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## Chanukah Greetings

Comrades of J.W.V., Greetings:-

On this festive remembrance of the heroic deeds of our illustrious forebears, the Maccabees, I extend to you, my Comrades, and your families, my hearty good wishes for your present and continued health and happiness.

It is exactly twenty-one hundred years since that noble band of five Judeans led a meagre 10,000 pious Jews to a gallant victory against overwhelming odds and under almost insurmountable obstacles.

I call upon you my comrades to stand together, shoulder to shoulder, in a solid phalanx; and, emulating the example of our ancient sires, slay the Goliath of paganism pounding upon the House of Israel.

May it be the Will of our Heavenly Father that we, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, shall be the instrument for the liberation of our people from oppression and tyranny, from persecution and proscription, and may this Chanukah see the dawn of an era of better understanding among all the nations and all the peoples of the earth.

ABRAHAM KRADITOR,  
Commander-in-Chief.

DECEMBER 1935

# VETERAN ADMINISTRATION AFFAIRS

By ALFRED M. E. MEYEROWITZ, *National Deputy Chief of Staff*

No "Bonus March". Another attempt may be made by publicity hunters and others ready to use gullible Veterans for their own ends, to organize a "Bonus March" this January. It would be the surest means of helping our enemies. Don't be coaxed and keep whomever you can away from it. (Who ever changed the name from "Adjusted Compensation," anyway?)

The figures below, from the December Forty and Eight, as fine a Veteran publication as ever left the press, will enlighten all of us, especially the "antis."

And, speaking of Adjusted Compensation, 250,000 Veterans have not yet

pendants, who may be badly in need of the compensation due, considerably less. The full amount of a Certificate becomes due and payable immediately to the beneficiary upon a Veteran's death.

And if you think dying is a long way off, it is estimated that Seventy-seven World War Veterans are dying every day.

### Spanish War Pensions

The following is for the benefit of our "Old-timers," who may want to apply for Spanish War Pensions or increases.

#### Increase in Pension

There is no change in the procedure of applying for an increase in pension.

### Government Life Insurance.

It would be interesting to know how many J.W.V. have done something about renewing their Government Insurance. If you have any doubt as to the solvency of that Fund, the following report will enlighten you.

### Conditions of U. S. War Insurance Fund Shown in Statement

The Sixteenth Annual Statement of the Government Life Insurance Fund issued by the Veterans' Administration presents the following outstanding facts on this activity:

New insurance (1934) .....	\$46,828,216.00
Number of policies in force .....	593,435
Total amount of insurance in force .....	\$2,630,287,218.00
Number of claims awarded to date .....	35,668
Total amount of claims awarded to date .....	\$204,473,854.22
Total amount of matured endowments .....	\$1,651,222.76
Total amount of dividends paid policyholders to date .....	\$60,263,845.09
Total benefits paid to date .....	\$55,889,692.01
Assets .....	\$724,272,066.82

*The State of New York is again receiving applications from those who were accredited to New York, but who have not yet received their New York State Bonus.*

**The Editor of this column thanks his "public" for the fan mail thus far received. So far, it has all been favorable, especially that of Adjutant M. E. Silvermann of Louis Blum Post 115, and Judge-Advocate Arthur D. Mann of Schenectady Post (why wasn't that Troy?).**

### J. W. V. PERSONALITIES

We want the stories of Jewish War Heroes so that we can retell them in "The Jewish Veteran." While we prefer to write of J.W.V. members, we also want the stories of non-members living or dead who have been specially honored.

If there is a square or street in your community named for a Jewish Soldier, let's have the story or, give us the name and address of relatives so that we can get it direct from his next of kin.

Their glory is our glory and we should not hide our lights under a bushel.

Write to National Headquarters and send along a photograph. Give us as much information as you can.

ISAAC SOBEL,  
*National Librarian.*

### "BONUS" FIGURES

(As of August 31, 1935)

Average value of each certificate issued .....	\$986.17
Number of applications received .....	4,063,776
Number of certificates issued .....	3,732,658
Maturity value of certificates issued .....	\$3,681,049,298.00
Payments to veterans of \$50.00 and less:	
Number of awards .....	158,325
Amount paid .....	\$5,041,074.81
Payments to beneficiaries of less than \$50.00:	
Number of veterans' cases on which awards have been made .....	9,827
Amount paid .....	\$273,552.20
Payments to beneficiaries in quarterly installments:	
Number of veterans' cases on which awards have been made .....	123,428
Amount paid .....	\$40,181,504.16
Certificates matured by death:	
Number .....	213,311
Amount of settlement .....	\$212,010,064.00
Certificates in force:	
Number .....	3,519,347
Maturity value .....	\$3,469,038,234.00
Certificates pledged for loans (held by Veterans' Administration):	
Number .....	2,905,398
Amount of liens .....	\$1,689,094,810.80
Loans made by banks not redeemed (Estimated):	
Number of certificates pledged .....	120,000
Amount of loans .....	60,000,000.00
Additional appropriation necessary to pay the maturity value of Adjusted Service Certificates .....	\$2,004,552,470.97

applied for their certificates!!! If you are in doubt as to your own or any one's else eligibility, the following may help you, but if you have not yet applied, do so at once, the Veterans Bureau will decide the question.

