

Legion Plans Annual Confab

The American Legion, Department of Washington, will hold its 46th annual state convention in Aberdeen, August 13-15, State Adjutant-Finance officer Fred M. Fuecker of Seattle said today.

Some 1,200 delegates and alternates representing 211 American Legion Post in the state are expected to attend. State American Legion Commander Alex Parke of Grandview will preside over the 3-day convention. Opening session is to be at 9:15 a.m., Thursday, August 13, in Aberdeen's D & R Theater. Final session will be Saturday morning.

National American Legion Commander Daniel F. Foley of Wabasha, Minnesota, will be opening session and will be guest of honor at the annual distinguished guests luncheon, Thursday noon.

Other distinguished guests to be on hand for the opening session and luncheon will be the honorable Wall Fallor, Mayor of Aberdeen; National Legion Auxiliary Vice President Mrs. Grace Evans of Sedro Woolley; past national Legion commander Stephen F. Chadwick of Seattle; past national Auxiliary president Mrs. Henry Annemiller of Wenatchee; Chief Justice of the Washington State Supreme Court and past national Legion vice commander Richard B. Ott of Olympia; and Gabriel H. Olga, a Legion national executive committeeman from Massachusetts and aide to national commander Foley. Mayor Fallor will welcome the Washington Legionnaires to Aberdeen.

The agenda calls for convention committees to meet Thursday and Friday afternoons and to report at the Friday and Saturday business sessions. Elec-

tion of officers for the 1964-65 fiscal year is to be held Saturday morning.

Principal speaker for the Friday morning session is to be Governor Albert D. Rosellini. The state's chief executive will also review the annual American Legion parade slated to march through downtown Aberdeen streets beginning at 2:00 p.m., Friday.

A highlight of the convention will be the annual **Drum and Bugle Corps** contest, Friday evening in Aberdeen. Two senior corps and seven junior corps will compete for senior and junior state titles. The two senior corps are sponsored by the Everett and Sedro Woolley American Legion Posts respectively. Junior corps are the Blue Angels, sponsored by the Auburn American Legion post No. 7B; the Thunderbirds and Thunderbirds Cadets, sponsored by Lake Washington Post No. 124 of Seattle; the Shamrocks, by University Post No. 11, Seattle; El Torreadors, by West Seattle Post No. 160; Bel Aires, by Bellingham Post No. 7; and the Columbians, sponsored by the Pasco Legion Post No. 34. Besides performing in the Friday evening competition, the nine colorful corps will participate in the Friday afternoon parade.

Pre-convention events will include the annual joint Memorial Service by members of both The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary. This impressive service is to be Wednesday evening, August 12, and honors all who have passed away during the past year.

Convention headquarters will be located in Aberdeen's Morek Hotel.