

## American Legionnaires Of Oregon Open Annual 3-Day Reunion In Salem Tomorrow

SALEM, Aug. 3.—(Special)—With over 1100 advance registrations made to date, the 31st annual Oregon convention of the American Legion, promises to be the largest gathering of any type ever held in Salem. An estimated 3,000 delegates representing all components of the Legion are expected to be on hand when the opening gavel sounds at 9 a. m. Thursday.

High state and civic officials, top-ranking officers of the military services and many distinguished high Legion officers will take part in the various activities.

All business sessions will be held in the State Capitol with veterans bonuses and a reapportionment of per capita dues to national headquarters will head the slate.

For the social and entertainment side, parades, drum corps contests, dances, carnivals, innumerable reunion dinners, huge air-show and a "Convention Cavalcade," will occupy every minute of the three-day conclave.

The grand promenade of the 40th and 41st and honor society of the Legion will be held today, highlighted by the annual noise parade in downtown Salem, and ending with the grand wreck or initiation for "goofs" and banquet this evening.

An impressive reveille at 8:45 a. m., Thursday by the 2nd Infantry band of Ft. Lewis will signify the official opening of the Legion and Auxiliary meetings, following which the delegates will assemble at the Elsinore theater for joint-opening exercises and memorial services. B. E. "Kelly" Owens, Salem, state commander and Wilda Thorn, The Dalles, Auxiliary state president will wield the gavel at all business sessions, after greetings from state and city officials, top-ranking Legion and convention officials will respond and Frank N. Belgrano, past national commander of Portland, will make the keynote address.

A free buffet luncheon for all delegates will be served at the Legion Club, Thursday noon, after which the Auxiliary and Legion will adjourn to business sessions. Thursday night will see the grand convention banquet at the armory, honoring Laura Poling Goode, of Portland, national president of the Auxiliary, and other distinguished guests. The annual drum corps contest will be held at 8:30 at Sweetland field that night and the day will close with the grand ball at the armory.

Friday's jam-packed schedule will start out at 10 a. m. with special kiddie contests at Marion Square and the Leglokana (junior) parade at 1:30. Convention officials have then arranged for a spectacular show featuring the U. S. Navy "Blue Angels" based at Corpus Christi, Texas. These flying Grumman F8E "Bearcats," reputedly the fastest propeller-driven planes made, will perform immediately following at 3 p. m. the commissioning ceremony of the newly-activated naval air reserve squadron to be stationed at McNary field in Salem. Rear-Admiral Goode, of Seattle, commander of the 13th Naval District, along with other high navy officers, will conduct the commissioning.

The grand convention parade, featuring over 2,000 participants, will begin at 7 p. m. and wind through downtown Salem before an estimated audience of 50,000 people. The final activity on Friday's schedule will be a two-hour "Convention Cavalcade" at the state fairgrounds grandstand featuring Hollywood stars and acts.

Saturday will see the final business sessions, election and installation of officers and adjournment. There will be official dances, carnivals and the traditional "dugouts" every day and night.

Grants Pass is a leading contender for the 1950 convention. The 1948 meet was held in Astoria.

### Health Personnel Training Fund Given Approval

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The Senate labor committee Tuesday unanimously approved a bill authorizing about \$5,000,000 in federal grants the next two years for training health personnel.

Senator Pepper, who announced the action, called the measure "substantially an administration bill" in line with a section of the general health program President Truman recently submitted to congress.

The bill does not deal with another more controversial section of the Truman program which calls for national health insurance.

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### Radioactive Iodine Cures Thyroid Cancer, Claim

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—(AP)—I. S. Randall, New York advertising and sales executive, told Tuesday in the American magazine how drinking radioactive iodine, apparently has cured him of hopeless thyroid cancer.

The iodine drink is a glass of ordinary water containing a very small amount of radioactive iodine. Before the war this iodine was made by cyclotrons and was scarce and expensive. Now it is made by atomic energy plants, at Oak Ridge, Tenn., and at Chicago, and is much easier to get.

Randall's case adds one more to a small list of spectacular and almost miraculous recoveries, due to radioactive iodine drinks, he wrote. His thyroid cancer had spread to his spine and to shoulder bones.

He had gone to a hospital to die when the iodine drink was tried. It quickly cured his back pain and in a few months the thyroid cancers disappeared, he said.

### Good Samaritan Hospital Plans \$2 Million Addition

PORTLAND, Aug. 3.—(AP)—A \$2,000,000 addition to the Good Samaritan hospital here is being planned, officials disclosed.

It will be a six-story wing, to be financed in part by public donations. Edgar W. Smith, chairman of the State Board of Higher Education, is to head the fundraising campaign.

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