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310 More Pianos for Army Through J. W. V. Aid

Lt. Col. Bernard L. Gorfinkle, Judge Advocate of the Dept. of Massachusetts, J.W.V., recently made a routine visit to Fort Devens and Camp Edwards, and found that on many evenings the boys were just twiddling their thumbs. He found there were plenty of piano players, a host of "barber-shop" quartets and other good old-fashioned singing groups. But he found a dearth of pianos, because there is no government appropriation for company and recreation hall instruments.

Col. Gorfinkle who served in seven major battles in World War I, and was wounded at Verdun, besides being decorated by the King of Belgium and by the French cities of Le Havre and Verdun, did not permit a

little matter of appropriations to stop him. He applied to the superior officers of the First Corps Area and received authorization to "go out and get the pianos."

On February 26, 1941, there appeared in the Boston Post an appeal for 60 pianos, so that the "boys" could while away their leisure hours. The appeal stated "Please find us the pianos and we'll call for them with Army trucks."

The next morning the "piano blitzkrieg" started, which developed into the greatest single piano moving project in New England's history. Offers were received by phone, by mail and in person. By noon the next day the original order of 60 had been filled, but offers of pianos continued to

pour in. Many of the pianos were in tip-top condition, others were a little houseworn. Some were offered by persons of wealth, while others came from poorer homes. One came from a woman with tears in her voice, who told of a hopelessly crippled daughter who could no longer play the piano, and wanted the soldiers to have the enjoyment of it.

The names of the piano givers were turned over to Col. Gorfinkle, who immediately ordered the trucks to take them. Some of the pianos were on top floors and hard to get out, and others were not in tip-top shape. However, the soldiers were ready to learn piano moving as a side-trade, and others were ready to tune the pianos and make whatever minor repairs that were necessary.

Some of the piano givers offered phonographs and records. One householder insisted upon throwing in a set of boxing gloves, which were naturally snapped up by the recreation officers. Some of the piano givers were World War veterans, others had sons in the new army, and still others had sons who might shortly be called for service. On the whole it was a splendid example of the patriotic cooperation of the citizens of Massachusetts.

The pianos are being divided about as evenly as possible among the units now in training in the Boston area, as follows: Camp Edwards 90, Camp Devens 80, Harbor Defenses 12, Navy Yard 2. Others are being sent to Portland Camps and other harbor forts. Since the piano appeal has been so successful, Col. Gorfinkle has asked for contributions of 20 phonographs and 6 billiard tables, and he is sure this appeal will receive equally generous response.

Since music is regarded by Army recreation officers as a vital need, we congratulate Col. Gorfinkle on his generous contribution.



Soldiers start enjoying pianos enroute to camp

Nazi Attack Willkie For Accepting J.W.V. Award

The Nazi press and radio opened a violent campaign against Wendell L. Willkie for his acceptance of our annual "J.W.V. Award" for outstanding leadership in Americanism and Democracy. Declaring that Mr. Willkie received "A Jewish distinctive medal from ex-service men in the United States", the Nazi radio reported that "Willkie's Jewish medal proves once again that the democracy of the Anglo-Saxon world is identical with the aims of World Jewry." The Nazi spokesman cited Mr. Willkie's support of the all-aid to Britain program as evidence that he is "an errand boy for world Jewry."

Meantime, plans are being furthered by National Headquarters for the presentation of Award to Mr. Willkie. The presentation will probably take place at a luncheon in New York City, on Flag Day. However, details will be published in a later issue of the "Jewish Veteran."

J. W. V. To Join In Army Day Parades

The twenty-fourth anniversary of the nation's entry into the World War will be marked by parades in many cities on April 5th. Parades this year should be larger and more interesting than ever before, for besides the veterans of previous wars, there will also march all branches of the Army, Navy and Marines, "soldiers of industry" who produce the guns, tanks and planes, and also trainees.

A Well-Balanced National Defense will be the keynote of Army Day celebrations. Ours is an Army of Peace, and our Army represents the last refuge of Democracy. Army Day celebrations will also be a call to Patriotism and Unity.

As in previous years, the parades will be under the sponsorship of the Military Order of the World War. Twenty posts in Brooklyn have already promised to

Invite Soldiers and Sailors Over Passover

Orders granting furloughs during the Passover holidays for Jewish men in the Army, Navy, Marine and Civilian Conservation Corps have been issued by the War, Navy and Treasury Departments.

