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The Jewish Veteran

The Unknown Soldier Speaks

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*You think I've slept for years, but you are wrong,
For every Spring I hear the robin's song.
I see the flowers bloom and fade away,
And feel the tears of mothers, as they pray.*

*I have an Irish mother who believes
That I'm the warrior son for whom she grieves.
My Jewish mother names me in her prayers,
And other mothers think of me as theirs.*

*I like to think that I belong to all,
For I was a waif, abandoned in a hall.
I never knew a mother—think what joy
Is mine when over me they cry "My boy!"*

*And thus in death, from pulsing life I steal
That which it stole from me when life was real!
A Mother's love, so tender and profound,
And tears that keep me warm the year around.*

OF ADJUSTED SERVICE CERTIFICATES

By BRIG. GEN. FRANK T. HINES

There are three and one-half million veterans interested in knowing all about the benefits which have just been granted to them. The thoughts uppermost in their minds are "What will I get?"

A law which has just become a law provides for veterans who have been issued adjusted-service certificates to receive in exchange for such certificate bonds of the United States in \$50 denominations, with a value up to the face amount of their adjusted-service certificate less any loans which have been made thereon; interest on such loans to be charged only up to October 1, 1931, and that which has accrued thereafter is forgiven or canceled. No provision is made, however, for refunding any interest which has been paid. Odd amounts over and above the highest multiple of \$50 in the amount due will be paid by check.

As an example: Sergeant Hill had a \$1,000 certificate upon which he borrowed \$500 on March 30, 1931. There will be deductible from his certificate the \$500 which he borrowed, together with interest of \$11.25, which is the amount accrued from the date of his loan up to October 1, 1931. All interest charged thereafter is canceled. Sergeant Hill, if he makes application for payment, will receive nine \$50 bonds and a check for \$38.75.

Now, let me tell you something about the character of the bonds which are to be issued. These bonds are not of the ordinary type but have several unusual features which make them extremely valuable. They may be redeemed at any time during the first year at their face value, and if held 1 year from the date of issue they may be redeemed at any time thereafter not only for the face value but, in addition, 3-percent interest. Thus, holders of these bonds are fully protected against any fluctuation in value. They are nontransferable, nonassignable, not subject to attachment by any legal proceedings, so that the veteran is assured of getting the money himself. No one can take these bonds from him.

All bonds will be dated June 15, 1936, and will run to June 15, 1945. Bonds will be redeemable by the United States Treasury at such places as the Secretary of the Treasury may designate, and it is quite certain that the necessary arrangements will be made so that redemption of the bonds will be a simple procedure insofar as the veteran is concerned.

My urgent advice to veterans is to hold these bonds so that they may serve as a nest egg, because they represent the safest possible investment and an attractive one. To those veterans whose need is so pressing as to require immediate funds I would strongly advise them to cash only so many of the bonds that may be necessary to meet the actual need.

These bonds have been variously referred to as baby bonds, bonus bonds, and thrift bonds, and the veterans should, by holding them, prove that the latter name is the most suitable. Whether they are thrift bonds or spendthrift bonds will be dependent very much upon what the veteran does with them after they are received.

Application forms for the payment of the bonds are now available throughout the country at regional offices of the Veterans' Administration and at posts or comparable units of the various service organizations so that every veteran may secure one. The final date for applying for benefits under the World War Adjusted Compensation Act has not been changed and remains as Jan-

uary 2, 1940. Application for exchanging the adjusted-service certificate for bonds may be filed at any time prior to the date of the maturity of the certificate. Regardless of the date the veteran applies for conversion of the certificate into bonds the bonds issued will be dated June 15, 1936, and will draw interest from that date. Those veterans who have loans outstanding against their certificates should send their applications only to the office from which the outstanding loan was made. I want to repeat and particularly stress this caution, because it is highly important. Those veterans who have loans outstanding against their certificates must send their applications only to the office from which the outstanding loan was made. Veterans who have no outstanding loans upon their certificates should send their applications, together with the certificates, to the Veterans' Administration regional office activity nearest the place of their residence. Veterans who have loans outstanding with banks should send their applications to the central office of the Veterans' Administration at Washington, D. C. As to veterans who are mentally incompetent, application should be made in their behalf by a legally authorized representative.

