

U.S. WAR VETERANS QUIT ISOLATIONISM.

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No wonder old soldiers never die. This is how the American Legion came to the annual convention, 100-thousand strong, with the war-situation completely sized up.

(AFTER SIGN) Till lately, legionaries were rabid isolationists, but not now. They favour revising the Neutrality Act, and in Milwaukee convention Hall they applauded the news that the two-ocean navy will have 32 battleships. Secretary Knox was the speaker.

"Incomparably, this will be the greatest sea power with air power auxiliary ever created by any nation in the history of the world.

"The American Navy will provide protection as adequate as we can make it for ships of every flag carrying lend-air supplies between the American continent and the waters adjacent to Iceland. The Navy is ordered to capture or destroy by every means at their disposal, Axis-controlled submarines or surface-raiders encountered in those waters. *applause* That is our answer to Mr. Hitler." *applause*.

The next speaker wasn't an old soldier, but a young man who was caught in a draft not long ago, Bob Hope.

"I must admit I am a little nervous in front of a gathering like this because it is really a kick and my mother would love to have seen it because when I was just a boy she said that some day I might be President but I am satisfied with President Roosevelt and I think my children will be too. (Applause).

"I flew here by plane. We had a wonderful trip, my stomach gets here to-morrow (laughter).

" I do want to say that I am very happy to be here with our host Commander Waters because he is also from Ohio, he is from one of the smaller towns, I am from Cleveland but he is a grand fellow. I was up in his suite preparing a programme with him and he is a grand host. He gave me a cocktail up there - he calls it the Legion cocktail - one drink and you give the hotel 24 hours to get out of your room (laughter).

"They are getting a bigger thrill out of this. When I was a little younger - I do remember those days. I remember the Liberty Loans very well. Those were the days when the Government asked you for it." (laughter).

LEGION TAKES OVER!

Pershing's buddies! An army of one hundred thousand pours into Milwaukee for the 27th annual American Legion Convention. From North and South, and yes, from Hollywood they come! Hedda Hopper leads one filmland delegation. National Commander Milo J. Warner presides over sessions at Milwaukee Auditorium, the subject of course is national defense! But let's not forget the fun, say the boys who fought in the last war! It's getting to be a long way from 1918, and their hair may be tinged with gray, but the men of the A.E.F. still know how to have a rousing good time!

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OFF STAGE VOICE--LEGION ON PARADE

1. LEGION ON PARADE

2. 35,000 marchers from every corner of the United States and its territories;

Today the average Legionaire is 48 years old--and today many of these men of the last war have sons in uniform as the nation again looks out upon world conflict. In serious sessions of Convention Hall, the Legionaires urge repeal of the Neutrality act endorse the two-ocean navy program; and from Navy Secretary Knox the Legion hears strong words:....

16. The Legion's lighter moments: They still like a laugh; and movie star Bob Hope fills the bill as banquet speaker:....