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National Headquarters  
Jewish Veterans of the Wars of the Republic

**PROCLAMATION**

To the Jewish Veterans of the Wars of the Republic:

WHEREAS, in accordance with prescribed usage of this organization, the National Council of Administration has designated Saturday evening, July 3rd, Sunday, July 4th, and Monday, July 5th, as the dates for our 5th Annual National Encampment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Philadelphia, because of the great Sesqui-Centennial celebration then in full swing, was chosen as the Encampment City;  
BY THIS PROCLAMATION

All comrades are therefore requested to attend the next Encampment, to be held in Philadelphia on July 3rd, 4th and 5th, and all comrades, whether delegates, alternates or members of the Jewish Veterans of the Wars of the Republic, are urged to avail themselves of this opportunity, not only to participate in the important celebration in Philadelphia, but also to take an active part in the proceedings of this 5th Annual National Encampment.

In Witness Hereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Jewish Veterans of the Wars of the Republic to be applied on this fifteenth day of June, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-Six.

(Signed)

MORRIS J. MENDELSON.

[Seal]

By the Commander-in-Chief.

J. David Delman, Adjutant General.

## An Open Letter to His Honor the Mayor of New York City

Honorable Sir:

At the 31st Annual Memorial Services of the Jewish Veterans of the Wars of the Republic, resolutions requesting the dismissal of a public official whose sense of humor led him to cast serious reflections upon the entire Jewish people were unanimously adopted.

It has been suggested that the punishment asked was too great for the character of the offense.

Is it too much, Mr. Mayor, to ask an explanation and an apology to the Jews for this gratuitous insult?

I respectfully ask you to be guided not by the advice of short-sighted individuals; and call your attention to the action of the Jewish Council, the New York City branch of the Jewish Congress, which truly representative of the Jewish people of America, and which unanimously endorsed our stand at a special meeting called to consider the question, and has demanded an apology from Commissioner Dorman.

You cannot afford to ignore even the least of your constituents when they are wronged.

Yours very truly,

MORRIS J. MENDELSON,

Commander-in-Chief.

## All Aboard For the Encampment Special

Comrades contemplating the trip to Philadelphia in their own cars, or by bus, are urged to forego this form of conveyance and to get aboard the "Encampment Special," arranged for by the Commander-in-Chief, through the courtesy of the New Jersey Central Railroad Company. The Encampment Special will leave 5 p. m. at Liberty Street and 23rd Street ferries, on Saturday, July 3rd, arriving in Philadelphia at 7 p. m., daylight saving time. A delegation from Philadelphia will meet the "Special" and escort all visitors to an eating place for a snack which officially starts the Convention.

In view of the expected congested condition of all roads leading to Philadelphia on July 3rd, 4th and 5th, delegates are advised that, after much serious consideration, this method of travelling is recommended as the best means for the greatest comfort, convenience and benefit of all.

All delegates are advised that quarters are obtainable at \$2.00 to \$2.50 per night.

Write immediately to Commander I. Bernard Rotberg, 929 N. 8th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., for your reservation.

If we have 125 in our party, we get a special train for our exclusive use.

Forty persons are necessary for our own day coach.

Twenty-five persons are necessary for our own Pullman car.

The fare is \$6.48, round trip. Pullman, for those who wish, 75 cents extra each way.

A dollar gets you a reservation on a day coach or Pullman.

Children under 5 free; 5 to 12 half fare; over 12 full fare.

Write me today for reservation on the Encampment Special.

June 3, 1926.

Jewish Veterans of the Wars of the Republic,  
15 Park Row,  
New York City.

Dear Friends:

The United Jewish Campaign of New York has received and recorded your subscription of \$100.00 together with your remittance of \$100.00.

Your response is evidence of your sympathetic understanding of the problem confronting the Jews in this country in their work of alleviating the distressing conditions with which our people abroad are afflicted. We thank you for the help you are giving us in our efforts.

Sincerely yours,

UNITED JEWISH CAMPAIGN OF NEW YORK.

