which is averaging 60 AAF discharges every hour, discharged 15000 in 57 days. . . . That letter in this week's Time magazine, page 6, which some folk feel is the most intelligent remark yet made on the GI's attitude toward the Army. It takes the words right outa your mouth. . . . The equally precious line in that same issue which speaks of high-point GIs remaining in Europe to accept jobs as civilians. Sez Time: "Since military rank does not figure in the qualifications, many a former enlisted man has turned up in an upper layer job. . . . For the same reason, few of the officer applicants have been accepted." One young Lt. Col., Time continues, was beaten out of a cushy civilian job by an ex-Sergeant. When offered a secondary job, the Lt. Col. refused because he felt that his experience in giving orders qualified him for something better. . . . The strange fact that 54 members of the Hawaiian AAF football team (only 15 of them eligible for discharge) got air priority home. The Army's asking its Hawaii Commander to explain. . . . The shortage of mistletoe this Christmas.

HALF ARMY--

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000,000, reducing net strength to approximately 4,700,000.

In the case of doctors, the Army has beat by six weeks its deadline of 13,000 releases by Dec. 31. Discharges since V-E Day reached 13,320 releases during the week ending Nov. 16; totalled 14,180 on Nov. 22. Separation will be continued, however, the department said, until all but 11,000 of the Army's original 45,000 doctors are out by June 1. During the week of Nov. 16, total of nurses separated reached 20,222; of dentists separated, total was 2460.

Change Doctors' Scores

A new liberalized release policy which will permit immediate separation of additional members of the Medical and Dental Corps will be announced shortly, the department said.

At the same time, it was stated that two personal representatives of the Secretary of War, Lt. Col. Bolling R. Powell, Jr., of the Legislative and Liaison Division, General Staff, and Col. Durward G. Hall, Chief of Personnel Service, Surgeon General's Office, were to leave Washington Nov. 30 to make an exhaustive investigation of the utilization of doctors and dentists

BENEFITS--

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ment absorbs more than a fourth of the cost.

Longer Loan Period

"Britain makes no special financial provisions for veterans other than an outright grant of \$600 for veterans to reenter businesses they were in previously. Australia and New Zealand run to liberalized credit for homes, farms and businesses. The repayment period for such loans is longer than in the United States; interest rates are 4 per cent or under. The time for loan applications in Australia is five years after discharge or after the completion of vocational training. In the United States, loan applications must be made within two years of discharge or two years after the end of the war, whichever is greater. This two-year period would be extended under the Bill passed by the Senate.

"As miscellaneous provisions of interest—New Zealand provides interest-free loans for furniture and tools of trade; priorities in housing construction are given veterans in South Africa; in South Africa, loans are interest-free for five years; in the United States the veteran receives free interest for one year on the portion of the loan guaranteed by the Veterans Administration.

"In conclusion, it is my hope that this comparison of veterans' legislation in this country will contribute to bringing our own program into better perspective. As I have stated before, how effectively we meet the problems of the returning Soldier, Sailor or Marine is an acid test for our Democracy. The desires of the American people are unmistakable. The test is how effectively we devise the means of carrying through what the public wants to see done.

"Sincerely yours,
Bernard M. Baruch."

in the European theater. A similar survey is planned of ASF, AGF, and AAF installations in this country.

Another development in the demobilization program was announcement this week by Air Forces that number of their separation bases will be reduced from 35 to 20 by Dec. 5. The move will concentrate more separation activity in the populous Northeast without reducing daily discharge rates. Sixteen bases will be closed but the one at Drew Field, Tampa, Fla., will be replaced by a new base at McDill Field, Tampa.

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This Week

At The Theatres

The new movie schedule shows 2 a day at Theatre No. 1: 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Matinees Saturday and Sunday only at 1:30. No movies at Theatre No. 2.

TODAY AND TOMORROW
 "STORK CLUB" with Betty Hutton and Barry Fitzgerald. (Hat check girl saves millionaire from drowning; he gives her some cash which she has trouble explaining to her boy friend.) Shorts: Sunbonnet Blue and Paramount news.

FRIDAY
 "ALLOTMENT WIVES" with Kay Francis and Paul Kelly. (Society woman heads ring of gals who marry GIs for allotment checks. Don't bother.) Shorts: this is America and Football Thrills of 1944.

