

Vast Hospital Program to Aid Treatment of Wounded Yanks



Air view of the Veterans' Administration hospital in San Francisco. Additional hospitals like this one will provide 23,000 additional beds for wounded veterans.

By DOUGLAS LARSEN
WASHINGTON (NEA) — To guarantee Yanks wounded in battle the best medical attention known to science, and to fit them for normal peace-time living again, the government now has a \$45,000,000 hospital construction program under way.

Approximately 200,000 convalescent and general hospital beds will be added to the 325,000 now maintained by army, navy, veterans' administration and the U. S. public health service. Hospitals are being put on the sunny shores of California, in picturesque sites in the Rocky mountains, in the heart of eastern vacation lands—wherever the most beneficial environment can be furnished.

No expense is being spared. Navy is now busily turning the former plush hotel Berkeley-Carteret, Asbury Park, N. J., into a convalescent hospital. In addition navy is pushing construction of a \$7,000,000 general hospital in Houston, Tex.

Up-to-Date Equipment
Army's program alone calls for the addition of more than 44,000 convalescent beds. After a soldier has been treated at the general hospital which specializes in his particular type of injury, the army then transfers him to a convalescent hospital. There the most advanced type of reconditioning treatment speeds his recovery. This procedure also makes available more general hospital beds for the more serious cases.

Supplementing new construction by the army, many other facilities now not needed because of the course of the war are being converted to use for convalescent patients. The most up-to-date equipment is installed in the hospitals. This includes elaborate X-ray lay-outs, physiotherapy devices and exercising equipment for convalescents.

A man is kept in an army or navy hospital, generally speaking, until doctors are convinced nothing more can be done for him. If he is completely recovered he may go back into service. If he has been made well but a disability renders him unfit for further service, he is discharged. In cases of tuberculosis or mental trouble, the men are transferred to veterans' administration hospitals.

Facilities of veterans' administration hospitals are always available to veterans. If a vet should need medical attention because of trouble from an injury received in service he gets it instantly and automatically in

VA hospitals. If he needs hospitalization for some reason having nothing to do with his service, he gets it if there is room and he can't afford to pay for it elsewhere.

VA has more than 76,000 hospital and 14,000 domiciliary beds. Domiciliary beds are for men who do not need constant doctor's observation. Usually they are used by men who are unable to work but are well enough to stroll into town and get around without too much difficulty.

VA Has 300,000 BEDS
Under construction and authorized for construction, VA has additional hospital space for 23,000 beds. Provisions for more are in the mill. After the war, veterans' administration will take over many of the army hospital facilities. Eventually VA will have a total of 300,000 beds for domiciliary and general hospital



A patient in a Veterans' Administration hospital receives hydrotherapy treatment. This and other modern equipment is available in hospitals for veterans.

use. U. S. public health service has 6600 beds for treatment of marines. As soon as a marine recovers from the "serious" stage he is transferred to a navy convalescent hospital. In the planning stage is a USPHS hospital for marines to be located in Hawaii.

Army and navy doctors predict that the present construction program will not be sufficient to handle all American service men that are wounded. The increase will depend on the course of the war.

These figures include only hospital facilities in the United States. Wounded men who can't recover completely in field hospitals are immediately brought back to America. Hospital facilities in the field are constantly changed, depending on the location and size of action.

Talk of Cabinet Changes Is Ruled Out by President

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Roosevelt for approval. He also voiced full support for the reciprocal trade program, with its accompanying export-import bank.

Will See Soviet Leader
He disclosed that he planned to see Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov while the Russian leader is en route to the United Nations meeting in San Francisco.

Mr. Truman said he would be very happy to meet the leaders of the fighting allies, including Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Premier Josef Stalin, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Gen. Charles DeGaulle. He said, however, that he had not initiated any steps toward any meetings with them.

His conference drew an all-time high number of reporters—348—into the circular presidential office.

Mr. Truman stood up during the conference and answered the questions with a straight-forward directness that twice moved a number of the reporters to applaud loudly—a rare occurrence in a White House news conference.

Mr. Truman said that he had asked Mr. Roosevelt's three secretaries—Stephen T. Early, William D. Hassett and Jonathan Daniels—and Judge Samuel I. Rosenman to stay at their posts and help train Truman's White House team.

