

LEGION REPORTS 980,572 ON ROLL

Membership Cards Flown Here in 60 Planes From All Sections of U. S.; Gen. Arnold Says Aircraft Sales To Allies 'Bargain for Both Sides.'

A membership of 980,572 was reported at American Legion national headquarters here today following yesterday's eighth annual aerial membership roundup.

The membership cards were flown her in 60 planes from all parts of the country. The reports were made at a banquet given last night by National Commander Raymond J. Kelly and at which Maj. Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the U. S. Army Air Corps, spoke.

Gen. Arnold defended the sale of American planes to belligerent nations as "a bargain where both sides gain their desired ends."

A total of 65,146 membership cards were received during the roundup. Last year's roundup netted only 51,210 and the membership at this time last year totaled 878,962.

State's Total 38,292

Legion officials said that only slightly more than 70,000 more members are needed during the year to go over the 1931 record enrollment of 1,053,000.

The roundup netted 1067 new memberships for the Indiana Department, bringing the total enrollment to 38,292, an all-time high and 4000 in excess of the department's quota. Indiana cards were brought here by five National Guard planes.

A long list of distinguished guests, including many prominent military figures, attended the banquet at which Commander Kelly, toastmaster, Governor M. Clifford Townsend was among those at the speaker's table.

Gen. Arnold said that the sale of American war planes to European belligerents provides a "full scale laboratory" that will make this nation's air force superior to all.

The sales are a "fair exchange," he said, giving the Allies needed airplanes and building up the American aviation industry.

"We are the last people in the world to wish to profit by the misfortunes in Europe," Gen. Arnold said, "but we would be unwise, indeed, if we failed to realize that the war in Europe is a full scale laboratory in which our fighting airplanes can be service-tested under war conditions at no cost to us."

"At the close of our present two-year augmentation program, our air force, though not as large as those of the warring nations, will, plane for plane, be superior to any of them."

He said the aviation industry now estimates it has a productive capacity of more than 17,500 airplanes a year.

Kelly Greets Arnold



National Commander Raymond J. Kelly (left) greeted Maj. Gen. H. H. Arnold when the chief of the U. S. Army Air Corps arrived by plane to speak at the American Legion's aerial roundup banquet.

Stokes Bares Resurgence Of Klan Horrors in South

Tom Stokes has been in Georgia and South Carolina investigating the resurgence of the Ku-Klux Klan, which he finds using much the same tactics as in the 1920's, and seeking to regain national power. Herewith is the first of a series by Mr. Stokes.

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ATLANTA, Ga., April 29.—The Ku-Klux Klan rides again in the South, with its white robes, its torches and its fiery cross.

It preaches intolerance for racial and religious minorities. It proclaims a narrow sort of "Americanism" that is being translated here and there into a fight against the C. I. O., itself a fledgling minority seeking to organize mill workers in this region.

And it breaks forth intermittently—as here and in South Carolina—in a moral frenzy that dispenses cruel "justice" by the lash upon "sinners" in the dead of night.

This thriving city, the headquarters now as back in the twenties of the revived Ku-Klux Klan, woke a few weeks ago to read in its morning paper a lurid story of brutality. A Negro farm hand, cutting across the fields on his way home, discovered in a desolate, swamp-sprinkled bottomland in the Ben Hill neighborhood on Atlanta's outskirts, the bruised and beaten body of a white man.

Barber Is Baelen

Ike Gaston, 39-year-old barber of East Point, one of Atlanta's suburbs, had been flogged by Klan night-riders and left to die. His naked back was corrugated with the cuts of a four-foot leather whip found near his body. The barber drank a good deal and beat his wife. Klansmen had undertaken to correct his morals.

Atlanta's eyes were opened when further investigation disclosed the such floggings, though not resulting fatally as had this, had been going on for months in the East Point section. Charges against the victims were mostly of like character—"moral lapses"—with one exception, the kidnapping and flogging of P. S. Toney for attempting to organize a C. I. O. union.