SATURDAY
 "PILLOW OF DEATH" with Lon Chaney and Brenda Joyce. (Homicidal maniac kills an elderly couple who want to prevent his marriage to their heiress niece, after having previously bumped off his first wife. They capture him 8 reels too late.) Shorts: Bugs Bunny cartoon, Phil Ohman's orchestra, and Grantland Rice sportslight.

SUNDAY & MONDAY
 "WHAT NEXT, CORPORAL HARGROVE?" with Robert Walker and Keenan Wynn. (Scene: somewhere in France where Hargrove gets big hero's reception; he gets busted and involved with the mayor's daughter; and maybe you will like it. I'm just hard to get.) Shorts: Terrytoon and Paramount news.

TUESDAY
DOUBLE FEATURE
 "DING DONG WILLIAMS" with Glenn Vernon and Marcy McGuire. (Movie studio wants a modern blues symphony and digs up a jive addict to write it. After numerous troubles, he does and everybody loves everybody.)
 "VOICE OF THE WHISTLER" with Richard Dix and Lynn Merrick. (Gal marries sick man for his money, but he turns out to be 1-A; so she takes up with old boyfriend. Husband shoots boyfriend. Just shows you what happens if you aren't careful with your 15 cents.)

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
 "YOLANDA AND THE THIEF" with Fred Astaire and Frank Morgan. (South American heiress meets two American confidence men and becomes convinced one of them is her guardian angel and gives him some of the swag. Everybody reforms and he marries

the girl and you can do worse with 2 hours.) Shorts: Paramount news.

At the Chapel

CATHOLIC: Sunday Masses: 8:00, 12:00, and 5:15. Daily Mass: 5:15. Evening Devotions: 5:45 PM Tuesday and Friday. Confessions: 7:30 to 8:30 PM Saturdays and before all Masses.

PROTESTANT: Sunday: Hosp. Service, Red Cross auditorium, 9:15; Civilian Sunday School at Civ. Pers. 9:30; Section C chapel service at 10:00; Station Chapel Service 10:30; Prayer Meeting 6:15; Section C Evening Vesper Service at 7:30; Station Vesper Service at 7:00. Wednesday: Section C Bible Study 8:00; Bible Quiz hour, Station Chapel, 8:00.

JEWISH: Friday Sabbath evening service 7:00.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: Weekly service Sunday at 3:00 PM.

Around the Field

PX TAP ROOM: Beer sold from 5 to 10:45 PM.

PX ICE CREAM BAR: Open from 9 AM to 9:45 PM.

PX SANDWICH BAR: Open from 10 AM to 9 PM.

LIBRARY: 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

PX CAFETERIA: Breakfast 7 to 10; Lunch 11 to 2; and Dinner 5 to 9. Hamburgers and french fries on sale in the evening. Beer on sale after 5 PM.

BOWLING: Alleys open from noon to 11 PM.

PHONE EXCHANGE: Phone exchange room open 24 hours a day in northeast corner of Post Office; furnished with chairs, writing tables, magazines. Attendant on duty from 5 to 10 PM weekdays and 8 AM to 11 PM Sundays who expedites long-distance calls and makes change.

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 Room 108, Court House

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Sing Song 7:30; Quiz 8:30 (with cash prizes); Bingo at 9:00 (prizes, too.)

FRIDAY
 Beginners' Dance Class at 8:30; Advanced Dance Classes at 9:00.

SATURDAY
 Sing Song 7:30; Juke box dance at 8:30.

