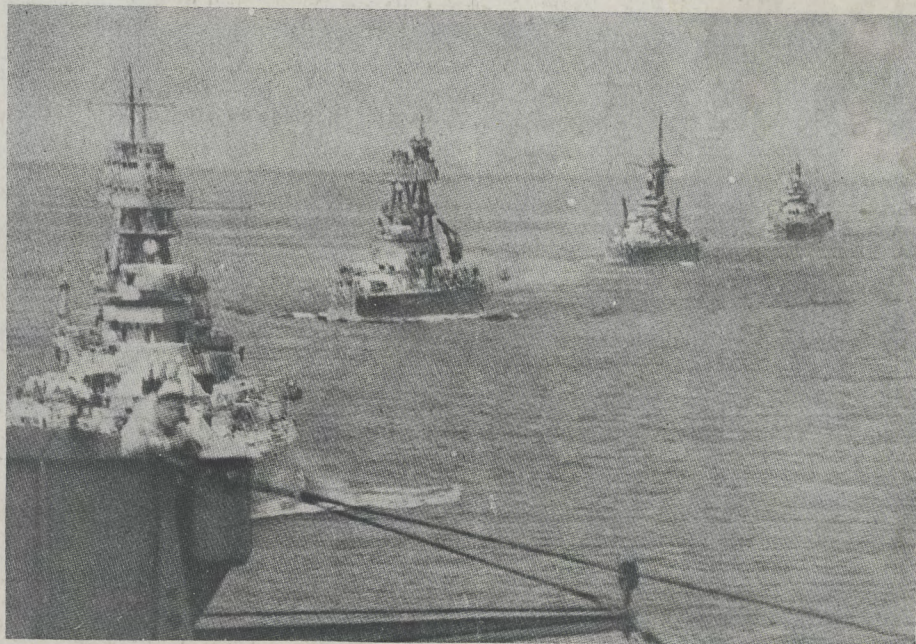


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# ATTENTION!!

Miami! What memories! But the fun and the shouting is over and NOW we must get down to sober business. Our new National Commander has informed me that "Americanism" will be the password in J.W.V. during his administration.

To the Supply Department that means, greater display of American Flags, more frequent appearances at patriotic occasions, and regular attendance at J.W.V. meetings.

To the Posts and YOU comrades should ask yourselves these questions: "Do we have a good set of Colors?" "Does every Jewish building in our community have an American Flag?" "Do I have a uniform to properly represent J.W.V. at public functions?" "Do I have a cap and medallion to wear at my post meetings?" And if the answer to any of these questions is "NO", order them immediately. These are trying times, and we veterans will be looked to more and more to lead the public.

And just an ADVANCE warning—Elections and Installations will soon be here, and you'll need many supplies. My advice? ORDER NOW!!

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# The American Ideal!

By RABBI ABBE HILLEL SILVER, National Chaplain

I am deeply grateful for this privilege of addressing this Convention. The American Legion was born in war and it now meets again in a world at war. But your dominant interest has, at all times, been not war but peace, and your chief concern has been not foreign affairs, but the preservation of American ideals and institutions at home.

At no time in the last twenty turbulent years has there been greater need for that sound and constructive policy which the American Legion has been pursuing than at present. We need today more than ever calm forthright and resolute thinking and action guided by only one principle: how best to safeguard and advance the highest interests and noblest traditions of our nation. This is no time for narrow partisanship, for irresponsible demagoguery, for self-proclaimed prophetic monopolists either of peace or righteousness, or for deceptive slogans and catch-words.

We all want peace. We all want America to stay out of this war. We shall all do our utmost to help keep America out of this war. We know the horrible toll and the criminal folly of war. But men of equal sincerity and loyalty can and do honestly differ as to the best means of achieving this end. Whether our present Neutrality laws are best calculated to keep us truly neutral and out of danger of involvement in this war, or whether a revision is necessary in order to keep a colossal and unmerited advantage from going to one of the belligerents, is a question concerning which there can be and is a sharp and honest division of opinion. Our chosen representatives in Congress have been called upon to render a decision—a decision which will naturally be binding upon all of us. But it serves no good purpose and it is distinct disservice to America to surround the discussion of this vital issue which requires the utmost of reasoned judgment, with hysteria, to attempt to stampede our legislators with organized tumult and uproar, and to brand as war-mongers all those who favor a revision of our Neutrality legislation.