There began before the Fulton County Grand Jury a procession of more than 200 witnesses who told stories which resulted in the indictment of 17 men on charges of participation in a total of 40 floggings.

Seek Gaston Murderers

One of these, Henry Cawthon, grim-faced East Point garage operator, has been convicted in the beating of the C. I. O. organizer and given the maximum sentence under the assault and battery charge—a \$1000 fine, a year on public works and six months in jail. He is to be tried later on a kidnapping charge involving the abduction of Mr. Toney.

This was the first of a series of trials in Klan flogging cases which are expected to run for weeks. Investigators still are busy trying to track down the murderers of Ike Gaston. There have been no arrests in that case.

Presiding over the trials in Fulton County court house, an ancient, dingy edifice squatting in a part of the city where the smell of fried fish from hole-in-the-wall restaurants permeates the air, is a diminutive and wan man, his sad eyes gleaming from deep shadows.

In Judge Hugh M. Dorsey one would hardly recognize the vigorous young district attorney who, many years ago, was called upon to prosecute the Leo M. Frank case which stirred up such a wave of intolerance. Mr. Dorsey thereafter was swept into the Governor's chair.

Intolerance broke out again in the Southland when the Ku-Klux Klan was revived a few years later, and, under promoters who made it a lucrative business, flooded over state lines, established itself far and wide and swirled headlong into national politics in the 1924 Madison Square Garden Convention of the Democratic Party.

The cycle seems to be repeating itself today.

The flogging frenzy exhibited in

GROUP HOSPITAL SERVICE SET UP

Non-Profit Insurance Firm
Granted Certificate
By State.

Formation of a state-wide, non-profit hospital insurance association was announced today.

The organization, to be known as the Hospitalization Benefit Association, has been granted a certificate of authority to operate in the state by the Indiana Insurance Department.

Albert M. Bristor, vice president and treasurer of the Union Title Co., is the first chairman of the Association, which is opening offices in the Circle Tower.

Hospital Choice Open

Mr. Bristor said the Association will offer hospital insurance on a monthly premium basis, with selection of a hospital left to the member. The members will select their own physicians. The plan does not include payment of medical or nursing fees.

The chairman said a large number of Indiana industrialists, business and professional men throughout the state have agreed to serve, without pay, to further the organization of the program in their respective communities.

Units already have been established, he said, at Hammond, Gary, East Chicago, Whiting, Valparaiso, Michigan City, South Bend, Mishawaka and Muncie.

Other local units are to be set up as soon as local civic groups petition for them. Each local unit will be governed by its own local board of 5 to 15 persons elected annually by members of the unit.

State Board Arranged

Board members also are to be selected from representatives of the medical, industrial, professional, civic and fraternal groups. The State affairs of the Association will be directed by a legislative board of delegates, one from each unit for each 5000 or less members.

Mr. Bristor said the Association will set up a definite schedule of reserves. The membership fee for hospitalization will vary, depending on whether the member prefers ward, semi-private or private room service. Small or large employed groups are eligible for membership, together with their families.

The incorporators have taken out their membership on a basis of 2 1/2 or 3 cents a day, and Mr. Bristor said it is planned to continue this rate for future members, subject to approval of the Indiana Insurance Department.

9 ARE INDICTED BY COUNTY GRAND JURY

Nine persons were named in indictments returned by the Marion County Grand Jury today. Four of the defendants are fugitives. Those in jail or at liberty under bond are:

Jesse Cave, charged with second degree burglary; Martin Hartzler, issuing fraudulent check; Ethel Kale, false pretense and grand larceny; William J. Lyng, embezzlement and grand larceny; and Glenn E. Wright, vehicle taking and unlawful possession.

Three Deputies Members

One objective shown by the records is to make friendly contacts with police officials so they will not interpose with Klan activities, obtaining police members where possible. That this effort has had some success is shown by the fact that three deputy sheriffs in Fulton County, as well as the acting sheriff of Anderson County, S. C., are publicly avowed Klan members.

