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NEW VETERANS' HEAD

(Cincinnati Enquirer)

President Truman's appointment of Gen. Omar Bradley to succeed Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines as chief of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau will meet with instant approval throughout the country. Not only has General Bradley's recent war record endeared him to the hearts of all Americans, but recent criticism which has fallen on the Veterans Administration, whether just or unjust, has reacted to the discredit of present officials.

When Frank Hines took office as administrator of veterans' affairs, back in 1923, he was fresh from a series of administrative military triumphs, both in the United States and Europe. He had been chief of the vital embarkation service in World War I, and had formulated the plans for moving the AEF to its foreign stations. Later, when those same soldiers were returning home, he saved the country millions of dollars in adjusting rates with foreign governments and speeding the troop movements. After the war he went to a private steamship line as vice president, but returned to government service at the call of President Harding.

The Veterans Bureau just then was in

some disrepute, but General Hines immediately set to work to put it in order. He campaigned for the consolidation of veterans' agencies, and won his fight. Certainly he did much to make the entire service program smoother and more effective.

General Bradley comes into the post with a background even more brilliant than that of General Hines, who is now 66 years old. With the drive, the intelligence and the experience he has acquired in years of Army service, the new veterans' chief will contribute much to the postwar job of veterans' assistance — a job which will be multiplied many times over during the coming years.

(New York Times)

One vitally important problem facing the Government, and all of us, is the physical care of the men who have done the fighting with their health and blood. The appointment by President Truman of Gen. Omar Bradley as head of the Veterans Administration is a stroke of inspiration which we believe everyone will applaud.

The American public is assured that it will have as its agent in administering the program which Congress has outlined one of the ablest generals in the Army. The veteran will feel that truly he has a friend in court, one who knows at first hand what have been his privations and his sacrifices and who will make every effort to see that he receives his just due under the law. General Bradley's appointment gives added meaning to the popular description of the veterans' statutes, the GI Bill of Rights.

WASHINGTON NEWS-LETTER

By MARY LEE COUNCIL

Secretary to E. L. (Bob) Bartlett,
Delegate to Congress from Alaska

FEDERAL AID FOR AIRPORTS INCLUDES ALASKA

Alaska is in line to benefit by \$10,000,000 representing Federal aid funds for the construction of public airports if legislation now before the House becomes law.

The bill, introduced by Chairman Lea of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, embraces authorization for appropriations for the United States, including territories and possessions, and the primary object of the measure is to provide Federal cooperative aid for a national system of airports.

To carry out this program as it concerns the territories and possessions, the bill authorizes annual appropriations amounting in the aggregate to \$50,000,000 over a ten-year period. Not more than \$10,000,000 of this amount is to be expended in Alaska, not more than \$15,000,000 in Hawaii, and not more than \$10,000,000 in Puerto Rico.

At the request of Delegate Bartlett and with the cooperation of Congressman Alfred Bulwinkle, Chairman of the subcommittee handling this measure, a special provision has been written into the bill which provides that the municipality in Alaska planning to construct a public airport will bear 25% of the cost of airport construction, rather than being required to make a 50% contribution, as in the States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

WAGE DIFFERENTIAL

The outright discrimination against Alaskans by the Army and Navy in issuing an order that henceforth civilian employees will not receive the 25% wage differential if recruited in Alaska but will continue to do so if hired in the States, is being fought vigorously by all agencies and individuals in Washington really conversant with the facts.

The ruling, which was put into effect without prior consultation with any of those agencies or individuals, was termed by Delegate Bartlett as being "simply fantastic. How these agencies can expect two persons doing identical work to have their pay established by reason of residential qualifications is beyond comprehension."

Delegate Farrington of Hawaii has joined in the battle. The order likewise discriminates against residents of the Islands.

REVENUE BOND BILL REINTRODUCED

In order to include a provision for municipal elections for the issuance of revenue bonds for

public works purposes, Delegate Bartlett has reintroduced the revenue bond bill which has stimulated so much interest in the Territory.

Under this legislation, approval of the issuance of revenue bonds by officials of municipal corporations and public utility districts must be had upon majority vote of the qualified voters residing in the municipality or public utility district concerned.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION TO OPEN NEW CONTACT UNIT

Delegate Bartlett has been informed that a Veterans Administration Contact Unit will soon be opened at Fairbanks.

The authority to establish this unit, consisting of a Contact Representative and a clerk-stenographer, has been granted to the Regional Manager at Seattle. The office will be opened as soon as space can be found and personnel procured and trained. Further information reveals that the office will be enlarged with the assignment of additional personnel as the needs of the service require.

DECLARATION OF OWNERSHIP OF LANDS IN ALASKA UNDER CONSIDERATION

Delegate Bartlett has introduced legislation to facilitate the carrying out of the act of the Territorial Legislature which provides for the declaration of the ownership of lands in Alaska.

Since the records of original patents of all privately owned land in Alaska are in the district land offices, agencies of the Federal Government, Mr. Bartlett's measure provides for the utilization of those offices and the services of the Registers and of the Commission of the General Land Office, in accordance with the desire of the Legislature. This personnel is not to be compensated additionally for this work.

PRESIDENT SIGNS ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD RELIEF BILL

The President has signed Delegate Bartlett's bill in the amount of \$6,000 for the payment to the Alaska Native Brotherhood at Sitka for destruction to its hall by fire.

Congress has determined that the loss was due to negligence of the army in possession of the hall at the time of the fire.

FAMILIES OF MILITARY PERSONNEL

Believing that the reasons for prohibiting families of military personnel serving in Alaska to live in the Territory no longer are compelling, Delegate Bartlett has urged the War Department to rescind its order.

Favorable action has not yet been taken by the War Department, but the Delegate will continue to work toward this end.

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