

NEUTRALITY AND PEACE WILL BE LEGION'S POLICY

Renews Fight to Prevent
Involvement; Backs
Sales Abroad.

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The American Legion today renewed its fight for legislation to prevent American involvement in the European War after the national executive committee approved a national "policy of peace and neutrality."

This policy, recommended by the foreign affairs committee, was supported by the executive group at its closing session yesterday afternoon when it extended its fight against communism in the United States.

The Legion went on record as favoring the sale of American-made planes to Europe and urged increased State and Federal activity in aviation, more Federal aid for airports, training courses for youth in production of aircraft and additional research in aviation.

Communist Party Attacked

Earlier, resolutions had been adopted urging increased military training for American youth as part of the national defense program, fortification for Far East possessions and "implying" that the Philippines should not be granted their independence. The later action was urged so that the U. S. can maintain influence in the Pacific.

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PURDUE PRAISED FOR WORK ON SOY BEANS

CHICAGO, May 4 (U. P.)—H. J. McCarthy, Brownsville, Wis., secretary of the newly organized Associated Soybean Canners of America, today credited the collaboration of four state universities and private experimentation with development of a successful formula for canning soybeans.

McCarthy said Purdue University at Lafayette, Ind., and the state universities of Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Carolina had provided invaluable aid in development of the formula.

Other officers of the association are Walter L. Schreder, Hortonville, Wis., president; H. F. Rogers, Keweenaw, Mo., vice president, and A. J. Kumb, Rockfield, Wis., treasurer.

NEIGHBORS TESTIFY FOR WIFE IN SLAYING

NEWPORT, Ind., May 4 (U. P.)—Tales of cruelty inflicted on Mrs. Mabel Houston, 39, of St. Bernice, by her husband, 40, are accused of murdering, were told in Vermilion Circuit Court yesterday by eight defense witnesses.

Miss Fiona Van Brunt, Jack Dorsimer, Dorothy Males and Mrs. Molly Stark, all neighbors of the Houstons, described Mrs. Houston as she appeared one day in June, 1938, when she appeared at the Van Brunt home to call for help after her husband had beaten her. Other witnesses were Fred Ayres, Coy E. Sims, and Mr. and Mrs. James Pinson of St. Bernice. Court was recessed until Monday.

JANITOR HURT IN FALL
Leroy D. Morfit, 78, of 2867 Clinton St., received head injuries last night when he fell on a flight of stairs in an apartment house at the Clinton St. address. Police said Mr. Morfit was employed as janitor in the apartment. He was taken to the City Hospital where his condition is reported as fair.

Scout Leaders Seek Further Co-Operation Of Catholic Church, American Legion Posts

Preliminary Plans for State
Fair Program Are
Outlined.

Kenneth Cook of New York City, assistant to the Boy Scout national director of operations in charge of Catholic activities, today was in Indianapolis seeking further co-operation of the Catholic Church with the Scout movement.

He was conferring with the Rev. Fr. Maurice Duran, diocesan director of Boy Scouts; J. Patrick Rooney, field secretary of the C. Y. O.; Clarence Sweeney, Boy Scout Committee Chairman for the Indianapolis diocese, and A. M. Ekstrand, special deputy regional Scout executive.

His arrival followed an all-day conference yesterday of Indiana Boy Scout Council field executives at the Spink-Arms Hotel.

The executives completed preliminary plans for Scout participation in the State Fair and laid the groundwork for further sponsorship of Scout troops by American Legion posts.

Opening day of the Fair on Aug. 30 has been designated as Boy Scout Day. The Scouts will hold one-day demonstration camp, an evening parade and give a program in front of the grandstand.

Delmar Wilson of Evansville was named general chairman of the Fair participation. He will be assisted by F. P. Howlett Jr. of Mishawaka and J. A. Jucker of New Albany.

Subcommittees appointed were: F. O. Belzer, Indianapolis Scout executive; arrangements; H. T. Vitz, Indianapolis, and H. C. Paulson, Munice, parade; R. J. Webb, Indianapolis; Paul Carnahan, Marion, program; J. L. Wheeler, Lafayette, and Harry Dowell, Bloomington; registration; R. L. Van Rensselaer, Fort Wayne, first aid.

Otto Nimpf of Anderson heads the promotion committee assisted by William Fisher, Logansport; R. G. Clark, Gary; F. J. Geiger, Elkhart; C. F. Rogers, South Bend; R. J. Donovan, Hammond; James Molter, Terre Haute; Stanley Meenach, Madison, and James H. Geltich, Richmond.

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LOCAL DEATHS

The Rev. C. D. Wilson

Services for the Rev. C. D. Wilson of Daytona Beach, Fla., oldest member of the Indiana delegation, will be held at 3:30 p. m. tomorrow at the J. C. Wilson Funeral Home, 1230 Prospect St., and at 2 p. m. Monday in the Hamline Methodist Church, Lawrenceburg, Ind.

