

BONUS CASHING IS VINDICATED, CHIEF OF LEGION SAYS

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from principal magazines which had opposed bonus payments, showing a reversal of opinion. The American Legion's national defense program was substantially enacted into law by the last congress, and in some respects was exceeded.

Adequate Defense Sought "The American Legion," Commander Murphy said, "has battled consistently for an adequate national defense. We have sought armaments not for offense, but for defense. Fortified by the knowledge we learned in the trenches and training camps, we realize that so long as other nations seek war, the surest way for us to avoid war is to be prepared to meet it—if it is brought to us. We do not desire that our country shall become militaristic, or that it shall compete in armaments races with war-mad foreign governments. We only ask that America, keeping in mind the natural defense afforded us by vast seas, maintain a sufficient force to discourage any attack upon our land or possessions."

Pointing out the fact that the house of representatives had passed a universal service law, advocated by the American Legion, but that the senate had failed to act upon it, the national commander said: "The report on this phase of our program, therefore, has a bright side. After fighting alone for a universal service act for twelve years, in the last two years we have succeeded in arousing public opinion so strongly to our support that we should hope for complete victory in the forthcoming session of congress. We ask only that if there must be war, dollars shall fight the same as men; that in time of war the country shall bring into its service capital, industry and manpower on a basis of absolute equality, with special privilege and profits for none."

Americanism First Americanism, the national commander said, ever has been and always will be the primary objective of the American Legion, as he urged vigilance in protecting the country against subversion.

"We have seen," he declared, "the great body of American working people go down to the very bottom of the black pit of depression. We have seen the vast structures of business and finance collapse about the heads of those who spent a lifetime building them to lofty heights. We have seen the great body of American citizens plunged into the night of economic chaos. And, thank God, we have lived to see them, in the presence of dire want, standing firm and unshaken in their loyalty to the United States of America. I am not afraid of the patriotism of the American Legion of our generation—I am proud of it!"

The field of Americanism, he said, is within the ranks of growing boys and girls. He pointed out in this connection the activity of the American Legion in sponsoring more than 2,300 Boy Scout troops, Sons of the American Legion, and the Legion's Junior baseball program. A new activity—the "Boys' state"—in which youngsters are taught the art of self-government, is being started and will soon spread throughout the country, he said.

The national commander also stressed the work of the American Legion in child welfare and youth activities, closely related he said to the program of Americanism, pointing out expenditures of more than one million dollars in direct relief to underprivileged children.

He also outlined the Legion's community service achievements, particularly in flood and tornado ravaged areas, as well as maintaining playgrounds, swimming pools, building airports, community houses, etc.

He stressed the matter of membership and urged that efforts be made to bring about membership stabilization. He concluded with an appeal that the organization work to maintain public good will, "the greatest asset we or any other organization may have."

Credit to the Legion "I do not want to propose unreasonable claims," Commander Murphy said, "but I doubt if there ever was another organization in the history of our country which accepted and accomplished such a program as the American Legion. You might properly ask, how is this possible? It is not the product of one man's effort, not the work of any group. It is possible only because the American Legion conscientiously represents a great group of American citizens, a group whose loyalty and courage was tested in an hour of national crisis. I refer to the great body of men who served in the armed forces during the World war and who, though they laid aside the uniform many years ago, never ceased to continue that same kind of unselfish service during the years of peace.

out rest to protect the peace and honor of our beloved America, to render community service in its highest form, to the complete and child welfare program which will carry out the constitutional pledge of equal opportunity for all. Let us carry forward a rousing Americanism program based securely upon American methods and principles, with emphasis upon the guidance of youth toward adequate preparation for citizenship and leadership.

"Here my comrades, is a program which no honest person may call selfish. Asking for ourselves only the right to continue to serve, let us dedicate ourselves in these coming years to those sterling principles which are set forth so nobly in the preamble to the constitution of the American Legion. If we do these things, steadfastly refusing to heed the tempters who would lead us into dangerous byways, all posterity will remember and acclaim the works of the American Legion."

