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Legion Ends Parley With Demand For "Full Preparedness"

10-POINT PLAN ASKS UNITY OF U. S. COMMAND

New Commander Griffith
Continues Fight on
Gen. Bradley's VA.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5.—Thousands of American Legion national convention delegates were on their way home today with their new national commander, Paul H. Griffith, Untonton, Pa., empowered to seek a program for "full preparedness" including compulsory military training.

The 28th annual convention closed week-long sessions yesterday with a criticism of Gen. Omar Bradley, head of the veterans administration, and a statement favoring a four-month period of military training in contrast to the war department's recommendation for six months.

The 10-point preparedness program also called for a unified command of the armed forces, keeping of atomic bomb secrets and a full investigation of "excessive war profits."

Mr. Griffith, 49-year-old veteran of world wars I and II, pledged he would carry on the policies of his predecessor, John Stelle of Illinois.

VA Publicity Probe Asked

He drew resounding applause with a parting shot at Gen. Bradley, asserting he would carry on the Legion's efforts to obtain repeal of the \$175 and \$200 a month ceiling over the "on-the-job" training of world war II veterans. The limitations were passed by congress during the final week of its session at Gen. Bradley's recommendation.

Delegates voted a special resolution that congress choose a committee to investigate the veterans administration "vast publicity staff" which Stelle had charged was costing the taxpayers a million dollars a year.

Two Indianapolis men were re-named to national offices in an executive meeting following the convention. They are Neal Gridier, Indianapolis banker, national treasurer, and Ralph B. Gregg, a lawyer, national judge advocate.

Two Indianapolis women were among the auxiliary officers selected to serve with Mrs. Norton H. Pearl of Detroit, president. They are Mrs. Gwendolyn Wiggin MacDowell, secretary, and Mrs. Cecilia Wenz, treasurer, both re-elected.

Hargrove Wins Reversal

A bonus proposal that veterans receive a \$50-a-month pension after reaching 50 years of age was voted down, despite spirited arguments for it from the floor.

P. Marion (See Here, Private) Hargrove, best seller, author, who came here not as a delegate but to seek justice for the New York Legion post he commands, partly achieved his objective. The national executive committee reversed its earlier decision to revoke the charter of Mr. Hargrove's Duncan-Paris post. The suspension, however, was ordered continued until Hargrove can appear before the committee at its next regular meeting in November.

Mr. Hargrove, elated, said: "That's swell. That's all we wanted when we came to San Francisco."

Earlier he had denied his 273-member post was "Communist-dominated" as charged in New York press reports.

National Security Program

Resolutions on atomic bomb and the war profits investigation were separate from the 10-point general security program, which called for:

ONE: A system of universal military training without delay, limited to four months of basic training.

TWO: A unified command for the army, navy and air forces.

THREE: A peacetime regular army of a size consistent with minimum peacetime requirements.

FOUR: Expansion of scientific research in nuclear energy and other technical fields.

FIVE: Development of the merchant marine for commercial service and military use in case of war.

SIX: A permanent American department of intelligence expanded enough to cover the world.

SEVEN: Stockpiling of strategic materials difficult to obtain in time of emergency.

EIGHT: A civilian defense program as "an integral part of the total defense policy."

NINE: Maintenance of "necessary bases consistent with our policy of national defense."

TEN: Expansion of "all phases of transportation."

Other national officers elected were Richard C. Cadwallader, 33, Baton Rouge, La.; Edward J. Sharkey, San Francisco; Joseph W. Brown, Nashua, N. H.; Ernest H. Dervishian, 30, medal of honor winner from Richmond, Va., and Martin B. Buckner, 29, Flint, Mich., all vice commanders, and the Rev. A. L. Rustad, Fairbault, Minn., chaplain.

MANUAL GRID GUARD, SPECTATOR INJURED

Bob Pittman, 17-year-old left guard for Manual Training high school, was treated for an injured hip at City hospital yesterday following the Washington-Manual Training high school football game. Charles Hall, 17, of 1776 N. Audubon rd., also was treated for minor injuries at the hospital after he returned from the game at Muncie. He told hospital authorities he was a spectator at the game and stumbled on a broken pop bottle.

BIRTHS

Twins

At City—Marvin Marian Meade, girl and boy.

At Methodist—Robert Joan Smith, boy, girl.

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