

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

By Harris Ellsworth, Member of Congress

It should be carefully noted that the passage by the house last week of the bill generally known as the Hartley Labor Reform Bill represented only the first step in what will be a long legislative procedure which must be completed before any such legislation is enacted into law. The senate is now working on a labor bill, and has before it not only the bill reported by its committee, which I believe is referred to as the Taft Bill, but the bill passed by the House is also in the hands of the senate. Apparently, final action by the senate will include parts of the Taft Bill, parts of the bill passed by the house and some language written on the Senate floor. After the senate has passed the bill, it will undoubtedly go to a conference committee, which will be made up of the five or seven members of the house labor committee and the senate labor committee.

Such conference committees, when working on legislation of this character, have wide latitude. As a matter of fact, the conference can, and undoubtedly will, almost completely re-write both the senate and house versions, and finally present to both houses a bill which represents a combination of the view of both and the agreed-upon compromises as between the two houses. The conference bill then must be approved by the house and by the senate.

After all of the legislative procedure is completed, the bill is sent to the president for his approval or veto. Some people who are supposed to be "in on the know" have predicted he will veto any bill. Others equally well qualified have as freely predicted that he will sign the final bill as compromised between the two houses. Your guess is as good as mine as to whether or not the congress will pass the bill over his veto if the president should happen to disapprove it.

I have had some interesting re-action to a comment in one of my recent "letters from Washington" regarding letters to congressmen. The Portland Oregonian printed a letter from one of its subscribers who took rather violent objection to my saying that "form" letters are not of much value to members of congress. In fact, the letter accuses me of being unrepresentative,

saying "since the representative plainly disavows the exercise of any control by the voting public through the medium of letters." I mention this merely to make the point very clear that I do not consider the number of letters received for or against any proposal as representing the total opinion of the people of my district on that subject. If members of congress were to cast their votes on the basis of mail count, it would be necessary to provide a means for all voters to participate in such a balloting. But let me repeat—letters expressing your ideas are always helpful.

Membership of 100 Promised C. of C.

Membership in the Brookings-Harbor chamber of commerce, if R. E. Simmons, newly-appointed membership chairman, has his way about it.

With a number of projects for the community under way, he is calling his committee together for purpose of making a complete "house-to-house" canvas of the area to enlist the aid of everyone in the community.

Since the chamber of commerce in this community must serve in many capacities, it takes considerable money to perform these duties, Mr. Simmons points out, and only through membership dues will the organization be able to function.

Considerable publicity has been gained for the area through the chamber's booklets, and already many inquiries have been received about possibilities in this area for any number of enterprises.

Better to carry on this work, more membership dues is urgently needed to finance the program as outlined already.

On the membership committee are R. E. Simmons, Bill Ward, Elmer Hanscam Jr. Howard James and Archie Hendricks.

Marine Division To Write History

SALEM—Former "devil dogs" of the famous second marine division are asked to give their where abouts and other information in connection with a history to be published covering

events of this fighting unit in the late war, George E. Sandy, director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, disclosed on Monday.

A letter to the Oregon veterans' department from Marine Corps headquarters at Washington said that the history will be distributed free to all personnel who were members of the division between January 4, 1942, and Sept. 2, 1945.

All such former members were asked to submit to the Second Marine Division History Board, Room 2120, Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps, Washington 25, D. C., the following information:

Name, rank, and serial number; present address; inclusive date of their service with the division; unit within the division to which they were attached; and specific incidents or actions which they believe should be included in the history when published.

D. M. Schoup, colonel, U. S. Marine Corps, is president of the board compiling the history.

Geo. Funk Attends Big Flower Show

George Funk, vice-president of Croft Lily Growers, and Mrs. Funk are at Oakland this week, attending the nationally-known Oakland Flower Show. Mr. Funk is exhibiting a display of Croft

lilies in full bloom, forced especially for this occasion.

He is also distributing 5000 pamphlet extolling the Easter lilies and other resources of the Brookings-Harbor area.

Last year over a quarter million flower lovers attended the Oakland show, and going on that assumption of the attendance expected this year, the Croft lily growers figure Mr. Funk should be able to advertise the industry much better than it has ever been in the past.

Tires Taken From Cars Last Wednesday Night

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tire robberies last Wednesday evening. Mike Page lost his tire, some tools and articles from the trunk of his coupe which was on the street in front of his

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