LEGION STARTS OFF CONVENTION WITH MEMORIAL

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a convention. Garlock Heads 40 Et 8 Lee Garlock, of Medford, was elected grand chief de gare of La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux of the American Legion at the annual promenade in Cleveland, Ohio.

Other new officers are Sverre Halsan, Astoria, grand chief de train; Henry Heisel, Tillamook, grand conductor; Jack Kakin, Dallas, grand commissaire; Curtis Johnson, Salem, grand comite voyageur; Carl Schloeman, Corvallis, grand garde de la porte; Ben Moll, Pendleton, sous grand garde de la porte; Olin Shook, Albany, grand garde de la trison; Fred Heilbrunner, Klamath Falls, sous chefminot nationale; Cheminots are Ray Starffers, Astoria; Dr. G. E. Prime, Salem; Frank Urdyko, Toledo; Cass Wymore, Medford; Earl Tompler, Klamath Falls; Hugh Bowman, Pendleton and W. E. Wilkins, Baker.

Appointive officers are Neil Sleeper, Eugene, grand correspondent; Dr. F. J. M. Ernst, Portland, grand medicin; Bert Hoffmann, Portland, grand amonier; C. K. Logan, Salem, grand public; Richard Smurthwaite, Baker, grand advocat; H. L. Bromley, Medford, grand organizer; Neil Gillies, Eugene, grand medicin.

Legislative: Don Graham, Nyssa; E. C. Freaney, Astoria; Henry Heisel, Tillamook; Virgil Reeves, Lebanon; Ose Holmes, Medford; Stanley Meyer, Portland; John Joergers, Pendleton.

Organization: Fred Stewart, Newberg; T. A. Brees, Portland; Tibbitt Ferguson, Florence; Guy Applewhite, Ashland; C. L. Ljeualien, Pendleton; Mark Ellis, Baker; A. L. Marble, Hood River.

Publicity and publications: E. K. Weston, Corvallis; Wm. Levin, Portland; Fred Deiner, Newberg; Paul Jenkins, Roseburg; Hugh Bowman, Pendleton; C. J. Shorb, La Grande; Robert J. Barr, Bend.

Resolutions: Ray Jeub, Coquille; Tom Swinney, Portland; Wm. Courtney, McMinnville; Zeb Merrill, Albany; James Burgess, Milton; Carl Castle, Baker; Don McKenzie, Redmond.

gene, grand membership chairman and Charles Schmeier, Albany, in charge of state youth activities. Ed J. Elvers, Portland, chief de chemin de fer passe and first organizer of the national organization, installed the new officers.

The grand vesture unanimously approved a resolution calling for the perpetuation and preservation of virgin timber bordering the highways of the state and a continuation of the immunization campaign which passed the 15,000 mark this year. It was reported the 49 et 8 had the largest membership in its history with members responsible for 50 per cent of the American Legion membership in the state.

Following the convention parade this evening Southern Oregon vesture 165 of Medford will have charge of the annual "wreck" under the direction of W. G. (Mike) Honney, of Grants Pass.

Ball Teams to Clash

Baseball will occupy the attention of convention visitors this afternoon as El Rey (Jefferson high) Portland, Oregon Legion Junior champions, and the Seattle Washington title holders, meet in the first of a three-game series for the regional title.

The teams, arriving here Wednesday afternoon, were banqueted by the local baseball committee last night and arranged details of practice, ground rules and factors pertaining to the games. Both teams enjoyed light workouts this morning.

Steps for formation of a state organization of drum corps and bands were taken last night, as visiting uniformed groups were guests of the Roseburg corps at a stag party. A. B. Casey of Roseburg was named temporary chairman, and directed each drum corps and band manager to appoint one member of his group to compose a committee to work out details of the proposed organization.

The convention parade will be a feature of tonight's program. The annual drum corps competition is scheduled for Friday night.

