

# THE JEWISH VETERAN



**Who Asked His Religion?**

≡≡≡ MAY · 1940 ≡≡≡



## THEY HAVE NOT DIED IN VAIN



In the last century and a half, hundreds of thousands of men have laid down their lives to give us a land where all men have equal rights. These honored dead bravely defended our country on the battlefield. Today we are called on to fight a new kind of war against those who would destroy us from within—a war that calls us to repel a barrage of words with the same courage our fathers displayed against enemy bullets. We will win because you can't fool America. In the words of Commander-in-Chief Otis N. Brown of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States:

"Because we know from what has happened in other countries—that the promotion of internal discord is a trick to destroy the unity of the American people—we refuse to be fooled by the gilded promises of those who preach hatred and intolerance. If these agents of sedition and revolution were less ignorant—they would

*Our nation stands united in the faith for which Americans have given their lives. Secure against invasion from without, because of their sacrifice, we stand today with equal strength against foreign attacks upon our minds and hearts. Fomenters of discord and breeders of malice cannot fool us. They cannot shatter our first line of defense—the unity of the American people.*

to the mythical profits they hope to gain as racketeers in patriotism—they would understand their efforts are in vain. They would know the ordinary liberty-loving American citizen wants no part or parcel of the misery that is rampant in Europe today under the very banners they would erect in the United States."

\* \* \*

Let us keep faith with those who have given their last full measure of devotion for the cause of freedom. Let us highly resolve to preserve America as a land where our children—regardless of race, color or creed—can be assured of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS *of the United States*

# Our Joint Responsibility

By J. EDGAR HOOVER

The American way of living is the democratic way. Democracy was the ideal of the founders of our country. It inspired the efforts of those who built upon the rock of truth and honor the American form of Government, and still inspires those of us who recognize that no other way of life is possible to free men. Democracy is that ideal which is so seriously threatened abroad, that is fighting for existence on blood-soaked battlefields, and I want you to believe that democracy is as seriously threatened today here at home—the citadel of democracy—as it is menaced on any field of thought or action abroad. It is menaced by those who hold alien forms of government to be the best, and it is menaced most seriously by those who fail to obey the mandates of a democratic people, as reflected in their laws and statutes.

Law abiding people are free people. Lawless people can never remain free. Where vice and crime are rampant the interests of the individual are obviously not secure. Where homes are menaced by the sinister figure of the murderer or kidnaper, where the racketeer can threaten to destroy the foundations of our commercial structure, where the only law existent is the jungle code of tooth and claw, in any such community or in any such country liberty and democracy are merely impotent, meaningless words and no matter what the form of government may be called it is not truly democratic. We concern ourselves much with the menace of political and industrial dictators. The menace of the criminal dictator is even more disastrously real in these days and times.

What are the facts? Every 24 hours there are committed in our land an average of 32 murders, 151 robberies, 852 burglaries, 2392 larcenies, and 127 aggravated assaults. In addition, or shall we say in consummation of the foregoing, the real menace to American life and American institutions is most clearly evidenced by the fact that the files of the FBI contain the fingerprints of 5,000,000 persons who have been arrested for an offense more serious than a traffic violation. Suppose you were told that an army of this size had taken the field, equipped with all modern death-dealing instruments of offense, and was marching to invade our country. Our peril would be apparent. It should be all the more apparent when we realize that the individual members of this army lurk in our highways and byways, attack under cover of night, and cannot be met on any one field by a trained army. They must be conquered by the valiant soldiers of our law enforcement organizations in every section of the country, in every city, town, village and hamlet, at every hour of the day and night.

The members of the Jewish War Veterans have already been baptized under the fire of hostile forces in other wars. Their patriotism has been tested in the

crucible of experience and had not been found wanting. United with soldiers of other wars and red blood American citizens dedicated to the preservation of American Democracy here is a front that



J. EDGAR HOOVER

can withstand every wind that blows from foreign foe abroad and at home which would sweep before it all that we cherish and hold dear. Above all, it is necessary that this front stand united for all that is decent and all that is American, against the criminal and the destructionist that would violate every vestige of those inherent rights of American democracy—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The Nation may rest assured that the FBI will do its part and even though our force is small, with the support of the law abiding people I feel that we will be able to meet any emergency which might arise. However, to successfully meet these trying situations, there must be no wavering on the part of the law abiding American in supporting his representatives of law enforcement.

