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## **VFW to Urge Restoration of Hospital Beds**

### **Members Asked to Wire Congress to Overrule Cuts Ordered by Truman**

An urgent request calling upon all members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to support the current House of Representatives bill which will restore the 16,000 hospital bed reduction ordered by President Truman, was received in the form of a telegram yesterday afternoon by James P. Mezger, county VFW commander.

The telegram, signed by Joseph P. Mathews, New York State department commander of the VFW, read as follows:

"Very urgent. Have post and members wire their congressmen urging support and favorable vote on HR 5965 by Rep. John E. Rankin when it comes before the House of Representatives Monday, April 24. VFW must exert every effort possible to obtain a favorable majority vote on this bill to restore the 16,000 hospital bed reduction ordered by the President."

Mezger called a special meeting of post members last night and informed his men to contact all civic, veteran and fraternal groups on the Island on the matter. Several veteran leaders have already been contacted.

### **VFW Post Protests VA Hospital Cuts**

Steiniger-Kohm-Molloy Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, sent a telegram to Congressman James J. Murphy last night to protest President Truman's proposed reduction of 16,000 beds in VA hospitals.

Richard F. Rusgo and Henry G. Remuzzi, both of Midland Beach, were voted in as new members at the meeting in the club's head-