

The Jewish Veteran

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There's No Way Like The American Way!

Why?

BECAUSE:

I can go to any church I please—

I read, see and hear what I choose—

I can express my opinions openly—

My mail reaches me as it is sent . . .
uncensored—

My telephone is untapped—

I can join any political party I wish—

I can vote for what and whom I please—

I have a constitutional right to trial by
jury—

I am protected against unlawful search
and seizure—

Neither my life nor my property can be
forfeited without due process of law.



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THANK GOD FOR PEACE

HELP...

THE YOUNGSTER AROUND YOUR OWN CORNER



=====**FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS!**=====

Your help is more urgently needed now than ever before.

Last year twelve states were swept by infantile paralysis epidemics. 1940 will go down as the fifth worst year in history.

Mothers and Fathers, Help—with your dollars—the Youngster Around **Your** Corner. Help the fight to protect **your** home against this body-maiming ravager.

Half the entire net proceeds of the 1941 "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign will remain in the communities where raised—to be

used for local aid to infantile paralysis sufferers through local chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc.

The other half will be expended by the National Foundation in the national fight against the crippling disease—in research, epidemic control, after-effects treatment and education.

Help this fight to safeguard the children of America—**your own** children. Send in a contribution that will come from your heart as well as your pocketbook. Aid the work in your own community. Join the March of Dimes.

COMMITTEE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY

Your local chairman will welcome your cooperation.
If you do not know the address of your local chairman,
you may send your contribution to—

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
50 East 42nd Street Keith Morgan, Chairman New York City

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America Begins A New Year



The new year dawns on America in one of the most critical periods of this Nation's history since the day when Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown and assured victory for the Revolutionary patriots. This Nation has grown considerably in material goods, in territory, and in economic strength, but it has gone backward in the unity of thought and purpose among the men and women who really make the Republic.

Just as the 12 struggling colonies learned that "united we live, divided we die," the various factions and the rival schools of thought in America today are learning the necessity of forgetting their minor differences in the one great need of preserving the form of democratic government that has made possible the growth and development of the last century and a half.

In this country are various committees for this purpose and for that. We have peace committees and antiwar committees and committees on un-Americanism, which certainly has become one of the serious dangers to the future integrity of this Republic. But more important than all should be an all-inclusive committee of Americanism, a committee that stands for, not against, all the things that have made the United States great.

The fondest dreams of the founding fathers, who labored long and well to forge the Constitution out of the differences of the various colonial delegations, could not encompass the vast wealth and the resources this Nation now possesses. They thought of material comfort, it is true, but they labored longer on those provisions of government that would insure personal liberty, the integrity of individual rights, and the greatest possible scope for individual development without interference with the rights of others.

The history of the country is rich in traditions of men who held country above self, who so loved the principles of justice and liberty that no personal sacrifice was too great to further the cause in which they had enlisted. Patrick Henry declared, "Give me liberty or give me death," and in that there were thousands of others who concurred by deed as well as thought. This country was strong then, not because of a two-ocean navy or a large army or other military resources, but because there was courage in the hearts and conviction in the minds of men who remembered all too clearly the days when a monarch 3,000 miles across the ocean had regulated their lives and their destinies without regard to their own personal wishes or welfare.

America needs ships and airplanes and guns and

all the other paraphernalia of war but far more than these material resources America needs today, as it did at Bunker Hill and Valley Forge and Yorktown and Gettysburg and San Juan Hill and the Argonne and Belleau Wood, men of stout heart who believe there is something in life more precious than their daily comfort. America needs men who appreciate the obligation they owe to their forefathers and are ready to preserve and hand down to their sons and daughters, untarnished, the emblem of American liberty and justice.

This country was richly blessed in natural resources. At the arrival of the earliest colonists the means of obtaining a livelihood were simple. Since then our economic life has expanded and developed into the complex industrial structure of today. We have become so accustomed to contemplate the material blessings of this Nation that we often overlook what is far more important to our welfare and our development—the blessings of a sound system of democratic government based on the principle that all men are created free and equal and that, within the rules of fair conduct, any man is limited only by his own capabilities.

As this new year starts let us all rededicate ourselves to the principles of George Washington, of Benjamin Franklin, of Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, and all the true Americans who have helped make this country great. Let us remember how this Republic was born, how the patriots of yesterday fought hard and bloody struggles for existence, and through self-conquest, self-control, and self-rule developed the greatest land in the history of the world—a noble land with a mighty people springing from the masterful blood of history.

Let us have the unified feeling of one country, one flag, one patriotic spirit, and keep the light burning that made America what it is. Let us recognize our independence, our freedom, our liberty. Let us believe in our Constitution, the unity of government and of people, and the preservation of our constitutional form of government.

