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On this page for the first time appear several new supply items. They are submitted for your consideration and purchase—also suggestions for improvement.

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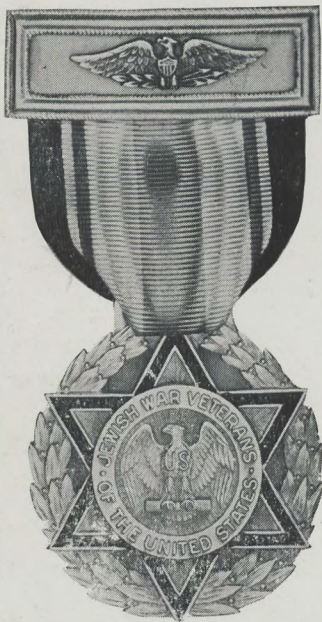
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# J.W.V. Goes West

Detroit Jewry Welcomes You

By SAMUEL J. LEVE, General Convention Chairman

WHEN the 43rd national encampment of the Jewish War Veterans, the fastest growing national Jewish organization in the country, convenes in Detroit next month it will be meeting in the nation's fourth largest city and sixth largest Jewish community. Among the Jewish communities in the land, only New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Boston are larger than Detroit, all of which are much older.

This convention will be unique in other respects too, so far as J.W.V. is concerned. To begin with it will be our first national encampment in the west. True, we met in Pittsburgh in 1936 and then we regarded that as pretty far west for J.W.V., since none of our conventions before that had been held anywhere but on the eastern seaboard. But since 1936 we have grown so rapidly, especially in the South and the West, that the center of gravity of J.W.V. is moving westward. In consequence it is perfectly natural for us to hold our encampment in Detroit. Not so many years ago a J.W.V. convention in Detroit would have been impossible for we had no posts west of Cleveland and south of Washington. Today we extend from coast to coast and from Maine to Florida. In a sense therefore the Detroit convention will mark the coming of age of J.W.V., for it will demonstrate to the whole country that we are a national organization in the fullest sense of the word.

Another thing that will make the Detroit convention unique is the fact that it will afford our new posts in the west their first opportunity to make a real showing on a national scale. We are looking for big delegations from St. Louis, Denver, Milwaukee, Chicago, Louisville, Los Angeles, San Diego, Minneapolis and St. Paul. It'll be a big thrill to the old-timers who remember when J.W.V. was almost exclusively a New York outfit to see and meet and talk with comrades from the west. Detroit is J.W.V.'s "coming-out" party.

In still one more respect will the Detroit encampment be something new for the comrades from the East. It will give them an opportunity to learn something about the sixth largest Jewish community in America. We in Detroit are proud of our Jewish personalities here. Last month this writer gave you a brief history of Detroit and Michigan Jewry and mentioned some of the prominent Jewish figures in Detroit.

Besides those mentioned last month there are others about whom you ought to know. One of the leading business men of the West is Sidney J. Allen of Allen Industries. Tops among Detroit's merchants is Henry Wineman, a leading figure in the Jewish Federation of Charities. Another Federation leader is Joseph Ehrlich. Rabbi Leo Franklin, of Temple Beth-El, where we will

hold our opening religious services, and his associate, Rabbi Leon Fram, are nationally known figures in the American rabbinate, as are Rabbi Hirschman of Congregation Shaarey Zedek and Rabbi Fisher of Congregation B'nai Moshe.

