

End Of Hostilities Had Far-Reaching Affect On Many Branches Of Gov.

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WASHINGTON—When the President proclaimed the end of hostilities many government agencies had to do some fast rustling through their legal files.

The Veterans' Administration (VA) got a shock when it read the White House release listing the statutes affected by the declaration. One of those plainly stated that men who entered the armed forces after hostilities terminated were not entitled to GI educational benefits—which seemed rough on the boys who might enlist or be drafted after Dec. 31, the date of the proclamation.

But VA lawyers went to work and learned the statute had been amended so that GI benefits applied to all who served in the armed forces up to the "termination of the war," not hostilities. So selectees and enlistees still are entitled to their GI educational benefits.

Some Privileges Lost

The proclamation, according to VA, did exclude one group from the GI educational grants—any men who entered the academies at West Point and Annapolis after Dec. 31. Up to then the academy men had the same rights as other members of the armed forces.

Men now in the armed forces, however, lose a few wartime privileges. They no longer can obtain tax-free playing cards in U. S. territories nor tax-free tobacco when overseas. After six months they no longer will be able to send from abroad duty-free gifts worth up to \$50. After July 1 men serving overseas can be sent all kinds of political literature.

Men who were drafted or enlisted up to noon of Dec. 31, according to War Department lawyers, can bring home alien wives or children if they apply before Dec. 28, 1948.

Among the acts terminated was one providing special training facilities for nurses for the armed forces. The War Department says its wartime nurses' training program was concluded last summer anyway.

Income Tax Rules Change

The Internal Revenue Bureau found two of the statutes affected its income tax regulations. Corporations which make contributions to foreign charities cannot now deduct such gifts from their incomes.

Some sections of the mining industry are hit.

Operators of oil and gas wells, coal, metal, sulphur, and graphite mines are permitted deductions from gross income to cover depletion of properties. Up to the termination of hostilities, this privilege was accorded also to operators who mined feldspar, mica, fluorospar, vermiculite, beryl, talc, lepidolite, spodumene, barite, rock asphalt and ball and sagger clay, to encourage greater production. Internal Revenue says this "percentage depletion" allowance no longer applies to this minor group.

Treasury Department silver which was loaned to the atomic

Reports to Attlee



GENERAL Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner of Palestine, arrives in London by plane for a discussion of possible measures to be taken by the British military forces to suppress current violence in the Holy Land. Gen. Cunningham was called to 10 Downing Street by Prime Minister Attlee as attacks by the underground grew more daring. (International)

power projects and to defense plants to take the place of scarce copper in certain essential machinery must be returned by July 1st.

Atomic Projects on Spot

Atomic projects still are using their silver—about 14,000 tons—and the Atomic Energy Commission now will have to round up a lot of copper or get Congress to pass a law to permit it to hold on to its silver.

Commercial banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) will have to make some rapid adjustments, but Federal Reserve officials say the amount of money involved is not large and they expect no difficulty.

What these banks will have to do within six months is: (1) begin paying FDIC assessments on any war loan accounts they are holding for the government; (2) meet peacetime requirements for deposits of certain percentages of their holdings in Federal Reserve Banks.

Congress, of course, can restore any or all of these wartime regulations and exemptions if it takes the notion.

Want Ads Get Immediate Results

Student Nurses One Of State's Urgent Needs

DURHAM—Enrollments for fall classes at North Carolina's schools of nursing have dipped to a dangerous all-time low, according to information made available to the Good Health Association by officials of the State Nurses' Association.

Quotas as set by the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps—met or exceeded for every term during the war—have gone unfulfilled regularly since the return of peace, and it is now estimated that only 37 to 40 per cent of the needed number of new students have entered the present classes.

In the state's 45 accredited and one tentatively approved school of nursing, only 2,051 students are now in training. So short is the

enrollment that some schools are without a freshman class.

Anxious to offer unstinted assistance in North Carolina's great new program of better health for all the people, executive of the nursing profession view with considerable alarm the steadily dropping enrollments.

In order to check this unfortunate condition, officials say more young women must be persuaded to become nurses. To accomplish this, many inducements are being

offered. Higher earnings. Education, Security, Travel, if desired. Interesting social contacts.

"North Carolina urgently needs 12,500 graduate nurses to bring the state up to the desired standard of one nurse for every 285 people," Miss J. Virginia Miles, counselor and educational director of schools of nursing in North Carolina, states.

Carson City, Nev., is the smallest state capital in the U. S.

Asheville To Be Host To 40 Conventions

ASHEVILLE—(AP)—At least 40 conventions will be held in Asheville this year.

Included are Congress on World Government, Feb. 21-23; Southern Association of Science and Industry, April 10-11; State Parent-Teacher Association, April 22-24; North Carolina Conference for Social Service, April 27-29; Southern States Probation and

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