

Norris E. Maloney, Dane county, Wis., district attorney, recently issued a statement relative to the organization of law enforcement officers from which we quote the following: "It is only reasonable to assume that if a deputy sheriff may go to the county board in person and bargain for higher wages or better working conditions — a right which no one will deny—then he may also select an agent or representative, in this case, a labor organization, to represent him before the county board or before the state legislature for the same purpose."

VETERANS GI BILL OF RIGHTS

The so-called "G.I. Bill of Rights" which became law recently lays the foundation for a broad-scale program of aids and benefits to World War II veterans. The act which became effective on June 22 is designed to facilitate all stages of the veterans' transition back to civil life.

An outstanding feature of the act is the provision under which veterans whose education or training has been interrupted by military service may continue such training at government expense. In so doing, veterans will be given up to \$500 a year for tuition and fees as well as subsistence allowances. The subsistence allowances established for full-time students are \$50 a month for veterans without dependents and \$75 a month for veterans with dependents. Veterans taking courses on a part-time basis, or veterans receiving pay for work performed as part of their training on the job, will be entitled to lesser subsistence allowances, as determined by the Veterans Administrator.

Other provisions of the act authorize hospitalization, federal loans for establishing homes and businesses, and unemployment compensation insurance.

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Merchant Marines Rated Military Service

New York State, county and municipal civil service employees who enter the merchant marine or maritime service are now placed in the same category as employees in the military service, and assured of the same re-employment rights and benefits extended to employees in the armed forces. The new law, effective at once, is retroactive to April 28, 1941.

A committee to study and recommend a uniform system of employee ratings, consisting of state governmental department heads, has recently been appointed by Governor Darden of Virginia.

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