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New Compulsory Health Insurance Bill Introduced

WASHINGTON, May 24.—(AP)—A new version of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell compulsory health insurance bill was introduced in Congress this week.

Like its predecessor, which died last year despite the endorsement of President Truman, the new legislation provides for a nation-

wide system of prepaid medical and some dental services and federal grants to states for expanded public health care.

The program would be financed primarily by an annual appropriation equal to three per cent of the earnings, up to \$3,600 a year, of every employed person. The money presumably would come from social insurance premiums to be levied half on employers and half on employees, but this point would be left to later legislation.

Coverage would be broadened from last year's proposal to include civilian federal employees and their dependents. Needy persons could be provided for, as in the former bill, through contributions from states and local governments to the health insurance fund.

All employed and self-employed persons in industry, commerce, agriculture, domestic service, and professions, and their dependents, are included; also old age and civil service pensioners.

Services available under the plan would include all preventive, diagnostic and curative services by a family physician of the patient's choice, hospital care, laboratory and X-ray services, unusually expensive medicines, special appliances and eyeglasses.

All physicians, dentists, nurses, hospitals and clinics meeting certain minimum standards could participate in the program, but none would be required to do so.

Houses and Cows Thrown Together For War Widows

By JANE EDES

WASHINGTON — The National Committee for War Widows has just made public plans for a proposed living memorial to war widows in the form of a large combined multiple-housing, hotel and farm project in each state.

Mrs. Lillian Richards, widow of a veteran and chairman of the committee, says the first plans were drawn specifically for a project to be erected on a 10-acre site near Annapolis, Md. The land was donated by Raymond Hughes of Baltimore, retired diamond merchant.

The committee, which has its headquarters in Washington, has launched a nation-wide campaign for donations of land in all states on which to develop projects similar to the one under consideration for Annapolis.

The model plan includes construction of a colony of eight-unit apartment buildings, housing war widows and dependents, a 300-unit public hotel, space for dairy and farm projects, all operated by war widows to make them self-sustaining.

A bill, sponsored by Senators Ferguson (R-Mich.) and Downey (D-Calif.), to permit incorporation of the National Committee of War Widows has been introduced in Congress and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The object of the corporation, as stated in the bill, is to perpetuate the "honor bestowed on the members of such corporation by having been called upon to give their husbands in the service of the nation."

Its purpose also is to create ways and means of aiding war widows in obtaining jobs, supporting children and securing homes, insurance, legal and medical aid.

Donations to Be Sought
Mrs. Richards estimates there are some 360,000 widows of all wars in the United States, including seven whose husbands died in the Civil War. There are, she says, about 450,000 children of war dead.

Many of these are in dire financial straits and need immediate aid, Mrs. Richards says. She is a metal designer and says she has contributed the royalties from one of her inventions toward promoting the widows' project.

Funds for constructing the proposed projects on land which the committee hopes will be donated by concerns or individuals in the various states would be raised through foundation memberships and the sale of blue morning glories—emblem of the organization.

Marines Recruiter for Douglas County Named

Orders have been received appointing Captain Walker W. Admire, USMCR, Roseburg, volunteer reserve recruiting officer in Douglas County, with authority to effect reenlistments of former marines in the Marine Corps Reserve.

Enlistments in the Marine Corps in the past required the individual in many cases to make a relatively long trip to the nearest Marine Corps Recruiting Station at his own expense to complete the enlistment process.

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Battle Wounded May Re-Join Army

Partially disabled veterans of World War II may still re-enlist in the grade held at time of discharge, provided their disability is the result of combat wounds, according to a directive received by the Roseburg Army Recruiting Station, M/Sgt. Charles Neelds, station commander, said.

This directive extends the authority for such enlistments until June 30, 1947. Former Army officers in this category may be enlisted as master sergeants, he said.

According to Sgt. Neelds, this War Department policy should "prove a boon to a great many of the combat wounded veterans." He pointed out that "a number of these men are handicapped in earning a living, although they are quite capable of handling many useful jobs."

The Army will place such enlistees in positions suited to their skill and training, with due consideration of their physical handicaps. Those men who wish, may receive training in occupations suited to their particular cases, Neelds explained.

More complete information regarding this type of enlistment may be obtained at the U. S. Army Recruiting Station, located in the Roseburg Armory.



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