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# THIS IS A TOTAL WAR

## A War to Establish Our Free Way of Life

By HON. THOMAS E. DEWEY

It is a never-ending fight—this battle against malicious libel. There is the ever-recurrent lie tending to minimize the part our Jewish citizens take when the country is at war. It is an old one. The facts always beat it down in the end.

Only three percent of our population is Jewish. But the records of the last war show that more than four percent of the United States Army was Jewish, as were five percent of the men killed in combat. That settled the lie for the last war.

Now we have it all over again. It will be answered in the same way. We have one answer already in the first Army list of 75 men for the Distinguished Flying Cross. There was a cross section of America. There were Smith and Jones and O'Donnell and Giardina. There were Labreche, Oliver, Spanziano and Dobberpfiehl. There was Colin Kelly's bombardier, Corp. Meyer Levin, son of Sam and Leah Levin, of Brooklyn. And of this list of heroes, not three percent but eight percent were the Levins, the Friedmans and the Brandiseses.

Yes, we are all in this war together, every one of us. We are facing the most destructive war in history waged by the ablest military machines ever put together. I think we all know how desperate the struggle is. We know that only Hawaii stands between us and the Japanese. We know that only the embattled Island of Great Britain stands between us and the atavistic hordes of Nazi Germany.

No one of us fails to realize the ominous meaning of the Spring which is just a few days away. We know that the duration and course of the war will be decided in these next three months. The decision may be forged in part in the Near East, in Russia, in India, or perhaps at Hawaii, or in the battle of the Atlantic. The decision will be forged in part by the speed with which the workers of America turn out the instruments of war. With these things the majority of us are privileged to have little direct part. But one of the principal parts in the decision of the battle of the Spring of 1942 will be played by the great mass of the American people.

If we are a shirking, whining and disunited people, that battle will be decided against us. But just as surely as we are a united, brave, completely self sacrificing people, victory in the final battle will surely be ours.

We are perfectly aware that New York, Detroit or San Francisco might be bombed tomorrow morning. We are equally aware that if our ships and troops are brought home to defend us at home against token raids, we may lose the major battle.

I say that no one speaks for the American people who asks that the armed forces be brought home. We know we are in a total

(NOTE:—The accompanying speech was delivered before a B'nai B'rith rally in New York City on March 5th, and broadcast. The writer is former District Attorney and a Republican candidate for President of the U. S. in 1940. It expresses the views of thousands of Americans and is worthy of careful reading and application.—EDITOR)

war. We know that every one of us is a soldier and that war can come to any of us at any time. If the air raids come we are not going to whine. We are not going to ask for a destroyer in every bathtub. We are not going to ask for a regiment on every street corner. We want our armed forces where they can hit the hardest. We can take it here at home. We want our men on the battlefronts to know that we can take it so they can dish it out.

A hysterical people cause hysterical decisions to be made by their leaders. A calm, determined people make possible wise and sober strategic decisions.

Most of the American people have yet no specific part in the war effort. But until that day comes, and it is coming soon, I hope, we have an enormous task to perform. Our people must face the dangers at home with the same courage we see in our own fighting forces. Our people must ask no offensive just for the sake of an offensive. We ask no sacrificial expeditions which are not a part of the major strategic plan. We ask no action to still clamor at home. We ask only that those in positions of responsibility do everything they can with everything the American people can produce.

The home front is as important to win-

ning total war as the armed forces themselves. If the great majority not in war industries permit themselves to be discouraged and blue; if they spend their time listening to every bit of stray gossip, if they go soft on their jobs, the nation itself will go soft.

But if every man and woman does his job, whatever it is, to the limit of his capacity, we will have a strong and powerful nation. Only a total efficiency in this country can win the war. Every person on the home front must do his part for total national efficiency.

There is another job for those at home. We must learn to know and root out our home-grown enemies. There will be some who call for peace when the reverses pile up. It happened in the Civil War. It will happen again. There will be some who call for peace, not out of fear, but from design.

The technique of the fifth column is carried out by native traitors. They may not even work as foreign agents. They work for love of a foreign system or hatred of their own free system.

The newspapers of this country and particularly of this city have done a remarkable job in turning up such persons. The people owe an everlasting debt to the press for its vigilance. Only recently we learned from the press of one American fascist who had a position of importance which gave him access to secret naval plans. Another was on his way to an army commission. Members of the Nazi Bund have been found and exposed working in crucial defense plants. These men were enemies of the American system before we got into this war. How

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### GUESTS AT J.W.V. MID-YEAR CONFERENCE



General T. Dowling (96) National Commander of United Confederate Veterans, Natl. Com. Ben Kaufman and Moina Michael, Originator of Veterans Poppy.

