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# ATTENTION!



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# AMERICANISM vs. ALIEN "ISMS"

AMERICANISM always has been an important activity of The American Legion. I hope, and believe, it ever will be. I cannot express too highly my gratitude for the broad progress that has been made in all fields of Americanism activity by our National Americanism Commission, under the leadership of Stephen F. Chadwick, as Chairman, and Homer L. Chaillaux, as Director, and Charles Wilson, his Assistant. I wish that I might mention here by name all of the faithful members of the National Americanism Commission, the loyal employees in the division at national headquarters, and those ever devoted co-workers who carry on in the field in every Department of our national organization with no thought of reward other than that which comes to the citizen who takes pride in a great accomplishment that has been well done. I hope, however, that all who have had a part in carrying forward our Americanism program this year will know that I have watched with interest their splendid work, and that I shall never cease to be grateful for what they have done.

Our Americanism program has many phases. It embraces such important subjects as education, special awards for outstanding scholarship, Federal Aid for schools to improve our entire educational system, flag education, citizenship instruction for the foreign-born, oratorical and essay contests on patriotic subjects, educational activity in support of the Constitution of the United States; youth activities which embrace support of the Boy Scouts, organizing and maintaining Boys' States, directing the activities of The Sons of The American Legion, carrying forward Junior Baseball as a great laboratory in citizenship building, supporting the Citizens Military Training Camps and the Reserve Officers Training Corps, cooperating in carrying forward the National Boys' and Girls' Week, supporting such organizations as the Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scouts, Girl Reserves, and 4H Clubs; rendering community service in forms too numerous to permit mention; conducting a mighty, nationwide campaign to promote highway and traffic safety; coordinating vast disaster relief activities; seeking to protect the worker and the American people by working for the adoption of adequate immigration restrictions; opposing by American means the activities of all groups that are subversive to our American form of government, carrying forward the great work of Americanism education in every field where the need presents itself; building a proper appreciation of what it means to be an American; creating great respect for the freedom, liberty, justice and democracy that is so distinctly American, and building into the fibre of American life a proper appreciation of the responsibility on the part of the individual citizen to perform his duties as such if American constitutional democracy is to survive.

This is an ambitious program, one which alone would be worthy of the exclusive attention of any great organization. The

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**The following excerpts are from the momentous speech delivered by Commander Colmery at the opening of the Legion National Encampment in New York City last month.**

American Legion, through its widespread organization and the loyalty of its vast membership, finds it possible to include in its entire program many other activities, and it is right that it should do so. But we must never lose sight of the fact that we are dedicated to uphold and defend American principles, and that we are committed annually by each successive national convention, irrevocably, to make this our primary activity. I charge you, therefore, to ever remember that whatever else we may desire, that whatever else we may achieve, will come to naught if we do not maintain and improve the standard of Americanism that fired our hearts when we went out into the service of our Country in 1917 and 1918, and continues to motivate our every activity in the service we have continued to render ever since, and must always render so long as there is an American Legion.

## ALIEN ISMS

One year ago I stood before our national convention in Cleveland, and in accepting the honor of this high office, which you had then just conferred upon me, I said that the principles of true Americanism, as opposed to a display of gaudy nationalism, must guide our course if we are to have the public support that is essential to the fullest success of any great national program. During the year since Cleveland, on several occasions I have found it necessary to recall that statement in isolated instances, but on the whole I am happy to report that our organization, from the smallest Post up to the National Commissions, has adhered to the principles of true Americanism. Speaking with a knowledge born of experience during twelve months as your National Commander, I urge you to keep foremost in your minds as you perform your Americanism duties, that the Constitution of the United States guarantees to every person who is privileged to live under the protection of the Stars and Stripes freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and the right to peaceably assemble. As American citizens, and under the oath we assume when we become Legionnaires, we must uphold and defend those principles, with all of the principals enunciated in the Constitution, under any and all circumstances.

We have rightly declared that we shall stand guard at the portals of liberty against those subversive groups which are vain enough to seek the overthrow of our form of Government and its free institutions by force or violence. We stand committed thus to oppose not merely one alien ism, but all such forces. We who have been priv-

ileged with the status of leadership in the national organization this year have not forgotten that mandate given us at our last convention which specifically stated that we should oppose Communism, Fascism, and Hitlerism alike, and that fact we have emphasized. Let us remember that our opposition to these forms stops at the boundaries of our own country; we deny them only right to undermine our own form of Government.

Now we hear from beyond the sea that the German government claims the right and intends to organize Nazi groups in our Country, to preach and propagandize Nazism, here,—that it will not tolerate any interference with that policy, and that its purpose in organizing Nazi groups in America is to save us from Communism. What a gratuitous insult to our free institutions! What a brazen affront to every patriotic American citizen! The American people have a right to go Communistic if they want to—although The Legion will oppose that to the finish, as it has a right to do. This is the United States, a sovereign people. We have the right to have whatever form of government and follow whatever political philosophy we think best for us. That is our business, and it isn't any business of any other government or any other people. And we have the right to advocate our own system, and criticize other plans insofar as applicable to us, and without apologizing for so doing. We have builded our civilization on freedom and liberty. We have a right, if we want to do so, to protect that system, to declare that there will be no Nazism, or Nazi demonstrations, and either to bar from entry into this country or send out of it, those who preach or practice it. And freedom in America does not comprehend that doctrines, destructive of our system, may be spread, if America does not want that done. The man or the group who advocates making an American citizen the puppet of the State, as in dictatorship, the slave of the State as in Nazism, or take away his human rights, as in Communism, is not for America but against America. Contrasted with the civil liberties enjoyed by the citizen in America, they are all absolute and arbitrary types of slavery which close the door of opportunity in the face of the individual. The product of a melting pot is a molten mass, having a texture of its own. It does not consist of readily identifiable cross sections of the elements which went to make it. So must America be as a melting pot of citizenship. This is no place for hyphenated loyalty. Citizens should be either Americans or something else; swear allegiance to the United States or the country for their choice. Reserving proper courtesy and hospitality for foreigners within our gates, it's time in America to quit making appeals to Germans, Irish, Italians, Polish, Scandinavians, Jews, etc., and to think, act and make our appeals to people as American Citizens. And if others are going to attempt to tell us what we should have—something they would not

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### Another J.W.V. Year

The old year is history. It marked an important milestone forward in J.W.V. history, in spite of financial and other obstacles. Our budget has been balanced; the number of our posts and members is larger than ever; and our varied accomplishments have established an unprecedented prestige.

