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Harding Urged to Take Action; Creeds Join Hands for First Time

## Washington, June 20.-Presi-

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service of the federal couneil ot nervice of the federal council of
churches with which are affillated
30 great prothen 30 great protestant communtons, the
department of social aetion of the
Nattonal Catholic Whilare National Catholic Whelfare council
and the social Justice commission of
the Central Conter Rabbis. This in the first time, as tar an is $_{\text {known, that, these reperesenta- }}^{\text {tive organization of protectantes }}$, man Catholics and Jews have taken
moint action in an indutarial matter. The ehurches in their appeal asked the preisdent:
"To call a national coal confer-
ence; Not to wailt until the sutreerig ence: Not to wait until the siffering
of women and children of the mining camps has become a nationat calam-
Ity and; To end the coal strike now. The statement expreasea gratifica
thon that the press, as a tion that the press, as a whole, has
been successful in recording the faets in the srtike. The appeal of the
churches in full is an follow: "To the president of the Untted States:
"We desire to express to you. on
betate of betait of the three great reingious on
ganizations that we represent, our convietion that the time has arrived when our goverament should aet to
bring about a conference in the btuminous coal industry to end th
present strike. We belleve that the present strike. We beileve that the
majority of the people of this country are unwiling to have its vitally imm-
portant industries subject to econo-
oic combat as a means of settin mice combat as a means of setting
disputes.
-Whesever either disputant in Whenever either disputant in a
controversy declines to employ the controversy decines to employ the
methods of conterence and arbtra-
tion, it becomes proper den, it becomes proper for the gov-
ernment to intervene. It is inconcelvable that public. action should await until the sufferings of women and children in mining towns ahould
have reached the proportions of a national calamit,
$\qquad$ church and soctal service of the thedin America, and the department of social action of the National Catholie
Welfare councll Welfare council, put before you
resolution adopted by thelr reapec. resolution adopted by thetr reapec-
tive bodies, urging sovernment action tive bodies, urging government action
looking toward the settlement ot the
coal controveray. was controversy. At that time it
was polnted out that the operators in he central competitive field, com-
prising Illinols, Indiana, Ohlo and Western Pensaylvania, had pledged conter with the union in order to nesotiate a new contract. We wish to of the adminitatration in the atuely fix.
of ing responsibility for the fallure of
such a conterence upon certain of such a conterence upon certain of
the coal operators who were unwilling to be governed by the terme of
iheir agreement. Our resolution turther called the attention to the lack
of aceurate information conceralng of accurate information concerning
the facts necessary to adjunt settlethe facts necessary to adjuat setue-
ment of the controversy and urged
that a thorough tnvestigation of the
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"The administration at that time
did not feel warranted in taking acdid not feel warranted in taking ac-
tion, beyond the lasuance of the statement to which we have reterred. No conterence was held, strike en-
sued. and it has, now, continued
through ten weeks, Ekelualive of the Curough ten weekk, Exelunive of the
anthracite fields, whero conffrencea
are are still in progress, there are not
tar from half a million mon late 10 The strike has been more extenalks
The than was anticipated since the miners mon cause with the Ualted Mine
Workers. Following a period of inlense business deprositon, the strike
has caused much suffering to the minuers' fumilies, and this suffertag
is rapidyy fucreasing. "It ts a mattor of profound astis-
faction that the striks has heen re$\frac{\text { markably orderly. Wo bave alten beon }}{\text { (Coatinued on pase fouf). }}$