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THINK AND ACT IN THE OFFENSIVE!  
OFFENSE not DEFENSE will win this War!**

## Be vice Members

At its meeting in Atlanta, Feb. 22nd, the Natl. Ex. Committee provided for an amendment to our Constitution and By-Laws, permitting what is known as "Service Members." From the full resolution which is on page 11 of the February "Jewish Veteran," you will note that men and women now serving in the military or naval forces of the U. S. are eligible to all the privileges of "Service Membership" in J.W.V., and subject to become Active Members upon procuring an Honorable Discharge. This resolution now requires the approval of a majority of the posts to become an Amendment. (See Art. XIII, Par. 2, page 67 of Constitution and By-Laws).

The desirability of this amendment is unquestioned, and posts are urged to immediately include in their next post notice a statement that this question will be considered. After a vote has been taken, result should immediately be sent to Natl. Hqrs. "The soldier of today, is the veteran of tomorrow." Furthermore, this resolution permits posts to take men in service into their bosoms and do their duty as "Big Brothers."

## Seders for Soldiers

Every J.W.V. post has a task to perform on Passover. It is not yet known if the soldiers will get furloughs over this Holiday. If not, and the Jewish Welfare Board is not conducting services at the Camp, J.W.V. should arrange for such Seders. Since most camps permit soldiers out evenings, posts located near camps should make provision NOW so that every soldier may be accommodated either at some home Seder, or at a Community Seder.

Peace-time Passover service should also be continued for those in your community who are poor. Matzohs and other necessities should be provided. And don't forget the Jewish boys in Veteran Hospitals.

Photos or stories of interesting Seders should be mailed to "The Jewish Veteran," after publication in your local papers.

**KEEP 'EM ROLLING  
KEEP 'EM FLYING  
KEEP DEMOCRACY FROM DYING**

**IT'S EITHER  
U.S. DEFENSE BONDS OR NAZI SLAVERY.  
WHICH SHALL IT BE?**

## Paste This In Your Scrap-Book

"Allow me to make this final observation: Until the one-man nations of the world can produce greater military leaders and strategists than Joshua; until they can point within the circle of their own to men who have stood closer to God than Moses; until some Aryan is wiser than Solomon or a sweeter singer of lyrics than David; until they can produce a greater moral philosopher than Jesus of Nazareth—*let them beware of asserting* that no good can come out of Palestine, that there is no heroism or genius among the fellow citizens of Isaiah, no heritage of character left to the descendants of the Maccabees."

HON. WM. B. BANKHEAD  
*The late Speaker of the House*

## Opportunity For Service

Many veteran posts are groping to find their proper place in the National Defense set-up. They are all enlisted in civilian defense, all selling Defense Bonds and aiding in raising funds for pursuit planes, ambulances, corvettes, etc. They desire something of a more permanent nature. Your consideration is directed to the "Big Brother" program of St. Louis Post, the "Soldiers Welfare Committee" of Jamaica Post, and the "Adopt a Yank" project of Detroit posts. The officers of these posts are each enthusiastic as to the efficacy of their programs. All indicate that the best results and greatest satisfaction comes through doing something for the soldiers and sailors now in service. They expect the good-will created now will carry over after this war is over. The National organization recently passed a resolution which should aid all posts in such a program—we refer to the creation of a new class of membership "SERVICE MEMBERS," through which all men in service become eligible to visit and enjoy the privileges of J.W.V. All posts should immediately adopt this resolution and inform Natl. Hqrs. of its approval. Remember the serviceman of today is the veteran of tomorrow!

**FOR AMERICA—GIVE TO THE RED CROSS!**

## Fly Old Glory

We've been at war more than 3 months, yet one rarely sees the U. S. flag. There is no better promoter of patriotism, nor symbol of loyalty than the Stars and Stripes. Every Post should appoint a committee to visit every public building, every bank, every department store, to display the flag not only on their outdoor poles, but in their principal public rooms. This should be a MUST on every post's program.

## Do You Read the "J.V."?

That's rather an odd question for the Editor to ask. We don't expect every subscriber to read it through, but we do expect National, Department and Post Officers to be familiar with its contents. We try to make it the Voice of Patriotic Jewry and include in it items of general public and Jewish interest. It is also the internal organ of our organization. As such it contains matters of J.W.V. policy, our program, important resolutions, events and happenings. It contains suggestions for post activities, material for speeches, etc.

We ask this question because if the "Jewish Veteran" were read, many of the letters received by Natl. Hqrs. would never have been written. An important official, for instance, wrote in recently stating he had been appointed Chairman of Pursuit Plane campaign for his unit, and wanted to know something about it. Had he read his February issue, he would have found a full page replete with information, suggestions, activities of other posts, etc.

This is YOUR magazine. We try to make it interesting and enlightening. If you have suggestions for improvement, please send them in. Some months ago in this column we told of a Commander who had not realized how chock full of information this magazine was until he, for lack of anything else to read, accidentally read it while laid up in a hospital. We don't want you to wait until you get to a hospital, but you might have the same experience (with profit) if you read The Jewish Veteran regularly.

The Editors spend much time and effort in getting it out. Do you read it? Do you like it? What would you like to see in it? We'd like to hear from you once in a while.

**"Let us see the 'Rising Sun' set in the East."**

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