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Letter From Washington

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from Oregon

FORCES BEING REDUCED.

Every member of Congress, both House and Senate, is receiving many requests from parents of servicemen, and from servicemen themselves, for information relative to release from the service. As this is written, there is not much additional specific information on this subject than is already generally known. It will be necessary to retain in service quite a substantial number in the Army and a sizable Navy. Just how long such large forces will be necessary, no one can guess.

However, both the Army and Navy are working rapidly to release personnel. Senate and House committees are now investigating service demobilization and are inquiring as to why the announced reduction is being accomplished so slowly. I am informed that the Army has already set up a number of new separation centers, and expects to have more than a hundred such centers in operation this week. I am very anxious to see boys who are in high school and college released immediately, so that their work may be resumed

this year, and am bending every possible effort toward that end.

BILL HAS MISLEADING TITLE.

The bill which has had a lot of publicity under the misleading title, "Full Employment Bill" may reach the floor of the house within a few days. This bill is, in my opinion, the height of demagoguery. It is not a full employment bill—it isn't even an employment bill of any kind. It does not provide for, or guarantee, the employment of anyone, except possibly a few additional government employees to compile statistics.

Furthermore, the actual inventories of jobs which will be made if the measure becomes a law can be made if the measure becomes a law can be, and in fact, in many cases are already, compiled by the Commerce Department and the Labor Department. The bill further would require the President to submit an employment program to Congress, which he already has every right to do, and which he probably will do, without any further legislative authority.

As legislation, the bill is both harmless and useless, but its proponents are leading the people of the country to believe that this legislation will guarantee jobs for everybody. It will do no such thing. It will not, in fact, provide for doing anything that cannot, to a large extent, already be done.

AUTO TRAFFIC HEAVY. I made the trip East by automobile, and found traffic quite heavy and accommodations for the night stops difficult to obtain. Apparently the end of gasoline rationing released a lot of pent-up desire to travel and lots of people are using the highways. I endeavored to find out how soon an adequate supply of tires for civilian travel will be available, but there seems to be no information on this subject yet.

BANK OBSERVES BIRTHDAY

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Under their guidance the bank prospered and soon sought larger quarters, first in the Corbett building at 91 First street, then later in its own building at the Southeast corner of First and Washington streets.

While still in this location plans had been worked out to consolidate the First National with the Security Savings and Trust Company, the first merger with any other banking institution. This was accomplished when the First National moved to the new Corbett building on the Southeast corner of Fifth and Morrison streets in July 1914.

The bank stayed here while its new building was being constructed on the Fifth and Stark corner of the present location and moved there in November, 1916. The annex was built and occupied on Friday, July 4, 1924.



Now showing at the Varsity, George Brent and Joan Fontaine are co-stars in the gay and vivacious story of a girl who could fool all of the men, "The Affairs of Susan". The picture plays through Saturday night.

After the death of Mr. Failing, Henry W. Corbett was elected president on December 31, 1898. A. L. Mills was elected president April 9, 1903 following Mr. Corbett's and Mills was succeeded upon his death by C. F. Adams, who was elected president August 15, 1927.

On June 1, 1932, Mr. Adams was named chairman of the board of directors and E. B. MacNaughton elected president of the bank.

Present directors of the First National Bank are: Burt Brown Barker, Mason L. Bingham, H. F. Cabell, Ben R. Chandler, Carlos C. Close, E. Franz, A. P. Giannini, Wm. A. Haseltine, L. H. Hoffman, G. C. Lorenz, J. H. Mackie, E. B. MacNaughton, Paul Neils, V. V. Pendergrass, W. J. Seufert, Carl

F. Wente, M. C. Woodard and Thos. W. Young.

The bank's founders had the vision, but they could not foresee the activities the First National Bank would enter into during the World War II. Employees have entered wholeheartedly into the sale of war bonds, ration banking and other wartime duties.

"We are proud of the record of our bank during the war," stated President MacNaughton, "383 of our men and women have been in the armed forces of our country serving in all the theatres of action. Of this number three have lost their lives. To date only 32 have been discharged to return to their positions with the First National, but we are planning on a great more of them being able

to return in the near future. We have positions waiting for all of them as soon as they return."

"A total of over one hundred thirty million dollars worth of Series E, F and G War Bonds were sold over the counters of the First National Bank and its branches throughout the state. Many hundreds of thousands of ration banking items went through our bank operations during the period of the war and will continue to be handled until such a time as all rationing activity is suspended."

The bank president is enthusiastic about their expanded loan program designed to meet the needs of business for capital financing in this reconversion period. He states that special emphasis is now being placed on term loans to small businesses and the bank's facilities are being broadened to handle consumer credit on purchases of long awaited au-

tomobiles, farm machinery and household appliances.

Expansion of the bank's farm field service was recently accomplished with the appointment of several field men working throughout the state with agricultural and livestock operators.

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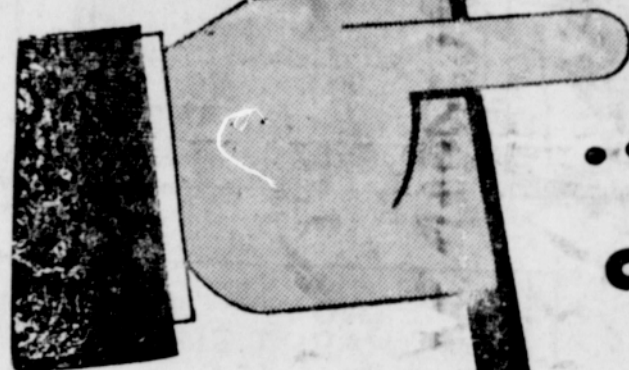
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