

COMMANDER SAYS BIG CROWD WILL MAKE TRIP FOR BIG ENCAMPMENT

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Declares Visit To Dam Offers Opportunity Of Lifetime To Veterans

TO BE HELD JUNE 4-7

Special Trains Will Bring Visitors From Larger Centers, He Says

A goal of 2,000 visitors to Las Vegas and the Boulder dam for the annual department encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, has been set it was announced here this morning by Oliver H. Hall, department commander, who arrived last evening from San Francisco to confer with committee chairmen with a view to completing all arrangements for the big event which is set for June 4 to 7, inclusive.

"The present economic condition of the country will affect our attendance materially," Commander Hall said this morning, "but when I return to headquarters I expect to broadcast the message from your community, and to urge everybody who can beg, borrow, or steal the necessary funds, not to miss this trip, which I regard as the opportunity of a lifetime.

I SPENT the morning viewing your Boulder dam project, and I was astounded at the wonder of it all," he continued. "I hadn't the least idea the work was so stupendous, why it's the most marvelous thing I've ever seen.

"It is my purpose to start an intensive personal drive to persuade every one of our 12,000 members to make the trip, not so much from the standpoint of having a successful encampment—we'll have that anyway—but because I think it would be utterly foolish for anyone to overlook an opportunity to see this great project under construction, and it is my belief that we'll have close to 2,000 on hand when encampment time rolls around," the commander declared.

LAST EVENING Commander Hall went over the plans for the encampment and expressed himself as being well satisfied with the arrangements. He said he was surprised to find such a flourishing community, and declared that the veterans would be well satisfied with the type of accommodations offered.

"You know we don't have much time to sleep at these encamp-
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ments anyway," he said with a smile.

SEVERAL SPECIAL trains will be run to Las Vegas for the encampment, Commander Hall said, one already being assured from San Francisco to carry the veterans from the bay district here. Others from various points in California are expected to be made up between now and encampment time, he said.

While here, Commander Hall was in charge of District Commander A. T. McCarter, Commander George Long of the local post, Andy Hardie, chairman of the general encampment committee, and Wm. L. Scott, chairman of the housing committee.