After filing your application, do not write to the Veterans' Administration, as to do so will only cause delay in handling your case, except where you desire to change the address to which the bonds are to be sent which appeared on your application form. Veterans must expect that a very considerable time will elapse between the filing of the application and the receipt by them of the settlement. This is because of the tremendous amount of administrative work involved and because of its technical nature it is not possible to expand the working operations beyond a certain degree, as only trained personnel acquainted with procedure and the governing law will be valuable in discharging the duties devolving upon the governmental departments.

Comparisons have been cited so often—they sometimes become tiresome—but in this matter I know of no better way of impressing you with the gigantic task confronting us. For instance, if the issuance of bonds had been started at the time of the beginning of the present calendar and 50 a day had been issued thereafter, and the work had been continuous, including holidays and Sundays, we would still have about 2,000,000 more bonds to issue. I know that the next illustration has in its general sense been overworked, but I cannot refrain from asking what your reaction would be if I told you that the bonds to be issued, if laid end to end in the usual manner, would reach from Washington to New York. I am quite certain you would be greatly amazed. Well, I have only told you a small part of the story. Actually, if the bonds to be issued were laid end to end, they would reach from New York to London and then still go on almost to Moscow. The amount of money which will be represented in the settlements would approximate the pay of 500 men receiving \$40 a week continuously for the last 1,935 years.

May I again urge that veterans consider these bonds thrift bonds or savings bonds. They are valuable to you and should be retained or at least as many of them as possible for future protection of yourself or yourself and family. These thrift bonds which you will receive in exchange for your adjusted-service certificate are better than cash for this reason: You can always obtain cash for them, and after the first year you receive the cash plus additional cash from interest. You have an attractive

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SENATOR KING URGES OPEN DOOR

United States Senator William H. King of Utah told the Senate in a discourse this month that the United States should do its share in providing a refuge for the thousands of German Jews exiled from Germany. Senator King as a member of the Senate emigration committee, urged modification of existing laws to make possible the admission of a substantial number of Jewish refugees, and emphasized that France, Holland, Czechoslovakia and many other European nations have opened their doors to the refugees. He recalled that the United States had provided a haven for many disguised Germans and noted that "at present Jewish people are being sent to countries already burdened with economic distress. This is a problem that invites the attention of this Congress." Senator King cited the recent report of James G. McDonald, former high Commissioner for German refugees, denouncing the Hitler Government's war on the Jews as a violation of the post war minority treaties. He stated that the situation was too outrageous to be ignored by adhering to formalities. Lauding the Jews' contribution to the service he said: "we should not turn our backs on this people of genius."

Last Date For Compensation

The final date for applying for the benefit of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act is January 2nd, 1940. All Post or department officers make attest by their signature as identifying the finger prints and statements of the applicants.

Go West J. W. V.

Since Horace Greeley uttered his famous "Go West Young Man," many thousands of Easterners heeded the advice. Today the Western part of our Country is almost as populous and possibly more prosperous than the East. Greeley's advice must have been good.

Hasn't J.W.V. reached about the same stage of development as the United States was in Greeley's time? Like the thirteen colonies, J.W.V. started around New York City and for years spread only along the Eastern Seaboard. Only in the past several years, have our posts started to dot Western New York and Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan and the far Western Coast.

Similarly there is much virgin soil in the mid and far west. There are thousands upon thousands of Jewish veterans, eager to join our organization, and but await the visit of an organizer or an ambitious comrade to start a post. J.W.V. can accomplish its greatest good only through a dense chain of posts connecting every important city from Coast to Coast and from Canada to the Gulf. Haven't we reached that stage where our motto, in developing the organization should be "Go West J.W.V.?"

But how can this be accomplished? One way, of course is through paid organizers. But with funds required for other worthwhile purposes, other means must be sought. One of our best mediums of making the world acquainted with J.W.V. has been our National Encampments. Generally, posts have sprung up like mushrooms in the vicinity of cities where National Encampments are held. Witness Connecticut.

