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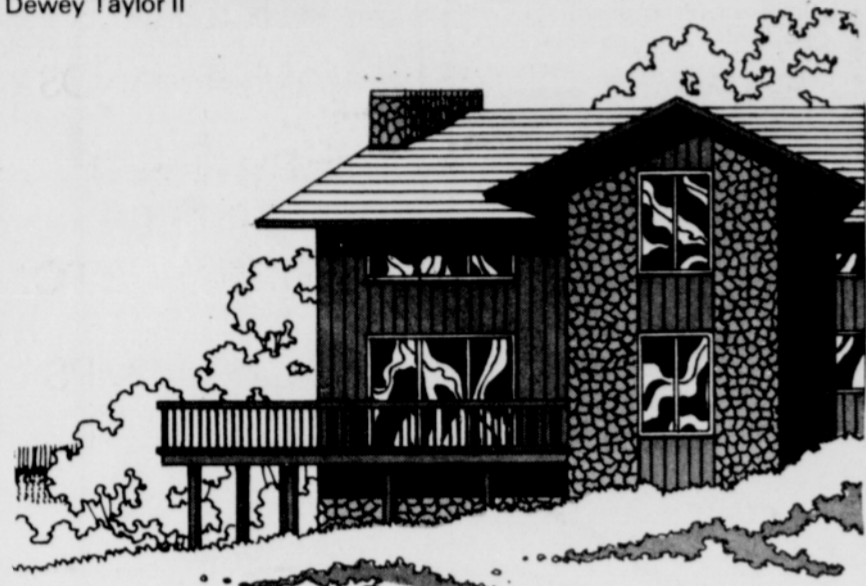
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Dear Mr. Berko: Before moving to the United State in 1953, I served in the Free Polish Army during WW2. I am 67, retired and in need of treatment in a hospital. My problem is that I was self-employed and I am not eligible for Social Security or Medicare since I never paid into the system. Is there any way I can get any help from the Government of Poland without going back there? —Stanley K., Forty Fort, PA

This column is researched by the national, non-profit Consumer Education Research Center, publisher of a number of books to help consumers including Complete Guide to Federal and State Benefits for Veterans, Their Families and Survivors, \$8 from ASK MR. BERKO, CERC, PO Box 336, South Orange, N.J. 07079. Use the same address to send questions or to request a list of other CERC literature.

Dear Stanley: I doubt if you can get assistance from the present Polish government. However, U.S. law provides that "Any person who served in WW1 or WW2 as a member of the any armed force of the Government of Poland or Czechoslovakia and participated while so serving in armed conflict with an enemy of the U.S. and has been a citizen of the U.S. for at least 10 years shall...be entitled to hospital and domiciliary care...to the same extent as if such service had been performed in the Armed Forces of the United States." You may find, Stanley, that it is easier for you to establish your rights than if you served in the U.S. armed forces since the VA can't ask you to produce as many documents because of the difficulty of getting proofs from the present Polish government. Incidentally, there are more benefits for former members of the armed forces of our WW2 allies who claim service in combat against our former enemies. We are sending you a free copy of our book Complete Guide to Federal and State Benefits for Veterans, Their Families and Survivors to help you establish your claim with the VA.

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