Among our leading public men, besides those mentioned last month, are Judge Harry B. Keidan of the County Circuit Court; Judge Charles Rubiner of the Common Pleas Court; Assistant State Attorney General Samuel B. Ostrow; Assistant County Prosecutors Sam Brezner and Harry Letzer. In civic cultural and communal affairs we are proud of Gus Newman, a veteran in the affairs of the Jewish Old Folks Home; Otto Silver, junior vice-commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Michigan; Jack Savin, commander of the Wayne County Council of the Disabled American Veterans; Major Bernard Friedlander and Dr. R. Goldstone of the Amer-



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ican Legion's hospitalization committee; Publisher Schachne and Philip Slomovitz, editor of the Detroit Jewish Chronicle, one of the finest Jewish publications in the country; Maestro Kolar, director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. We also have three celebrated Jewish sports figures, Hank Greenberg and Harry Eisenstadt, of the Detroit Tigers, and Allan Tolmich, the one-man track team from Wayne University. There are lots of others about whom you'll learn when you come to Detroit. For the time being we have given you enough of a picture of Detroit Jewry and its history to feel confident that you will want to learn more about us. We are looking forward to making your stay in Detroit entertaining, educational and informative. We'll be looking for you in Detroit on September 2nd.

## Greetings to the Jewish War Veterans

As General Chairman of the Convention Corporation, it is my pleasure and privilege to extend greetings to my fellow comrades. We, in Detroit, are all busy planning a royal welcome for you, when you meet here for our 43rd National Encampment on September 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. It is indeed gratifying to report that the people of Detroit are cooperating magnificently in order to insure the success of our convention. The various units of government, merchants, and manufacturers have been most generous in their response to our suggestions and requests. If the success of the approaching convention is to be measured by the cooperation thus far, I feel safe in stating that it will be one long to be remembered.

However, we recognize that while preliminary arrangements are essential to the success of our annual encampment, its final success will be largely determined by the number of comrades who attend and the interest which they manifest. It is my earnest hope that our 43rd encampment will prove to be, not only the biggest and the best, and each one of us has the individual opportunity and responsibility of contributing toward the general success of our convention.

It is particularly important, at this time, that the Jewish War Veterans strive earnestly to make this 43rd encampment an outstanding one. As we all know, the world in general today is in a chaotic condition and even our own beloved country is not free of "isms" and "ists" seeking to persecute those of other races and creeds. Therefore, it behooves every Jewish War Veteran to do his part toward establishing and maintaining better relationships among ourselves and with others. Let us prove that we are an organization of 100% Americans, and that we have no quarrel with any persons or organizations which accept true Americanism as their creed.

Will you do your part by attending this year's encampment? Your Convention Corporation and its General Chairman are planning on your support, and we expect you to adopt as your slogan from now until convention time: "On to Detroit in September, to our Biggest and Best National Encampment."

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## American Way Against Un-Americanism

Thanks to the Disabled American War Veterans and a jury of tried and true Americans in Suffolk County, Long Island, the first round in the legal battle to stamp out Nazi camps has been won. When the Suffolk County jury returned a guilty verdict against six officials of Camp Siegfried on a charge of violating the New York State Civil Rights Law by failing to register the membership of the organization operating the camp with the secretary of state, it marked the first successful legal prosecution of Nazis in this country. It also paved the way for similar action against the German-American Bund and indicated that there are legal means of dealing with Nazi camps. If the verdict is upheld on an appeal we can look for the adoption of civil rights laws in all other states so that the Nazis will be compelled to register their membership. Once out in the open much of their menace will be gone.

Equally important in this connection was the action of the military affairs committee of the New York State Constitutional Convention in reporting favorably proposals forbidding the use of armories to organizations affiliated with or pledging loyalty to foreign governments and forbidding private military drill. In the event that the convention adopts these proposals another weapon against subversive movements will have been forged. To the Suffolk County jury and the military affairs committee are due a great deal of credit for both bodies bespoke the sentiment of the overwhelming number of Americans. We want to prevent un-American movements from gaining a foothold in our country but we want to do it without resort to un-American methods. Both bodies employed thoroughly American methods in making plain their determination not to let it happen here.

## Wanted: A Monument

Late in June the French Government paid tribute to the Jews who laid down their lives fighting for France and the Allied armies during the World War by dedicating by an imposing monument to the Jewish War dead on the battlefield of Verdun. So far as we know this is probably the first monument of its kind anywhere to Jewish war dead. For all we know it may even be the only Jewish war monument of any kind. Certainly there is no such memorial in England nor in the United States. Which brings us to the point of our discussion.

