

New Veterans Pension Law To Be Effective Next July 1

Washington—UPI—The veterans pension bill, which President Eisenhower signed into law in Chequers, England, Saturday, will become effective next July 1. It contains major changes which the administration urgently requested to reform the pension system.

The new provisions set up a sliding scale of payments based upon need and dependents to replace the "all or nothing" flat payments made now. Pensioners with the least private income would get the highest payments.

Nearly 70 per cent of the one and a quarter million veterans, widows and orphans now on the pension rolls could get increases.

No one drawing a pension when the new system takes effect would be forced to take a cut.

The new system puts widows and orphans of World War II and Korean veterans on the same footing as World War I widows in determining eligibility for pensions. This could add 205,000 cases to the pension rolls as soon as the law takes effect.

Long Range Savings

Actually, the new system will produce long-range savings in veterans pensions totalling \$12 billion by the year

2,000. But the widows provision would add \$22 billion, making the overall extra cost \$10 billion by the turn of the century.

The new law also plugs some loopholes in the present system which let veterans collect pensions despite large assets of sizable family income. It permits a "net worth" test to determine a veteran's eligibility for a pension and counts a wife's income above \$1,200 per year.

The pension system, which now costs about \$1,100,000,000 per year, has no connection with compensation paid to veterans disabled in military service.

Here is a comparison of present benefits and those which will take effect next July 1:

Veterans

Veterans now are eligible for pensions if their annual income does not exceed \$1,400, when they have no dependents, or \$2,700 with dependents. All get the same flat pension of \$66.15 per month or \$78.75 if they are over 65 years or have been on the rolls at least 10 years.

Under the new system, veterans without dependents will get \$85 per month if their income is less than \$600 a year, \$70 if it is \$600 to \$1,200

and \$40 if it is \$1,200 to \$1,800.

Veterans with one dependent will get \$90 if their income is less than \$1,000, \$75 if it is \$1,000 to \$2,000, and \$45 if it is \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Veterans with two dependents will get \$95, \$75 and \$45 in the same income ranges. Those with three or more dependents will get \$100, \$75, and \$45.

All rates will be increased \$80 a month for helpless veterans who require regular attendants.

Widows

Widows now are eligible for pensions if their annual income does not exceed \$1,400 when they have no minor children, or \$2,700 with a minor child or children.

Widows without children now get \$50.40 per month. Those with one child get \$63. An extra \$7.56 is paid for each additional child.

Under the new system, childless widows will get \$60 a month if their income is less than \$600 a year, \$45 if income is \$600 to \$1,200, and \$25 if it is \$1,200 to \$1,800.

Widows with one child will get \$75 a month if their income is below \$1,000 a year, \$60 if it ranges from \$1,000 to \$2,000, and \$40 if it is \$2,000 to \$3,000.

An extra \$15 per month will be paid for each additional child in all cases.

Orphans now are eligible for pensions if their outside income is below \$1,400 a year.

Payments amount to \$27.30 per month for one orphan, \$40.95 for two, \$54.60 for three and an extra \$7.56 for each additional child.

Under the new system orphans will be eligible with outside income up to \$1,800 a year, not counting their own earnings.

Payments will amount to \$35 a month for one orphan and an extra \$15 for each additional child.

World War II and Korean War Widows and Orphans

Widows and orphans of World War II and Korean war veterans now must show that the veteran had some service-connected disability, however slight, at the time of his death to qualify for a pension.

The new system will remove this requirement, thus putting them on the same basis as widows and orphans of World War I veterans.

REDS UPSET AUSSIES

London—UPI—R. G. Casey, Australian minister for external affairs, said Monday night that the Communist rebellion in Laos "could become quite disturbing for Australia." Casey, who arrived in London Monday night for talks with British officials, described Communist activity in Laos and the Chinese infringement of India's borders as part of a "general pattern of Communist probes."

Wall Street Chatter

New York—UPI—The stock market has become so thin that any follow-through on a wave of selling could depress prices deeply and quickly, warns Arthur Wiesenberger & Co.

It recommends a cautious investment policy at this time.

Standard & Poor's also recommends caution at this time and says such a policy could bring its reward in the shape of more advantageous buying opportunities later on.

It names Ford a stock for action, and recommends purchase of that issue. Standard's also says Black & Decker appears to have better-than-average growth potentialities. It says Coca-Cola is a sound investment for current return and further appreciation possibilities while Colgate-Palmolive is worth-while commitment.

For the long-pull, Standard's likes corn products.

IF THE SHOE FITS . . .

Mobile, Ala.—UPI—Police imitated Cinderella's handsome prince Monday in tracing a burglary suspect. All they had to go on was a pair of shoes Alton James said he found in his house after being awakened by a noise. They fitted the shoes to a 15-year-old boy and arrested him for the burglary.

University of Rhode Island offers free tuition to its evening classes to students over the age of 69.

Runaway Girl and Brother Detained

Los Angeles—UPI—A 14-year-old girl and her 5-year-old brother, missing since Wednesday from their Washington, Pa., home were held today in juvenile hall.

Margie Bennett told police she bundled up her brother, Roland, and came out here on a bus because she was "fed up" with living at home.

