

Questions Noted On VA Services

Veterans and their families ask many questions regarding the benefits the government provides them through Veterans Administration.

Some representative queries and answers are listed here by the Jackson county veterans' service officer. Additional information is available at his office on the first floor of the Jackson county courthouse annex.

Q — Is Veterans Administration medical care available to peacetime veterans?

A — Yes, but they must have service-connected disabilities. A new law enacted by the 87th Congress extends the privilege to receive VA hospital and medical care to peacetime veterans having noncompensable, service-connected disabilities.

Q — Can a veteran pay off his GI loan before it becomes due and not be penalized?

A — Yes. A GI loan may be partially or fully paid at any time without penalty. Part payments may not be less than one monthly installment or \$100, whichever is less.

Q — May a veteran who has no service-connected illness enter a VA hospital and pay for his care?

A — No. The government extends hospitalization benefits free of charge to those veterans with service-connected disabilities and to those veterans with nonservice-connected disabilities who cannot afford to pay for their hospitalization. All other veterans are expected to use non-VA hospitals.

Freedom Center Report Requested

Salem, Ore. — Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. has asked for a campaign expense report from the Freedom Center in Portland, headed by Walter Huss.

Appling said a letter requesting the report would be mailed to Huss.

Appling said he wanted the report on literature that "sought to bring about the defeat of Edith Green." The Democratic congresswoman was returned to a fifth term.

Appling said the literature, bearing the Freedom Center name, carried a disclaimer. But he said that was not enough to exclude it from Oregon's law requiring reports on campaign expenses.

"We feel that this literature falls under the law and we intend to enforce the law," Appling said.

It was the second said request from Appling, who last week directed Harrison Spangler to file a campaign expense report on his book, "The Record of Wayne Morse," which is critical of the Democratic senator.

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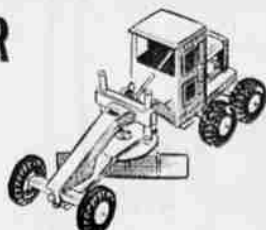
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