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LET'S GO! U. S. A. KEEP 'EM ROLLING! KEEP 'EM FLYING!

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Jewish Friends of Those Who Framed the Bill of Rights

By BERNARD POSTAL

In May, 1787, when 55 immortal Americans met in historic Independence Hall, Philadelphia, to draft the Constitution of the United States, there were not more than 3,000 Jews in this country. Four years later, when the first ten amendments to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, were fastened to the framework of the Constitution, there hardly were many more Jews in the United States.

Although many had distinguished themselves during the Revolutionary War, no Jew had a part in the framing of the Constitution. Nor were there any Jews in Congress 150 years ago when the Bill of Rights was adopted. But among the statesmen who fashioned the Constitution and later played decisive roles in adding to it the Bill of Rights were many who had been on intimate business, social and military terms with some of the foremost Jews of that day. Probably the best measure of the role played by American Jews in the early days of the nation is the regard of their close relations with the men who wrote the Constitution and succeeded in broadening it through the Bill of Rights, the 150th anniversary of whose ratification we celebrate this year.

George Washington

Had the Constitutional Convention been open to the public more than one eminent Jew would have had no difficulty in mingling on terms of equality with many of the best-known delegates. George Washington, who presided over the sessions, was of course no stranger to the Jews, during the Revolution he had on his personal staff Manuel Mordecai Noah of South Carolina and Major Benjamin Nones, a surgeon's mate, who shared the hardships at Valley Forge; Isaac Hart, at whose home Washington stayed in Germantown; Moses Isaacs of Rhode Island, who was also host to the first President, and David Salisbury Franks, whom Washington cleared of the suspicion of being involved in Benedict Arnold's treason.

Benjamin Franklin

Benjamin Franklin, dean of the Constitutional Convention, numbered many Philadelphia Jews among his friends. Notwithstanding the recent attempt by Nazi propagandists to brand Franklin an anti-Semite and to attribute to him a mythical attempt to prevail upon the Constitution to exclude Jews from the United States, he was sufficiently friendly with them to be one of the contributors to a synagogue building fund.

Friends of Haym Salomon

Virtually all of the delegates knew of Haym Salomon, who had died two years before the Convention met. Six of them had long been dependent on his bounty for their own livelihood or for the maintenance of the particular function for which they were responsible. James Madison, the greatest mind at the Convention, found Salomon's aid a Godsend. Impoverished by the

failure of the Virginia legislature to pay its delegates to the Continental Congress, Madison sought out Salomon. Madison's papers record his indebtedness to the Jewish financier, who refused both interest and a note. On one occasion Madison wrote that "the kindness of our little friend in Front St. near the Coffee House is a fund that will prevent me from extremities, but I never resort to it without great mortification, as he obstinately rejects all recompense. The price of money is so usurious that he thinks it ought to be extorted from none but those that aim at a profitable speculation. To a necessitous delegate he gratuitously spares a supply out of his private stock."

Salomon's largesse was well known to others in the Constitutional Convention; Edmund Randolph, a Virginia colleague of Madison's, later Attorney-General and Secretary of State; James Wilson and Thomas Mifflin of Pennsylvania, and Robert Morris, "financier of the Revolution," all had good excuses to be thankful to the Jewish broker of Philadelphia. Like Madison, Wilson and Randolph, who played decisive roles at the Convention, were for some time regular recipients of substantial aid from Salomon, while Morris' desperate efforts to find the funds to pay for the Revolution would have come to naught without Salomon's generous assistance. Wilson, later governor of Pennsylvania, was also a close friend of Michael and Bernard Gratz, with whom he had been in partnership in land deals after the Revolution, and an associate of Aaron Lopez, who lost a fortune in privateering.

Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, was in France as United States Ambassador while the Constitution was being drafted; but he was the author of the celebrated Virginia Bill of Religious Rights, which was passed in 1786. Before he went abroad, Jefferson had been no stranger to the Jews of America. David Franks and Isaac Franks frequently cor-

responded with him, the former having served as his diplomatic courier. Jefferson also knew Haym Salomon, who is known to have helped Jefferson with occasional loans. Just when the debate over the Bill of Rights raged most fiercely, Jefferson returned from Europe to bring his influence to bear in favor of adding to the Constitution, through the first ten amendments, the fundamental rights which the original Constitution had omitted.

Apart from the Virginia delegates, the most distinguished Southern leader at the Convention was Charles Pinckney of South Carolina. Pinckney, the man who was alleged to have taken down the notes of Franklin's mythical anti-Semitic utterances at the Convention, was the dearest friend of Francis Salvador, South Carolina Jewish patriot. Pinckney and Salvador served together in the South Carolina legislature. They also fought side by side in many battles of the first year of the Revolution, and it was at Pinckney's side that Salvador died. Salvador had also been a comrade in arms of Hugh Williamson of North Carolina, the latter owing his life to an heroic 28-mile ride by Salvador, who raced to warn him that the British fleet was nearing Charleston. Salvador also shared with Williamson command during an expedition against the Indians. John Rutledge, another delegate from South Carolina, thought so well of Salvador that he appointed him to the commission to prepare the provincial Congress of 1775.

