

### Legionnaires Show Old Fighting Spirit At Annual Convention

Milwaukee, Wis. Sept. 15.—Men who hate war because they know war—the American Legion—met today in their 23rd annual convention preponderantly sympathetic to reversing their public-decade old stand against American participation in foreign

conflicts. With challenging words from Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, resounding in their ears, and with President Roosevelt messaging he knew the nation could count on the Legion's continued interest and cooperation in whatever lay ahead, these former warriors of the first American Expeditionary Force whooped up every inference of intervention. "Beginning tomorrow, the American navy will provide protection as adequate as we can make it for ships of every flag carrying lend-aid supplies between the American continent and waters adjacent to Iceland," the Navy Secretary declared as Legionnaires stood and cheered his every word.

And when the President's message of faith was read the delegates roared back their pledge that the Legion will be there when called upon.

The national commander, Milo Warner, carried on the trend in his annual report by saying:

**Must Prepare**  
"We must so fully prepare ourselves for war that insofar as it is humanly possible we of America can keep war away from our shores. In order to be able to do so we must have an army and navy which are unfettered and unshackled and so well prepared by equipment, training and authorization, that they can strike wherever or whenever it is necessary for the purpose of defense."

It was a legion convention different from any other held in the long history of the A. E. F. veterans. Every year in the past the convention has gone on record against ever again sending an American army into European conflict. Today, however, many leading legionnaires heretofore against active American participation overseas were canvassing support for a resolution to be reported later in the week favoring the lifting of the ban.

The fight in favor of the resolution eclipsed any other item before the convention, even the eight-cornered race for national commander.

Typically Legion, the convention got under way as have all other previous meetings—with a flood of oratory, felicitations, mundane committee reports and singing. But unlike any other previous meeting, the first day saw every delegate's chair filled, and every warlike utterance greeted with yells of approbation.

These men, most of whom now have sons of army age, have smelled powder and don't want to wait to see the whites of the enemy's eyes, if reaction to today's oratory is criterion.

Secretary Knox's address had been hardly a hundred words when an electric reaction was manifest by the delegates. This was when he referred to Hitler as the most ruthless military conqueror the world has ever known. Desperate shouts greeted the reference to the German dictator.

Again when Darryl F. Zanuck, Hollywood producer, denied that the motion picture industry was making pictures to generate a war spirit, the Legion cheered, a cheer that became a torrential vocal outburst when he said: "If you charge us with being anti-Nazi you are right."

At the very outset the trend of the convention could be felt, for

### On Their Toes in the Desert



Daylight patrols in the western desert carried out daily by the South African infantry brigade quite naturally keeps the unit on its proverbial toes, and when the long journey is over those toes need a rest. The waves along the beach have a cooling effect, and shoes are piled neatly, military style, on the sand.

### 15 Are Executed, 12 Sentenced To Die In Nazi-Held Territory

Fifteen persons were put to death Tuesday and 12 others were sentenced to die as authorities in Germany and Nazi-dominated countries sought to deal with continued, widespread unrest.

But one of two new attacks on German non-commissioned officers followed one of the group executions within a few hours and in Oslo, German-occupied Norway, a Norwegian journalist was given life imprisonment for fomenting opposition to the Nazi-supported Quisling government in a sentence pronounced after the lifting of a state of civil siege.

Ten of Tuesday's victims were French hostages shot by a German firing squad in Paris in retaliation for attacks on German soldiers. They brought to 13 the number of hostages officially announced executed.

While the officer shot at following Tuesday's execution escaped injury, it was disclosed that still another German non-commissioned officer had been wounded Monday night before the execution. Reports were that he was in "a very serious condition."

The other five men executed met death in Germany itself. Four had been convicted of preparation for high treason. One was said to be a spy for a foreign power.

Eleven of the 12 sentenced to death Tuesday were Serbs convicted in Zagreb, capital of the axis-created state of Croatia, of Sarajevo, DNB said. The 12th was a man identified only as attacking gendarme patrols of Andrew Bernard, condemned by a military court at Marseille, unoccupied France, on a charge of high treason.

Thirteen other persons were given prison sentences at Marseilles for distributing communist propaganda, making a total of 30 such convictions in 24 hours.

In the German-occupied zone of France a total of 17 persons was convicted by special courts of communist activity. All got prison sentences.

The son of a colleague of Marshal Pétain was disclosed to have been kidnapped in Paris more than a week ago. He still was missing.

In his invocation, Brigadier William G. Gilks of Texas, national chaplain, asked that the Legion be guided in a way that would help bring about the end of this senseless destruction by peoples who have turned their backs on God.

Fiorenzo H. La Guardia, Legionnaire mayor of New York City and national civilian defense co-ordinator, after a few words on civilian defense, kept the convention in constant cheer with his explosive reiteration that aid to Britain was aid to the United States.

"I know," he said, "that when you give your answer to Hitler as you will do in resolution, it will be that we are ready to keep the dictator away from our shores and from our mode of living."

The delegates rest tomorrow from business meeting for the annual convention parade, a Tuesday endeavor since the first Legion convention was held way back when these same men thought nothing of stepping out 10 miles, but who now drop into line as near the reviewing stand as possible—and out as soon thereafter.

### British Bombers To Drop 'Eggs' On Hops To Russia

London, Sept. 16.—Mass delivery of big, long-range bombers direct from the United Kingdom to Russia, with tons of bombs being dropped on Berlin and other German cities en route, was forecast tonight by persons close to Anglo-American missions to Moscow.

These "live ferry" formation flights combining quick transfer of planes to Russia and bomb devastation deep in the Reich, would require less than 1,500 miles of flying, only a few hundred miles farther than the present roundtrip the RAF makes between Britain and Berlin.

