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From the....

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A Salute to Delegates

OSEA's General Council will bring together some 200 delegates and alternates from 80 chapters located throughout the state, who will work hard for three days setting out the Association's program for the coming year.

One thing which never fails to surprise the people who run the convention centers, and people who attend the General Council for the first time, is the dedication with which the delegates perform their jobs. No matter how late things go at night, they are all in their places at 9:00 a.m. the next day, ready for another day's work.

After council, they return with greater knowledge to share with their fellow employees, and increased enthusiasm to keep building and supporting their Association. On such participation most of OSEA's success is built.

All OSEA members should join us in saluting those valuable people, the delegates to General Council.

Two Important Messages

The main speakers at General Councils in past years usually have been top state officials. Delegates have heard important messages from Tom McCall, Bob Straub, Clay Myers, Norm Nilsen, and others.

This year there is a new emphasis, with a keynote speech by James Marshall, president of the national Assembly of Governmental Employees (AGE), and a luncheon talk by Robert Spiegel, past president of the California State Employees Association.

Jim Marshall's appearance points up the importance of a lobby for state employees in the nation's Capitol, where more and more decisions having a profound effect on local government are being made. AGE's national office and lobbyists have figured prominently in these discussions.

Bob Spiegel, although an old hand, can be said to epitomize the new spirit of full political participation by public employees that is growing, despite such restrictions as the federal Hatch Act and similar state laws.

We welcome these two good friends to Oregon, and know the messages they bring to us will be important.