### Facts About Eligibility

Any World War veteran who served honorably in the military and naval forces of the United States, including the Coast Guard and Public Health Service when transferred to active duty in the military and naval forces, between the dates of April 5, 1917 and November 11, 1918, inclusive, is entitled to receive an adjusted service certificate, with certain exceptions.

Failure to apply during his lifetime makes the amount paid to eligible de-

pendants, who may be badly in need of the compensation due, considerably less. The full amount of a Certificate becomes due and payable immediately to the beneficiary upon a Veteran's death.

Write a letter requesting an increase to:  
Mr. George E. Brown, Director,  
Veterans Claims Service  
Veterans Administration,  
Washington, D. C.

and enclose a certificate from your physician setting forth your disabilities.

#### Rates of Pension

Under the Act of August 13, 1935, rates of pension for Spanish War Veterans are as follows:

90 Days' Service	70 Days' Service
10%—\$20	10%—\$12
25%— 25	25%— 15
50%— 35	50%— 18
75%— 50	75%— 24
100%— 60 or total	100%— 30 or total

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## BOYCOTT! BOYCOTT!

The movement was launched and actively pushed by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States.—*American Jewish Year Book*—5694 (1933-4).

We, Jewish War Veterans, started the boycott against all things out of Nazi land and the rest of the civilized world, regardless of race or religion, fell into line with us, until there is not a spot on earth where the "madman" Nazi government is not looked upon with loathing, abhorrence and disgust, and their wares avoided as though the very blood of the victims of this dastardly mob of moral perverts and cowardly assassins contaminated everything bearing the stamp of emanation from that vile coterie of Hitler and Goehring and Goebel and Streicher—which indeed they veritably do.

Comrades!—Let's finish the job!—Let us bring down on Nazi Germany an avalanche of boycott bullets so far reaching, so devastating, that for their very lives the German people will rise in their might and bury Nazi-ism forever.

Begin by shunning these traffickers in the blood of our oppressed brethren in Germany.

## CHANUKAH GREETINGS

"Nothing should be allowed to cast any slur on the patriotic integrity of the Jews. We must never fail to raise our voices in defence of our people and as the Maccabees of old we must be ready to shed our blood in their defence."

LOUIS A. FALK, *Commander*  
 Jersey City Post No. 10

# The Olympic Games

By HARRY H. SCHAFFER  
*Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief*

**T**HOUGH the official records set forth a victory for the Brundage, Sherrill forces in the A.A.U. convention, the actual vote among the district associations of the A.A.U. proper was a victory for those who favored non-participation in the Olympic Games, the final vote being 54½ to 41½.

Unfortunately, however, there were present sixteen allied organizations, none of whom had ever before participated in a A.A.U. convention. These organizations consisting of The German American Union, The German Turnerbund, Polish Falcons, Slovak Union, National Sokals and others of a similar nature, some of whose representatives were well-known Nazis, voted fifteen to one against us.

I am justly proud of the work done by the Jewish War Veterans in this fight. We presented 500,000 signatures to the petitions against American participation in the Olympic Games if held in Germany; we held protest meetings ostensibly sponsored by the non-Jewish organizations; we contacted the individual delegates, and did everything possible to stir public opinion against participation. The writer returned from the A.A.U. convention far more exhausted than on returning from a Jewish War Veteran convention.

Our organization covered itself with glory by their efforts, and as a result we obtained national publicity which could not have been purchased for any amount of money.

Getting back to the fight on the Olympics, you will recall that Avery Brundage and General Sherrill had stressed that only the New York Jews with communistic tendencies were opposed to participation. At the convention, however, by far the greater part of the country went on record opposing participation, but New York City and Philadelphia voted almost solidly against us.

On inquiry, I found that the Jewish people of New York had not particularly interested themselves previously in the activities of the A.A.U.

It therefore behooves the Jewish War Veterans to immediately take steps to add an additional object to our constitution to include the fostering of athletics, and then make application for membership in the Amateur Athletic Union. Subsequently our posts should become affiliated with their local branch of the A.A.U. and in the event of a controversial matter of a similar nature coming up, the opposition will not have things to themselves.