J.W.V. Comrades and sisters are urged to invite enlisted men to spend the Passover Holidays. Many of them are located hundreds of miles from their homes, and will be unable to reach their homes in time. Arrangements can also be made in other Jewish homes. Some posts located near forts are arranging for communal Sedars.

march in the New York City parade. Other J.W.V. posts are urged to participate in parades and other patriotic observances in their local communities, on April 5th, 6th or 7th.

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Purim 1941

Purim this year fell on March 13th, the day after the Lease-Lend bill became a law. Perhaps the two events have an augury for Jewry. The Book of Esther tells the Biblical story of Purim with its message of eternal hope and deliverance. As in the days of King Ahasuerus, Jews today are being driven from one country to another to escape baseless persecution. Let's hope their deliverance from the modern Haman's will be as sure and that it will come real soon.

Unity for Labor and Industry

*"For the want of a nail the shoe was lost,
For the want of a shoe the horse was lost,
For the want of a horse the rider was lost,
For the want of a rider the battle was lost,
For the want of a battle the kingdom was lost—
And all for the want of a horseshoe nail."*

The lesson of the poem is obvious. A stoppage of work at some trivial plant may throw the entire defense program out of line. The public is losing patience listening to arguments between labor and industry as to whose the fault. The "grab-it-while-the-grabbing-is-good" attitude of either labor or industry will not be tolerated. Too much is at stake. Especially since 1-½ million youths in service are sacrificing so much more. Labor and Industry MUST get together, and SOON!

Piano Blitz-krieg

The article in this issue about Col. Gorfinkle's procurement of 310 pianos, plus phonographs and billiard tables should interest every J.W.V. post. Every military station requires musical instruments and recreational facilities and J.W.V. is pledged to do what we can to procure them. Col. Gorfinkle shows one way. Practically every warehouse has several pianos, which they would be pleased to donate to the army. Thousands of patriotic Americans would also be glad to give old phonographs, radios, and athletic equipment, which the boys in camps need badly. It requires but an effort to go out and "get them." We hope to be flooded shortly with reports that you have followed these suggestions.

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Subversion in Our Schools

Our schools are the fountains of democracy. Nothing must be permitted to pollute the minds of our school-children. Yet in this issue are recorded instances such as in Philadelphia where Bessie Burchett, a teacher for 32 years, made treasonable utterances against our President, was active in subversive organizations and taught racial and religious intolerance in her class-rooms. There is also the case of the Communist Teacher Schappes of City College, New York, one of whose objects was to pervert our history and convert our patriots into Marxists. There was another case of a teacher in Pennsylvania who would not lead his pupils in the salute of our Flag.

It is fortunate that such instances are rare, but rare as they are, they must be unearthed and exposed. We should not start a witch-hunt, but veteran organizations might well make a local survey of their school systems and any un-Americanism should be stamped out immediately. Our schools must be kept wholesome, truthful and patriotic.

Convoying of Ships

The recent resolution of the American Legion and the policy of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies is to get our material aid to the allies, even if convoying of ships with American naval vessels is needed. The theory of course is, "what is the use of manufacturing the goods and sending them, if they will never reach their destination." This subject is bound to evoke the next nation-wide debate.

Are You Gathering Records?

"To gather and preserve the records of patriotic service performed by the men of our faith" is one of the fundamental objects for which J.W.V. was organized. In days long past, and at times even today, the libel was hurled that "Jews are not patriotic." Since facts are the best answer to falsehoods, J.W.V. has always found it essential to collect statistics of Jewish service in our military forces.

This same charge was made only recently in Canada, and we can expect anti-Semites to dig it up and use it again in this country. It becomes important for every J.W.V. unit—post, auxiliary, Sons and Daughters and A.J.Y.—to make the gathering of such statistics an integral part of its activities, during the present emergency.

There are several ways of doing this. The local newspapers publish lists of local selectees, and some in your post or auxiliary should know those of Jewish faith. Help might be had from local draft board lists. These lists can then be checked against lists at your local reception camps. The Chaplain of the camp will know many if not most of the Jewish soldiers and sailors. You can also check with your local Jewish Welfare Board. Unless you start NOW, the job may become too difficult. If your Post Inspector is unable to handle it appoint a "Statistical Officer" or "Records Committee," and make sure they are active. We hope we may never be compelled to use such data except for historical purposes, but in case we do, it is well to have them available.

A report of names and addresses, listed alphabetically, should be sent monthly to National Headquarters, where a master file will be kept.

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