Paul Baerwald,  
Treasurer.

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### EDITORIAL

#### WHO SAYS WHAT?

Mutual friends introduced the writer and Commissioner Doran at a theatre party where they changed to meet a day or two after the adoption of our resolution demanding his dismissal. The Commissioner assured us that no slight upon the Jews was intended and intimated that the "jest" might have been better left unsaid.

An Irish comedian, cognizant of the Commissioner's presence in the theatre, addressed the audience (95% Jewish) and admonished the Jews not to be too thin-shinned.

#### WHOSE OX?

Going back twenty years, the writer recalls an occasion when a loyal group of Irishmen "rotten-egged" a pair of alleged Irish comedians because of their portrayal of an Irishman with the face of a baboon and with green whiskers. This sort of pleasantry was stopped overnight. Every Irishman applauded the act of violence which might have resulted in serious injury to innocent men and women.

In our case a few cheap politicians (Jewish) burst into print with condemnation of our action, and some of them shamelessly acknowledged authorship of the jest imputing incendiarism to the Jew. What more horrible crime than arson, with its wanton disregard of human life, in order to gain a few crooked dollars? This is voiced in humor or charged in steadfast seriousness as the characteristic crime of the Jew.

For these condemnations we care not at all, but the action of Jacob Cash in publicly flouting the resolution, and Morris Florea, a commander of one of our units, in repudiating his initiative and libeling distinguished comrades, should be denounced by every red-blooded comrade and worthwhile Jew.

#### "THE WIT OF A FOOTMAN"

One can easily understand the Jewish Veterans of the Wars of the Republic who, when Fire Commissioner Dorman, speaking through the municipal radio at an official function, cracked a bad joke about Jewish incendiarism, demanded his removal. Their hearts, no doubt, were in the right place.

When an official of the great City of New York can so forget himself as to crack or even repeat in public, a nasty joke liable, if not calculated, to injure the good name of a large section of our citizenship, that official can, indeed, be said to be possessed of a peculiar sense of humor that squares poorly with the seriousness of his task. The business of a fire commissioner is to fight fires and not to fire poor jokes at the expense of his fellow citizens.

Nevertheless, we cannot help but feel that the Veterans have yielded a bit too much to their own pugnacity in going as savagely as they did for the Commissioner's scalp. After all, Commissioner Dorman does not deserve to be taken too seriously. A New York politician who does not realize that he is living in the largest Jewish city in the world, is surely no match for us, and one can safely rely that such politicians's lack of orientation must finally prove his own undoing. A man cannot indulge in witticism without betraying the quality of his soul. Dorman cracked a footman's joke, and it may not take very long before he will be constrained to take to his real and fitting calling.

(From "The Day," by Dr. L. Margoshes, May 30, 1926.)

#### JEWISH COUNCIL APPROVES

The Jewish Council, which is the New York branch of the Jewish Congress, and speaks authoritatively for all the Jews of New York, at a special meeting endorsed our stand and joined with us in demanding from Commissioner Dorman an apology to the Jews for his ill-advised jest.

To sum up: It is not so much a question of what was said, or of the intent in the mind of the speaker, but as to who said it, and under what circumstances.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IS GRATIFIED TO RECEIVE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OUR PROTEST AGAINST THE FIRE COMMISSIONER'S "JEST" BY THE ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER OF THE UPSILON LAMBDA PHI FRATERNITY.

#### THE CONVENTION SPECIAL

That was a splendid idea of Transportation Aide Reitzfeld to convey the New York delegation to the convention in Busses, but the indifference of the delegates appears to have killed the idea.

It may be that the Manhattan cohorts will travel by Bus, but we strongly recommend the "Convention Special" to all delegates.

## THE JEWS IN THE WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

(From the calendar issued by J. W. B.)

### The Spanish-American War

In the short Spanish-American conflict about 2,500 Jews took part with the American forces, the majority of whom were privates in the ranks. Adolph Marix, Commander, and later Rear-Admiral in the United States Navy, was judge-advocate of the naval court of inquiry into the Maine disaster.

