

clarification on any of the subjects which you have mentioned. I, too, am very much disturbed by the "Yankee Go Home" attitude that we have in foreign lands. Of course, the President has issued an order, a request that traveling should be curtailed to these foreign lands because all they do want is moneys from us, forgetting what we have done, not only in World War II but in World War I and the Korean conflict. I, too, am very much pleased that you, Mr. Commander, have incorporated into your statement a comment about the devaluation of our dollar. I think all of us, the majority of us who have family life, know very well that when you bring a certain amount of money into the homestead, you cannot expect steak every day. You have to eat bologna sometimes and make sure that you live within your budget. That point was very clearly pointed up by the increase in pensions statement.

Secondly, I am very much interested in the message that was sent by the President of the United States in the last few days pertaining to the civil service. As chairman, I have called a meeting of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee to consider the proposed resolution. I have always supported legislation that will benefit the people that have contributed so greatly to our country. I believe they should be given every consideration such as in veterans preference. Many of these men because of their disability are not able to meet some of the harsh specifics that exist in industry today.

So may I just say that I congratulate you, Mr. Commander. You can rest assured that full consideration will be given by our distinguished Chairman, who has always been very generous to the veterans.

Thank you.

Mr. BEATON. Thank you, Congressman Dulski. [Applause.]

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Mr. Paul Fino, of New York. [Applause.]

Before you start, Paul, I might mention that this building is being remodeled and we are trying to stop the noise. I hope you will have patience with us, Paul.

Mr. FINO. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I, too, would like to join in welcoming the members of this fine organization here this morning. I would like to say a further word, that as a Member of Congress from New York State that we do have a delegation from New York State and, more particularly, my good friend Sidney Siller, who is a distinguished lawyer, a man who has done a very good job and has been very active in the cause of disabled veterans. I am wondering if Sid Siller is here. Welcome to Washington. [Applause.]

Mr. Commander, I would like to also compliment you on your very constructive and very informative statement. I have been a member of this committee for 15 years. I want to say it has been an honor and a privilege to serve on this committee. In all of the 15 years I have always supported and will continue to support legislation for veterans' benefits, and I have always felt that the benefits should and must be kept in pace with the rising cost of living. This is a very unfortunate situation because we always find ourselves far behind in trying to keep pace with the cost of living. I assure you that the members of this committee are fully cognizant of this problem and that we have all worked, in a very nonpartisan way, in trying to meet the problems confronting the veterans of this country.

Thank you very much for coming.