Committees Named Convention committee assignments announced today were as follows: Americanization: King Bartlett, Salem; Cleo Hogan, Portland; Clarence Stinson, Eugene; Harold Boyd, Bend; Andy Neibergall, Bend; Paul Chambers, Pendleton; Ray Williams, La Grande.

Constitution and by-laws: Hugh Roason, Eugene; Thomas Mahoney, Portland; Paul Patterson, Hillsboro; Ben Constant, Grants Pass; L. N. Bachtel, Prineville; Spencer Crawford, Heppner; Grover Francis, Ontario; Al Greenwalt, Portland; Otto Helder, Sheridan; Tom Carpenter, Monroe; William Cantor, Klamath Falls; Don McLeod, Salem; Alva W. Jones, Heppner; H. V. Lefell, La Grande.

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Flowers for the Dead The memorial service, honoring 21 Legionnaires, 35 members of the auxiliary and 12 Gold Star Mothers who have died since the last state convention of the organization. The invocation and benediction were pronounced by Rev. H. N. McCallum, who also read the names of the deceased. As each name was read, a flower was added to a floral piece on the stage of the theatre.

An additional floral service was dedicated to the men who fell in the wars fought by the United States. A large white cross stood on the stage and a flower was laid on it for each war in which this country was engaged. A wreath of red poppies in memory of the soldiers and fliers who had lost their lives fighting for this country and an anchor of flowers honoring the navy and marines were placed on the cross by Mrs. Victor McCallum and Mrs. J. A. Fulcher.

Vocal solos by Jim Whipple and Harry Hoyle, a reading by Mrs. Carl Wimbey, and short talks by Mrs. Harry H. Field, department president, completed the program. The service was closed by the playing of taps.

Following the memorial services, a public opening of the convention took place in the Indian theatre. George L. Koehn, of Portland, grand commander of the American Legion, presided. The meeting was opened by the invocation by Rev. McCallum, followed by a selection by the band of the Rose City Legion post of Portland.

City's Welcome Voiced Mayor C. W. Clark of Roseburg was introduced by Commander Koehn, and welcomed the Legionnaires to Hood River with the hope that they would enjoy themselves to the fullest and carry away pleasant memories of their visit to this city. He was followed by Dr. L. A. Dillard, commander of the Umpqua post of Roseburg, who extended a further welcome to the visiting Legion men and women.

"You are here and we are here, so let's get together and have a good time." Mrs. Thomas Parkinson, president of the local women's auxiliary to the Legion told the meeting as the next speaker. She was followed by the sextette from the Roseburg Choral club.

Mrs. J. H. Turnbull, president of the State Legion auxiliary, following, expressing her pleasure at finally seeing the convention in Roseburg by stating, "We know that Roseburg is going to click in '36."

"I hope to be with you during all of your convention and hope that I may give you what you want," Mrs. G. W. Chapman, vice-president of the national department of the Legion auxiliary, told the audience. She said that she was more than pleased with the showing that the women of Oregon were making in their work.

Calling him "the next governor of the state of Oregon," Commander Koehn introduced Earl Snell, secretary of state and member of the Arlington Legion post.

Murphy's Record Cited Ray Murphy of Idaho Grove, Iowa, national commander of the American Legion, the main speaker of the opening session, was next introduced by George Koehn, who spoke of Murphy's record in the law school at Iowa university and as an outstanding athlete at that college. Murphy's former residence at Metolius, Oregon, his subsequent service as a lieutenant on the Mexican border in 1916 and as a captain in a busy machine gun outfit in 1917, his 15 years as a service officer to his post, and his long list of other Legion offices and duties were stressed by Koehn in the introduction.

Following the speech by the national commander, George Brewster, representing the veterans of the Metolius vicinity, presented Mr. Murphy with a piece of petrified juniper root on which was a silver plaque, urging that the commander use this as a paper weight and think of Oregon. Murphy replied that he would gladly use it to keep his memory of this state in mind. The meeting was then recessed for a short period and the various groups left to meet at their respective gathering places.

