

Maine.—Governor has taken steps through the current Session of the Legislature to appropriate \$147,000 to establish the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery. In his letter he stated, "In Maine there have been burials in the V. A. Center at Togus since 1960."

Maryland.—Governor indicated that the legislature adjourned March 28 and will not convene until next year, therefore proposal cannot be considered until that time.

Massachusetts.—Governor referred proposal to Commissioner of Veterans' Services, Charles N. Collatos, and his Department is making an inventory of State facilities and State owned land for consideration of this proposal.

Minnesota.—Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, Mr. A. G. Loehr, indicated that of the 470 acres of Fort Snelling National Cemetery, 105 are under development. Therefore, it appears that the problem is not acute in that State.

Mississippi.—Governor indicates possibly that the 1968 Legislature may consider favorable action on this proposal.

Missouri.—Governor indicated deep interest. However, the Missouri General Assembly cutoff date precluded consideration of suggestion at this time.

Nebraska.—Governor indicated no immediate need in that State. However, he pointed out that there is land available along the Platte River which can be purchased and donated to the Department of Defense for future cemetery use when needed.

Nevada.—The Governor pointed out that 86% of the Nevada land area is already owned by the Federal Government at this time and indicated that "there are vast reaches of beautiful desert land here in Nevada which could very well be used for such a purpose."

New Hampshire.—The Governor indicated that in 1966 the New Hampshire Governor and Council offered the Secretary of the Army 80 acres of State owned land for use as a cemetery for veterans throughout the New England area. This was refused by the Secretary of the Army.

North Dakota.—Governor indicates unable to comply with request as State Legislature has adjourned and will not convene until 1969.

Ohio.—Governor indicated that he will give due consideration should the Ohio Legislature take any action in this area.

Oklahoma.—Governor indicated that U.S. Government owned land on the site of Old Fort Reno near El Reno, Oklahoma, would make an excellent site for a new National Cemetery without any expensive land costs to anyone.

Oregon.—Has 201 acres at the Willamette National Cemetery of which 54.1 acres have been developed. Approximately 18 thousand burials have been made with 200 thousand additional gravesites available.

Pennsylvania.—Governor suggests that federally owned land (68 hundred acres) south of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, which was acquired for ammunition storage during World War II, centrally located in Pennsylvania, would be suited for National Cemetery use. The Governor indicated his extreme desire to cope with this problem within the confines of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Rhode Island.—Governor proposes legislation be given due consideration during the next Session of the Rhode Island Legislature.

South Dakota.—Governor indicated the January 1968 Session of the Legislature will consider this suggestion.

Tennessee.—Governor requested Director of Tennessee's Department of Veterans Affairs, Mr. J. F. Hudgens, to investigate the question and recommend appropriate action to take.

Texas.—Governor indicated he will thoroughly review the suggestion and take appropriate action.

Utah.—Governor suggests that a campaign be conducted whereby each veteran be requested to contribute \$1.00 for purchase of land for National Cemeteries. In this manner he felt that the veterans organizations would be contributing something of great value to our States and Nation.

Virginia.—Governor indicated that it was his feeling that National Cemetery expansion should be undertaken by the Federal Government "in whose defense the sacrifices of our military men are made."

Washington.—Governor has directed Mr. William Weaver, Director of Veterans' Rehabilitation, to coordinate and develop through local chapters and other veterans organizations within the State "suitable legislation to be considered that will implement the provisions of Section 271a, Chapter 7, Title 24, United States Code, at the earliest opportunity."