

V * * A FACTS

The nation's third GI Bill education program entered its 10th year June 1 with veterans participation surpassing both the World War II bill and Korean Conflict programs, reported Veterans Administration Richard L. Roudebush.

He said 5.7 million men and women received some form of training under the Veterans Readjustment Benefits Act of 1966. This represents 53 percent of the total veteran population during this nine-year period.

Only 51 percent of eligible veterans participated in the World War II program during its 12 year existence. The Korean Conflict GI Bill remained in effect 12 1/2 years with a 43 percent participation rate.

The current GI Bill went into effect June 1, 1966, and provided eligibility for both post Korean veterans and those with service during the Vietnam era.

Of 7.5 million Vietnam-era veterans eligible for training under the GI Bill, 4.4 million or 59 percent had been enrolled as the program concluded its ninth year.

The Vietnam era during which servicemen and women could earn eligibility for certain wartime benefits began Aug. 5, 1964, and was ended by Presidential proclamation May 7, 1975. The GI Bill was unaffected because benefits are linked to service dates established by Congress, but legislation has been

proposed which would terminate this program effective June 30, 1975.

Q--I'm a 66 year old veteran unable to work. Can I qualify for a disability pension from the Veterans Administration?

A--Probably. Laws governing VA pensions consider veterans 65 years old and older totally disabled and eligible for pension if they fall within income limitations. Suggest you contact the agency.

Q--I was discharged recently from military service and I plan to go to school under the GI Bill. How long do I have to complete my schooling?

A--Under a recent law (PL 93-337, July 10, 1974) veterans are allowed 10 instead of 8 years from date of separation to finish schooling.

Q--My husband was drawing compensation from the Veterans Administration for a 30 percent disability when he died. Am I eligible for the agency's healthcare program, CHAMPVA?

A--If your husband died as a result of his service-connected disability and you're not eligible for the military's CHAMPUS program or medicare, you may be eligible for CHAMPVA. Check with nearest VA hospital or clinic.

Pending bomber contract could mean jobs

WASHINGTON--The Air Force's B-1 bomber, currently in the development stage, could mean a contract in excess of \$103 million and several hundred employee positions for the titanium metals operations in Henderson, Sen. Howard Cannon said today.

"One of the three prototype bombers currently is in the air and two additional test models are under production," said the Nevada senator, a ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"The Air Force is talking about the possibility of ordering 240 B-1 bombers. However, a final decision will not be made for about a year and a half. Also, Congress must vote on the matter, which is expected in November 1976."

Cannon, chairman of the Senate's Tactical Air Subcommittee, said Titanium Metals Corp. of America, in Henderson, currently is under contract with Rockwell International Corp. to provide titanium ingot for the three prototype B-1 bombers being built by Rockwell. Each B-1 contains about \$430,000 of titanium ingot metal.

"If the Air Force and the Congress go with the B-1 and Titanium Metals gets the contract, it could be worth more than \$103 million for the Henderson firm," said the senator. He said such a contract could mean up to several hundred new employee positions at the Henderson plant.

Cannon added that Titanium Metals' currently contract would not guarantee the final contract if the B-1 is approved, however, the firm has the initial research contract which would lend weight in the bidding.

Titanium metal is used in the B-1 to ward off high heat and to cut down noise vibrations, said Cannon.



AIDES IN ACTION



Varieties of peaches that do well here in Southern Nevada are Babcock, Early Elberta, Elberta, J.H. Hale, Sims, Ventura, Rio Osa Gem, and Robin. These all are self-pollinated with the exception of J.H. Hale. J.H. Hale requires cross-pollination from another peach variety. These varieties require a spacing of 20 ft., less space is required if a dwarf tree is planted.

Bobcock is a medium size, whitefleshed freestone peach with a high blush. Babcock is juicy and ripens in late June.

Early Elberta is a large elongated yellow freestone peach. It has a yellow flushed red skin. Early Elberta ripens in late June. Elberta variety ripen in early July.

J.H.Hale, cross-pollinated variety is a popular large yellow freestone that ripens in late July. Sims has a golden yellow skin. The flesh is sweet and deep yellow. Sims is a heavy bearer that ripens in mid-August. Sims is a clingstone variety.

Ventura has medium red blushed yellow colored skin with yellow flesh. Ventura ripens in mid-July.

Rio Oso Gem is a round yellow with brilliant orange-red blush peach. This is a freestone variety that ripens in late August.

Robin is a red-cheeked, white-fleshed, semi-freestone peach. It is very juicy and honey sweet. This peach ripens in early June.

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FRI. **27** Paul Laurence Dunbar, first major poet to treat Black folk-life, born in Dayton, Ohio. 1872

SAT. **28** Anthony Benezet opens school for Blacks in Philadelphia. 1770

SUN. **29** In 1880: 6,580,793 Blacks in U.S., 13.1 percent of population.

MON. **30** Day of the Congo's Independence. 1960

July 1975

TUES. **1** Black Tenth Cavalry charges Spanish forces at El Caney, Cuba, and relieves Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders. 1898

WED. **2** Vermont is first state to abolish slavery. 1777

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