The sacrifices we may be called upon to make for our country are infinitesimal as compared with those our forefathers have made. The losses we will incur will be enormous if we fail in the trust they have handed down to us. The penalty for such failure will be paid, not alone by ourselves but by succeeding generations. The action that we in America take this coming year will be answerable in history, both to those who have gone and to those who will come. Let us acquit ourselves as true Americans.

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J.W.V. Begins a New Year

We congratulate the newly elected officers. May you all have successful administrations! Your success will depend on hard work and cooperation of all comrades. But J.W.V. has been tried in the crucible of discipline and sacrifice. All differences should be cast aside in the interest of unity. 1941 may prove the most critical in our nation's history. She will need cool heads and patriotic hearts. Peace and Democracy are in the balance. We urge you to serve and sacrifice—the extent thereof will be the measure of J.W.V.'s and your success.

Membership

What are the best Membership months? January, February and March. Every post is urged to draw a graph of its membership for the past five years. You may find some interesting curves. If your post shows a drop in membership during this span, there is something wrong with your post. The most active posts will find the largest increase in membership. How many members have dropped by the wayside during these five years? Have you tried to get them back? Every post should have an annual Membership Drive, and this is the time to have it. You may be surprised to find that many eligibles who would not join in the past, will do so now. Also, a new face and a new argument may straighten out some misunderstanding or kind which has kept eligibles out of J.W.V. And if an organization needed membership, every veteran group needs them NOW!

Aid to Defenders Above Partisanship

All Veteran organizations, and at least 80% of the American public are pledged to give all aid possible to Great Britain, Greece and China. Wendell Willkie and Alfred Smith, who opposed President Roosevelt in the recent election have endorsed such aid and brought the issue above partisan consideration. As National Commander Harris well says in his message, such aid is the best guarantee of our continued peace, (1) that Britain is our first line of defense and (2) if Britain is defeated, we will face immediate danger of axis pressure or attack.

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Beware the Appeasers!

Remember what they did to Belgium, Holland and France! Appeasement is the front line of Nazi strategy. The "appeasers" are now with us—they would do business with the Nazis, have us approve a negotiated peace, prevent aid to Britain, and cut down and slow up our own defense preparations. The Nazis and Communists here are their allies. Being Americans, their propaganda is more harmful than that of the Communazis. They preach the defeatist attitude toward all Democracy. Let us rather heed the words of Pres. Roosevelt in his Inaugural Address:

"No, Democracy is not dying . . . we know it cannot die . . . if we let it be smothered with doubt and fear—then we shall reject the destiny which Washington strove so valiantly and triumphantly to establish . . . We do not retreat. As Americans, we go forward in the service of our country, by the will of God."

Every Patriotic Citizen Must—

Write to his U.S. Senator and Representative urging them to support H.R. 1776 IMMEDIATELY. This bill sets forth the studied ideas of President Roosevelt, Secretaries Hull, Stimson and Knox, and Defense Commissioner Knudsen, who are in better position to know international and domestic conditions than the average citizen. It may be that 1776 should be defined as to duration and some minor details altered. But extended debate and delay should not defeat its purpose. When a house is burning, is no time to debate from which well the water should be taken. The communists and nazis have already protested the bill. So have the "appeasers" and many mushroom organizations which have recently sprung up. It is your duty as one of the 80% of Americans in favor of all and immediate Aid to Britain not only to write to your Senator and Congressman yourself, but to appoint yourself a committee of one and see how many other patriotic Americans you can prevail upon to do likewise. Do It Today! Tomorrow may be too late!

Do You Read Your Magazine?

National Headquarters receives hundreds of inquiries monthly requesting information on our program of National Defense, Americanism, etc. Hqrs. welcomes these inquiries and appreciates your interest, but in 99 out of every 100 cases, you could get the information desired by reading the "Jewish Veteran." The pages of each issue are chock full of information about our program, and suggestions and ideas for celebrations, holiday observances, material for speeches, etc. To keep you posted on all matters of interest is the object of this periodical, and we suggest that you save old copies, and refer to them for information and guidance.

Plug Up the Holes

Japanese boats bring in as many as 400 sacks of Nazi propaganda mail. It costs Hitler very little to print postage stamps. But the U. S. Post Office distributes this poison, at reduced rates. We're helping to finance attacks against our country. The least U.S.A. can do is to increase postage rates for such matter.

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This Is The American Way!

Basically, Americans are kind, charitable, and just. It is a very small minority, who have hate, intolerance and injustice in their hearts. Examples of inter-faith love are daily occurrences—one such occurred recently in Jersey City.

