

## VACATIONS FOR WAR VETERANS

The Board of Control recently released the following letter which is of interest to all war veterans:

Re: Vacations for  
War Veterans

Since the issuance of our circular letter of April 17th regarding vacations, it has developed that a number of war veterans did not take the full amount of vacation due them and were not paid for the unused vacation at the time they entered the service.

To correct this inequity the Board of Control has authorized a two-weeks vacation for any veteran employed by a state department previous to his war service who had worked at least six months prior to such war service after the last vacation taken and who has also worked at least three months after again being employed by the department subsequent to his discharge from the service.

This ruling applies to departments and institutions operating under the Board of Control and it is the recommendation of the Board that it be put into effect by other departments and agencies.

Very truly yours,  
Signed Roy H. Mills,  
Secretary.

## BOLSTERING AMERICAN DIPLOMACY

The adoption on August 13, of the new law revamping the United States foreign service marks an added triumph for the merit system in the federal service. It embodies many of the recommendations urged by the National Civil Service League, the Foreign Trade Council and other business organizations long concerned with strengthening our foreign service.

The new law is designed to attract top-notch talent to the State Department. Besides providing for more ade-

quate pay for our foreign representatives, the new law:

- (1) Sets up a foreign service institute, similar to the Army-Navy staff college, to train appointees for careers in our foreign service.
- (2) Provides that our foreign representatives and attaches shall be brought back to the United States once every two years to keep them in closer touch with our domestic affairs.
- (3) Establishes through a broadened retirement plan a definite policy of weeding out those who fail to merit promotion.

The new law will greatly improve the calibre of our foreign service representatives. It will now be possible for a person without independent means to serve even up to the grade of ambassador or minister in most of our foreign service posts.

—From National Civil Service League  
Special News Service.

## MOVIES ON LOUISIANA CIVIL SERVICE BEING PRODUCED

A sound movie depicting the origin, growth and functions of the Louisiana state civil service system is being produced by the Louisiana Civil Service League. Scheduled to be ready for use by the end of the year, it will be exhibited in schools and colleges, before civic organizations and in movie theaters. In the initial scenes of the film entitled "Shield of our Freedom," the narrator's voice describes the corruption and political influence of the old "spoils system" while characteristic scenes of the old regime are shown on the screen. The scene changes to the enactment of the civil service law and the remainder of the picture is concerned with classified employees on the job in various parts of the state, demonstrating how the merit system functions.