Heretofore, our Conventions have all been held in the East. Why not try a Mid-Western Convention in 1936. Comrades from outlying posts have been traveling long distances annually to Eastern Conventions. A mid-western Convention would be more convenient for the majority of our posts. Buffalo, Rochester, Pittsburg and Cleveland are all centrally located, are famous as Convention cities, and in addition have large active posts. Why not give serious consideration at this time to our 1936 Convention in one of these Cities.

Should not our motto be "J.W.V. Go West?"

JEW NATIONAL

The United States immigration code lists the Hebrew race as a distinctly national group.

A Friendly King

Jews throughout the world have much reason to mourn the death of former King George V of Great Britain. During his reign the Balfour declaration was issued and the late Viscount Reading, the only Jew to serve as Viceroy of England was his appointee. Jews were among his intimate friends and he discussed Zionism on numerous occasions.

Jews throughout the world have manifest their love for the late King in various ways. Palestine boasts of the King George V Jubilee Forrest; Tel Aviv named one of its streets King George Road and many Jewish institutes in England take pride in the fact that he paid them personal visits.

The present King Edward VIII, like his father, is a staunch supporter of Jewry. He has among his closest personal friends many outstanding Jews and with the passing of King George we have the privilege of welcoming as the head of Great Britain, King Edward VIII with the confidence that he will continue his father's many kindnesses on behalf of the Jewish people.

JEWISH FARMERS MAKING GOOD

Gabriel Davidson, the General Manager of The Jewish Agricultural Society has just issued a report showing that the Jewish farmers in the United States have, by and large, weathered the economic storm and are now making steady improvement.

Thirty-six years ago when the Society first began to function there were 216 Jewish farm families in the United States. Today, we have a Jewish farm population approximating 100,000. In 1900 the total acreage owned by Jewish farmers was 12,029. Today more than 1,500,000 acres are owned by Jews and these farm holdings, real and personal, have a probable gross worth of 150,000,000. There are Jewish tillers of the soil in all of the 48 states in the Union.

The Society, through its Farm Loan Department, has granted up to the end of its last fiscal year 11,729 farm loans aggregating over \$7,275,000 to Jewish farmers in forty states. This financial service provides the Jewish farmer with a source of credit not readily obtainable through other sources. Farm loans are made on smaller margins of equity than are usually accepted by loaning agencies. Their repayment is spread over a long number of years, and there is no exaction of bonus or commission or payment of renewal charges.

J.W.V. Commemoration Exercises Washington's Birthday

WABC Facilities at Disposal of National—Addresses by Commander Jacobson of Washington Post and C.I.C. Abraham Kraditor; Hon. Ferdinand Pecora, Principal Speaker.

Once again the Jewish War Veterans of the United States have come to the fore with a brilliant program over a national radio station hook-up when on Washington's birthday the Columbia Broadcasting system put its entire broadcasting facilities at the disposal of the National. Many thanks are due the Columbia chain for its cooperative spirit in the past and National is grateful for the company's aid this month affording us the opportunity to reach the many millions of its listeners.

The program was opened by Commander Albert W. Jacobson of Washington Post No. 58, followed by Commander-in-Chief Abraham Kraditor who introduced the speaker of the occasion, Hon. Ferdinand Pecora, Justice of the New York Supreme Court.

Commander Jacobson's remarks follow:

"Today, on the anniversary of George Washington's Birth, we give thought to his unselfish ideals and his sound advice to the people. The father of Our Country was a man's man, a soldier, a statesman, a lover of the soil, a diplomat and a great thinker in Government affairs. Born in that evolution of mankind on February 22, 1732, he was a figure that symbolizes the new kind of patriotism, and whose principles underlying that patriotism are as sincere, sound and

alive today under the new Republic which he carved out with his sword as they were in the days when he was General of our Revolutionary Forces, later, when he was First President, and finally, when he devoted his retiring years as the beloved leader of thought in the new nation.

