

Vets Reminded To Get Approval For Medical Care

An announcement by the Veterans Administration reminds disabled veterans seeking home-town care that they must first obtain approval from the nearest VA regional office if they expect the VA to pay the doctor bill.

An increasing number of claims for reimbursement have come to the VA board of appeals from veterans who failed to obtain VA approval before going to their home-town doctor for treatment. Except in those cases where it was found that emergency treatment for a service-connected disability had been necessary, the claims have been disallowed.

Even in emergency cases, the VA said, it is necessary to receive regional office approval, although some leeway is allowed for requesting approval in emergency cases.

Veterans who are hospitalized for emergency treatment with a service-connected disability are required to request approval within 72 hours after they have been hospitalized. Those given emergency treatment on an out-patient basis must have their request in writing at the regional office within fifteen days after

such treatment is begun. Approval cannot be given on either emergency or non-emergency requests for home-town medical treatment if a VA hospital or out-patient clinic is nearby.

Non service-connected cases are not eligible for home-town medical care under the law.

Welfare Funds Low, Lane County Reports

EUGENE—(P)—Although Lane county is surpassed in population only by Multnomah county, it is fifth in number of persons receiving aid and in amounts spent by the county welfare commission. This is brought out in the latest report for the month of October of the state public welfare commission.

Clackamas, Jackson, Marion and Multnomah counties all exceeded Lane in number of cases aided and in total expenditures.

The Lane county welfare commission spent \$70,820 during the month for all types of aid, while Marion county, just below Lane in population, passed out \$108,364, according to the report.

NEW ATOMIC PILE ASKED
OTTAWA—(P)—Construction of a second radioactive pile or reactor at Canada's Chalk River, Ont., atomic project was recommended yesterday by the House of Commons committee on atomic energy.

'CAN'T CONTINUE'

NAM Told United States Must Balance Its Exports, Imports

By RICHARD FISKE
NEW YORK—(P)—The United States must balance its exports and imports in jig time or lose the objectives gained through spending billions of dollars for foreign aid, the National Association of Manufacturers was told.

Curtis E. Calder, chairman of Electric Bond and Share Co., a public utility holding company, said in a prepared address that he believed the United States will be forced to discontinue large scale foreign aid after 1952.

He said it is obvious "we cannot continue, indefinitely, to pour our national wealth and substance in unrequited exports."

And, he added, a workable solution toward closing the foreign trade gap must be found before the European recovery program is terminated.

Unless the problem is solved, he said, the United States will be faced with the disquieting alternative of continuing foreign aid or of losing most of what it has ventured in its post-war program.

Expansion Urged
The solution most compatible with the role of the United States as a creditor nation, he said, is expansion of imports.

Calder spoke at the opening session of the NAM's 54th annual congress of American industry.

The same session heard Paul G. Hoffman, economic cooperation administrator, tell the 3,000 industrialists and businessmen that the cold war in Europe must be won.

The alternative? "At best," he said in a prepared speech, "we will have to become a garrison state on a war footing, with the return of controls, allocations, rationing and all the rest of the war set-up."

The first of three days of conferences at the Waldorf-Astoria opened with discussion of America's problems in foreign trade.

It was sparked by Calder, who heads the NAM's international relations committee.

Three Alternatives
Calder listed three alternatives in the effort to balance exports and imports—substantial reduction of exports; a material increase in foreign investments; a large scale expansion of imports.

The expansion of imports, Calder said, appeared most compatible with our world role as a

Grange Leader Gives "Must" To Ban Slump

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—(P)—The master of the National Grange says labor, industry and agriculture must work together to avoid a depression in this country.

"Russia is waiting for us to fail—we cannot fail," Albert S. Goss, of Washington told 3,000 delegates to the annual convention of the American Vocational association.

Goss said the solution to the full production problem cannot be found in government aid. He said this raises the cost of living through higher taxes passed on to the consumer.

creditor nation, but he added the foreign trade gap might be bridged ultimately by a combination of the three.

A substantial reduction in exports, he said, might create serious repercussions in the domestic economy of the United States.

Expansion of private loans and investments abroad would be only partial solution, he said, because the investments would have to be serviced and additional dollars would be needed for this purpose.

The increase of imports, he said, might adversely affect some elements of industry and agriculture at home.

But, he added, imports are recognized as a means for drawing upon the productivity of other lands and a necessity of assuring our national defense.

Island Defenses Weak, Says Gov.

PORTLAND—(P)—Hawaii's governor, on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor day, said the islands' defenses are weak.

In a weekly Press club radio interview, Gov. Ingram M. Stainback said that despite costs, he believed Hawaiian defenses should be maintained at a high level. They are not now, he said, but he declined to comment on any details.

He parried specific questions on military topics, but said the islands were on the pathway to world conquest which he said Premier Stalin outlined in 1928—China, the Philippines then eastward.

The CIO International Longshoremen's union, he said, has some Communists in key positions, but the rank and file members are not Communists. He said Communist infiltration might be a greater threat than war. Asked if union members were not likely to oust any leaders known to be Communists, he said "that is a consummation to be wished."

Statehood for the territory would have no bearing on the military situation, the governor said, but he added statehood was deserved; the territory pays its own way in taxes and provides a lesson to the country in racial tolerance.

Noting that there is little formal observance of Pearl Harbor

Toilet Seat Too Tight For Collar For Boy

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 9—(P)—Philip Burrows, a curious 20-month-old boy, tried a junior toilet seat on for size as a collar and finally had to have help from the fire department to get it off.

Mrs. Robert B. Burrows, the boy's mother, said she saw Philip raise the seat to his head and admonished him: "No, don't..." But it was too late. The seat slipped down around his neck. She tried vainly to get it off, even using vaseline.

day in the islands or elsewhere, Governor Stainback said he believed there should be none. Memorial day should serve as an adequate memorial, incorporating both Armistice day and Pearl Harbor day in tribute to the dead.

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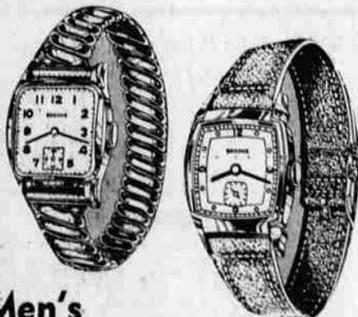
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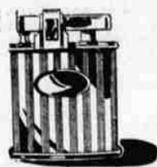
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