

Ford's Veto Of G.I. Bill

Hurts Veterans

President Ford's recent veto of the newly proposed G.I. BILL is a further example of the lack of communication between the Washington bureaucracy and America's seven million Vietnam-era-veterans. Although urged to sign the bill into law by his advisors and Congress, the President vetoed this all important legislation because he termed it...inflationary. The financial situation of the veteran...indeed,... the vet trying to pay his way through Monmouth College is critical. With colleges across the country increasing their tuition costs by the semester, today's vet is trying to keep pace with monetary rates that were established in 1971. Since that last G.I. educational assistance

was passed, the cost of living has increased more than 30 percent in the United States. The current rates provide for \$220 a month for a single student attending school full time, and \$261 a month for a married student going full time. Add any one of these monthly figures up for 8 months and then deduct tuition, books, rent, living expenses and other expenses and see if you could afford to attend an institution of higher learning. By not increasing the educational assistance of the veteran, President Ford is directly responsible for thousands of vets who will have to drop out of college. President Ford...increase our benefits...let someone else "Bite the Bullett"