(They would successfully adapt a plan first advanced during the Polish campaign, but never tried at the time because of Britain's lack of heavy planes.)

Hundred of fighter planes already are being sent from Britain to the U. S. S. R., Prime Minister Churchill has disclosed, but their delivery is slow and dependent, at least in part, on roundabout ship routes.

### Farm Machinery To Be Featured

Raleigh.—Recognizing the shortage of farm labor and the ever increasing demand for farm products, manufacturers "are redoubling their efforts" to make the farm machinery and tractor displays at the State Fair at Raleigh, October 14-18, "the most informative and most elaborate in the history of the exposition," Prof. David S. Weaver, of State college, director of the farm machinery exhibits, announced today.

"Farming is one of the few industries which is called upon to produce more and more with less and less labor," Professor Weaver said. "There is only one answer to this riddle—that is increased use of farm machinery and farm power. With the ever decreasing number of horses and mules in the United States and it is obvious that farmers will have to depend more and more upon mechanical power, and the farm tractor and the electric motor, together with the gas engine, will all be called upon to bear the burden."

Prof. Weaver emphasized that "the farm machinery and tractor displays will be one of the most informative and helpful educational exhibits to be seen at the State Fair," adding that these exhibits will be a contribution to the national defense program in that they offer the farmer an opportunity to see all types of modern equipment in operation together with information and advice that he is seeking in cutting the costs of agricultural production and solving the solution to the shortage of manpower."

An unusual entertainment menu has been prepared for fairgoers this year, including nine acts and an elaborate grandstand review presented by George A. Hamid; the World of Mirth Shows, 22 rides and 20 shows on a mile-long midway; "Lucky" Teter and his Hell Drivers (Oct. 15 only), featuring an automobile and motorcycle thrill program; auto races on October 18 and harness (horse) races October 14-16-17.

### Dellaplane and Roaring River News In Brief

Roaring River, Route 2, Sept. 15.—Services were held Saturday and Sunday at Oak Forest and Cranberry. The colored people also had preaching at their church, Union Grove.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bell last Wednesday morning a fine girl—their fifth child, though one died.

Mr. Leonard Harris moved some time ago from Mr. Luther Pardue's place near Mr. Jim Mastin's to one of Mr. Jonah Porter's tourist cabins at Roaring River. A great many from this locality have moved into Mr. Porter's attractive cabins.

Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn Ford are going to live in the house created by Mr. Leonard Harris and family. They had been living near Elkin.

Mrs. Pat Shew went to North Wilkesboro last Wednesday. She was a Mrs. Arthur Bell's when the baby was born.

Mrs. Gwyn Ford has been spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mastin. Since she has been there, a new baby boy was born to her and Mr. Ford—their fifth, but one is dead.

Miss Helen Sparks spent Saturday afternoon in the Wilkesboro shopping.

Mrs. J. L. Mastin is among those working at the lunch room at the Roaring River school this year.

Katie Parks, of this vicinity, her aunt, Nora Sale, and Nora's daughter, Bessie May Parks, of Adley or McGrady, all colored, visited relatives in Statesville several days last week.

Miss Mattie E. Sale, veteran teacher at the Brier Creek community, taught at Ronda the past two weeks. Though Miss Mattie has taught around fifty years, she is still one of the best teachers in the northwestern corner of the state.

It is planned to build cement steps from the road to the church grounds at Brier Creek, plant shrubbery, and make other improvements to the church and cemetery. Those willing to contribute money for this purpose are requested to send it to Miss Mattie E. Sale, Ronda, Route 2.

It has been announced that a pastor will be elected at Oak Forest in October. Rev. J. P. Robinson, who has been pastor there three years, is very popular with the congregation.

Mrs. Ellen Wood, of West Virginia, is still visiting her sister, Mrs. Ida Call. Though 80, Mrs. Wood is very active and walked to see her great-niece, Mrs. Arthur Bell, and the new baby.

**HE'S FIGHTING**  
Mother: "What are you doing in the pantry?"  
Jimmie: "Fighting temptation, mother."

### Workers Needed

This column will carry a list of local, intra-state and interstate openings. For further information concerning these openings apply at your local office of the North Carolina Unemployment Compensation Commission between the hours of 8:30 and 12:30, which is located over the Duke Power company, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

**SATURATION**  
Lizzie Giggles says the mobile market has not reached the point of saturation but too many of the drivers have.  
**30TH BIRTHDAY**  
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Wit—"Why, did something unpleasant happen on it?"

Local openings: 1 stenographer-bookkeeper, \$12 per week, 7 maids, general, \$3 to \$5 per week (white and colored); 1 automobile mechanic, 35 per cent commission; 1 soda jerker, \$15 per week; 1 warehouse record clerk, 30c per hour; 10 sales clerks, \$9 to \$10 per week.

Intra-State openings: 75 trainees, machine shop; 1 automobile body repairman, \$30 per week; 1 cost accountant, \$150 per month; 1 male stenographer, \$1440 per year; several stock clerks, \$19 per week; 2 stenographers, \$1620 per year; 1 millwright, \$25 per week.

Inter-State openings—25 mechanical engineers or draftsmen, up to \$300 per month; 20 architects, building, \$2000 and up per year; 500 electrical and civil engineers, \$2000 and up per year; 2 tree surgeons, 70c to 80c per hour; street car-bus operators, 66c per hour and up.

British Civilian Technical Corps of the British government is engaged in a program of recruiting workers in the following occupations for work in England as paid members of a non-combatant body of civilian craftsmen enrolled on a voluntary basis by the British government: Automobile

mechanic (marine); electric artificers (marine); electric airplane; aircraft mechanics; instrument makers; machine metal workers; copper-smith; sheet metal workers; ordnance men, radio repairmen.

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