"Throughout the world today, the people are confronted with many "isms." George



C.I.C. ABRAHAM KRADITOR

Washington's actions, addresses and letters breathe a fervor of only patriotism and Americanism.

"Let us leave our tribute to Washington rest in the afterglow of his public service as he watched the new Republic become stabilized in the declining years of his life.

"We, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, are a group of men that have been tested in the sacrifices of war and are serving our nation in peace unselfishly and devotedly and while George Washington has passed on, we as a living force pledge ourselves to be worthy of the trust reposed in us to safeguard his sacred ideals of patriotism and Americanism.

"May I take this opportunity of expressing the gratitude and thanks of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States to the Columbia Broadcasting System, through whose graciousness this broadcast was made possible and to also extend our thanks to the United States Army Band who have rendered the musical selections."

Following Commander Jacobson's remarks, Commander-in-Chief Abraham Kraditor presented Mr. Pecora with a stirring address touching on the symbol of patriotism which George Washington has instilled in the hearts of his countrymen and which the Jewish War Veterans have always endeavored to maintain. His speech follows:

"Annually, on this day, which represents to our country an event of historic significance, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, are privileged to present to

their fellow citizens an outstanding figure in public life, to deliver a message of patriotic significance.

"The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, established in the last decade of the nineteenth century by Union survivors of the War between the States, is today a national organization, with Posts from Maine to the Gulf and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Our thousands of members include not only survivors of the Union Army, but men who were with Roosevelt at San Juan Hill and with Funston in the Philippines. We include members of the Punitive Expedition in Mexico and Veterans of Belleau Woods, and of the Lost Battalion. Wherever our country's flag has gone, her Jewish citizens have helped in carrying the Stars and Stripes.

"George Washington, first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen, is a living symbol forever of that America which he helped establish. His name, synonymous with that of America, means opportunity for the least of us as well as the greatest.

"Our guest speaker today needs no introduction. He is known in the furthestmost recesses of our country as well as in his native state, New York. It as an honor and privilege to present, on behalf of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, the Honorable Ferdinand Pecora, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Justice Pecora."

Justice Pecora, in making his masterful address paid glowing tribute to the Jews for the patriotism dating back centuries and condemned bigotry that taints the atmosphere of civilization today. His complete address follows: "My Fellow Citizens—Ladies and Gentlemen:

"Let me, at the outset, express to the Association of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States—under whose auspices these exercises are being held—my appreciation of the courtesy and the compliment implied in the invitation to address you in its behalf. This courtesy and this compliment are all the more gracious in view of the fact that the invitation is, by design, extended to me as a Christian.

"All of the people of America today stand in reverent contemplation of the memory of that truly great,—and truly simple,—personality, George Washington, who was born just 204 years ago.

"It would be utterly superfluous to dwell upon the character and recount the achievements of Washington in any address delivered to our citizens. For every boy and every girl who has ever studied the history of America is amply familiar with them. By common consent his name has ever been accepted as pre-eminent on the roll of the Founders of our Republic. Indeed, upon any roster of World leaders, it has universally been accorded lofty ranking.

"Through the dark and anxious years from 1775 to 1782, he led the ragged, poorly equipped forces of the thirteen colonies upon the battlefields of the War of the Revolution, in their desperate strife for independence. His, more than any other's, were the sublime courage, the fortitude, the sagacity and the devotion to the cause of liberty which

PAYMENT OF CERTIFICATES

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investment, and it is to your advantage to hold your bonds. The bonds which will be sent to you in exchange for your adjusted-service certificate will always be worth the face value, and if you hold them they will be worth more than their face value after the first year because they bear interest at the rate of 3 percent per annum, and the value increases each year to June 15, 1945.

In conclusion let me give three admonitions—first, after filing your application do not write to the Veterans' Administration unless you wish the settlement of your case delayed. Second, be patient and don't expect to receive your bonds for a reasonable time after June 15, 1936. Remember, if you hold your bonds they will draw interest from June 15, 1936, without regard to the date they are delivered to you. Third, after you get your bonds hold on to them. If you think you need the money now—just think a bit harder and realize how much more badly you may need it in the future. Be thrifty—hold your thrift bonds.