

Maris Relates Highlights Of Legion Meet

Welfare Program For Veterans, Nation Told At Kiwanis Club Meet

By LEROY INMAN

Mandates of the national American Legion Convention in Miami, Fla., starting Oct. 20, were reviewed, and a general discussion of his trip to and from that Florida city was given by Jack Maris, immediate past Oregon department commander, at Tuesday's Kiwanis Club noon luncheon meeting.

Among the recommendations to the 81st Congress, according to Maris, were a proposal for a pension of \$60 monthly for all veterans 55 years or older and \$75 monthly for all veterans 65 years or older; reorganization of the veterans administration; a veterans housing program; maintenance of the airport over Berlin; maintenance of a maximum peace time army; advocacy of universal military training; and outlawing of the Communist Party.

The pension bill, said the speaker, is the first time in which the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars have seen eye to eye on a pension plan, but, he added, no provision was made as to how funds for such a pension should be raised. That, he said, was left up to Congress. It would affect some 2,000,000 veterans of the First World War, and about 4,000,000 of the Second War, and "that's not hay," he commented.

Would Reorganize VA

Under recommendation for reorganizing the Veterans Administration he said this setup has been the Legion's "pride and joy" since its organization and therefore the Legionnaires hope to keep it under their wing. It was felt definite reorganization was necessary, he said.

Many members felt the veterans have been pushed around by contractors since the war, and have built homes where "pianos have fallen through the floors." The recommendation was made that the government not only underwrite veterans' homes, but that veterans be allowed to build additional units for rental purposes under the loan program. Government bonds were proposed to be sold to put the enterprise across, he said.

Maris said personally he was a strong advocate of the universal military training program and backed up his statement with the information that his interview with a service man at Fort Knox revealed from 85 to 95 percent of all soldiers in his unit attended church of their own choosing and at their option regularly.

Outlawing of the Communist Party, the convention brought out, was the only method of stamping out a fifth column

movement in America, according to Maris.

War Possibility Recognized

The consensus of speakers during the convention was that war was not inevitable, but every means possible must be taken to insure peace, he stated. The possibilities of war do exist, however, and are evident in such things as the blockade of Berlin, the insults and affronts of the Russians, and the Communist infiltration into this country. Anyone who refuses to acknowledge this is "hiding his head in the sand," he declared.

A Navy "top brass" stated the Navy does not expect war, but advocated (prior to the election) that President Truman be given a Democratic Congress, because Russia would take advantage of every opportunity under a disorganized Congress and administration. A government G-2 (intelligence) officer stated that the most critical period in past years has been during the Nov. 2 election and the presidential inauguration with any change in administration.

In commenting on politics, he said the Southerners really take their politics seriously. He referred to radio program breaks, even in national hookups, where a recorded statement of a man of the street would be inserted, saying or implying anyone who would vote for Thurmond was "a dirty rat."

Highest prices in the nation and the least amount of courtesy he found west of Las Vegas, Nev., he related. Though making the trip east by air, he returned in a new car, and offered the remarks that practically every where he stopped along the route he received courteous "Thank you, come and see us again, won't you?" remarks from haberdasheries to service stations.

He contrasted the courtesy and service at gas stations along the route, where every consideration was given to motorists with that west of Las Vegas where service was extended only when requested, and the attendant one place kept reminding him the price of his tank of gas was still \$3.05.

A steak dinner with everything to go with it in an expensive club cost him only \$2.25. Hotel rooms with the best of accommodation could be had for \$3, and clothing and other articles

all seemed to be cheaper in the west, he stated.

He concluded, however, by adding "I didn't see any place in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana or Texas that I'd trade for any acre in Oregon."

Introduced as new Kiwanis members were Harold William Barber and Charles Williams. They were presented pins and literature and were welcomed to the club by Tom Pargeter and J. E. Slattery, respectively. Guests included W. L. Hall, a Kiwanian from Lincoln, Neb., and Carl Permin, Roseburg.

Brussels sprouts, for holiday meals, may be cooked whole or quartered. Be sure to remove wilted and discolored top leaves before washing; the tough core-like center end should be snipped off, too.

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Frank Stanton, head of the habitat improvement department for the Game Commission, stated that over one hundred thousand cuttings are on order for delivery next spring. Others will be received from Oregon nurseries that are producing this rose on a limited scale. Although this plant, that is used as a living fence, is expected to do well in Oregon this first shipment is to be used in the nature of a trial planting on a demonstration scale to make certain of the adaptability of the shrub for game bird habitat improvement in Oregon. In other

states this rose has in three years made stock proof fences. It does not spread and at the same time provides excellent cover and feed for quail and pheasants. It is also a decided help in controlling wind and water soil erosion.

"If the experience of some mid-west states can be taken as a guide the Multiflora rose should prove a great help to Oregon farmers and a decided help to the upland birds of the state," Stanton continued.

The department of habitat improvement was set up by the Oregon Game Commission this

past summer to cope with the increasing loss of game habitat throughout the country. Clean farming practices, resulting in loss of cover have been considered one of the greatest limiting factors in game bird production throughout the nation. The program of game habitat restoration is based on feed, water, and cover and will cover many other activities beside the introduction of living fences.

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