## PRES. CONANT TESTIMONIAL

The Peace Award voted to James Bryant Conant, President of Harvard University at our Mid-Year Conference, will be presented at a luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, on June 12th, 1940. The Committee, of which Max Slater of Boston is Chairman, has prepared a beautifully embossed parchment scroll. Prominent educators will be guests at the luncheon.

**The Forty-Fifth National Encampment of J. W. V. will be held in Boston August 28 to September 1st—Arrange to attend!**

## J. W. V. Commends F. B. I.

Since the laudable activities of the F.B.I. in suppressing crime, espionage, sabotage and other subversive activities have earned them the undying hatred of both the underworld and the Communists, Nazis, Fascists and other un-American elements in this country, and who through a campaign of villification have tried to undermine the effectiveness of this very important bureau, National Commander Burman called a meeting of the Policy Committee to discuss this problem on April 24th, 1940. As a result, the following resolution was passed and released to all posts and to the press:

### RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, crime, lawlessness and subversive forces threaten the peace and sanctity of the American home and our democratic form of government, and

WHEREAS, these forces of crime and subversion have been successfully met and suppressed by J. Edgar Hoover, Director and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and

WHEREAS, the F. B. I. has been attacked in a campaign of villification by criminals and the un-American forces they have sought to suppress, which campaign is designed to destroy all law enforcement in the United States,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, commend J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I. for its excellent public service in suppressing kidnapping, gangsterism and other domestic law violations, as well as espionage, sabotage and other anti-American activities,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our expression of confidence be transmitted to Attorney General Jackson and members of Congress to use their best efforts to protect the present status and the well-deserved good name of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

### READ YOUR “J.V.”

Dave Canter, Senior Vice of No. 10, called at the Editor's office and offered his apologies. Said Dave: “When I was recently in the hospital, for lack of something better, I picked up the “Jewish Veteran.” I had been in the habit of simply glancing through it. But I had lots of time and started to read it. I was astounded at its contents. I not only read every item, but asked for back copies and read every one of them through. Its great. Keep up the good work.”

This is not intended as a boost for the Editor. There must be many others like Dave, who only “glance through” the “Jewish Veteran.” We receive dozens of request monthly for information and speech material, which are readily available in the last two or three issues of the magazine, and which convinces us that YOU DON'T READ US. Why not try reading the “Jewish Veteran”? And don't fail to send in stories or activities of general interest. We also seek interesting photos.

# THE Jewish Veteran

"THE PATRIOTIC VOICE OF AMERICAN JEWRY"

J. GEORGE FREDMAN • Editor

VOLUME NINE

MAY, 1940

NUMBER NINE

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### IN MEMORIAM—TO OUR AMERICAN WAR DEAD

"To Honor their Memory and Shield from neglect the graves of our Heroic Dead," is one of the primary objects of J.W.V. With blood being spilt over the graves of our World War dead in Flanders May 30, 1940, takes on added significance. Let us on that day honor our American dead, dedicate ourselves anew to the principles and the spirit of America, and pray we may never again have another "Unknown Soldier."

As we go to press, Congress is hastily preparing legislation to appropriate an additional \$1,182,000,000, for preparedness, in accordance with President Roosevelt's request. It is the opportunity to demonstrate that in an hour of crisis democracy can act as decisively as a dictatorship. We are positive that Congress will "come through." It may not be too late to avoid the heavy cost of unpreparedness similar to 1917. Now that our country is convinced that Hitler intends to follow through his program of world domination, as outlined in "Mein Kampf," the orders from now on must be "Full Speed Ahead."

Our military defense is already well on its way. Not so our defense against our "enemies within," now generally called the "Fifth Column," but more appropriately "rats," "termites" and just plain "traitors." These traitors have turned out to be that most feared weapon that Hitler has been scaring the neutrals with. We recommend that Congress immediately appropriate a sufficient fund to put the F.B.I. on a proper "fighting" basis. We recommend legislation which will compel the immediate disbanding of the Bund, the Communists, the Christian Front, Silver Shirts and other un-American groups.

