

# AMERICAN LEGION ASKS FOR CHANGES

## Wide Range of Legislation Covered by Recommendations

digest of the important resolutions adopted by the Oregon department of the American Legion in connection at The Dalles last month is of interest to all northwest veterans. The recommendations are:

- That all aliens who have not become citizens six years after date of entry into America be deported.
- That examination of immigrants entering into this country be in the hands of bureau to regulate number.
- That steps be taken to educate the immigrant in duties of citizenship to prevent congregation of aliens in large cities.
- That semi-annual report be filed in Oregon by employees of more than 25 persons segregating aliens from others.
- That benefits Oregon state aid law be extended to service men in all armies who may qualify under residential and other requirements.
- That Brigadier General Charles Meyer be removed from position of coordinator of federal hospitalization board for best interests of district.
- That "Stars and Stripes" be banned from legion homes until publication of columns of fake advertising is stopped.
- That further decentralization in U. S. veterans' bureau be carried out, permitting district offices to administer hospitals in their districts.
- That veterans bureau purchase through war department Fort Stevens use as neuro-psychiatric training center.
- That the first Sunday in April every year be designated "American Legion Sunday."
- That citizenship classes be established in all cities for foreigners, with respect for flag taught and citizens properly welcomed.
- That only citizens of United States be employed on all public works.
- That posts dedicate camp and park grounds near community to service men who gave life in world war.
- That more county councils be formed in Oregon.
- That posts co-operate more closely

with women's auxiliary.

- That secretary of interior be urged to open lands in Klamath county for development and settlement by ex-service men.
- That time limit be extended from two to five years from date of discharge in which men suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis or neuro-psychiatric disabilities are entitled to compensation and benefits.
- That development of tubercular bone conditions within three years after separation from active military service be considered disability acquired in service.
- That disabled men suffering from dementia praecox and epilepsy and amputation cases be not required to report for physical examination more frequently than once each calendar year.
- That all beneficiaries of veterans' bureau, discharged from hospitals for tubercular disabilities duly connected with service or aggravated thereby, be placed on temporary compensation status until such time as vocational training becomes feasible for them or they can follow gainful occupations.
- That all men hospitalized for disabilities received in service, even those of less than 10 percent, be granted temporary compensation while undergoing hospitalization.
- That beneficiaries of veterans' bureau suffering from neuro-psychiatric disabilities of service origin rated ten percent or more and declared not feasible for vocational training shall be allowed 50 percent compensation status until able to earn a livelihood.
- That practice of employing officers of war department and military forces in chief medical division of veterans' bureau be discontinued and personnel of division chosen from ex-service civilian experts of recognized medical ability.
- That professional opinion of examining physician be accepted as strong presumption as to degree of disability in percentum.
- That jurisdiction of appeals board in each district be subject only to review of district manager with proviso that any claimant dissatisfied with decision may refer his claim to Washington.
- That in employment of personnel of veterans' bureau, preference be given rehabilitated trainees possessing necessary qualifications.
- That salaries of t. b. and neuro-psychiatric specialists be adjusted and augmented so as to attract competent specialists to the veteran's bureau.
- That national convention support

Columbia basin project to irrigate 1,753,000 acres, providing homes for 400,000 and adding 240,000,000 to productive wealth of country.

The convention also went on record highly commending national commander Hanford MacNider for his splendid service as head of the legion, and George R. Drever, chairman of the district rehabilitation committee of legion in thirteenth district, for results and devotion of personal time for betterment of disabled.

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
SEES OREGON FARMING**

"As goes agriculture in Oregon so goes the town is supports," said C. W. Pugsley, assistant secretary United States department of agriculture after a tour of some of the leading agricultural districts of the state. In company with Paul V. Maris, director of the state college extension service, Mr. Pugsley inspected the intensive trucking of the Portland districts, diversified farming of the Willamette and McKenzie valleys, the big cattle regions of central Oregon, the bonanza wheat growing of the Columbia basin, and the famous Hood River fruit belt.

"The interests of town and country here are so intimately related that any slump in agriculture is immediately reflected in down-grade conditions in the town," said he. "The sooner chambers of commerce and other businessmen's organizations recognize this and get behind their farmers, the sooner will they see their own business make steady progress."

The assistant secretary believes that the best way for city interests to back agriculture is to stand for the prosperity of the farmers already in action rather than strive for more farmers with more dairy cows.

"Oregon chambers of commerce may well put into their platform one plank to the effect that their farmers shall be given the conditions of success," he said. "Unless the farmer has a margin of profit over the cost of production he cannot be a good customer."

It was pointed out by the assistant secretary that when the farmer fails to get a profit wherewith to buy, the factories reduce or stop production, labor is thrown out, transportation lines run empty, trade fall off, and everyone suffers.

The tour was made to become acquainted with farm conditions here with a view to more helpful cooperation by the great national department he represents in their solution.

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