Oregon Progress Toward Agricultural Recovery Indicated by Comparisons of Prices For Products Past Seven Years

PORTLAND, Aug. 13.—(AP)—A seven-year comparison of prices received by Oregon farmers for their principal products provided a graphic illustration today of the progress made toward agricultural recovery in the past year.

An estimate of prices paid on July 15, made by the U. S. department of agriculture, shows that of 21 products Oregon farmers are getting more for seven than they did last year and in the peak year between 1930 and 1936. On seven more products, they were being paid more this July 15 than last but less than in the peak year of the period, while in only four were prices below last year and the peak of the period.

On two other products, prices this July 15 were level with last July 15 but under the peak period, while on one, wheat, the July 15 price was ahead of last year and even with that of the highest price of the seven-year period.

The products registering a gain over last year, the price, the 1935 price and the peak follow: Wool, 27 cents, last year, 19, 1933-34 peak, 22; butterfat, 35 cents, last year, 25, 1930 peak, 31; miles, \$98.00, last year and peak, \$95.00; horses, \$90.00, last year and peak, \$84.00; lambs, \$7.50 per cwt., last year, \$5.40, 1930 peak \$6.70; hogs, \$10.20 per cwt., last year, \$8.90, 1930 peak, \$9.80; potatoes, \$1.75, last year, \$80, 1930 peak, \$1.25.

Products ahead of last year but below the peak follow: Rye, 60 cents, last year, 58, 1930 peak 70; hay, \$8.00, last year \$7.90, 1930 peak, \$8.90; veal calves, \$7.90, last year, \$6.80, 1930 peak, \$10.30; sheep, \$4.10, last year, \$3.00, 1930 peak, \$5.20; milk cows, \$57.00, last year, \$49.00, 1930 peak, \$71.00; chickens, 15.8, last year, 14.1, 1930 peak, 16.6; wholesale milk, \$1.75 per cwt., last year, \$1.55, 1930 peak, \$1.85.

Under last year and the peak: Corn, 81 cents, last year, 91, 1930 peak, \$1.01; oats, 36 cents, last year, 37, 1930 peak, 42; apples, 50 cents, last year, 45, 1930 peak, \$1.40; eggs, 29.9, last year and peak, 22.5.

San Sebastian is Shelled by Rebels (Continued from page 1) ville announced 40 officers and soldiers in the Madrid government's airforce were executed after being captured in the storming of San Rafael Espinar. Madrid Optimistic. Collapse of the fascist revolt against Madrid's communist-socialist regime within a few hours was forecast by the government.

The second major theater of war was on the same seaboard in the northwest, where miners sympathetic with the rebels in Madrid, besieged the rebel city of Oviedo. The third was in the south, concentration point for Moroccan rebels who hoped to capture Madrid. Madrid's war ministry announced the capture of four small towns in the south. It issued fresh orders to air forces to renew bombardments of insurgent positions in the southwest, in Badajoz and Caerces provinces.

It was in Badajoz province that southern and northern rebels yesterday were reported to have established contact in an attempted encircling movement on Madrid.

NATION'S TAX LOAD LIKELY TO BE EASED (Continued from page 1) ment in business all over the country has had two effects—increased revenues and decreased relief costs," adding: "This is tending to bring expenditures and receipts together, with receipts going up and expenditures coming down."

Harrison emphasized that experts of the joint congressional committee on internal revenue taxation would be instructed to begin the survey immediately, in cooperation with experts of the treasury.

C. S. Henninger, of Winchester, spent a few hours in town yesterday on business. Mrs. and Mrs. C. M. Foree, of Kelley's Corner, spent yesterday in town on business. Lucien Cobb, of Kellogg, was a business visitor in this city yesterday. Mrs. Bertha Blundell, of Riddle, was here shopping and visiting friends yesterday.

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