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**ON CAPITOL HILL:** By a 342 to 1 tally, the House of Representatives recently passed legislation making Servicemen's Group Life Insurance available to Guardsmen/Reservists on a fulltime basis. The bill included authorization for payroll deductions to cover premiums on group insurance sponsored by State Military Departments and State National Guard Associations. The Senate must vote approval before the measure becomes law. Hearings are tentatively set for May 23 before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. In another approach to survivor protection, Congressman G.V. Montgomery of Mississippi has introduced H.R. 3468, which would authorize payment of a portion of a retirement annuity to the widow or other survivor of a Guardsman or Reservist who qualifies for retired pay then dies before reaching age 60 at which actual payments commence. At present, a survivor is entitled to no portion of an earned annuity if the Guardsman dies between his actual retirement and age 60. Major General Henry W. McMillan, NGAUS President, has written to all members of the House and Senate urging their support of the Montgomery bill.

**OVERSEAS TRAVEL NOW AVAILABLE:** Guardsmen and Reservists are no longer limited to the continental United States for space available travel. A change in Department of Defense regulations authorizes travel to Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico for Guardsmen, Reservists and those who have qualified for retirement after 20 years or more of creditable service, but haven't reached age 60. Before the DOD shift, Guardsmen and Reservists were limited to travel within the the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. The new ruling requires active Guardsmen/Reservists to be in uniform, present a DD Form 2 (Red Reserve Identification Card), and have authentication of their current status in the Guard or Reserve. For those who have 20 years or more of service and are no longer active, but have not reached age 60, space available travel is allowed after presentation of the red I.D. card and the notice of their retirement eligibility. The wearing of uniforms is not required.

**INSURANCE:** Will the following people please contact SSgt. William Robinson in Personnel Affairs, Base ext. 45, for information on the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance Program: Capt Jake S. Counts, Hq 123 TRGp; Capt John L Silverman, Hq 123d TRGp; 1Lt Edward N. Dodson, 123d Comm Flt; A1c Dennis M. Miceli, 123 Cam Sq; A1c Gillon T. Nicely Jr., 123 Supply Sq; Ssgt Jeffrey B. Onkst, 123 CAM Sq; A1c Jeffrey B. Owen, 123 Supply Sq.

### UNLIMITED EX PRIVILEGES ON DRILL DAYS:

Good news for Air Guardsmen...In effect now is unlimited Post-Base Exchange privileges on DRILL DAYS...according to a recent Department of Defense decision. The easing of the restrictions is so new that instructions on how to implement the decision are still in preparation. Basically...here's what we know: The Defense Department will allow Guardsmen to purchase anything a Post or Base Exchange has to offer...but ONLY on drill days. However, the questions involving use of the Exchange by Guardsmen's dependents, use during equivalent training or additional training periods, or even stretching the privilege to some other day if the Exchange is closed on drill days must all be resolved by the Department of Defense before implementation. Major General Henry W. McMillan, NGAUS President, expressed his approval of the recent decision, adding that the move brings the National Guard closer to the Active military. The policy on Exchange use in the past allowed Guardsmen to buy only selected items on drill day. Although most Exchanges have been informed of the DOD decision...some may not have received the word. VOCDOGTALES urges all Kentucky ANG members to be prepared for some miss-understanding for awhile until the plan is fully implemented.



"Who's the wise guy who suggests profit-sharing as an incentive for retention?"

### RECRUITING DRIVE ON ...FOR KY. AIR GUARD:

with high school graduation now about over...many young graduates are wondering "what to do with my life?" Many will be heading for college this fall...but more will be on the job market. The Kentucky Air National Guard needs high school young people who desire special and technical training. The Air Force offers high school graduates the opportunity to receive special technical training which can be applied to their civilian jobs. The Air Guard recruiter...SMSGT Howard Curtiss would like to know of interested high school graduates to explain the opportunities for participation in the Air Guard...with good pay...and opportunity for excellent training and advancement. To assist the recruiting drive...each member of the unit can be individual recruiters. TSgt George Newman tells the VOCDOGTALES that the major prize of "Liquid Refreshment" to be awarded as prizes in the drive comes from the sale of tickets. However, more participation by unit members is vitally needed. For those unaware of the purpose of the ticket raffle...it is to pay for the prizes being given to the unit members who are most successful in attracting new Air Guard members.

### ATTENTION BOWLERS:

The Kentucky Air National Guard Bowling League (Mens League) is now forming teams for the 1973-74 season and is in need of bowlers. The league bowls at the Indian Trail Lanes on Monday nights at 6:30pm. This early time should be appealing to many Air Guardsmen who have early shifts at their employment. If interested...get in contact with Bob Allen, Steve Hardesty or Dick Cravatte.