

Vets Bonus

Those who contend that powerful business groups in this state are leading opposition to the proposed veterans' bonus are not delving into the issues that lie behind the bonus plan. They are putting up a smoke screen and fail to take into account one of the most significant facts involved.

THE BONUS proposal is being backed by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Since its inception in New York state prior to World War I, when it was set up as a means of combating progressive ideas, the American Legion has been dominated by big business. To a lesser extent, business also has wielded great influence on the VFW.

Why do the businessmen oppose the bonus on one hand and then sponsor it through the veterans' groups? This makes little sense.

It also would be well to consider that the American Veterans Committee, the one veterans group that has been entirely free of big business influence, has been opposed to all bonus plans since it was organized during World War II. AVC's slogan is "Citizens First, Veterans Second".

The fact is that a bonus is going to cost plenty—and it is the veteran himself and his children who will have to pay in the years to come. Money today is cheap, and \$500 won't mean too much, but later when money is dear paying back that \$500 will be a heavy load.

SOME CLAIM that the bonus is needed to help fight a recession. This is economically unsound. The bonus will merely forestall for a while the big bust that is on the way.

If the veterans organizations are so interested in forestalling recession, why didn't they come forward immediately after the war with a sensible program to combat inflation and stabilize the economy?

A more practical plan would be government action to bolster the economy through public works and a more comprehensive plan of social insurance that would benefit everyone, not merely veterans.

L. D. Gladfelter

ED. NOTE—This is a non-veteran's view of the proposed veterans' bonus bill. No doubt many readers will react emotionally, and will want to know the writer's service record. In so doing, they will fail to consider the argument on the basis of its merits. That is their privilege; the writer is cognizant of these emotional inclinations.

The Gripes of Roth

By RED ROTH

Not long ago the American Medical Association published a report which said, in effect, "the cause of baldness is not known, and there is today no preventative for falling hair."

THIS STATEMENT, published and republished in books, magazines, and newspapers, immediately sent millions of men scurrying to the nearest mirror, fear in their eyes and terror in their hearts.

Males, otherwise normal, grabbed up micrometers and began measuring, in millimeters, the hairline recession of the preceding 24 hours. Others liberally doused their scalps with sweet-smelling potions which, though they couldn't stop falling hair, glued the loose ones back to the head.

Why all this fuss about what Webster defines as "a slender threadlike outgrowth of an animal; especially one of the filaments which form the characteristic coat of animals?"

BECAUSE TODAY, as never before, hair has taken the spotlight of public affairs. Possibilities of baldness have replaced women as the chief topic of conversation in Tavern or Skellar, dorms or fraternities.

It's not the first time the foliage which adorns the topmost portion of the anatomy has made news, however. Through the ages, the hair, along with the heart, was the most-mentioned physical attribute of human beings.

For instance there was the classical tale of Samson and Delilah. Samson was the Chuck Drazenovich of his day. Delilah, a slick chick who knew how to handle a set of clippers as well as she did men, robbed the ancient prototype of Bernarr McFadden of his strength simply by snipping off a few threadlike outgrowths.

But the paradox of today's searching interest in hair, or lack of it, is something novel in the annals of history. For while one sex struggles to retain its natural growth of fuzz, the other fights just as tenaciously to eliminate it.

AMONG MEN, hair tonics and restorers show astounding sales gains. Scalp "specialists" have found themselves so burdened down with clients they are forced to re-specialize.

We now have specialists in treating falling eyebrows, experts in restoring "widow's peaks," others who won't handle a case unless it's on the back of the head, and still others who treat only droopy mustachios.

Women, on the other hand, sweep up hair depilatories from sales counters almost as fast as their male counterparts grab up restorers. Manufacturers have gone to extreme to make hair removal easier for the female fatales.

There are special safety razors for the legs, liquid and cream depilatories for face and limbs, and outlandish hot wax treatments to remove unbecoming fuzz on the female face. The latter shows how much torture a woman will stand to get rid of the unsightly five o'clock shadow. It consists of pouring molten wax over the face. The wax removes the hair follicles by tearing off the top three layers of skin when it is removed.

Of the two problems, woman's is the easier to solve. There are many ways to get rid of the stuff and not one single known method of restoring it.

As one wag once said, "The only thing that will stop falling hair is the floor."

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HILLEL MUSIC Committee, Hillel Foundation, 8 p.m.

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NITTANY—Hidden Danger.

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