

States and Germany, declared by Congress on 11 Dec 1941, and provides that the rights and privileges of the United States and its nationals which were acquired by unconditional surrender of Germany of 8 May, 1945, remain unchanged.

Disabled Veterans Payments—Public Law 187 (evolving from H.R. 4233 and S. 1864); passed by Congress over President's veto; authorizes payment by VA of \$1,000 toward purchase of an auto or other conveyance and devices for veterans of service on or after 27 June 1950, in those cases where loss of or the permanent loss of use of one or more limbs is involved, or when there is a permanent impairment of vision of both eyes of an ex-service man.

Korean Veterans Housing—Public Law 214 (evolving from S. 2244); grants veterans of the Korean conflict the same benefits given to veterans of World War II under the National Housing Act, such as preference in the rental of low-rent housing units, in the purchase of war housing under the Lanham Act, and in obtaining special F.H.A. mortgage insurance advantages.

V. A. Employment of Retired Officers—Public Law 230 (evolving from H.R. 5062); extends the authority of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to appoint and employ retired officers without affecting their retired status.

Psychoses Cases—Public Law 239 (evolving from H.R. 320); provides hospitalization and outpatient treatment to veterans of World War II who develop a case of active psychoses within two years from release from active duty.

Naval Academy to Expand

The U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., is enlarging and modernizing its facilities, providing for the largest brigade of midshipmen in its history.

First step in the program authorized by law calls for 43 additional classrooms and improvement of existing classrooms. The second phase of this program involves messing facilities. These, like the classroom facilities, were originally constructed for a brigade two-thirds the size of the present brigade. At present, 3,790 midshipmen are studying in classrooms built to handle 2,500.



THREE HOBBYISTS look over plans for a model airplane in Roosevelt's well-stocked hobby shop. Prices of items range from 50 cents to 40 dollars.

Enthusiasms Stirred by Carrier Hobby Shop

When crewmen of the aircraft carrier *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CVB 42) are not helping to launch the Navy's big attack planes, like as not they're launching a few smaller ones of their own—built in *FDR*'s well-equipped hobby shop.

This shop, one of the biggest and best afloat, is fluorescent-lighted, air-conditioned and keeps a large amount of stock on its work benches and in its orderly stowage racks.

In the off-duty center, carrier sailors while away many pleasant hours turning out not only model planes but such intricate items as

model racers and model railroad equipment.

"We started this shop with \$800 worth of stock and a workshop made out of cast-off equipment," recalls L. H. Sloniker, AM2, who is in charge of all the buying, selling and upkeep. "Now we think we've got one of the best."

But a hobbyist's enthusiasm can sometimes run away with him. It did for one man who let his model *Banshee* crack into the tail of a real F9F *Panther* which was making an approach on the ship. The F9F had to be grounded for repairs; the model was scarcely scratched.



RELAXING in their off-duty time, these men concentrate on their various projects. The shop is always in use, from 'knock-off-work' to 'Taps.'