U.S. Presents Chemical Weapons Treaty

This week, Vice President George Bush unveiled the Reagan Administration's long awaited proposal for an international treaty banning chemical weapons. Major sections of the draft included strong provisions for on-site inspections within 24 hours notice of "military or government-owned or government controlled facilities." Speaking to the 40 member UN conference on Disarmament convened in Geneva, Switzerland, Bush dared the Soviets to also introduce their notions of a strong inspection treaty. Bush claimed the "open invitation verification proposal is indispensable to an effective chemical weapons ban and that the opportunity for undetected violations is the undoing of arms control." Receiving the U.S. proposal, Soviet Delegation head, Viktor L. Staronosov, expressed his hope that it would be the undoing of arms control.

What War? From their faces, you'd never know that these chosen fighters, resting at Koto-ri, were engaged in one of the epic battles of history.

Agent Orange Trial To Begin May 7th

By Joan M. Maiman

Jury selection in the Agent Orange trial will begin May 7th in New York. A jury of 12 citizens will be selected and will be asked to decide whether Agent Orange was responsible for any, all or none of the health claims made by each of the nine representative cases in the trial. The nine test cases have been selected by the attorneys for the plaintiffs. The Chief Judge in the case is Jack Weinstein and the trial will take place in the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

Korean War Memorial Rally

A coalition of veterans in eastern Pennsylvania, comprised of members of the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the AMVETS, the Jewish War Veterans and others have organized a rally in support of the authorization by the U.S. Congress of public land in Washington, DC where the Korean War Memorial will be erected. The Bills are: Senator Joint Resolution 97 and House Joint Resolution 236.

The rally will be held May 5, 1984 at 2 o'clock pm and will take place at the Judge Lewis Quadrangle on Market Street in Philadelphia across the street from the Liberty Bell. Facing this eternal symbol of American determination that liberty is worth fighting for, the participants will add their voices in a message to Congress that the honoring and commemorating of the unsung heroes of the Korean War is long overdue.

VFW'S Unique Mandate To Care For Widows And Children

By Kay Halpin

The National Home is located on a 600 acre farm donated by millionaire cattleman Corey Spenser in 1924. There are 35 homes, a hospital, gymnasium, recreation center, administrative offices, library, pool and chapel. The Home operates its own grocery store and fire department and maintains a guest lodge complete with modern restaurant facilities for visitors. The campus is surrounded by farmland and the Grand River which provides a wide variety of activities.

The children at the VFW National Home attend public school in Eaton Rapids and participate in the many school activities. Special school help is provided by the...
and their spouses, parents and children born before January 1, 1984 who allegedly suffered direct or derivative injury, illness, disease or birth defects as a result of Agent Orange injury." The defendants in the case are seven manufacturers of the herbicide Agent Orange which was supplied to the U.S. Military during the Vietnam War from 1965-1970.


Korean War Memorial

54,236 American men and women paid the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom in Korea. Over 100,000 were wounded there; almost 6 million served in the three years of war in Korea. America did not fight alone there. The clarion call of the Liberty Bell was heard in 21 other Nations who sent their sons and daughters to assist America and South Korea in preserving freedom and to fight for the common cause, the principles of liberty and democracy.

Millions of Koreans lost life and property in this unprovoked, brutal aggression of Communism against their land.

Today thousands of Allies lay buried in Korea. They came from Europe, Asia, the Americas, Africa and Australia, but their sacrifice was not in vain. Freedom was bitterly fought for in South Korea and preserved. Communist aggression was thwarted and contained.

A patriotic, traditional and compelling memorial, appropriate to and not requesting exclusion from the class by May 1, 1984 will be considered as plaintiffs and will be bound by the final judgment affecting the class.

A member of the Agent Orange Plaintiffs Management committee advised that those veterans or their families who have not received the forms and wish to be part of the class action can call toll free 800-645-1355 outside of NY state and 800-832-1303 within NY state for information.

Such action must be taken by May 1, 1984 if the persons wish to be a part of the class action suit.

Social Security—Looking Good

By Sen. Lawton Chiles (D-FL)

The Social Security trust fund broke even last year, ending the trend in recent years of spending more money than it received. Income for 1983 was $171.3 billion with payment to 36 million recipients amounting to $171.2 billion. That’s good news after the fears we had that the trust fund was being depleted and Social Security was being driven to bankruptcy. (The Social Security trust fund is a combination of the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance trust funds.)

An annual report prepared by government actuaries suggests that the better-than-expected results for last year came from the improved economy. At the end of the year there was $23 billion remaining in the fund.

The long-term financial condition has been dramatically improved by the bipartisan action of Congress, signed into law by President Reagan, that provided for increased revenues and reduced payouts in order to stabilize the shaky trust fund.

The actuaries concluded that over the next 75 years total income will match expected outlays, putting the Social Security system in actuarial balance.

The positive impact of the changes is apparent in a com-