We dare not rest on our laurels. The conditions which made the organizing of J.W.V. essential, are still present. We must go still further forward. There is wonderful opportunity this year to reach greater heights.

Our Commander-in-Chief is experienced, and we have elected to his staff, capable and experienced vice-commanders. The appointed national officers are all efficient and sincere. Our Chief has outlined a program for the year worthy of our merit.

All that remains for success is the earnest assistance and cooperation of State Departments, District Councils, Posts and each and every comrade. We want loyalty to our National organization, and a unity of purpose. We feel sure these will be unstintingly given.

So let us start the new year off immediately with our shoulders to our mutual J.W.V. wheel, and make 1937-38 a year full of activity and achievement.

### HELP WANTED

The "JEWISH VETERAN" is seeking an experienced and sincere comrade who would be willing to act as its Business Manager. One of the most widely read Anglo-Jewish magazines, it should be self-sustaining. It can be made self-sustaining, if the interested comrade will present himself, and get the much-needed ads.

We do not want any kibbitzers. There have been enough critics—those that say "they can't see why," and "why don't you," but never offer to do anything themselves. Apply to National Headquarters, state your qualifications, and desire to help.

### Loyalty To J. W. V.

Were you a candidate for office, and were you defeated, or was the candidate you supported defeated for office? And if so, have you taken the defeat gracefully? Or are you already plotting to "get even" at the next encampment.

If such is your attitude, we feel sorry for J.W.V. There should be no personal bitterness after a fair election and defeat by a majority vote. Such is our democratic form of government, and is what we strenuously oppose in Fascist governments.

Officers come and go every year, but J.W.V. goes on forever. The proper attitude is to congratulate the victors and offer them your utmost support. By their deeds shall ye know them and not by their votes. We belong to J.W.V. because we want certain objects fulfilled. The only way to accomplish these objects is by Loyalty to our duly elected officers. Loyalty is the cornerstone of success.

### Made In U.S.A.

We went into a chain store to buy a tool. We looked for the stamp showing the country of manufacture. There was no mark whatever on it. Fearing that it might be German, we did not buy it.

The probabilities are the tool was made in the U.S.A. Most of the millions of Americans who would not knowingly buy Nazi goods have had similar experience. Result—loss of sales for American manufacturers.

What is the remedy? A movement to have American manufacturers stamp their products "Made in U.S.A." A great many of them already do this. J.W.V. should take the lead in this movement.

Germans are aware of the failure of Americans to stamp their products and are dumping as much of their goods here without markings, although that is a violation of our Federal Customs Laws.

While this drive is directed against Nazi goods, still it will help American industry and American labor. Boycott Chairmen and Posts are urged to contact their local industries and Chambers of Commerce and urge them to always use the stamp "Made in U.S.A." on their merchandise. We believe the other veteran organizations and labor unions would willingly cooperate with J.W.V. in this effort.

### Membership

Membership is the vital life blood of organization. Membership is not everything, but it is all important to carry out our work. Increase your post membership and you immediately become virile and lusty. Lose your membership and your post becomes dull and sluggish.

It is now twenty years after the war. Records of the G.A.R. and Spanish War Veterans prove that 25 years after a war, membership reaches its peak. We still have five years within which to reach our peak, but we must start now to do so.

What is the secret of getting members? Activity! A J.W.V. post that follows the national program and "does things" draws its own membership. What is the secret of holding members? Again Activity! Members must have something to do, they must be kept busy, and the post must accomplish something.

Success brings recruits. It is human to want to be a part of a successful concern. Is yours a successful Post?

There is scarcely a post in the country which cannot increase its membership 100%. Now is the time to start your MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.

### Ill-Advised Publicity

The American Hebrew in its columns recently criticized Congressman Dickstein, which in turn produced a public reply by the Congressman. The Boston Jewish Advocate criticized J.W.V. because of some boycott activity of our East Side Post in burning Nazi goods. In the latter instance, we know the Editorial was written without inquiry or investigation. Such criticism of organizations or individuals is all too frequent. It simply gives fuel for the vicious propaganda of our enemies. Internal strife might far better be settled privately.

In order to avoid unpleasant publicity, J.W.V. has wisely adopted a resolution that departments or posts or individual comrades shall not make public statements or issue releases to the press on matters of National or international importance, unless the matter is a settled policy of J.W.V., or unless special permission has been received from National Headquarters.

Deviation from this regulation has been rare, and all units are enjoined to continue their adherence to same. In times of stress such as the present, the appearance of a unity front by all Jewish groups is important.

#### UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

September 30, 1937

My dear Mr. Fredman:

I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for the copies of the August issue of "The Jewish Veteran."

In behalf of this Commission, I want to thank you and compliment you and your staff on the splendid cooperation you have extended in observing the 150th Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution. The cover and the contents are very, very good and the August issue of your publication is indeed a splendid contribution.

Sincerely yours,  
**SOL BLOOM**  
Director General.