### World War

The total number of Jews in the service during the war may be conservatively estimated at from 200,000 to 225,000, which constitutes more than 4 per cent of the armed forces of the United States, whereas proportionately the Jews of this country form but 3 per cent of the total population. Of the soldiers and sailors in the service nearly 40,000 or 20 per cent of the entire Jewish contingent were volunteers.

No less than 1,100 citations for valor awarded to men of Jewish faith were on record. Of these, 723 were conferred by the American command, 287 by the French, 33 by the British and 46 by various other allied commands. The Congressional Medal of Honor, of which only 78 have been awarded to date, was conferred on 3 Jewish soldiers. The distinguished Service Cross is worn by at least 150 American Jews, the French Medaille Militaire by 4 American Jews and the Croix de Guerre by 174 Jews in the A. E. F.

There were nearly 10,000 Jewish commissioned officers in the several branches of the service. In the Army there were more than 100 Colonels and Lieut.-Colonels, more than 540 majors, 1,400 captains, and over 7,000 lieutenants. In the Navy there were 500 Jewish commissioned officers, the highest rank reached being that of Rear Admiral. In the Marine Corps there were over 60 Jewish commissioned officers, including one Brigadier-General.

The total of Jewish casualties, according to the latest estimates, was from 13,000 to 14,000, including about 2,800 who made the supreme sacrifice.

### THE END

#### RABBI BRILL IS RIGHT

Dr. I. L. Brill, rabbi and editor, says:

"When the Jews will cease making fools of themselves, when they will stop fouling their own nest, it will be time for them to demand the dismissal of the public officials who broadcast Jew stories. Start cleaning your own nest, fellow Jews."

Rabbi Brill flayed the "cheese club," which is composed of Jewish publicity men, accusing them of responsibility for "jokes that depict the Jew as hereditarily mean or grasping."

Ed. Note—Some alleged Jew jokes are much worse.

**PHILADELPHIA ACTIVITIES**

We, in Philadelphia, are living in an era of spirited activity. The month of May was brimful with "Veteran doings." Our Memorial services have become an outstanding event in the life of our community and this year Philadelphia Post scored triumphantly.

The entire membership body turned out in uniform and marched to Bnai Jeshurum Synagogue, where elaborate services were held. Commander Rotberg and Rabbi Neuman were the principal speakers. An elaborate musical program was presented which completed a most interesting and inspiring service.

On Sunday, May 30th, we paid our annual visit to the cemeteries and decorated over 100 graves of departed comrades. An excellent representation of the Post turned out and we journeyed to the seven cemeteries in trucks arranged for the occasion. We dented our treasury to a considerable extent in an effort to have impressive and appropriate memorial services, but we have no regrets. Our buglers were on the job and we boast of a perfect firing squad. It was a tired bunch that returned to headquarters after a strenuous day, but it was a day well spent.

**Encampment News**

The Annual Encampment of our worthy organization takes place at Philadelphia on July 3rd, 4th and 5th, at the Headquarters of Philadelphia Post, 929 N. 8th Street. This promises to be the most interesting and enjoyable encampment in the life of the Jewish Veterans. The comrades of other cities have an opportunity to visit the Sesqui-centennial City celebrating 150 years of America's Independence. May we merely hint that our visitors will have the grand chance to revel at the international exposition held here and see—well, that is for our visitors to find out. The greatest conventions are being held in this city during the celebration and there is a reason. That's why the Jewish Veterans are in on the big noise. Our encampment precedes that of the American Legion, who hold their convention in our city. Our tentative program here follows, but listen, comrades, before we go into detail.

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR QUARTERS AT ONCE. DIRECT REQUESTS TO 929 N. 8th Street, Headquarters.**

**Layout of the Fireworks**

Saturday, July 3rd—8:30 p. m.

