

NEW PARTY SOUGHT TO FIGHT RADICALS

Delegates From 45 Patriotic
Groups Form a Central
Court to Press Move.

PERIL TO NATION STRESSED

Aim Is to Draw Both Democrat
and Republican Constitu-
tionalists to New Party.

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BRONXVILLE, N. Y., May 8.—A central committee of more than forty-five national patriotic societies with a total membership of more than 500,000 persons was organized on a permanent basis at the Hotel Gramatan here this afternoon.

Representing the first united effort of patriotic societies of the United States, the central group will use the radio and other means to defend the Constitution.

The delegates to the convention agreed to name the new organization "The General Court of the Patriotic Societies of America," although the group has been tentatively known since its organization more than a year ago as "The Patriotic Societies Committee."

Edward Richard Hoffman, active in the New York society of the Founders and Patriots of America and the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution, who founded the central organization and served as its chairman until the permanent organization was effected today, described the group as "pro constitutional but non-partisan."

Pleads for a New Party

In a speech at the night session, Colonel Jennings C. Wise, member of an old Virginia family, historian of the Founders and Patriots of America, former commandant of the Virginia Military Institute and Federal Assistant Attorney General in the Hoover administration, urged the merging of the "constitutionalists of the two major parties under a new party name" to fight radicalism.

Mr. Hoffman said he hoped the General Court of the Patriotic Societies of the United States might

serve as the nucleus for such a merger. He said present party designations meant little to those who sought to repel attacks on the Constitution, adding that he and many other members were nominally Democrats.

Winthrop Waite of East Orange, N. J., Past Governor of the New Jersey Founders and Patriots of America, in the keynote speech of the convention, spoke of recent profound changes "which threaten to carry with them the seed of disintegration and decay into the heart of our cherished institution." "You all know to what I refer," he added, and said the Patriotic Societies had been "caught napping whilst subversive forces have been actively at work in our midst."

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"The immediate call for action is here," he maintained. "There is no use minimizing the peril we are facing as a nation. Imagine you and your society existing in a totalitarian State. If we and others whose claim to patriotism may not be as secure as ours cannot check the evident trend then there is no man living today who can foretell the disaster, the pain and suffering, even to another civil war, that may come in its train. Few disagree on this."

Colonel Wise's plea for a merger of the constitutionalists of both major parties followed his outlining the division of the United States into three parts—"the capitalistic, plutocratic North; the agricultural, patriarchal South, and the frontier West with a pioneer viewpoint."

"It is utterly ridiculous," he said, "to think that any government can legislate harmony between these parts when their views are entirely different. Never was decentralization greater needed in our Federal Government."

Cone First President of Group

The first president of the general court, elected this afternoon, is Frederick H. Cone of New York, former president of the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution. The vice presidents elected are John Blon Richards of Fall River, Mass.; Mrs. William H. Pouch of New York and Mrs. Stanley Lyman Otis of New York. Mr. Waite was elected secretary.

A governing council of the court has for its members the chairmen of all standing committees, the retiring temporary officers and others, including Mrs. Helen Gould Miller Shepard, Messmore Kendall, Colonel Louis Annin Ames and Miss Minnie B. Wade, all of New York.

The organization held its first meeting last June, at West Point. About 150 delegates were present at the session today, but more than twice that number are expected tomorrow, when a State marker will be unveiled on Gramatan Hill. There will be a Colonial ball tomorrow night, and the convention will close Sunday.

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