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Jewry Awaken!

THIS editorial is inspired by one recently noted, headed "Germans Awaken." Our Boycott has made the Germans desperate, and instructions have been issued that the Boycott must be stopped at any cost. A monster anti-Boycott demonstration will be held in Madison Square Garden on May 17th. Orders have been issued to German-Americans to boycott Jewish stores and all stores which refuse to handle German merchandise. German American citizens have been urged to question all prospective candidates for City, State and National offices, their position on the German situation. News cells of "Friends of New Germany" are being organized, and American organizations affiliated with the Nazis are being urged to greater activity. The subversive activity of the "Crusader White Shirts" disclosed by Senator Schall in Congress on April 24th makes enlightening, although distressing, reading.

And the persecution and starving of Jews, Catholics, and other "undesirables" in Hitlerland continues!

And American Jews are still apathetic!

What is necessary to awaken them?

It cannot be lack of leadership. In fact, our leaders must be commended, for without the handful of leaders who have realized the seriousness of the situation, no counter efforts would have been made against the Nazi inroads. If the multitude were awake, a proper leader could be found.

No it is YOU and YOU who is lacking in Americanism and pride in your Judaism. The evil is in your back yard and you cannot longer afford to sit back and expect someone else to protect your life, your family, your home and your business. The

average American Jew is acting the same as his German brother did B. H. (Before Hitler). It is the same story, mother of fatalism, that "what must happen will," or "such things cannot happen in the United States." And yet look at your German Jew. It did happen there, and it "can" happen here.

It should be realized by this time that the present Anti-Semitic wave is dis-similar to all previous ones. In the past the Anti-Semites were satisfied if Jews were converted to Christianity. Anti-Semitism usually broke out in backward countries. But Germany was always one of the most cultured countries. And conversion to Christianity is no badge for immunity. The aim of Hitler and his followers is to "Exterminate the Jews".

The Nazis will not pay their rightful debts, but spend millions in preparation for war, and other millions for subversive propaganda against the American Government and institutions, as well as to create bigotry and hatred.

Our utmost organized effort is necessary to combat these evils. We must awaken American consciousness. This task does not devolve upon a few. It is the duty of each and every one of you. If you cherish what is near and dear to you, you will lend your efforts, NOW, before it is too late.

PREAMBLE TO CONSTITUTION

We, American citizens of the Jewish race, who served in the wars of the United States, in order that we may be of greater service to our country and to one another, and in order to perpetuate our highest ideals, do hereby unite to establish a permanent organization.

Objects

The objects of this organization are:

1. To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America; to encourage honor and purity in public affairs; to combat whatever tends to impair the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions; and to encourage the doctrine of universal liberty, equal rights and full justice to all men.
2. To combat the powers of bigotry and darkness; wherever originating and whatever their target; to uphold the fair name of the Jew and fight his battles wherever unjustly assailed.
3. To inculcate and keep alive the spirit of comradeship among the men of our race who fought in the various wars of the United States.
4. To assist such comrades and their families as may stand in need of help, encouragement, or protection.
5. To gather and preserve the records of patriotic service performed by the men of our race.
6. To honor the memory of our heroic dead and shield their graves from neglect.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE



Memorial Day is always one of the important days in the J.W.V. year. The least respect we can show to our departed comrades, and those heroes who sacrificed their all on their country's altar, is to appropriately remember them on May 30th.

If not already done, each post should immediately arrange for a proper observance of Decoration Day. No grave should remain undecorated—no departed soul should remain un-remembered. And, invite the family and friends of departed comrades to join in your services.

On this page are depicted two of the services held by National last year. The photo at the top was taken in front of Temple Beth-El, New York City, at the conclusion of our Annual Service, made memorable by the presence of Hon. Samuel Untermyer—



that at the right was taken at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington.

May the souls of our Departed Comrades Rest in Peace!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH J. W. V.

COMRADE Mauri Bank of Philadelphia Post No. 54 suggest we write an editorial, entitled as above. Comrade Bank submitted a proposed article, and with his permission we are extracting the meat, for your consideration and action:

"Where are the 250,000 Jewish soldiers who served in the World War? They achieved a record of which we may well be proud, but where are they now? Of a prospective membership of 200,000, we can only boast a membership of 20,000.

"Of the remaining 180,000, are they too proud—or perhaps ashamed to join J.W.V.? When I visit other veteran organizations, I see numerous Jewish faces—which is as it should be—but I don't see these veterans at J.W.V. meetings. All too often at J.W.V. meetings, the attendance is small, and discussion uninteresting.

"If there ever was a time when we needed every possible member, that time is NOW. Never in history has there been such a crisis for Jewry—Anti-Semitism is no longer an outbreak in Europe, or practised by the ignorant. Germany, one of the cultured countries of the world has written anti-Semitism as a part of its basic law; its sinuous poison has invaded our own beloved land. The plea of the anti-Semites is no longer, change your faith and become Christians—Assimilation in Germany proved a failure—the cry now is 'exterminate the Jew.'