Opening of Encampment

Greeting by city officials

Invited speakers

Appointment of committees

Sunday, July 4th, 9 a. m.—

Committee meetings

11 a. m.—Opening business session

Opening business session

Officers reports

Committee reports

Business of encampment

2 to 3 p. m.—Recess

7:30 p. m.—Adjournment

9:00 p. m.—Ball at Headquarters

Monday, July 5th, 9 a. m.—

Unfinished business

Election of officers  
2:30 to 6 p. m.—The Big Noise?????  
7:00 p. m.—Banquet  
Adjournment

**N. LASDON ON THE J. V. W. R.**  
(Last Installment)

From the days of the revolution down to the world war Jews have cast their fragrance of heroism over every page in the military and naval annals of this great American nation.

Sparkling with the achievements of the American Jew, tracing his patriotic devotion to America, its flag and its institutions, to their very foundation, his unimpeachable heroism is permanently recorded in the muster rolls of the republic. His unquestioned and unquestionable loyalty and patriotism, to which his record in army and navy bears striking testimony, are evidence that he has never failed to live up to the best traditions of his race. Let us perpetuate those traditions, and show that there has been poured into the great melting pot of American citizenship no better material than the hearts and souls of the great body of Jews who have, while retaining the high ideals of their ancient race, proved themselves replete with the qualities of the best and highest standards of patriotic American citizenship. Our organization is a virile instrumentality for the maintenance of these ideals.

Indeed, the patriotic devotion of the Jews to this country antedates by far the actual establishment of the government of the United States. They played an important part in the discovery of America. They played a no less important part in the development of the country throughout the Colonial period. They played a still more important role in the fight of the thirteen colonies to throw off the yoke of oppression and to set themselves up as a free nation. They aided mightily in financing the American revolution, and they fought valiantly under Washington in his desperate campaigns for American freedom.

The Jews have gained honorable distinction in every war in which the United States has been engaged. In the world war the Jews made a noble record and established beyond all question their title to be known as brave and patriotic Americans. They have been commended by our presidents from George Washington down to Calvin Coolidge.

Approximately a quarter of a million Jews fought in the world war under the stars and stripes. The casualties of the Jews who fought for America were more than 18,000. For valorous service, hundreds of them were cited and decorated with the most distinguished decorations of the American and French governments. Thirty-five hundred Jews are known to have been buried in Flanders, and there is little doubt that thousands of them are numbered among the unknown dead.

Perhaps I have taken up more of your time than I should. If so, my only apology is that American patriotism is a big subject, and whenever a special manifestation of it was required, the Jew was there.

(The End)

**PAY UP**

Commanders are hereby advised that delegates whose Posts are not paid up in per-capita to the end of the year, will not be seated in the convention.

**APPLICATION FOR CHARTER**

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR AND WORLD WAR, BEING AMERICAN CITIZENS OF THE JEWISH FAITH AND DESIRING TO FORM A POST IN AFFILIATION WITH THE

**JEWISH VETERANS OF THE WARS OF THE REPUBLIC**

DO HEREBY APPLY FOR A CHARTER OF MEMBERSHIP IN SAID ORGANIZATION, PLEDGING OURSELVES TO ABIDE BY THE CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS EMANATING FROM ALL LAWFUL AUTHORITY.

Samuel Rosenberg, 77 Schuyler Street, Albany, N. Y.

Louis W. Oppenheim, 799 Myrtle Avenue, Albany, N. Y.

A. M. Silverstein, 63 So. Boulevard, Albany, N. Y.

David Wanger, 518 Broadway, Albany, N. Y.

Kenneth Rabineau, 26 Trinity Place, Albany, N. Y.

Samuel Wanger, 142 Jay Street, Albany, N. Y.

Robert B. Friedman, 30 Peyster Street, Albany, N. Y.

Oscar Mayhoff, 750 Broadway, Albany, N. Y.

Martin L. Rosenfield, 38 So. Pearl St., Albany, N. Y.

Joseph A. Witek, 334 Madison Avenue, Albany, N. Y.