Nor is it constant with the facts, or a contribution to clear thinking or a service to humanity to popularize the idea that in the European struggle now raging, there are no basic issues involved with which the American people need be at all concerned, or that all belligerents are equally culpable, or that America stands to lose nothing if Hitlerism and Stalinism succeed in destroying the last few outposts of democracy and freedom in the Western World. We need never fear the invasion of our country by foreign armies, especially if we are strong enough in our military defenses. But if that political barbarism which has swept over Europe in recent years destroying one independent and free country after another, grossly violating the rights of minorities, scraping all covenants and treaties, stamping out human freedom wherever it reaches,

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persecuting all religions, extolling militarism, force and conquest, and converting Europe first into an arsenal, and then into a battle field—if that political barbarism triumphs in this war, and France and England are defeated, and in turn fall prey to dictatorship, not its armies will invade our shores, but its doctrines; and those subversive groups in our country which have worried us not a little in recent years will increase and multiply a thousand-fold, drawing strength and inspiration from the universal triumph of dictatorship abroad, and that will become not a potential, but an actual menace to our American democracy. It is doubtful whether in a world in which the last beacons of freedom will have been extinguished by the fierce winds of dictatorship, that our own torch of freedom can remain burning.

So, let us try to think clearly and realistically in these difficult times. Above, all, let us in these days when nations are again meeting in the dread Valley of Decision, keep steadily before our eyes and before the eyes of our children, the clear vision of what America is and what we want America to remain. There are those in our midst who in the name of Americanism are destroying Americanism. There are those loud pseudo-champions of patriotism who are in reality the sinister purveyors of all forms of alienism in our midst. There are many men and groups in our land, some sincere but deluded victims of shrewd propaganda, others paid agents and spies of foreign governments, and still others who are just temperamental bigots and fanatics who are helping in one way or another, wittingly or unwittingly, to destroy the American Ideal.

What is this American Ideal? What are the classic elements which give uniqueness and distinction to American Life?

First—the importance of the individual. Every man is possessed of certain inalienable rights. The state cannot veto them. No majority can abrogate them. All men, regardless of race and religion, are equal before the law. Any attempt to subjugate the individual to the State, or to discriminate against him in law because of race or creed is a frontal and deadly attack upon the American Ideal.

Second—government by consent and not constraint; government from within and not from without. Dictatorship is government imposed from without. Democracy is government self-imposed from within. The American genius strives to achieve the best possible way of life for the largest possible number of citizens through their own voluntary enterprises, through free experi-

mentation, and step by step through the evolutionary processes of trial and error. The American genius rejects all proffers of complete and ready-made millenniums at the spearpoint of revolution and dictatorship. It prefers the slower and less glamorous way of government. But it avoids all the horrors of government by purges and liquidations, by terrorism and expropriation, by espionage and slavery.

Third—the grace of tolerance. We are a composite people. Many races had a hand in the discovery, exploration, colonization and development of this great country. Ours is a nation made up from its very inception entirely of immigrants. Our American life is a fine mosaic in which many separate race and religious identities are grouped into one noble pattern. Despite occasional lapses, there has prevailed a wholesome attitude of good will, tolerance and cooperation among our people. The genius of America has manifested itself in steadily dissolving the hard concretion of groups and reducing them to their individual human components. Europe is concerned with the rights of minorities. America is concerned with the rights of men.

Those people, therefore, in our midst who would break up American life into hostile racial or religious groups, and who would persuade others to judge American citizens not on the basis of individual worth, character or achievement, but on the basis of the race to which they belong, or the religion to which they subscribe, are the deadliest foes of the spirit as well as the peace of the American people.

This true vision of American life should be kept undimmed in these darkening days. It is our sole hope for the future. It is our one chance to keep our dear country free from the ravages of the hates, bitterness and conflicts which have disfigured the Old World. For the last twenty years the desperate people of Europe have tried a way of life which is the very opposite of the American way of life—the suppression of the individual government by ukase and dictatorship, and race and religious intolerance—and it has led them, as inevitably it does, to the blood-soaked battlefields of war.

Let us not follow in their tragic footsteps. You, soldiers of America, who have given proof of your loyalty to America in war and in peace, help keep America free, clean, just, tolerant and united!



A British view of Hitler's interest in Romania.

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## Aims of "The Jewish Veteran"

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To rehabilitate disabled veterans and aid widows, orphans and dependents.

To foster "good-will" among all veteran organizations.

To compile military records of and preserve the memories of Jewish Veterans.

## Our New National Commander

The Miami Convention unanimously elected Edgar Burman of Brooklyn, our National Commander for the year 1939-1940.

Commander Burman is well known in J.W.V. Going through the chairs in his post, he became Post Commander. He rose to the station of Department Commander of New York. During the vital growing days of our organization, he held for several years the important office of National Boycott Chairman. At the Asbury Park Convention in 1937, he was elected National Vice-Commander for the second region. In all, he has served J.W.V. for eleven years.

Our National Commander not only brings to this high office a wealth of experience, but a zeal for work and a reputation of good sportsmanship. Most will remember that at Detroit last year, Burman was a close second in a field of three, in the tally for National Commander, but for the sake of harmony, voluntarily withdrew in favor of the third candidate.

