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### Veterans--

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level. They said the present bill "contains three jokers."

This is the bill recently passed by Congress which limits Government subsistence allowances of veterans who are in college or are taking on-the-job training. Government payments now total about \$100,000,000 a month under the program.

Veterans may receive up to \$65 a month, if single, or \$90 if married, in government subsistence payments. But the amendment specifies if they make more than \$110 a month in salary their subsistence will be reduced correspondingly. Thus they get no Government pay if their outside earnings exceed \$175 if single or \$200 if married.

In a statement today Commander Hardy said that under the new ceiling rule a veteran can actually raise his "take home pay" by persuading his private employer to cut his salary.

Clinton Golden, chairman of the CIO Veterans' Committee, said the "three-jokers" in the bill are the ceiling which doesn't permit a veteran to "pursue his studies without impairing his earning power." A clause limiting payments to a period of two years whereas apprenticeship is required for six in some fields; and the law's failure to place a penalty on the employer who "has a phony on-the-job training program."

### Victoria Hero--

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countered personally or witnessed while a prisoner of the Japs for almost three years and a half.

"I was questioned by high Army officials at Manila and questioned again at Seattle, Wash., when I hit the States," he said. "I am sworn to secrecy since those dispositions were

taken for use at the Jap war crimes trials."

But he did relate the cave-in incident that cost him his leg.

"I was sent into the coal mines in July, 1943, and worked there until July of the following year," he remembered. "It was on July 9, 1944, while I was working with a group of other prisoners in a lateral of the coal mine. Suddenly the entire lateral began caving in about us. One of the heavy timbers smashed my leg. The boys (other American prisoners) helped extricate me and got me to the surface."

"A Captain Helewett—I have forgotten his first name—amputated my leg, using only a local anesthetic just above the amputation. We had no ether and the 'operation' was performed in our dirty barracks." Carroll explained. Capt. Helewett was an Army surgeon, and also a prisoner of war like himself.

"After being released from the prison camp, we were flown from the Jap homeland to Okinawa and then to Manila. A fast Navy transport then rushed us to Seattle, where we arrived on October 8, 1945," Carroll continued.

He said he was sent immediately to McCloskey and on November 22 underwent the second amputation.

Carroll attended the Mitchell Grammar School and Patti Welder High School in Victoria.

He originally enlisted in the Regular Army on December 1, 1937, and served under General Wainwright (then a colonel at Fort Sam Houston) with a machinegun troop, 12th Cavalry, at Fort Brown, near Brownsville. He said he served two years and one month and then took a short discharge and reenlisted February 16, 1940, and went almost immediately overseas.

"I was attached to Battery G, 60th Coast Artillery Corps, anti-aircraft, 2nd Battalion, U. S. Armed Forces of the Far East as a machinegun sergeant," Carroll said. "This was on the Philippine Islands, where I was stationed

from April, 1940, to September, 1945."

Like most real heroes of the war, Carroll is unusually modest of the part he played in the early-day fighting in the Philippines. However, we managed to get from him the fact that he fought continuously on Bataan and was on the beach defense of Corregidor when Wainwright surrendered his forces to the Japanese.

"I was serving with the beach defense at Corregidor when the end came," he said. "We had only eight guns, and only 15 men to man them." By way of explanation, he said his unit usually had eight men to a gun, but had been reduced to 15 men for eight guns. "We had been undermanned

like this for five months—four months on Bataan and 30 days on the island (Corregidor). The surrender came April 8, 1942," he recalled.

For his Army service, Carroll wears the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Ribbon with bar, American Defense Ribbon, American Theatre Ribbon, the Philippine Ribbon, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon with four bronze stars, the Distinguished Unit Citation and World War II Victory Ribbon.

In addition to his mother, Carroll has two sisters, Mrs. Sadie L. Wright of 203 North Cameron Street and Mrs. M. M. Goldsmith of Texaco, N. M.

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