Secretaries Named
He announced appointment of Matthew J. Connelly as his confidential secretary and Leonard Reinsch to help with press and radio affairs. Connelly had served Truman in the senate, and Reinsch was a radio expert for the democratic national committee in the 1944 campaign.

Sitting with him during the conference were Connelly, Reinsch, Early, Daniels, Hassett and Ad. William D. Leahy, who was personal chief of staff to President Roosevelt and who is continuing for the time, at least, in the same role with President Truman.

Discussing the United Nations conference that begins at San Francisco next week, Mr. Truman said he had not planned to attend the conference at any time. He said he would stay at his desk here where he belonged. He said he planned, however, to welcome the delegates through a brief radio address on the opening day.

Someone wanted to know what considerations led him to decide to stay in Washington. In hard hitting phrases Mr. Truman said he had a competent delegation going to San Francisco to represent the interests of this nation and that he would back them up from his desk at Washington.

No Lifting of Racing Ban
The questioning veered into the domestic field and Mr. Truman was asked about reports that he would lift the ban on horse racing.

The president said flatly that he did not intend to lift the ban. Then someone in the rear of the room wanted to know whether the same thing applied to the curfew, the brownout, and a number of other similar restrictions.

Truman answered this by saying that he thought they had done a lot of good for the morale of the nation and ought to stay in force.

"Do you mean until V-E day?" a reporter asked.

Mr. Truman said quickly, almost curtly, let's wait until V-E day to see about that.

LUNCHEON IS SCHEDULED
Mrs. Claude Mackey will be hostess at a potluck luncheon to be held at noon Friday at her home for WBA members. Those attending may take guests.

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Social Calendar

TUESDAY
7:30 p. m. St. Ann's guild, USO rooms.
7:30 p. m. Neighbors of Woodcraft, IOOF hall.

WEDNESDAY
19 a. m. National women's home and foreign missionary society, Lane Chapel, on First St.
2 p. m. Northside Improvement club, club house.
2:15 p. m. Afternoon group of Women of the Christian church, Mrs. Herman Roesch, 1612 Fifth street.

8 p. m. Wives and Mothers Service club, USO.
8 p. m. Yarn and Darn Sewing club, Mrs. Della Rees, 404 Spring street.

THURSDAY
2 p. m. Sewing group, VFW auxiliary, Mrs. R. H. Seaton, 1325 W. avenue.
6 p. m. B. L. F. and E. and auxiliary, dinner, IOOF hall.
7:30 p. m. B. of R. T. auxiliary, Neighborhood club house.
7:30 p. m. OES social club, Masonic temple.

FRIDAY
12 m. WBA potluck luncheon, Mrs. Claude Mackey.

WALLACE AIDE APPROVED
WASHINGTON, April 17 (UP)—The senate today had confirmed the nomination of Alfred Schindler, of Missouri, to be undersecretary of commerce.

Importance of Sex Education Stressed At P-TA Session

"Sex education for children" was the theme of the Ackerman parent-teachers association meeting yesterday afternoon in the school.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, Mrs. R. E. Gerards and Mrs. Guy Gregory presented the program. Mrs. Gerards spoke on sex education as taught in the home. She said that as children ask questions they must be given satisfactory answers for their level and that many parents need to educate themselves before being able to give intelligent answers. She said if questions are disregarded once, the opportunity for future training may be lost.

Mrs. Harris discussed what is done along that line in the elementary schools and the high schools. In the elementary school age group, she said, it is strictly the parents' job, but added that teachers must have an understanding of boy and girl relations at all age levels. She must not force unpleasant contacts upon them that leave permanent resentment, such as ballroom dancing when the girls are taller, for an example.

She said teachers try to build up the importance of family relations through the books they read to children and guide them on the attitude they take toward home life.

In high schools, information on the subject is given by the dean of women or men, in private counseling and through the science courses.

Mrs. Gregory displayed books on the subject, that may be obtained from the public library, and briefly outlined each book.

Miss Eva Wear read an article written by a sixth grade student and published in the Chieftain, the Ackerman school paper, in 1929, which told of the first meeting held to organize the Ackerman P-TA.

Mrs. Walter Bean reported on the recent regional conference, and the roll call determined that 48 percent of the mothers present were sixth and seventh grade mothers, which gave the picture to Floyd Hill's room.

Mrs. Robert Williams was chairman of the social committee, assisted by Mrs. John Gar-

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Society Briefs

Miss Margaret Evans returned to The Dalles last evening where she operates a beauty salon, after visiting over the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Virginia Evans.