We are fully confident that Commander Burman will prove an able leader, and make a worthy addition to the illustrious Commanders who have preceded him. In these trubilous times, we know that every comrade and sister will give him their fullest support and cooperation.

## Miami 1939

While the sign-posts all say "Forward," it is well to halt and look back—back to Miami, August 28 to September 1st, 1939. To all who thus halt Miami will be a very pleasant memory,—for many, many moons.

No city had more to offer than Miami, and our delegates never enjoyed a Convention more. After enjoying Southern hospitality to the full, we were reluctant to leave—in fact, some comrades and sisters liked Miami so well that they have become permanent residents.

The members of the Convention Corporation and of the Freda Markowitz Post and Auxiliary deserve our utmost appreciation and praise for their excellent preparation and their success in pleasing such a varied group of delegates from all parts of the country. We herewith extend such praise unstintingly.

The convention was also constructively fruitful. Important resolutions on Peace, Neutrality, Americanism, Boycott and other vital subjects were passed, and will guide J.W.V.'s action during the year.

The American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other veteran organizations, the Y.M.H.A. and local Jewish organizations, and the Florida public in general entered into the spirit of our convention, and cooperated to make it a huge success.

Last but not least, we wish to thank the press of Miami—the Miami Herald, the Miami Daily News, and the Florida Veteran for their fine coverage of our convention. Never before has the press, of any city given us more lineage, photos, editorial comment, etc.

All in all, it was a GREAT CONVENTION—one at which Boston and future convention cities will have to shoot very high to surpass!

## Convention Precedents

With a successful convention in the background, post mortems are in order. To us the Miami encampment shattered two previous very important precedents. From time immemorial it was thought that J.W.V. National Encampment MUST be held over a holiday week-end, preferably Labor Day or Independence Day. The second was that it must be held within a reasonable distance from New York.

The large numbers who went to Miami, spending from one to two weeks and traveling in large numbers from New England and the Middle Atlantic States, should convince the most skeptical that J.W.V. has grown (away from the Eastern States) and that our Conventions are so enlightening, constructive and entertaining, that the comrades and sisters will attend no matter when or where they are held.

To many our conventions afford an opportunity to "SEE AMERICA", and "to see" is "to understand" and "appreciate."

With the organization of a chain of posts between Kansas City and the Pacific Post, it is within reason that a J.W.V. Encampment may be held on the Pacific Coast in 1943 or 1944!

## George Cardinal Mundelein

*May his Soul Rest in Peace!*

America lost a distinguished citizen, the world a good man when Cardinal Mundelein died on October 2nd, 1939. Immediately upon learning of the Cardinal's demise, National Commander, Edgar Burman issued the following release to the press:

"The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S. are deeply grieved at the untimely passing of Cardinal Mundelein. His Eminence was not only a Prince of the Catholic Church, but a great American, beloved of all faiths. To those of the Jewish faith he always represented the true spirit of Christianity, tolerance and brotherhood.

"The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S. join the nation in expressing profound sorrow and in mourning the untimely departure of this patriotic American and friend of humanity."

## Neutrality

This is written while Congress is in session debating the proposed "Neutrality Bill." With radio debates flooding the air waves and newspapers and magazines literally filed with information pro and con by "experts" on Neutrality, it would be folly for us to analyze or even summarize the subject.

The fervent hope of J.W.V. is that our PEACE may be maintained and that a Neutrality Bill best designed to keep us out of War will be passed.

When we are ill, we consult a physician, and when we need legal advice, we see our lawyer. Our duly elected U. S. Senators and Representatives are our experts in Federal legislation, and we are perfectly willing to leave it to their good judgment and sincerity to find the best means of preserving the Peace and Dignity of the United States.

We would however, caution our Congressmen to carefully examine and sort their neutrality mail. The average American is slow to write his Congressman, even on vitally important matters, while those "against" anything are quick to write or telegraph. It will be found that much of the neutrality mail is inspired by American organizations with an axe to grind, by alien-minded groups in the United States who favor one set of belligerents, and even by foreign governments themselves. It would be very interesting to contact the individuals and groups lined up on either side of this legislation.

As a corollary of neutrality legislation, is our national defense program. No nation would violate our neutrality if we were properly prepared on land and sea and in the air. Since treaties and promises by nations have generally become valueless, with international law, ethics and religion cast aside by certain nations, and with the grabbing aim to acquire territory and world domination, it is important that the United States increase the size of its army with adequate reserves, that we immediately increase our air force to 10,000 fighting planes and build a large enough navy to protect our shores on both oceans and preserve the integrity and peace of the Western Hemisphere.

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