SUNDAY
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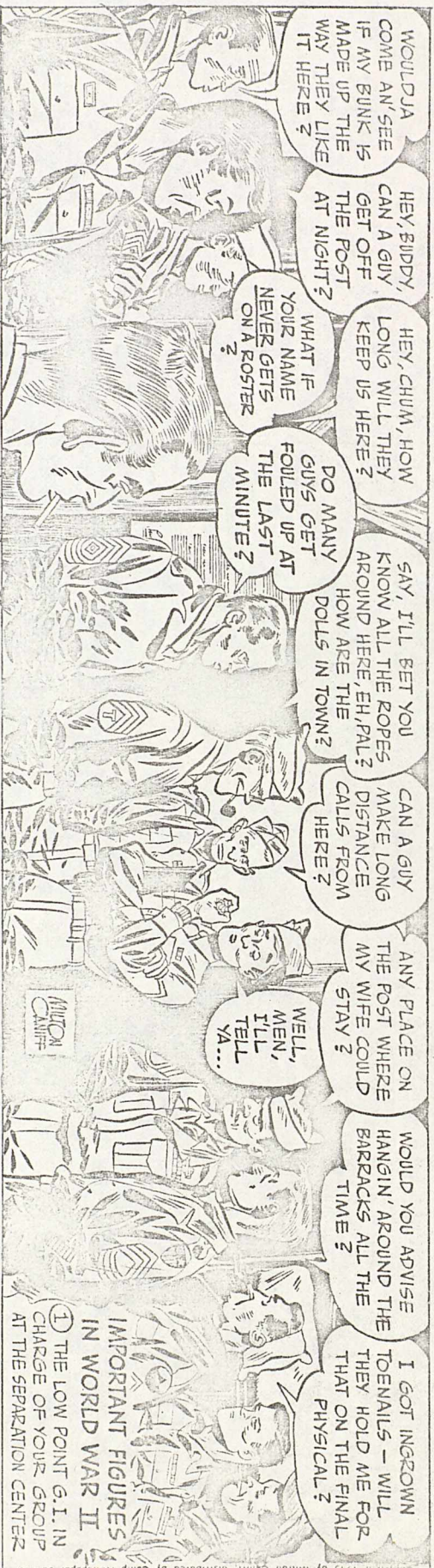
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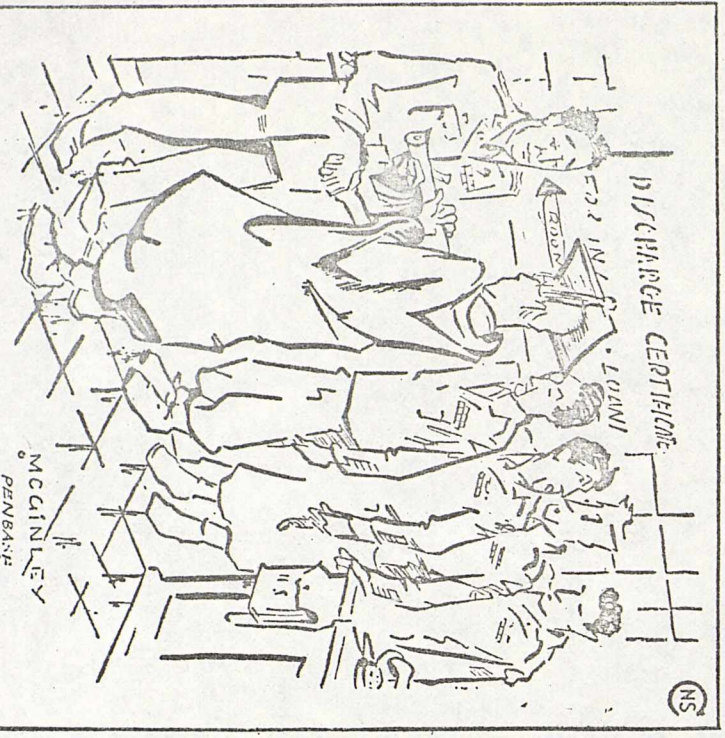
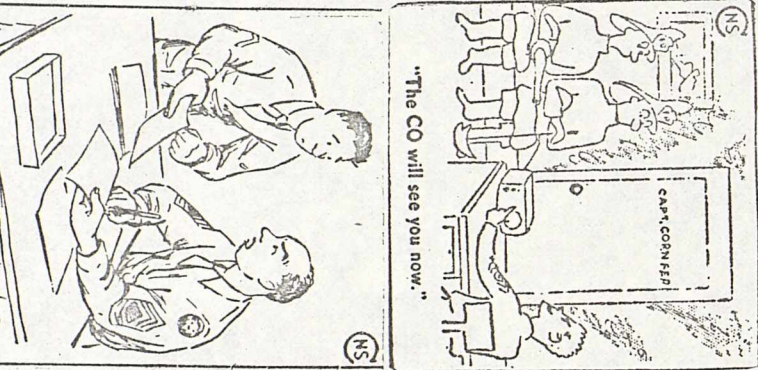
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The Wolf

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"He took basic at North Carolina, Radar at Yale, staged at Bagnoli and occupied Heidelberg."