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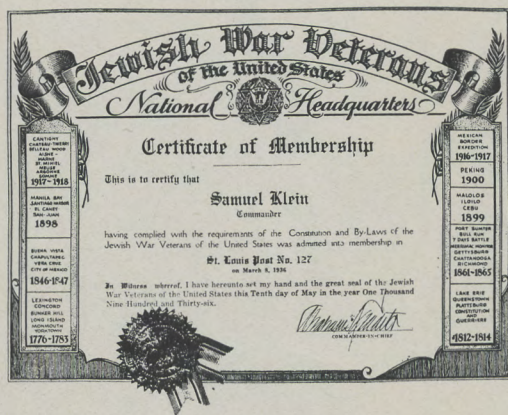
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Forty-first Annual Memorial Service Parade passing reviewing stand at Fifth Avenue and Seventieth Street, New York, Sunday May 17, 1936.



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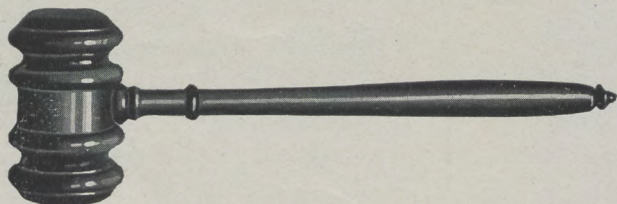
A new "Manual of Ceremonies" which is a one hundred page book and contains every conceivable ceremony in which the Organization participates and the Historical lecture in full, is now ready for distribution. Any member of the Jewish War Veterans can receive one by sending twenty-five cents to National Headquarters. These books are available to posts at \$2.50 per dozen.

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A new supply of Constitutions and By-laws have been printed and are now available at Headquarters at ten cents per copy. If you wanted some previously and did not receive your full supply, send along a new order—it will be filled promptly.

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"Sentinels of the Republic" Not Anti-Semitic

Following the publication of recent newspaper accounts of the alleged anti-Semitic leaning of the Sentinels of the Republic, officers of the Jewish War Veterans, determined to learn the truth, have brought to light for the first time the real purposes of this organization, and an apology from one of its members.

Not only was it found that the Sentinels of the Republic

May 9, 1936

Abraham Kraditor,
Commander-in-Chief,
Jewish War Veterans of the U. S.
Hotel Rittenhouse,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that your organization is convening in Philadelphia, it has occurred to me, because of recent developments in Boston, that a discussion might help to clarify the exact position of the Sentinels of the Republic.

The charge that the Sentinels have entertained any anti-Jewish sentiment is so contrary to the actual facts that I doubt whether it is incumbent upon me to dignify the charge by any denial.

Any discrimination on the ground of race or religion is entirely abhorrent and foreign to the aims, purposes and practices of our organization.

Protection in matters of religion and race is fundamental to our principles.

I extend to you and the members of your Committee a cordial invitation to visit our Philadelphia headquarters on Saturday morning, at an hour convenient to you, at which time I shall be glad to acquaint you with our policies and activities and show you our literature.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) RAYMOND PITCAIRN,
National Chairman
Sentinels of the Republic

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
May 9th, 1936

I have just come from a conference with Mr. Raymond Pitcairn, National Chairman of the Sentinels of the Republic. At that conference there were also present Randolph W. Childs and K. C. Acton, members of the Sentinels' Executive Committee, and Major Harold Seidenberg and Captain William Berman, Past Commanders-in-Chief of our organization.

The subject of the discussion was certain letters which had recently passed between an official of the Sentinels of the Republic and one of its members, which letters had found their way into the public press—the contents of which gave expression to an attitude hostile and inimical to the Jewish people and subversive generally to American institutions and American principles.

At this conference Mr. Pitcairn issued the following statement:

"The Sentinels of the Republic is an organization dedicated to the support of the Constitution of the United States and the preservation of our American form of government.

"Our organization is opposed to any discrimination on the ground of race or religion, as we believe that any such attitude is entirely abhorrent and foreign to true Americanism.

"Protection in the matters of religion and race is fundamental to our principles."

I am satisfied as a result of this confer-

ence that the statement issued by Mr. Pitcairn expresses accurately and faithfully the purpose, aim and attitude of the Sentinels of the Republic, and that statements contained in the letters referred to were the personal expression of the two individuals in question.



Reading from left to right: Past Commander-in-Chief William Berman; K. C. Acton and Randolph W. Childs, members of the Executive Committee, Sentinels of the Republic; Commander-in-Chief Abraham Kraditor, Jewish War Veterans; Raymond Pitcairn, chairman of the Executive Committee, Sentinels of the Republic, and Past Commander-in-Chief Harold Seidenberg, at Philadelphia, Pa., Saturday, May 9th, following conference.

ence that the statement issued by Mr. Pitcairn expresses accurately and faithfully the purpose, aim and attitude of the Sentinels of the Republic, and that statements contained in the letters referred to were the personal expression of the two individuals in question.

I am also satisfied that the expressions contained in these letters are just as abhorrent to the Sentinels of the Republic as they are to the Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

(Signed) ABRAHAM KRADITOR,
Commander-in-Chief,
Jewish War Veterans of the U. S.

ALEXANDER LINCOLN
Counsellor-at-Law
11 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.
May 15, 1936

Abraham Kraditor, Esq.,
Commander in Chief
Jewish War Veterans of the U. S.
1450 Broadway,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Certain correspondence which I had last March with one W. Cleveland Runyon of Plainfield, New Jersey, was produced from my files and introduced into the record by the Senate Committee to investigate lobbying activities. It thereupon received wide publicity through the press and over the radio.

