

Century May be Required to Erase Uncle Sam's I. O. U. To War Vets and Dependents

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WASHINGTON.—Ever try to figure out how much Uncle Sam is going to pay the World War II veterans and their dependents before the last surviving widow, a hundred years or so from now, collects her final pension payment?

Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Veterans Administrator, has asked Congress for \$4,934,623,500 to make all authorized disbursements on behalf of veterans during the 12 months starting next July 1.

About \$4 billion of that is for World War II veterans. Since the trend in previous years always has been for the total of payments to veterans to rise annually, at least for 25 to 40 years, it would seem the effect on the national pocketbook might someday be atomic.

However, expert and amateur statisticians in various government bureaus have been doing a little pencil work on the problem. They figure that while the veterans' total take will be substantial, it may not prove so staggering as it would at first appear.

May Drop After 1948

Assuming that future legislation will not change the present scale of payments, a preliminary peak is likely to be reached in 1948, and it won't be more than a few hundred million dollars higher than the contemplated 1946-1947 expenditure, according to one well informed government analyst.

He reasons that the bulk of the payments are now going to readjustment (unemployment) compensation and educational benefits, and that these probably will drop off after 1948.

Also, when the Veterans Administration has expanded fully and can review its present hasty awards of pensions and disability compensation, he says it probably will disqualify many of the grants already made. He predicts that practically all the temporary benefits provided by the GI bill will have been liquidated by 1951.

With 1951, then as the first normal post-war year, the payments to World War II veterans, he says, will be about 2.7 billion. More than \$100 billion.

Then the normal gradual increase can be expected, as more and more disabled veterans come on the rolls, as they add more dependents to their families and as more pensions are paid to dependents of deceased veterans. Gen. Bradley predicted that the peak would come in 25 to 30 years. The peak in the cost of medical care to veterans is expected in 1975.

In approximately the same

length of time, the cost of benefits to veterans of World War I rose about 50 per cent. If that scale provides any indication of how the new veterans' payments will increase, 25 years from now the disbursements on behalf of veterans of World War II would amount to about \$4,050,000,000.

If after 25 years the annual bill tapered off at the same rate, the mean annual payment for the next 50 years would be about \$2 billion, making the total cost in that period a little over \$100 billion.

The payments, however, will continue long after that, probably for around 100 years. One dependent of a veteran of the War of 1812 still collects a pension of \$240 annually—132 years after the war ended. The last disbursement on behalf of veterans of the War with Mexico was made in 1933.

In considering whether a peak can be predicted, however, another angle must be taken into account. In the past 100 years the tendency has been for Congress to increase year by year the scale of payments to veterans, so that even though the men and their dependents die off, the total payments increase.

Spanish-American War veter-

ans' payments have increased steadily ever since that war ended. In 1945 the total reached the record high of \$142,797,472—after a climb from \$3,878,189 in 1919. Many new enactments provided additional benefits. At present any veteran of that war who reaches the age of 65 gets a pension of \$75 a month.

For World War I veterans total disbursements are rising each year. There is a rise, moreover, in each category of benefits except service-connected disability compensation, which reached a peak in 1933, and emergency officers' retirement pay, which passed its peak in 1932.

If Congress enacts no substantial increases in veterans' benefits, a fair guess as to the total bill which World War II veterans will collect might be \$125 billion. But if such legisla-

tion as a bonus bill is enacted, the cost might be well beyond that. One bonus plan proposed by a strong veterans' organization would cost about \$31 billion.

Burden For Taxpayer
What these expenditures mean to the average federal taxpayer can be roughly figured by comparing the Treasury's estimate of net receipts for the fiscal year 1946-1947, which is \$31,512,702,700, and the proposed \$4 billion payments to World War II veterans in the same period.

On the basis of these figures, more than 12 per cent of all funds received by the Treasury next year—income taxes included—will be paid to the veterans of the last war.

In any case, that war was no bargain. The veterans of all our previous wars together have received only \$29,004,090,745. The

17 Years Without Crime Cramps Lawyer's Style

BISMARCK, N. D.—(AP)—Oliver County State's Attorney Burton Wilcox is proud of his county's law abiding record but he has one complaint. It doesn't afford him much opportunity for perfecting his jury technique.