Mordecai Sheftall, one of the most celebrated of Georgia patriots, was a close friend of William Few and Abraham Baldwin, delegates from Georgia. He had served with both in the Revolution.

In short, there were 13 of the 59 delegates to the Constitutional Convention who had enjoyed personal relations with Jewish soldiers, merchants, bankers and legislators in the years preceding the Convention.

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M Day Is Here!

For nine years J.W.V. expected it. During that time we had been fighting against and trying to arouse the American people to the menace of Fascism. It arrived on December 7th. Up to Dec. 7th, most of our action was defensive. We lost the defensive. That means we must scrap our former program of talk, literature, laws. We must work out a new program to meet the attack. From now on our strategy must be offensive. It must be one of Action. We must enlarge our organization, study the new situation, train our leaders, and discipline our membership. We must fight the treacherous military enemies from without, and at the same time we must watch for "fifth columnists" within. So that our ultimate victory shall be real, during this struggle we must preserve all civil rights and guard against intolerance gaining a foothold. We DARE NOT lose this battle. If we do, we are Lost.

The task is tremendous. The sacrifice for each of us will be large. Americans of courage do not fear risks or odds. Our National Commander is ready to lead and YOU will be expected to follow and do your share. Let's GO!

Remember Pearl Harbor!

Wherever that cry is heard during the present war, Americans will be inspired and rally to avenge the treacherous attack of the Japs.

But Pearl Harbor was only the last of a series of similar treacherous acts of the Huns and their stooges.

We should remember Manchuria, China, Ethiopia, Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, Norway and Denmark, France, Albania, the Balkans and Russia.

If we want to get real mad, let us remember the bombing of Warsaw, Chungking, London, Coventry, Leningrad and Manila.

We could get burnt up also by remembering the persecution of millions of Jews, the erasing of labor leaders, clergymen and liberals, the burning of books, the loaded concentration camps.

Yes, these murderous enemies have given us much to remember them by.

Our country! In her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong.

—STEPHEN DECATUR.

Four Minute Men

Most of us remember the "four minute men" of World War I. They were the men who spoke in theatres, before all kinds of organizations and audiences, on street corners. They sold billions of dollars worth of Liberty Bonds, and they aroused the patriotism of Americans.

The "Minute Men" are needed again. This time the war is on our territory and may soon be on our shores. The American fighting spirit must be aroused, morale must be boosted and bond and stamps must be sold to supply the guns and planes and ships. Let every J. W. V. post immediately form a "Minute Men Squad." Their job should be to contact every Jewish organization and institution in their respective city and ask permission to address them. No one will refuse such a request at this time. Every one must be urged to enlist in some defense project and buy defense bonds. Natl. Hqrs. is supplying a number of four minute speeches and will be happy to supply them on request. This should be a "MUST" on your post agenda, and you should do it NOW.

Display the American Flag Daily

During the war it is proper to display the American Flag daily from sunrise to sunset, on all public buildings, homes and businesses. It should be a reminder that we are at war and that Old Glory is the symbol of our Freedom. It should also fly everywhere as visible evidence of the determination of our people to remain steadfast in their resolve that this nation under God will stamp out the treacherous forces of tyranny and aggression which are attempting to enslave the world.

Fly the Flag. Our Flag Will Always Wave.

STUDY CAREFULLY
JWV's PROGRAM ON PAGES 6 and 7
AND YOUR PART
ON PAGES 10 and 11

Axis Psychological Blunder

The greatest blunder the Axis-Japs have made—they never could UNDERSTAND Americans. They always considered us money-hungry, fun-loving, politically corrupt, and internationally stupid. They never looked below the surface, and saw the intense patriotism which placidly burned as a result of Valley Forge and Gettysburg, and 150 years of actual living as free human beings. They thought a few years of propaganda by foreign-accented Bundsmen and Black Shirts, with their pamphleteering native stooges had broken down that which is irremovably imbedded in the hearts of every American—real patriotism. They did not understand that easy-going Americans were the greatest gentlemen and sportsmen in the world. Some of them, you know, don't treat their women and children as equal human beings. They didn't realize that no true blooded American would stand idly by and let a big man beat up a smaller one, and certainly not permit one to stab another in the back without rushing to help. They could never understand the spirit and fair-play and sportsmanship of an American crowd watching and cheering at a college foot-ball game or a baseball world's series.

But they will get to know and understand these underlying American characteristics NOW. Deceit and treachery have been played upon us. We HATE both. Origin, color, religion, class, social standing—all have been merged into one UNITED AMERICAN, fighting to protect his beloved country, his home, his life and his property. Every man, with his wife and children will be at their posts. The gangsters have aroused America as she has never been aroused before in her history. Profit and pleasure and self have been shoved aside for the duration. Fight is the order of the day. When the beasts of Berlin, Rome and Tokyo come up against the American who is a combination of the eagle and wildcat as a fighter, then they will realize what a psychological blunder they've made.

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