"We cannot use the old weapons to fight this last terror. New weapons must be used. As the present wave started in Germany, we must scorch it in its home. Our best weapon is the Boycott. And yet how few Jews are really practising the Boycott. If statistics were available, I have no doubt that liberal-minded Gentiles are boycotting more than our own race.

"What is the reason for this? They say the German catastrophe has awakened Judaism. If this be true, what good is an awakened Jewry if it don't do anything to save itself?

"The apathy is due to lack of leadership. In J.W.V. every one is waiting for someone

else to start active work, while we make speeches, pass resolutions and report "progress." Politics, personalities, publicity is of greater importance than Activity.

"We need 'red blood' in our organization. The kind that enlisted for Uncle Sam in 1917-1918. Let's do away with our influential comrades who are nice "window dressers" for our posts, but never attend meetings (although frequently seen at other organizations.)

"Let's do some real good work. Welfare work—visit hospitals—sponsor boy scout troops—have the women's auxiliaries organize boycott groups—let's fraternize more with our gentile associations and neighbors—advertise the patriotism of the Jew.

"Isn't it a shame that Manhattan should have but one post, and Philadelphia but two Posts, and none in Chicago and other important cities. In each of these cities there are hundreds of other veteran posts. Why? Because once inducted, the average J.W.V. comrade sits back, and does nothing.

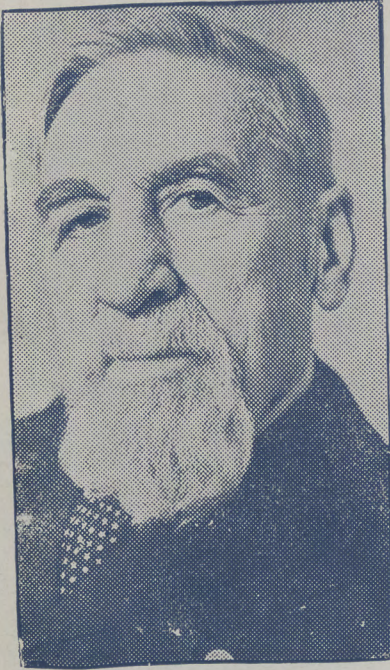
"Awaken comrades! J.W.V. is needed now. Next year may be too late. Our German brethren were also asleep, and said Hitlerism could never be. The Friends of New Germany, Silver Shirts, and hosts of others are seeking to undermine Jewry, and at the same time American principles and democracy. Will you be found sleeping on post?

"Yes will be the answer, unless you go out and work—In a strong J.W.V. is the salvation of Jewry."

MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY

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E very member
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B ut how few
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R equest their good Veteran friends to
S ign an application to join J.W.V.
H eed this suggestion and
I nterest yourself in this imperative duty
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Celebrates Birthday



EMANUEL E. JOSEF

On May 1st, 1934, Emanuel E. Josef, the oldest living Jewish War Veteran in the United States, and the "baby" of the organization, will celebrate his 99th birthday.

Comrade Josef put through a hard winter, but is looking forward to the convention in New Britain this Labor Day, and when he reaches the century mile-stone expects to make a trip around the world. He still has more pep and ambition than most of us young 'uns.

Buffalo Post No. 25 is making plans to do Daddy Josef's 99th birthday up brown. All comrades join in wishing the shining light of our 1933 National Encampment, many happy returns, with the hope that he will live to grace and enliven our midst for many more years to come.

**DON'T BUY GERMAN GOODS
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J. W. V. Memorial Placque in Arlington National Cemetery

It has been the custom of all Veteran Organizations and patriotic societies, to dedicate a Memorial Placque in the Amphitheatre, at the Arlington National Cemetery, in honor of the Unknown Soldier.

During Commander-in-Chief William Berman's visit to Washington, D. C. on Armistice Day, the matter was taken up with him as to the advisability of the Jewish War Veterans having such a Memorial Placque at Arlington. Needless to say, Commander-in-Chief Berman heartily approved of the plan submitted by Doctor Icy A. Pelzman, Commander of Washington Post No. 58, and he requested Dr. Pelzman to take steps to arrange for the placing of the Placque. Dr. Pelzman has contacted the office of the Quarter-Master General of the United States Army, relative to securing permission for the presentation of the Placque, and this permission has been granted. A design has been drawn up which meets the specifications and approval of the Quarter-Master General's office.

With a view to saving National Headquarters the necessary expense involved, it has been suggested and Commander-in-Chief Berman has approved the plan, to solicit \$1.00 from each Post to cover the expense entailed. Posts are urgently requested to take this matter up at their next meeting for favorable action. Contributions should be forwarded to Dr. Pelzman at 1835 Eye Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

The tentative plans are to formally present the memorial Placque when completed at suitable services to which Posts will be invited to attend.

MORE GENERALS

a recent War Department bill passed by the Senate increases the number of Generals to four. This means that we will have more full Generals than ever before in the history of the country. Three Major Generals must be promoted to meet the requirements of the measure, but no increase in pay is involved. Only two held the rank during the World War, Pershing and March.