Miss Betty Green is here from San Leandro, Calif., for an indefinite visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kohler of The Dalles visited his mother, Mrs. Jack Hamilton, 1605 Washington avenue. He returned to The Dalles where he is employed as a conductor by U. P. railroads, and Mrs. Kohler remained for a longer visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Green.

Birthday Is Marked With Dinner Party

Herbert A. Fox, 1202 Second street, retired from the Union Pacific railroad on his 69th birthday, after 24 years continuous service at the stationary power plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Fox celebrated his birthday, which occurred on Sunday, by having as their dinner guests, her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coleman.

ity, Mrs. Glen Olson, Mrs. Ernest Briggs, Mrs. Mike Lynch, Mrs. A. W. Norby, Mrs. Hyram Wood, Mrs. Walter Bean and Mrs. P. O. Sigler.



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Railway Groups to Observe Anniversary

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and the auxiliary will celebrate the 26th anniversary of the founding of the organization with a 9 o'clock dinner and program Thursday night at the IOOF hall. Grand lodge officers will be present for the event.

Missionary Group To Meet Tomorrow

Women of the national women's home and foreign missionary society of the Church of God will meet at 10 a. m. tomorrow at Lane Chapel on First street to the quilts. A potluck luncheon will be served at noon and each member is asked to take a covered dish and table service.

Baptist Women to Have Public Program

The women's society of the Baptist church will hold a public missionary meeting at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow in the church.

A play, "The Lighted Cross" will be presented. New officers will be installed and an offering will be taken for the "World Emergency Forward Fund". Refreshments will be served.

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Learn to Remember People's Names And You'll Be a Social Success

By ALICIA HART
The way for a shy girl to get into the conversational swim with people who are less tongue-tied than she is to know names. And use them.

You can always command attention if you'll call Mr. Somebody by his name, and then address your remark to him. To be polite, the most indifferent man will hear you out, and make a reply. After that just keep the conversation going.

"Or if he's too tough to hold," says the once-shy Julie Stevens—star of radio's "Romance of Helen Trent," who vouches for this trick—"you can use your opening gambit on someone else, who may be easier to handle."

To be able to recall names, learn what they are when you are introduced to people, which Julie says is easy once you've trained your ear to listen. Until she gained the knack, she says she asked people to repeat names; even spell them out.



JULIE STEVENS: Confident.

Allied Artillery Bombards Bologna

ROME, April 17 (UP)—American Fifth army troops smashed within eight miles of Bologna today and long range artillery began shelling the outskirts of the transport hub and keystone base of the German defense line across Italy.

The U. S. Fifth and British Eighth armies had forged an assault arc almost half way around Bologna. They were closing in from the southwest and northeast and all intermediate sectors.

Fifth army forces captured several peaks dominating roads into Bologna in a bitter battle south and southwest of the threatened city.

Loyal Star Lodge Has Business Session

Twelve members of the Loyal Star lodge met last evening at the Neighborhood club house for a business meeting, and to work on affairs for servicemen's hospitals.

Prizes went to Mrs. Asa Bradley and Mrs. Robert Kinne. Donations were taken to the meeting for the Do-Not Hat.

The social meeting was postponed until April 26, when it will be held with Mrs. C. C. Little.

RATION CALENDAR

Processed Foods:

Book 4—Blue stamps C2 through G2 valid through April 28. Blue stamps H2 through M2 valid through June 2. Blue stamps N2 through S2 valid through June 30. Blue stamps T2 through X2 valid through July 31.

Meat, Butter, Fats, Cheese:

Book 4—Red stamps T6 through X6 through April 28. Red stamps Y6 through D2 valid through June 2. Red stamps E2 through J2 valid through June 30. Red stamps K2 through P2 valid through July 31.

Sugar:

Book 4—Sugar stamp 35 valid through June 2. New sugar stamp valid May 1.

Shoes: Loose stamps invalid.

Book 3—Airplane stamps 1-2-3 now valid.

Gasoline: Coupons not valid unless endorsed.

A* 15 coupons expire June 21.

Stoves:

Apply local board for oil, gas stove certificates.

Wood, Coal, Sawdust:

Delivery by priorities based on needs.

Fuel Oil:

Period 1-2-3-4-5 coupons valid through August 31. Not more than 66 per cent of season's rations should have been used to date.

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