From no less a power than the Imperial Wizard of the Klan, Dr. James A. Colescott, has gone out an official order for Klansmen who are members of labor unions, either A. F. of L. or C. I. O., and of the Workers Alliance, to try to seize control of offices in those organizations.

Dr. Colescott, a pudgy, pink-faced ex-veterinarian, succeeded Dr. Hiram W. Evans, an ex-dentist, as national head of the Klan last June. He appears placid, phlegmatic, and apparently is not easily disturbed. A native of Terre Haute, Indiana, he was for nine years head of the Ohio Klan.

But Imperial Wizard Colescott has been kept very busy lately trimming his secret organization to meet the public outcry raised against the activities of some of his members.

Unmasking Deceit

In rapid order, he decreed unmasking of the Klan, issued restrictions covering burning of fiery crosses, suspended the East Point chapter when the flogging cases were revealed, and banished Henry Cawthon when he was convicted.

With all that, and with his appearances before the grand jury here and in the Anderson cases, he has had little time to devote to the drive for new members which he is putting on all over the country in the effort to restore the Klan to the eminence it enjoyed during the twenties.

NEXT — Secret correspondence and records reveal Klan fight on C. I. O.

'DOGVILLE' OPENING
IS DELAYED BY RAIN

FT. WORTH, Tex., April 29 (U. P.).—Rain spoiled the ceremonies for the inauguration of "Dogville," a town for "dead end" canines.

Some 30 mongrels, homeless and sick, live in the canine counterpart of "Boys' Town," in buildings made of used dog food cans. Yesterday, W. J. Elkin, the boss of Dogville, had intended laying the cornerstone of a new city hall, but the rain spoiled the event.

"Maybe it was a good thing that that," Elkin said. "The dogs needed the bath. We'll hold the cornerstone laying the first pretty Sunday."

Dr. Silver's Talk Precedes Jewish Welfare Fund Drive

National Appeal Chairman
On Kirshbaum Program
Thursday.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of the Hebrew Temple at Cleveland, will speak at a pre-Jewish Welfare Fund drive meeting at 8:15 p. m. Thursday in Kirshbaum Center.

The drive will open Friday. Funds collected will constitute Indianapolis' share for the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs, which collects funds for the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service.

Dr. Silver has spoken several times before in Indianapolis State teacher meetings, Community Fund assemblies and other gatherings.

He is national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and a member of the Executive Board of the Zionist Organization of America.

He is active in the American Jewish effort for the rebuilding of Palestine.

His other activities include membership on the executive board of the Larger Regional Government at Cleveland, and the Ohio Consumers League.

He was a Dudenian Lecturer at Harvard University. Local chairman for the United Jewish Appeal is Louis J. Borinstein. Vice chairmen are William L. Schloss, Allan Kahn and David L. Sablosky.



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver... Active in efforts to rebuild Palestine.

DRIVER TAPED IN AUTO TRUNK

North Side Man Abducted by
Two Bandits and
Robbed of \$41.

Two "tape bandits" bound Cyril Shook, 38, of 801 N. Pennsylvania St., Apt. 2, yesterday as he was parking his car in front of his home, drove him over the northwest and northeast parts of the city and robbed him of \$41.

Meanwhile, a coupe believed to be the one used by two bandits who robbed a grocery store at 1656 Roosevelt Ave. Saturday of \$50 was found in the 2200 block N. Temple Ave.

Mr. Shook reported to police that the men forced him to ride between them until they came to the 38th St. and Keystone Ave. district. There, the men taped his wrists, put a handkerchief over his eyes, taped it, and placed him in a rear trunk compartment of his car and locked him in.

Later, the bandits halted the car near 11th St. and Capitol Ave., asked Mr. Shook if he had worked himself loose. When Mr. Shook replied in the negative, the bandits unlocked the rear compartment and fled.

The abandoned coupe found on Temple Ave. bore marks on one side believed caused by shotgun pellets, police said. William Van, who operates a drug store near the scene of the holdup, told police at the time he had fired one shot from a shotgun at the two men as they fled.

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