

# Veterans Committee Chairman Warns Against Demands For Broad New Benefits for Peace time Servicemen

## Texas Demo Charts Conservative Plan Of Legislation

(Editor's note: With the start of the 84th Congress Rep. Olin E. Teague (D-Tex.) became chairman of the House Veterans Committee. In this post, as a decorated combat veteran of World War II, and as a close friend of Speaker Sam Rayburn, Teague probably will have more to say about veterans legislation in the next two years than any other man. In an exclusive interview with United Press he discloses here views significant not only to ex-service men but to taxpayers generally.

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Washington — (U.P.) — Chairman Olin E. Teague of the House Veterans Committee hoisted a go-slow sign today against demands for any broad new benefits for peacetime veterans.

The Texas Democrat warned that such a program could imperil what he terms "basic" benefits paid to men and their dependents who were injured or killed in wartime.

**Conservative Approach**  
Teague, in an exclusive interview with United Press, charted a new and conservative approach to veterans legislation.

He did not propose any large-scale repeal of existing benefits. But he said it is time to "re-evaluate" them, for the future, in light of changing times and other programs like social security, now available to Americans generally.

"More and more," Teague asserted, "we are going to have to return to the basic concept of veterans benefits: care of the men disabled in service and of the dependents of men who lost their lives."

"There can be no denying our obligation to pay disability compensation to these men and their families. There is a problem as to how far our government should go in pensions for veterans with no war disability."

**Departure From Philosophy**  
His views represented a considerable departure from the philosophy of some key members of the veterans committee in the past. During and since World War II the emphasis has been on a sweeping program of "readjustment" benefits—scholarships, unemployment insurance, loan guarantees to buy homes, farm and businesses—on which the government has spent so far almost \$20,000,000.

Teague himself played a key part in passage of the so-called Korean GI Bill, extending benefits of this kind to men in service between June 27, 1950, and Feb. 1, this year.

There also has been a continuing drive to broaden the general pension laws.

Malaria is one of the oldest known diseases of mankind.

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### Back Stairs: Ike's Book on 'Best' List

By MERRIMAN SMITH  
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Washington — (U.P.) — Backstairs at the White House:

If the book stores have any copies left, President Eisenhower's "Crusade in Europe" should zoom back onto the best-seller lists. It was required re-reading for most Washington correspondents last week, particularly the concluding chapters in which the then Gen. Eisenhower described his World War II relations with the Russians.

Mr. Eisenhower devoted a good part of one chapter to his personal knowledge of Marshal Zhukov, the new Soviet defense minister.

Mr. Eisenhower admires Zhukov not for his Communist beliefs, but his professional military ability.

The President, just after the end of World War II, told associates in Germany that he was amazed by the manner in which Zhukov had been able to move tremendous masses of Russian troops with nothing like the transport available to American and British forces.

After the President's last news conference when he spoke highly of Zhukov as "a well-trained, splendid military leader," one of the more cynical of Mr. Eisenhower's listeners remarked outside the conference room, "What's the President up to—is he running Zhukov for office?"

A friend of the President shook his head sadly.

"No, quite the contrary — when they read this in the Kremlin, Zhukov probably will be sent to Siberia."

Interior decoration notes from the White House:

New and massive breakfast secretary in the old Cabinet Room just across the hall from the President's office. Among the books, a two-volume edition of "A Complete Greek Drama."

Doesn't look like it has been read too much.

On the mantel of Press Secretary Jim Hagerty's office, small white figures of all the presidents, a current big-seller by toy tycoon Louis Marx.

New 21-inch television set in the press room, sent in by RCA's Frank Folsom.

**CASH TRANSACTION**  
Fort Worth, Tex. — (U.P.) — A customer asked Tom Holden, manager of a help-yourself grocery, for three cans of cold beer.

While Holden was in the refrigerator getting it, somebody slammed the door shut and held it. Holden hammered on the door. When he finally got out, he found that what the customer really had wanted was the cold cash in the register.

Three miniature Black Angus cattle—models, of course—on the shelf of an alcove in the President's office.  
One of the President's recent dinner guests was Frank McCarthy, a producer for the 20th Century Fox in Hollywood. Mr. Eisenhower and McCarthy had a fine evening talking over old times—when McCarthy was an aide to Gen. George C. Marshall, and later an assistant secretary of state.

