

# Dames of Loyal Legion Hear Gen. Fries and Others at Session

The work of patriotic societies in fostering love of country and a reverence for the past was extolled last night in the Chinese Room of the Mayflower Hotel, where the Dames of the Loyal Legion ended the first day of their Forty-third annual session with a banquet.

"The strongest food of the national soul is found in groups of noble, patriotic and devoted women such as this whose faith in their country is founded on their recollections of the past," declared Col. Clement Bouye, commander of the District Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

He was one of several speakers who briefly addressed the gathering before it was announced that Representative James E. Van Zandt, of Pennsylvania, the scheduled speaker, was unable to be present. The Congressman sent a wire from Altoona, Pa., blaming "unfavorable circumstances" for his absence.

Gen. Amos Fries, U. S. A. (retired), praised the work of the Loyal Dames and declared, "Patriotism isn't born in an individual; you have to teach it."

The group also came in for compliments at the hands of Admiral Alfred Johnson, an official of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, who welcomed the delegates to Washington and, in commenting on the war, recalled that the Navy has lost more men since Pearl Harbor

last January by the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense.

Mrs. Jerome J. Wilber, 1870 Wyoming avenue N.W., is president of the District of Columbia Chapter.

Maj. Gen. Amos A. Fries, U. S. A. (retired); Dr. Stewart W. McClelland, president of Lincoln Memorial University in Harrowgate, Tenn., where the Dames of the Loyal Legion maintain a scholarship, and Mrs. William H. Pouch, president general of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, also spoke.

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Brief, informal talks were made also by Dr. Stewart W. McClelland, president of Lincoln Memorial University, Harrowgate, Tenn., which is partially supported by the Loyal Dames; by Mrs. William H. Pouch, president of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and by committee members of the organization.

The Navy Band Orchestra furnished music for the banquet and accompanied the members in several patriotic songs. Mrs. David D. Good presided.

The legion will conclude its convention with a session this morning at 10 o'clock when reports of State society presidents will be heard and officers elected.