She was located Sunday when she and her brother stepped off a bus and walked into Hollywood division police station. She told police at first Roland was her own son.

Police said they talked Monday night by telephone with the children's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bennett. The parents said they would come to Los Angeles.

Police said Margie claimed to be 21 at first. She said she was without money and wanted police to help her find a job so she could support herself and "her son."



BREAKING DECISION to make no public appearances until after birth of her child next year, Britain's Queen Elizabeth personally joins President Eisenhower in inspecting honor guard at Balmoral Castle, in Scotland.

Key Knowledge of How Aspirin Works Eludes Scientists

By DELOS SMITH
UPI Science Editor

New York—UPI—An astonishing fact about aspirin is that no one knows precisely how it works its wonders in relieving pain, reducing fever, and lessening rheumatic symptoms and other body inflammations.

This fact emerged from a thorough search into everything chemical and medical science does know about aspirin and its chemical relatives, a fund of information that is increasing at a tremendous rate.

Yet the key knowledge of just how aspirin brings about changes in the human body eludes science.

Take its ability to relieve pain. Science assumes that somehow this is related to the amounts of acetylsalicylic acid which is aspirin, that get into the brain.

Aspirin Rapidly Absorbed

It gets to the brain by way of the blood stream, and it gets into the blood by way of the stomach and the small intestine. Of all drugs, aspirin is one of the most rapidly absorbed. It is absorbed intact and the peak level in the blood is reached within one to two hours.

Within three hours, the aspirin has been decomposed by the addition of the watery substances of the blood. This is the time that the pain-relief lasts. It seems mostly likely that blood level and brain level are related.

"But no one has yet shown what levels in the brain correspond to effective analgesic pain-relief," reported the aspirin researchers. "Until this has been accomplished we shall probably not know the mode of analgesic action and may be not even then."

The researchers were employed by the Pfizer Pharmaceutical House and reported

to the technical periodical, "Pflüger's Archiv." They searched through mountains of scientific literature.

Another question they found unanswered was how aspirin helps the body to lose excessive heat by selectively enlarging surface blood vessels. It works only when body temperature is abnormally high. If body temperature is normal, aspirin doesn't affect it.

Aspirin poisoning is common. But this is not surprising when you remember that Americans swallow 20 billion aspirins every year. This works out to more than 100 for each man, woman and child. In view of this enormous consumption, "it is among the safest of all medicines," the report said.

Most cases of aspirin poisoning are in infants and young children who swallow man's tablets at one time because they don't know better. Occasionally an adult will swallow a few score in a suicide attempt which usually fails because medical science can deal with aspirin poisoning.

Now and then an individual turns up who is allergic to aspirin. It also produces stomach distress in others and "it should be used with care in patients in whom it causes indigestion and in those with peptic ulcer." Nevertheless "the potential danger in the misuse of aspirin, while important, is microscopic when measured against its countless benefits."

The researchers found that whether "buffered" aspirin is better than plain aspirin "is an open question." If it is, they continued, the improvement "is limited in degree and of doubtful value in most patients."

Nearly 1,600 deaths in the U. S. in 1958 were caused by "catastrophes"—accidents in which five or more persons perished. This was about 100 fewer than the preceding year.

Registration Set At Talent School

Talent-Registration for new students at Talent High school will be held Friday, Sept. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the high school office.

Students are asked to bring cards or any record of their academic placement. Fees totalling \$16.50 may be paid at the time of registration.

The registration does not apply to freshmen who attended Talent grade school.

Marine Carpenters Close Shipyards

San Francisco—UPI—The few West Coast shipyards still operating in spite of the week-long machinists' strike were closed Monday by a walkout of Marine carpenters.

Carpenters had been working without a contract since July 1. They are asking a 10-cent hourly increase and a one-year contract. Employers have offered seven cents and a two-year contract.

Meanwhile, the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council rejected a shipyard owners' offer for a new contract and its 11,000 workers were expected to join the walkout.

Metal workers already were led by the machinists' strike.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

London—President Eisenhower, stating his belief that "peace is imperative in our time" in an unprecedented television fireside chat with British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan:

"If we are to have a summit conference, Khrushchev must understand that as you and I do."

London—Macmillan, warning of the danger of war in the off-the-cuff television conversation:

"The first war happened largely by mistake. The second was different. It could not be prevented. Now we are in a situation where we might drift into something by mistake."

London—An American delegate to an international space congress, revealing that Soviet delegates seemed "amused" by reports that America's seven astronauts had sold the story of "the first space flight":

"I got the impression they were convinced the first story would be given out free (by a Russian) over radio Moscow."

Pittsburgh—Mrs. Jean Naccarelli, 46, who inherited a \$2 million Scottish estate from her uncle, noting that a doctor told her she will die from cancer within a year:

"I think I'm going to have a big funeral."

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Khrushchev Plans Radio-TV Address

New York—UPI—Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev will deliver a one-hour speech over the NBC television and radio networks during his visit to this country this month.

Khrushchev's talk will be broadcast from 2 to 3 p.m. (pst) Sunday, Sept. 27, the National Broadcasting Co. announced today.



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