National Commander Burman has a good idea. He suggests an organization 2,000,000 strong, composed of veterans and sons of veterans, properly trained and directed by the U. S. Government, whose duty it will be to find the "traitors," parachutists and saboteurs. England had to form such a civilian organization "in extremity." Why should we wait until it may be too late?

## Features - May, 1940

	PAGE
OUR JOINT RESPONSIBILITY <i>By J. Edgar Hoover.....</i>	3
FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF J.W.V. ....	5
EXPERIENCES OF A JEWISH CHAPLAIN IN THE BRITISH ARMY <i>By Rabbi Dr. L. Rabinowitz, C.F.....</i>	6
MESSAGE OF THE NATIONAL COMMANDER <i>By Edgar H. Burman .....</i>	8
HATS OFF! THE FLAG IS PASSING BY . . .	9
FIFTH COLUMN IN THE UNITED STATES .....	10
FORTY-FIFTH NATIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICES .....	12
EDITORIALS .....	13
JEWISH NEWS AND VIEWS <i>By J. David Delman .....</i>	14
ON THE AMERICANISM FRONT....	15
BOSTON IS PREPARING FOR YOU .....	16
ONCE IN A LIFETIME— DANIEL MENDOZA .....	18

The American Red Cross is raising a War Relief Campaign Fund of \$10,000,000. Veterans are especially cognizant of the excellent work of this organization. J.W.V. posts, comrades and sisters are urged to aid all possible in putting this drive over.

We are happy to cooperate with our comrades of the V.F.W. in printing the splendid Memorial Day Ad which appears on the inside front cover.

The article in this issue by a Chaplain in the British army is convincing that Chaplains are important not only to promote religious peace among Jewish soldiers, but also to enlighten Gentile mis-understanding of Jews. Which reminds us that J.W.V. might be more active in having more Jewish Chaplains assigned to our military services and CCC camps.

The saying that "artisans should stick to their own lasts" is appropriate to Col. Charles Lindbergh. Col. Lindbergh is a great flier, but when he sorties into international politics he shows what a tyro he is. In his latest broadcast, he called the talk of imminent danger of defeat by France and Great Britain as "this hysterical chatter of calamity." He also said that the U.S.A. can live on terms of equal peace and happiness "regardless of which side wins this war" in Europe: It may of course be that Col. Lindbergh's statements are prejudiced by memory of the fine treatment the Nazis accorded him and the medal he accepted from Hitler.

Rumors still persist that Henry Ford is aiding financially individuals and groups promoting anti-Semitism. In a crisis such as the present, when National Unity is so vital, no American can afford to aid the growth of prejudice or bigotry within the American melting-pot. Many years ago, Mr. Ford apologized to American Jewry for his indiscretions in the Dearborn Independent. We'd like to see a frank and definite statement at the present time from Mr. Ford disavowing any connection with or aid to any un-American, anti-Semites.

In 1776 the Colonies were invaded by the British Red-Coats. At that time there sprang up the "Minute-Men", who heroically defended and protected their liberties. In 1940 the U.S.A. is threatened by invasion of Fifth-horsemen, and Parachuters. Why would not this be a good time to revive a modern version of the "Minute Men?"

The heroic battle of the little Dutch army was led by its Jewish C.I.C. General Henry Gerard Winkelman.—U.S. Rear Admiral Joseph K. Taussig who startled the nation by his recent statement that war between the U.S. and Japan is inevitable, is of Jewish ancestry but converted to Christianity.

The Jewish Veteran is published monthly by The Jewish Veteran Publishing Company, a corporation of the State of New Jersey, having its principal and publication office at 93 Hudson Street, Hoboken, N. J. Officers, J. G. Fredman, President; Louis Samuels, Treasurer; Abraham Kraditor, Secretary. Entered as second-class matter at the post office at Hoboken, N. J., under the Act of August 24, 1912. Subscription price in the United States, \$3.00 per year, payable in advance.