James Frank, a young man of Jewish faith, recently suffered the loss of both legs. He had one brother whose financial condition no longer permitted the care and attention which this cripple required. Frank was raised in a poor section of Jersey City, of which the population is a mixture of many races, most of them of Catholic faith. Frank went to school with these boys, played and fought with them, and grew into manhood. Frank at times went to their church, and his friends in turn were familiar with the interior and services at his synagogue.

When Frank lost his legs, these friends not only felt sorry for him, but felt they must help out a buddy. But how? They decided to run an affair. But there were very few sizeable halls in that neighborhood. With much fear and anxiety, they approached Father John P. Weigand (of German descent), pastor of St. Boniface's Roman Catholic Church. Without hesitation, he offered them the large Parish Hall, and offered them his full cooperation.

We skip many intervening chapters. The affair was held. It was crowded and all the "neighbors" were there. Even the kids helped sell tickets. It was a huge success. Enough money was realized (and put into a bank) to shelter, feed and clothe Frank for several years, and to buy him a pair of artificial legs as soon as he will be able to use them. For that neighborhood (and many other similar neighborhoods in cities throughout the country), this was not an unusual event and might have been forgotten, except—

A newspaper man heard of the event, and immediately saw a story in it. The National Conference of Christians and Jews heard of it, and decided to award "Friend in Need" medals to Father Weigand and to Mr. and Mrs. Edward McEvoy, who headed the arrangements committee. The scene was dramatically reenacted over a coast-to-coast hook-up of a national broadcasting system.

But the "neighbors" felt they should share in the honor to their Pastor and their friends the McEvoy's. An "Old Neighborhood" night was scheduled for January 9, 1941.

That party held in the St. Boniface Parish Hall, will long be remembered by those who had the fortune to be present. Seated in the front row was legless James Frank. On the stage were Father Weigand, Mr. and Mrs. McEvoy, a representative of the Mayor, representatives of the Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Society. The Elks and the Jewish War

Veterans. Five hundred neighbors, of every race, faith and creed filled every foot of the large hall. They were ordinary laborers, white collar workers, small merchants and a very few professionals. They were the average run of such a neighborhood, but under their poor garments was a heart full of gold, and a fist full of charity. They were proud of their share in their help to a fellow human being, and they were happy to pay tribute to their pastor and their neighbors. One felt there the true pulse of that great melting pot we love to call America.

Short addresses were made by Andrew Franz, Pres. of St. Boniface Holy Name Society, Patrick Fitzgerald, representing the City of Jersey City, J. George Fredman, Past National Commander, J. W. V., and Father Weigand. A basket of flowers was presented on behalf of J. W. V. by Louis A. Falk, P.C., to Mrs. McEvoy and Mrs. Weigand, mother of Father Weigand. Also present on behalf of JWV were Past Commanders David Granoff and Ben Gross, and Commander David Canter (who by the way served with the Fighting Irish 69th. Martin Clifford was master of ceremonies.

A dance and refreshments followed.

But this is not the end of our American scene. February 22nd-28th, 1941, has been declared by the National Council of Christians and Jews as "Brotherhood Week." The theme for this year's celebrations is "National Unity." And the Conference is recommending that one of the means by which this theme can be carried out is through "Neighborhood

Parties", such as was recently held in Jersey City.

From little acorns large oak trees grow! The spirit of liberty, love and charity is still strong in the U.S.A.

Passaic Priest Saved Torahs

Another similar incident occurred recently in Passaic, when Father William V. Dunne, of Passaic, N. J., risked his life to save a Sefer Torah from a burning synagogue. Such incidents are powerful object lessons for those who seek to promote religious strife and hatred. They point the way toward the friendly and harmonious relations which must exist among all religions if civilization is to continue.

Help Us Send The "Jewish Veteran" To All Posts

Two months back, we invited contributions, so that we could put every army, navy, marine and air post and camp on the "Jewish Veteran" mailing list. We regret to report that to-date we have received ONLY the following contributions:

C & M Gordon-Wash. Heights No. 7	\$5.00
Kingsbridge Post No. 101	\$10.00
Knickerbocker Post No. 111	\$1.00
Rockaway Beach Post No. 57	\$1.00
Free Sons of Israel Post No. 221	\$5.00
David Blick Post No. 63	\$3.00
Louis Brandies Post No. 195	\$2.00
Bronx Post No. 64	\$1.00
Ladies Aux. Dept. of Mass.	\$3.00

One dollar will send a yearly subscription of the "Jewish Veteran." Why not send yours in immediately?



In the photo are Com. David Canter; P.C. David Granoff; P.Cs. Louis Falk and Ben Gross and P.N.C. J. Geo. Fredman, together with Father Weigand, Mr. and Mrs. McEvoy, and members of K. of C., C.W.V., Holy Name, Elks and other groups at Jersey City's "Neighborhood Party."