This correspondence consisted of three letters, one from Mr. Runyon to me of March 14th, a reply by me on March 16th,

and a letter from him of March 17th to which I made no answer.

Mr. Runyon referred in his first letter to "the Jewish brigade Roosevelt took to Washington" and my reply contains the statement: "I think, as you say, that the Jewish threat is a real one."

The single letter which I wrote to Mr. Runyon was a perfunctory reply to a communication to which I attached no particular importance at the time. My sole intention, as the context shows, was to refer to those persons of Jewish racial origin conspicuously active in the communistic movement and to persons of that origin and of strong socialistic convictions prominently associated with our present Federal Administration. I realize that the Communists and the Socialists include people of all races and creeds, and that it was an unfortunate and serious error to use an expression which identified either movement as Jewish.

I fully and frankly concede that the language of my letter permits the inference of casting a reflection upon the Jewish race. That inference I entirely and completely disavow. That I should have ever used language permitting it will be a source of unforgetting regret. For any harm that I may have done the Jewish people, though unwittingly, I tender my apologies. I have now and have always had the highest regard for the Jewish people and number many of its members among my personal friends.

For many years I have devoted myself to

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"Crames Square," Bronx, N. Y. Named After Jewish Soldier

Private Charles Crames was a member of the 305th Infantry, Company G, 77th Division, and was killed in action at Baccarat, Luneville Sector, France, on July 9, 1918. He had formerly lived in the Hunts Point section of Bronx County, New York, and was one of the first soldiers in the community to die in action.

Charles Crames is the Standard Bearer of the Private Charles Crames Post No. 225, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, which post is one of the largest and most active in V. F. W. affairs. Said post was organized in the year 1921, and has beautiful permanent headquarters at 1029 East 163rd Street, Bronx, New York, corner "Crames Square."

To commemorate the memory of Charles Crames, the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York a number of years ago changed the name of the square formerly called "Hunts Point Square" to "Crames Square," and said square is still known as such.

Paul Crames, Westchester County Judge Advocate of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Senior Vice-Commander of Mount Vernon Post No. 42, Jewish War Veterans, and an honorary member of Charles Crames Post No. 225, Veterans of Foreign Wars, is a brother of said Charles Crames.

Memorial Day

All good veterans believe in adequate preparedness and although it might seem like a little early to begin to prepare for Memorial Day this year, yet now is the time to prepare for its proper observance.

One of the important purposes of the Jewish War Veterans is to arrange for the preparation of data and compilation of records of fallen comrades so that their graves may be properly decorated and Memorial Day services held for them.

Many of the posts and departments will unquestionably participate in local ceremonies and Memorial Day parades. It would be well for all units of the Jewish War Veterans this year, more so than ever, to arrange now for all comrades to turn out in these activities. Yearly JWV has had a prominent part in the exercises and we urge you to make an effort this year to have the entire strength of the posts out with full colors.

RACE PREJUDICE IS CHARGED IN FLEISCHER CASE

The racial question figured materially in the recent conviction of Captain Ralph E. Fleischer of Fort Slocum, New Rochelle, on a charge of taking supplies from that U. S. Army base, it was charged Monday April 20 at the annual convention of the Westchester County Council, Jewish War Veterans.

The charge was made by National Intelligence Officer, Julius Klausner, who said that the Jewish War Veterans are planning to ask President Roosevelt to set aside the court martial's verdict.

He said that, after a careful study and a report from observers at the trial, the board came to the conclusion that "Captain Fleischer was convicted because he is a Jew."

The court martial decreed dismissal from the service of Captain Fleischer, who was accused of taking food materials from Fort Slocum for use outside the base.

Shaw Urges Hitler To Halt Anti-Semitism

Pillorying Hitler's anti-Semitism as "pathological, a craze, a complex, a bee in his bonnet, a hole in his armor, a hitch in his statesmanship, one of those lessons which sometimes proves fatal," George Bernard Shaw in the preface to a book of his new plays calls on the Nazi leader to abandon his anti-Semitism and hints that Hitler himself may be of Jewish blood.

"Herr Hitler is not a typical German," Shaw said. "I should not be at all surprised if it were discovered that his very mixed blood (all our bloods today are hopelessly mixed) got fortified somewhere in the past by that of King David. He cannot get over the fact that the lost tribes of Israel expose us all to the suspicion (sometime, as in Abyssinia, to the boast) that we are those lost tribes, or at least that we must have absolved them."

JEWISH WAR VETS URGED TO APPLY FOR BONUS

Jewish War Veterans eligible for the bonus may make their applications at any post of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States or at national headquarters of the JWV, 276 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The time is drawing close when the bonus bonds will be mailed out by the government and all Jewish veterans who have not yet made application for the bonus are urged to do so at once. All JWV posts are equipped to make out the applications without charge.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE TO HONOR RATZAN

Brooklyn College will honor Abe Ratzan, its basketball captain, who died recently from injuries sustained in a fall, by placing a memorial plaque in the college gymnasium.

Prof. Richard J. O'Neill, faculty chairman of athletics who made the announcement, also said that the No. 10 worn by the captain will be withdrawn permanently from the college basketball squad. The team led by Ratzan, star forward, won the Metropolitan A.A.U. championship.