Robert Rosenbluth, 111 Washington Avenue, Albany, N. Y.

This application was accompanied by the required fee of \$10.00.

Application approved.

**OSCAR STRAUSS**

It is with regret that we announce the death of Oscar Strauss, in his 76th year.

Philanthropist, diplomat and Jewish leader, he succumbed after two years' illness. President Coolidge, Governor Smith, Cardinal Hayes and scores of others joined in praise of his splendid services to the country of his adoption, both here and abroad. His death is a public loss. By it we are reminded of his brothers, Isidore and Nathan. Who can ever forget the glorious death of Isidore Strauss, whose courageous and devoted wife chose to meet the same end in the sinking of the "Titanic." Oscar Strauss was three times ambassador or minister, nominated by three presidents of two different parties as American delegate to the Hague Tribunal. He was a member of President Roosevelt's cabinet. His brother, Nathan Strauss, is an honorary member of this Organization.

**MANHATTAN POST No. 1**

Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays,  
27 W. 115th Street, New York.  
**Morris Florea, Commander,**  
149 East 121st Street, New York.  
**Jacob Reitzfeld, Adjutant,**  
1290 Webster Avenue, New York.  
**Pinkus Kurtz, Quartermaster,**  
264 Madison Street, New York.

**MANHATTAN AUXILIARY**

Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays,  
27 W. 115th Street, New York.

**—LEST YOU FORGET!**

That this is the Mother Post of this organization.

And a splendid example of an active camp.

This is the Post where activity fills 60 seconds to the minute, full of Life, Vim and Vigor.

In this issue, I want to say that we young fellows should all give thanks to the Old Timers of the **Mother Post** who have worked and sacrificed, that we may go on.

The way we can prove our thanks, and continue their wonderful spirit and aid, is by deeds that will make them proud that they are in our fold.

All members of all Posts remember, that in unity there is strength, and in co-operation there is wisdom. May we work in harmony, and climb the Heights of Progress and Success.

Everybody is welcome to attend.

Our hats off to our most worthy Commander Florea, whose eagle eye is ever guarding the welfare of the Veteran.—It was through his efforts that a couple of birds under the guise of Veterans were bleeding the public for funds.

Florea, knowing that Veterans are well provided for, questioned them, and they not being able to make a good alibi, he arrested both. He notified the Veterans Bureau and the Department of Justice men.

They're in the Jail-House now, and the community is thankful to the Jewish Veterans for prosecuting imposters, and the Department of Justice again praises the sincerity and integrity of the Jews.

Again we thank Florea for his good work, and wonderful spirit of achievements.

We are starting out on a big Campaign for Recruits.

Show us a prospect and we'll convince you.

Our Musicale gang is ready with a presentation that will be a real treat to the Lovers of Art,—Let's go.

We do all know! that Dave Delman is a good man. I wonder who will be boss.

Joe Citron is the man that does work without a lost motion.

Pomerantz would win, if he didn't talk.

Jack Shanker can order Caviar, if Florea will pay the check.

Jack Reitzfeld won because he could talk till everybody gives up.—Some ear-bender!

Irving Coon is all there, but very seldom.

Our mutual friend Gregor is the man I can't argue with—look at his size!

Morris Sookne with Pincus Kurz are the two muskateers.

**PHILADELPHIA MEMORIAL SERVICES**

At about the same time that the New York Posts were holding their Memorial Services, Philadelphia Post held a most successful service at the Bnai Jeshurum Synagogue, 33rd and Diamond Streets.

Commander Florea of Manhattan Post No. 1 has been appointed committeeman for the Harlem District, New York, by the Sesqui-Centennial of American Independence and the Thomas Jefferson Centennial Commission of the United States.

Monday, June 28th, ushers in a week of celebrations in various forms throughout the country, and in New York there will be a parade in which this organization will participate in accordance with the vote of the Council of Administration.

