

Legion Changes Course, Backs U. N. in Principle

MIAMI, Oct. 14 (AP)—The drums and bugles are still in the air, but the old boys who attended the American Legion's National Convention showed plenty of zip.

In the convention which ended yesterday they voted to do away with UNESCO, but just as overwhelmingly indorsed the United Nations in principle and approved United States membership.

They gave a defeat to a bid for \$100 a month pensions for all World War I veterans at age 60, but asked greater benefits for ill veterans and dependents.

A floor revolt developed against Legion "brass" over a proposal for a steering committee to do planning at conventions, but a new National Commander and five vice commanders were elected by acclamation.

Russia, China and India were given a kicking around. The veterans asked solid military support for Nationalist China and South Korea.

Older Men Dominate
Most of the delegates were World War I veterans, with a smattering of younger World War II and Korean servicemen. The older men dominated the floor during debates—but the new National Commander, J. Addington (Add) Wagner, was born in 1914, when war clouds began to shadow the oldsters.

Mr. Wagner, an attorney of Battle Creek, Mich., is a wounded Navy veteran of World War II. He was commissioned an ensign in 1942, served aboard a rocket-firing ship in the Pacific and was wounded in an air attack at Okinawa.

A Massachusetts delegate, Jacob Kessler, tossed in from the floor the only name in opposition to Mr. Wagner. He nominated Dwight E. McCarty of Fitchburg, Mass., as a part of the revolt against "brass." Mr. McCarty received 20 Massachusetts votes. All the remaining 3,145 went to Mr. Wagner. A motion from the floor made it Mr. Wagner by acclamation.

Strong opposition to communism, and especially to any Communist activity in the United States, was made the Legion's target for the next year by Mr. Wagner.

A single paragraph in a 10-page Foreign Relations report unanimously adopted by the convention called for refusal of economic aid to India because that country "although professing neutrality, is actually giving material aid to Communist Russia."

Silent On Truman
The United States was asked to withdraw its support from the Korean Armistice Commission, to continue to refuse diplomatic recognition of Red China, and to use "every resource" to prevent Communist China from gaining membership in the United Nations.

Legion officials maintained silence when asked to comment on former President Truman's word that it went "haywire" in its vote to ask the United States to withdraw from UNESCO—the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The Legion by overwhelming vote called on Congress to do away with the United States commission to UNESCO. Of this action, Mr. Truman said:

"The Legion doesn't know what it is talking about. They have gone haywire in the last three or four years. They don't know what they are doing."

Negro Priest Rejected, Prelate Bans Services
NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 14 (AP)—Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummel has suspended services at the St. Cecilia Catholic Mission at Jesuit Bend because parishioners refused to permit a Negro priest to celebrate mass.

The Archbishop also reduced services at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at Belle Chasse and at St. Joseph Mission at Myrtle Grove. All three churches are across the Mississippi River from New Orleans.

In a letter to members of the church and missions, Archbishop Rummel said he addressed "with sentiments of deep sorrow . . . the first communications of its kind in the long experience of 27 years during which we have been entrusted by the Holy See with the episcopal office."

The letter told of the arrival of the Negro priest at Jesuit Bend October 2, and added:

"He was approached by several members of the congregation and informed politely but in unmistakable language that he was not to celebrate holy mass in that mission chapel."

"The only reason alleged for the unwarranted interference with the discharge of his duty was the fact that he is a member of the Negro race."

The archbishop called the incident "clearly a violation of the obligation of reverence and devotion which Catholics owe to every priest of God, regardless of race, color or nationality."

"Under these circumstances," the archbishop's letter concluded, "and because the shortage of priests is such that we cannot replace the reverend father in question at the present moment, we hereby declare religious services suspended in the mission chapel of St. Cecilia at Jesuit Bend, and likewise the services at Belle Chasse and Myrtle Grove reduced to one mass until the members of those communities express their willingness to accept for service in these churches whatever priest or priests we find it possible to send them."

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NEW LEGION CHIEFTAIN—Miami.—J. Addington (Add) Wagner responds to an ovation accorded him at the 37th annual American Legion convention here after his election as the new national commander. With him on the rostrum are his wife Virginia and son, John A. Wagner.—AP Wirephoto.

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FARMER AMPUTATES OWN HAND CAUGHT IN CORN-PICKER DEVICE

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP)—A 60-year-old farmer told today how he was compelled to cut off his own hand with a dull pocketknife "to save my life."

J. E. (Eddie) Graham, former Jasper postmaster and Marion County official, said his right hand became tangled and crushed in a mechanical corn picker he was trying to unclog on his farm near Jasper yesterday.

"To keep the rest of my arm from going in," Mr. Graham said, "I felt I had to cut myself loose from the machine. John (Piercy, a neighbor) turned sick and couldn't do it. But he opened a knife and handed it to me. The knife was dull and those tendons were tough. I didn't know for a while whether I was going to make it."

Mr. Graham said from his hospital bed. The farmer cut his hand away at about the wrist and surgeons later amputated between the wrist and elbow. His condition was listed as fair.

Paid U. S. for Aid, Canada Discloses
By the Associated Press
Canadian Ambassador A. D. F. Heeney, commenting on former President Truman's memoirs, says Canada paid cash for the help it got from the United States during World War II.

"In fact, Canada overpaid the United States Treasury for military services and materials, and a cheque for \$3,875,000 was delivered to the Canadian Embassy in 1949 when the wartime accounts between Canada and the United States were settled," Mr. Heeney said.

His comment was contained in a letter to the editor of the New York Times, made public here yesterday.

The Ambassador said in the letter that Mr. Truman had referred, in an installment of his memoirs published in The Times, to Canada "as one of the countries whose soldiers were equipped by lend-lease means," and that "Mr. Truman observed that many American lives were saved by this program, even though 'we may never get the money back.'"

Mr. Heeney added: "Our two countries did exchange impressive quantities of military supplies—but for cash."

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