

# News For Veterans

A 16 per cent decrease in the average daily number of tuberculosis patients in Veterans Administration hospitals since 1954 was reported by the agency.

VA said the daily average dropped from 15,221 in fiscal year 1954 to 12,715 in fiscal year 1957, although the number of admissions and discharges of TB patients over the same period remained the same.

Dr. Roy A. Wolford, VA deputy

chief medical director in Washington, D. C., said the average daily decrease resulted from a reduction of length of stay due to drug treatment pioneered by VA research plus a VA program that permits TB patients to return home while they are under drug therapy.

He said while the average period of TB drug treatment is 18 to 24 months, many TB patients can leave the hospitals after eight or nine months, provided they contin-

# ASC Official Spells Main Objectives

"The job we face is one of maintaining the land now in use at levels that will assure continued abundance of food and fiber."

That statement by Tilman R. Walker, chairman of the ASC state committee, sums up the objectives of the 1958 Agricultural Conservation Program. He added, "We need to offset soil deterioration generally, and on many soils, we need to go even further and rebuild them after years of mis-use."

As Walker sees it, the first job of ACP is to check deterioration, to prevent the soil from becoming less and less productive as the top layer

of topsoil is washed or blown away. But hand in hand with this is the job of rebuilding agricultural resources for the "long pull" ahead.

Cropping, as well as erosion, depletes the soil of plant food. Walker pointed out that on an acre of fertile soil growing a cultivated crop such as corn, the break-down of the soil may be as great as losing 20 tons of topsoil through erosion.

Walker stressed the fact that the

nation is now faced with the challenge of adjusting production to current needs, and at the same time keeping land in condition to meet the greatly increased demands of rapidly growing population in the future. The ACP, he points out, is one of the tools available to farmers to help them protect, preserve and rebuild the soil on their farms.

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Q—I understand a war veteran needs at least 90 days military service to qualify for a pension. If he was absent without leave, would that time count toward his 90 days?

A—If his pay were forfeited for his period of absence without leave, that time would not count toward the 90-day minimum service requirement.

Q—I am a widow of a deceased World War II veteran and I never have remarried. Also, I served in the WAVES during World War II. Thus, it seems to me I would have entitlement to two GI loans. Am I right?

A—No. Under the law you would have only one entitlement to a GI loan, not two.