### Utah Governor Denies Seeking Presidency

Salt Lake City — (U.P.) — Gov. J. Bracken Lee, has denied he was interested in the running for the presidency on a third party ticket.

Lee said emphatically he would not accept such a nomination if it were offered.

The Republican governor, now serving his second term, has not disclosed his personal plans when his term ends in 1956. He said simply he expects to continue his efforts to preserve constitutional government.

Lee said "I didn't fight the New Deal 20 years for nothing," and added he felt he should still fight against New Deal programs even if they were sponsored by my own party."

The governor made the comment in reply to a statement from Sen. Wallace F. Bennett (R-Utah) that Lee was seeking the presidency as head of a third "splinter" party in 1956.

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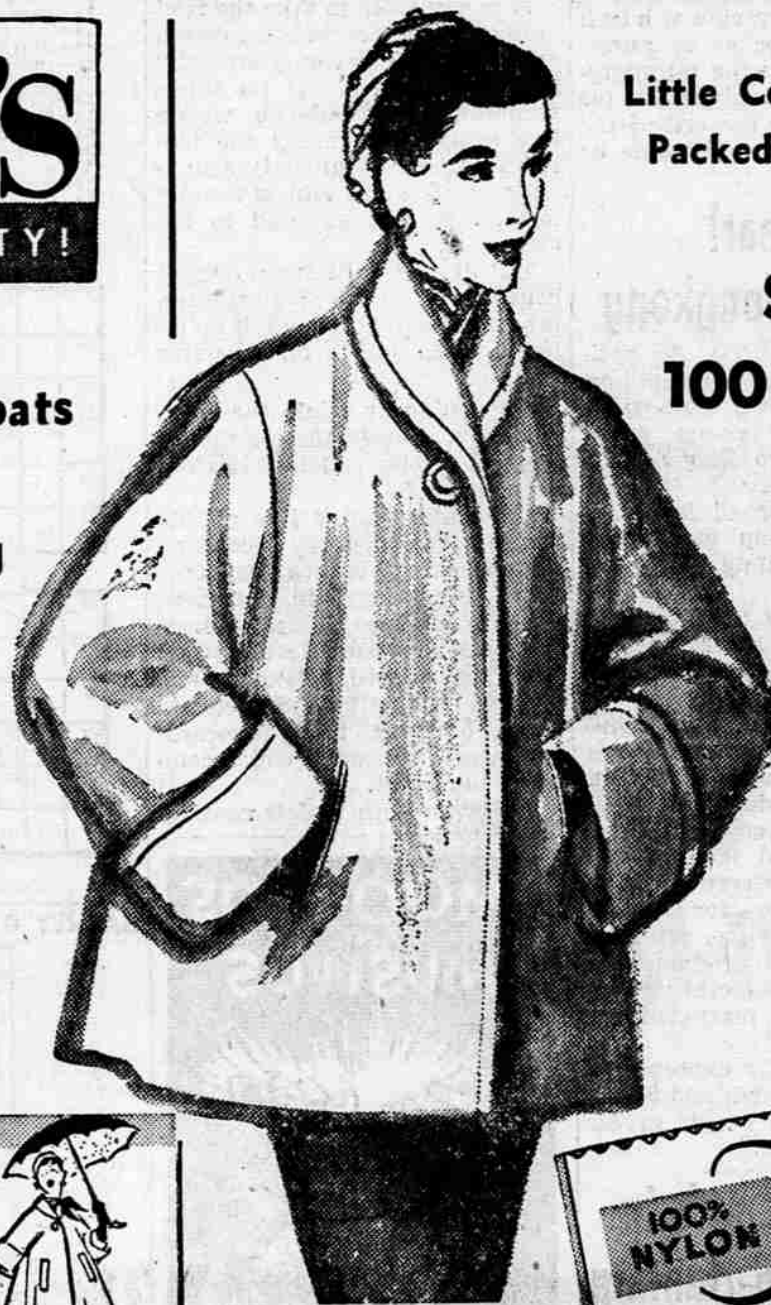
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