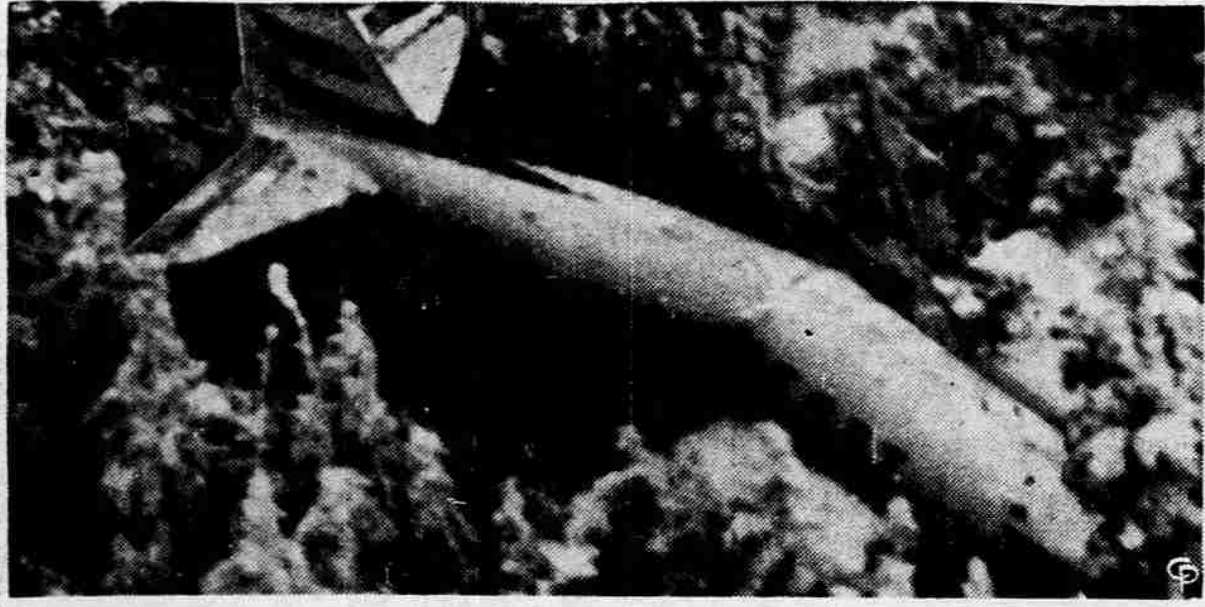




BREAKING IN HALF after crashing on tree-covered Mt. Success, New Hampshire, this North-east Airlines plane is the tomb of two of seven persons aboard. (International Soundphoto)

House Group To Study Ending Wartime Benefits to Veterans

Washington — (U.P.) — The House Veterans Committee, under new management after Jan. 5, will consider ending wartime veterans benefits such as the Korean GI Bill and restoring the benefit program to a peacetime basis.

This was disclosed Saturday by Rep. Olin E. Teague (D-Texas), who will become chairman of the committee in the Democratic 84th Congress. Teague already has written government agencies and veterans groups for their views on continuing the scholarships and other benefits of the GI Bill.

Benefits Would Continue
Returning to a peacetime basis would not affect wartime veterans rights already accumulated or acquired between now and the possible cut-off date. Men having served in the wartime period could continue to claim their wartime benefits.

Teague emphasized that he has not made up his mind on the issue. However, as chairman of a special committee that drafted the Korean GI Bill he said he is certain Congress did not intend it as permanent, peacetime legis-

lation.
To get a decision on when the program should be termi-

Inspection Slated For Reserve Units

An inspection of the training and administration of local U.S. Army Reserve units will be made Monday, according to Maj. Joseph Peacock, unit advisor.

Lt. Col. Hartwell T. Bynum, assistant inspector general of the 6th Army, will be in charge.

Units to be inspected include the 304th Logistical command, 382nd Quartermaster battalion and 6402nd Logistical Command Training unit. On Tuesday, the inspection group will go to Grants Pass to inspect Headquarters company of the 304th.

Commanding officers of all the local units have announced that vacancies exist for qualified men. Those interested should contact the office in the Federal building, 33 North Riverside ave.

nated, Teague said he will introduce in January a bill to end further accumulation of eligibility under the GI Bill except for those men who get into service through the draft.

Volunteers, under that proposal, would no longer become eligible for the free schooling and other benefits under the GI Bill.

Putting a cut-off on the GI Bill would not directly affect the termination of other wartime benefits for veterans. However, the two are tied together so closely action on one probably would prompt similar action on the others.

Compensation Lower

Peacetime compensation rates for service-incurred disability are only 80 per cent of those paid for disabilities incurred in wartime. Pensions for non-service-connected disabilities are paid only for wartime service.

According to Veterans Administration estimates termination of the GI Bill benefits, and putting other veterans benefits on a peacetime basis, would save 300 million dollars yearly. VA has taken no stand on whether this should be done.

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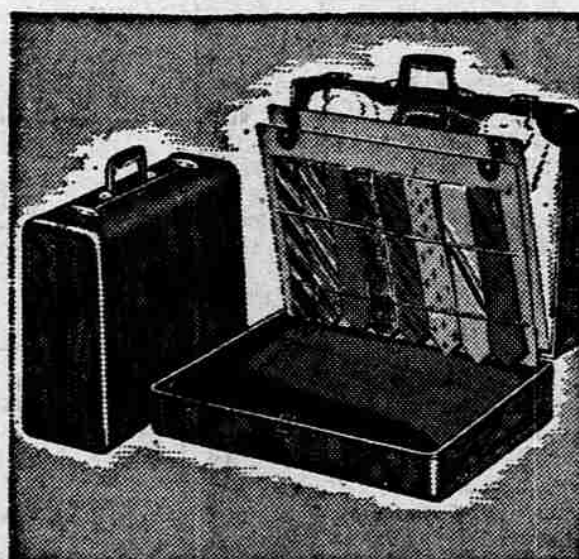
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