J. R. Rose of Cleveland Post sends \$4.00 for subscriptions to J. V. of Miss C. Rosenfeld (previously mentioned), Miss B. Milou; Miss Ida Judith Hausman and Comrade Morris Hassan.

J. S. Stone, No. 1, is a subscriber; J. Rosenstock, No. 1, renews his subscription; Wm. Levin, No. 1, subscribes for two years, S. Brez, a prospective member, subscribes; Nat L. Waldman and Hyman Goldstaub both of No. 2, buy certificates; M. Sunshine, No. 1, subscribes, and Comrades J. Goldstein and J. Millowitz, both of No. 2, order discharge frames mentioned in May issue.

It is no use talking—it pays to advertise in the J. V.

Manhattan Post contributes \$42.00, Brooklyn Post contributes \$47.00, Dave Solomon contributes \$10.00, and a friend sends one dollar, making just \$100.00 sent to the United Jewish Campaign of New York.

They left the third out because they can tackle the job alone.

Our new quartermaster Kasswan is not so good; he immediately asked me for dues—the nerve.

Shilansky should be impeached, as I am informed that he gave the obligation to his brother one night in his sleep.

Panetz says if the Real Estate business doesn't pick up, he'll drop it.

The three wise fools

Bernstein—sees all

Dworkin—says all

Kroll—does all.

Well, with this issue we'll cease firing till our convention.

Everybody on your toes for a hotsyotsy time at our convention July 3-4-5.

A hint to the wise is sufficient.

Fall in—That's the curse of an aching heart.

Thanks.

HARRY RAYMOND.

Our correspondent sent these jottings following the meeting of May 11, and in the absence of a later item we publish what we have.

**N. Y. MEMORIAL SERVICES**

The three New York Posts held a joint Memorial Service at the Riverside Synagogue, 310 West 103rd Street New York, and our own honorary Chaplain-in-Chief, Rabbi Edward Lissman, delivered the Memorial address. It was a most elaborate service and very successful. The services were preceded by a parade which started at the Jewish Centre, 131 West 86th Street, New York, escorted by the Hebrew Orphan Asylum Field Band. The Organization made a brave showing as we marched up Broadway to the Synagogue. The principal event at the services, referred to elsewhere in these columns, created a furor in political and Jewish circles. Not until the following Sunday was the last word said on the protest by this Organization against the "joke" by the Fire Commissioner of New York City, in a public address and over the radio, attributing incendiarism as peculiarly a feature of Jewish predominance. A resolution asked for by your Commander-in-Chief and submitted by Past Commander-in-Chief Col. Maurice Simmons demanding the dismissal of the Fire Commissioner from the Honorable Mayor of New York, was the sole topic of discussion in New York, the echo of which still resounds in many quarters. An editorial by Dr. Margosches in the English page of "The Day" is published herein.

**COMMANDER LOBERT**

A letter from Commander Hausman of Cleveland Post gives a lot of credit to the comrades of Herbert J. Goodman Post, No. 17, of Cleveland, for a splendid memorial service. We can add to that in stating that Commander M. C. Lobert of that Post is rendering yeoman service, particularly in the matter of the right kind of publicity which he is getting.

We are in receipt of a program of the Memorial Day exercises under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein the Jewish Veterans of the Wars of the Republic are named as participants. This was sent to us by Commander Lobert of the Herbert J. Goodman Post.

Cleveland Post reports a number of comrades who volunteered their services in the Jewish National Fund Drive. Sorry the names were omitted. It is good work and deserving the highest commendation.

**J. B. ROSE**

An auto mishap almost deprived the Convention of the attendance of J. P. Rose of Cleveland—almost, but not quite. You can't keep a good man down—for which God be praised.

Commander Lobert of Herbert J. Goodman Post sends us letters from Senator Fess and State Secretary Thad H. Brown acknowledging invitations to the Cleveland Memorial services. Commander Lobert may give Hausman a run for the biggest Cleveland Post. What could be sweeter than a little friendly rivalry between the two Cleveland Posts?