## RESOLUTION FAVORING IMMEDIATE PAYMENT OF BONUS

WHEREAS, The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, at their National Convention held in Saratoga Springs, New York, September 2nd, 1935, went on record in favor of the immediate payment of the Adjusted Service Certificates; and

WHEREAS, the Membership of our Organization is greatly interested in this issue; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States is about to convene to Consider this question;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, as represented by its Executive Committee, in meeting assembled on December 7th, 1935, in New York City, go on record as actively behind the movement for the passage of this legislation at the earliest moment by Congress and that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to appoint the necessary committee to effect the purposes of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the National Headquarters of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and other Veterans Organizations.

## SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

All members of the National Executive Council are urged to attend the special meeting of the Council to be held on Saturday, January 11th, 1936, at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City. Because of the considerable amount of business to be transacted, the meeting will be called to order promptly at 8:00 P. M.

## "Time, -- The Present"

*"And Evils Were Multiplied on the Earth"*  
(1 Maccabees—XIV :5)

On Friday, December the 20th, in the year one thousand and nine hundred and thirty-five Jewry the world over kindled the first Chanukah candle in celebration of "The Feast of Lights," commemorating the deliverance of Judaism from the Grecian imposed paganism of Antiochus IV, Emperor of Syria; and the return of the Israelites to the cleansed and rededicated Holy Temple in Palestine under the courageous leadership of Judas Maccabeus.

Startling indeed is the parallel of Antiochus, self-styled "Epiphanes" (a Greek word meaning "divine") recorded in history as "Epimanes," which means "the madman," and Adolph Hitler claiming "divine inspiration" but considered by millions the "mad moloch" of modern times. How like Jason the Jew, and Menelaus, another Jew, who betrayed their God, their religion and their people, as the price of high-priesthood, are those Jews in Germany who became Nazis to the disgust of even the most rabid Hitlerite.

But to follow the parallel to its logical conclusion, we must wage a relentless un-remitting war upon the 'Epimanes' of today, *and we must be the victors.*

In the year 135 B. C., with far greater handicap than ours, and no possibility of aid other than their own stout hearts and willing hands, a mere handful compared to the armies they had to overcome, Judas Maccabeus and his *chassidim* swept all before them to a glorious victory.

The Jewish war veterans of today are the progeny of the Maccabees—their task, but for the change in time and temperment, is precisely the task the Maccabees assumed two thousand one hundred years ago—to rid the Jewish people of their enemies.

Many and varied must be our activities—earnest our efforts—unquestioned our motives.

The battle for the cause of righteousness must go on—we must fight the enemies from within as well as the enemies from without.

Known to contemporary co-religionists as America's fighting Jews, the brilliant and untarnished record of honorable and distinguished military and naval services and training by the men of our faith—may well serve as the basis for the Jewish War Veterans of the United States,—emulating the noble example of illustrious forebears to follow the action established by historic precedence and assume the burden and responsibility as the logical protectors and defenders of the ideals, aims and aspirations of the people of Israel.

Well indeed, and wisely, have we chosen as the first two of our "aims and objects":—

(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.

On this historic anniversary, let us consecrate ourselves to these inspiring ideals, and with renewed courage, face the persecutors of our ancient race till that day dawns when a truly enlightened civilization shall accept as gospel the divine principles enunciated in that greatest written instrument since the Torah—"The Declaration of Independence":

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

For the protection and preservation of these principles, let us stand shoulder to shoulder, forgetting all else, as we harken to the voice of Emma Lazarus in "The Banner of the Jew."

*Wake, Israel wake; Recall to-day  
The glorious Maccabean rage,  
The sire heroic, hoary-gray,  
His five-fold lion lineage:  
The Wise, the Elect, the Help-of-God  
The Burst-of-Spring, the Avenging Rod.*

*From Mizpah's mountain-ridge they saw  
Jerusalem's empty streets, her shrine  
Laid waste where Greeks profaned the Law  
With idol and with Pagan sign.  
Mourners in tattered black were there,  
With ashes sprinkled on their hair.*

*Then from the stony peak there rang  
A blast to open the graves; down poured  
The Maccabean clan, who sang  
Their battle-anthem to the Lord.  
Five heroes lead, and following, sec,  
Ten thousand rush to victory!*

*Oh! for Jerusalem's trumpet now,  
To blow a blast of shattering power,  
To wake the sleepers high and low,  
And rouse them to the urgent hour!  
No hand for vengeance—but to save  
A million naked swords should wave.*

*Oh! deem not dead that martial fire,  
Say not the mystic flame is spent!  
With Moses' law and David's lyre,  
Your ancient strength remains unbent;  
Let but an Ezra rise anew  
To lift the banner of the Jew!*

*A rag, a mock at first—ere long,  
When men have bled and women wept  
To guard its precious folds from wrong,  
Even they who shrank, even they who slept,  
Shall leap to bless it and to save.  
Strike! For the brave revere the brave!*