Burial will be in the Greendale Cemetery at Lawrenceburg.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson was born in Franklin, Ind., the son of William C. and Mary E. Webb. He entered the ministry at Rockland, Ind., and held pastorates in central and southern Indiana and several south and western states.

He retired from active ministry at the Hamline Methodist Church, Lawrenceburg, 13 years ago to live in Daytona Beach. He was returning to Lawrenceburg Thursday when he became ill at Cincinnati.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson was a member of the Lawrenceburg Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ethel Wilson; a son, Carl Wilson, who writes "Jokes and Jingles" From "Curly Shingles" for the Indianapolis Sunday Star under the pseudonym, Tramp Star; a brother, J. C. Wilson, local undertaker; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Stirling of Morrisville; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Mattie Hunter

Mrs. Mattie Hunter died today at her home, 222 S. Addison St., after a short illness. She was 69.

Born in Kelso, Tenn., Mrs. Hunter came to Indianapolis when she was 30 and has lived here since. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Kelso.

Survivors are two sons, Fred and William G. Shelton; a daughter, Mrs. Bessie Hunter Braan; a brother, Uher Simmons, all of Indianapolis; and a sister, Mrs. Pearl Gray of Danville.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p. m. Monday at the residence. Burial will be in Floral Park Cemetery.

Anthony G. Sauer

Anthony G. Sauer, a retired iron moulder and an Indianapolis resident 60 years, died yesterday at his home, 222 S. Pennsylvania St.

Mr. Sauer, who was 70, was born an employee of the McNamara-Koster Foundry and the Home Stove Co. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, St. Francis Aid Society, the Third Order of St. Francis and the International Molders Union, Local 17.

Services will be at 8:30 a. m. Tuesday at his home and at 9 a. m. Tuesday at the residence. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Vincent A. Erdeling

Services for Vincent Andrew Erdeling of Detroit, an Indianapolis resident seven years, will be held Monday at Detroit and burial will be there.

Mr. Erdeling was an employee of the Indianapolis Power & Light Co. and of the Elmer Products Co., of which his brother, Joseph, is treasurer.

He died Thursday at Detroit after an appendectomy. Born at Huntington, Ind., he was 49.

Survivors are his wife, Pauline; five children; four brothers, Joseph, Lawrence and Ferdinand of Indianapolis; and three sisters, Miss Lucille Erdeling of Milwaukee, Wis., Mrs. Eleanor Just of Chicago, and J. H. Donavin of Milwaukee.

Services will be held at 1:30 p. m. Monday at the Harry W. Moore Peace Chapel. Burial will be at Crown Hill.

George C. Busch

George C. Busch, a native of Indianapolis, died yesterday at the Moore and Kirk Northeast Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Portland, Ind.

Mrs. Myers, who lived at 1337 N. Tuxedo St., died yesterday.

Surviving are her husband, Elmer; three daughters, Mrs. Esther Branch, Mrs. Pauline Lewis and Mrs. Doris Lowe; and three sons, Leo, John and Clarence Myers.

William S. Cones

Funeral services for William Smith Cones, retired bridge worker and Civil War veteran, will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Meeks Mortuary at Muncie, Ind. Burial will be there.

Mr. Cones died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Willard Thomas.

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Thomas Alexander Fegan

Thomas Alexander Fegan, 3340 N. Meridian St., for many years a member of the Indianapolis grocery salesmen, died last night at St. Vincent's Hospital after a two-week illness. He was 78.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Fegan; four daughters; Mrs. Robert J. Stadtmiller of Shadeland, Ind.; Mrs. August Phelps of Pontiac, Mich., and Miss Lillian Fegan and Mrs. Ernest Heckman, both of Indianapolis; two sons, Joseph and Paul Fegan; a sister, Mrs. Henry Strotman of Indianapolis, and 13 grandchildren.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Jones

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, who died yesterday at her home, 1332 N. Parker Ave., after a short illness, will be held at 3 p. m. Monday in the Harry W. Moore Peace Chapel. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Ida Schaefer

Services for Mrs. Ida Schaefer, a native of Indianapolis, died yesterday at her home, 3020 S. Meridian St., after a two-week illness. She was 65.

She was the mother of Earl E. (Handy) Jones, widely known Indianapolis safe and lock expert, and the widow of Edgar Jones, who died in 1937. She was a member of the Methodist Church at Paris Crossing.

She is survived by her husband, John Schaefer, a son, John B. Schaefer Jr.; two sisters, Mrs. Charles Ruggenstein and Mrs. Burk May; and two brothers, John and William Reimer, all of Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday at the residence. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery.

GEORGE V. LEEDS

Services for George V. Leeds, 76, survivor of World War I, will be held at 1:30 p. m. Monday at the residence. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery.

STATE DEATHS

ARLINGTON—Henry Patton, 76, survivor of World War I, died yesterday at his home, 202 S. Pennsylvania St., after a long illness. He was a member of the American Legion and the VFW Post 100.