Wilcox, starting his 18th consecutive year as state's attorney,

never has had occasion to prosecute a criminal case before a jury. "We haven't had a major crime in 17 years," he said. There have been a few isolated instances of petty crime but the offenders either pleaded guilty or asked for trial by judge without jury."

main item was pensions and compensation, which totaled \$16,672,952,959. Of this the veterans of the Revolutionary War received only \$70,000,000; War of 1812 only \$46,218,230; War with Mexico, \$61,634,518; Civil War, \$8,119,393,972; Indian wars, \$95,700,774; War with Spain, \$2,183,470,258, and World War I, \$5,470,958,505.

Red Cross Knitter, 85, Sets Record for Socks
WESTFORD, Mass.—(AP)—Mrs. Jennie M. Kendrick, 85, has set a knitting record for the Lowell Red Cross.

Since March of 1940, she has knitted for servicemen 3,400 afghan squares, 650 pairs of socks, 12 knee bands and uncounted scarves and shoulderettes. Born in Nashua, N. H., Mrs. Kendrick learned to

knit when she was nine years old. She still does all her own house work.

Mrs. Kendrick performed the same service for the Red Cross in World War I, "but I didn't keep

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Chili	Dennison's, with beans	15 1/4-oz. can	21c
Tomato Sauce	Hunt's	Buffet 5c	
Hot Mustard	Old Spice	8-oz. jar	19c
India Relish	Heinz	10-oz. jar	24c

Lemon	Westog	4-oz. bottle	10c
Baking Powder	Royal	12-oz. can	49c
Sno-White Salt	Plain or Iodized	pkg.	7c
Beet Sugar	5-lbs.	32c	10 lbs. 63c
Eggs	Grade A Large		45c

Soup Stock	Mixed	2-lb. pkg.	23c
Rice	Blue Rose	2-lb. pkg.	19c
Split Peas	Green & Yellow	2-lb. pkg.	20c
Dried Figs	White	2-lb. pkg.	53c

Baby Food	Clapp's Instant Oat-meal and Dry Cereal	8-oz. pkg.	15c
Corn Starch	Kingsford Brand	1-lb. pkg.	9c
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'A' lb.			34c
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Spiced Luncheon Meat	Honey Brand	lb.	39c
Bologna	Type 2 A. C.	lb.	34c
Wieners	Type 2 S. C.	lb.	41c
Pork Sausage	bulk, Type 1	lb.	39c
Link Sausage	Type 1	lb.	48c

Ground Beef	Fresh Ground Daily	Lb.	28c
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Pears	Brookland Brand No. 2 1/2 can	27c
Peaches	Rio Rita, Halves No. 2 1/2 can	20c
Peaches	Rio Rita, sliced No. 2 1/2 can	20c
Peaches	Castle Crest choice halves No. 2 1/2 can	23c

Beverages		
Kup Kafay	Instant Coffee	4-oz. glass 25c
Cocoa	Our Mother's	1-lb. pkg. 11c
Hemo	Borden's	1-lb. jar 59c
Ovaltine	chocolate	1/2-lb. jar 34c
		lb. jar 61c

Juices, Etc.		
Juice	Town House No. 2	13c
46-oz.		29c
Blended Juice	Dr. No. 2	17c
46-oz.		39c
V-8 Cocktail	Phillips can	oz. 31c
Cocktail	Here's Health Vegetable	46-oz. can 31c
Tomato Juice	Sunny No. 2	46-oz. can 10c
Cider Vinegar	Down, fancy can	Old Mill Pint 10c

Housewares Section		
Lotion	Jergens' Tax	6 1/2-oz. bot. 47c
Boraxo	Cleans dirty hands	can 12c
Water Softener	Rain Drops	24-oz. pkg. 23c
Lux Soap	Toilet	3 bars 20c
Camay Soap	Toilet	3 bars 20c
Lifebuoy Soap		3 bars 20c
Bleach	White Magic	1/2 gal. 17c
Scouring Pads	S.O.S. of 4	12c
Chore Girl	Scouring	each 9c
Shoe Polishes	Shinola Paste	jar 8c

Cigarettes	Camels, Chesterfields, Lucky Strike, Old Gold, Kool, Philip Morris	2 pkgs. 25c Carton 1.23
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