For nearly a year we have been hammering away at the idea that J.W.V. ought to do something about being represented at the New York World's Fair. Thus far our suggestions have fallen on deaf ears. Perhaps they were not practical. So here's another. Why shouldn't J.W.V. take the initiative in a nationwide drive for erecting a suitable monument to ALL the Jews who died in the wars of the Republic from the Revolution to the World War? As we pointed out several months ago, there is no single volume anywhere that tells the complete story of the American Jew as a soldier. Perhaps such a book will yet be written but even if it is it could never have the telling effect of a monument or some other form of memorial.

We are of the opinion that this is something of sufficient importance to be taken up at the Detroit encampment. J.W.V. has some pretty important achievements to its credit but if we could arouse American Jewry to a recognition of the need for a memorial to the Jewish war dead in this country it would be something really big. And we can do it if we have a mind to. We are not presuming to suggest any details. We simply offer the idea in the hope that something will come of it.

## Department Officers

In this issue of the Jewish Veteran we offer a feature entirely new but tremendously important. We refer to the listing of the names of the new officers of all the departments and the summary of resolutions adopted at each department convention. J.W.V. is growing so fast these days that we are in danger of losing sight of the local and regional units of the organization. In order to call attention more strikingly to the departments we have decided to publish the names of all department officers in the August issue each year so that the comrades coming to the national convention will at least be familiar with the names if not with their bearers. To all the new department officers we wish the very best of everything in the coming year. They are all able and competent. With them at the helm, the departments will grow from strength to strength. We hope that by next August we will have to give twice as much space to this feature because there ought to be twice as many departments.

## A Swell Job

We have been meaning for some time now to call attention to one of the finest achievements of J.W.V.—to wit, the Sons of J.W.V. Those who saw J.W.V.'s Memorial Day parade down Fifth Avenue will never forget the thrill of seeing one unit after another of smartly outfitted Sons of J.W.V. stepping along. In fact the Sons of J.W.V. virtually "stole the show." But that's not all. Have you seen the handbook the Sons of J.W.V. published? It's really a magnificent job of historical writing, containing a wealth of material about Jewish participation in American history. And more is yet to come.

We believe the time has come for J.W.V. as a whole to pay more attention to its junior auxiliary. Charlie Eisenstein, National Chairman, has done a perfectly swell job all by himself and at practically no cost to national. Seeing what he has accomplished with little or no cooperation we can imagine what he could do with just a little help. We think it would be a fine tribute to Eisenstein and heaps of encouragement to the youngsters if at the Detroit convention one session or part of a session were set aside for a discussion of the future growth of the Sons of J.W.V. It would not be at all amiss, either, if one of the Sons were given an opportunity to address the convention. And of course Eisenstein would be tickled pink if the encampment voted a definite appropriation to further the work of the Sons of J.W.V.

## Think First

Comrades who attended a certain business session at the Asbury Park encampment will recall an unfortunate incident involving the conventions' relations with the press. We have no intention of recalling the details of that convention except to emphasize that whatever happened was not the fault of the press but of certain comrades who spoke without thinking. We mention this now on the eve of the Detroit encampment simply to remind the comrades that seemingly innocent words uttered in the heat of an argument have a way of taking on an ugly connotation when they get into print. This also applies to the various committees. The incident referred to above was an outgrowth of a badly worded resolution brought in by the resolutions committee. The committee had the best of intentions but the outcome was unfortunate.

It is important therefore that all committees appointed should have plenty of time for deliberation. We have important business in Detroit and nothing is more important than the work of the resolutions committee. We suggest that the resolutions committee ought to get down to business as soon as the convention opens so as to have enough time for reflection and consideration of all proposals laid before them. We don't want a repetition of what happened at Asbury Park.