

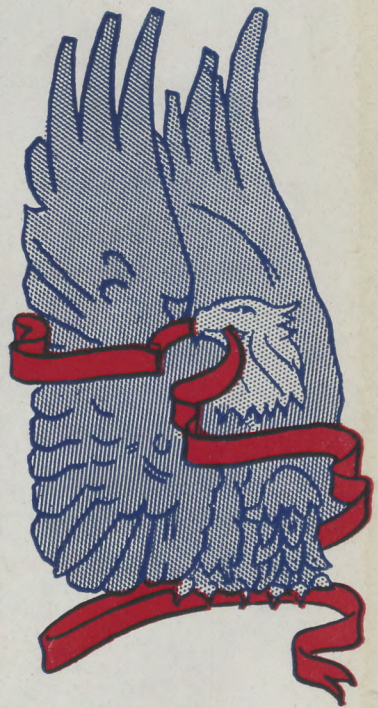
# The Jewish Veteran

## J.W.V. REPORTS TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT



Benjamin Kaufman, C.M.H., National Commander and J. George Fredman, National Editor, in front of the White House, prior to their conference with President Roosevelt.

(See story on page 3)



June, 1942



**DRIP**

**DRIP**

**DRIP**

Out of the pockets of free men they come—nickels and dimes and dollars—fighting dollars.

Exchanged for U. S. War Bonds they go down to the docks and out on the troop ships and into battle. They give our soldiers the steel and sinew that they need to do the job.

Every \$18.75 War Bond will buy enough fuel oil for a destroyer to cruise 37 miles in search of Nazi submarines.

Every \$75.00 bond will buy 40 rounds of anti-aircraft fire—enough to bring down the biggest Jap bomber that ever threatened an American warship.

In giving this money, you make sure that the American Way of Life is not blotted out by Fascism.

And you are not GIVING—you're only lending this money to your country. You are being paid generous interest. In ten years you'll receive \$25.00 for every \$18.75 you invest in War Bonds today.

It is also a wonderful plan for saving—to provide a cushion to ease the shock of family readjustment from war to peace.

It will also build a bulwark against dreaded inflation—you remember the terrible depression which ruined so many of us following World War I.

For all this, your country asks that you lend ten percent (10%) of your salary—this month and every month until we wipe the three mugs (and what they stand for) pictured on this page off the face of the earth.

**BUY WAR BONDS**

Contributed by "The Jewish Veteran"

# J.W.V. REPORTS TO THE PRESIDENT

By J. GEORGE FREDMAN, Past National Commander

It has been an annual custom for the National Commanders of recognized veteran organizations to report to the President of the United States on their activities and program. It was therefore, with a great deal of pleasure that our National Commander received an invitation to confer with President Roosevelt. So much interest has been evidenced by comrades and sisters on this visit, that a resume is here recorded. It must be understood that during the conference some matters were discussed which it would not be expedient to publish.

The conference was scheduled for the White House at 12:45 P.M. on June 16th. National Commander Kaufman was accompanied by J. George Fredman, National Editor.

Since the appointment was made in advance, entrance through the guards and into the White House was simple. We were ten minutes ahead of our appointment and were escorted into an anteroom. Here we were greeted by General Watson, the President's personal aide and by Marvin McIntyre, his personal secretary.

At 12:45 we were escorted into the President's room by Marvin McIntyre. We were introduced, and the President shook hands. We were put at ease immediately when the President called us "Ben" and "George". Mr. McIntyre retired and we were left alone with the President.

The President was seated in his shirt sleeves, before a large desk covered with all kinds of mementos and trinkets, in a large semi-circular room which looks out upon the White House rear lawn.

The President opened the conversation by telling Ben that he had been reading a lot about him in the papers. Ben replied by saying "not so much Mr. President as I have been reading about you," and all laughed.

Mr. Roosevelt then said he supposed Kaufman had been traveling around the country a great deal, and inquired "how do you find the attitude of the people"? Our National Commander replied that he was glad the President had asked that question, since contrary to many newspaper reports and radio commentators, he had *not* found the people apathetic or indifferent, but really awakened. They all wanted to do something to help win the war, and what they needed was the right direction. The President said that coincided with his own views.

The President then wanted to know our membership and what the Jewish War Veterans were doing. Our National Commander outlined our war effort program. First he told of the number of comrades who were again in active service, both as officers and enlisted men. How the rest, almost 100%, were engaged in some Civilian Defense project.

He then told of our pledge to sell twenty-five million dollars worth of War Bonds, and of our result to-date in selling over

## OUR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF



HON. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

twelve million dollars worth. The President interjected with the expression "Fine, Fine"!

Next he described how immediately after Pearl Harbor we had pledged J.W.V. to raise \$180,000. to purchase six pursuit planes to give to the Government; how we knew that \$180,000. was a comparatively small amount, but that we launched the program to interest other organizations to do likewise, and also to promote morale. When Kaufman mentioned that we had presented a check for \$30,000. to buy the first plane to Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, Mr. Roosevelt said "Yes, I read about that and I thought it was excellent."

Kaufman then told the President that he had with him a check for \$30,000, for the second plane, which he had expected to deliver to the President, but that Mr. McIntyre had suggested not to do so. The President stated it was "Splendid", but Mr. McIntyre's suggestion was right and that we should make arrangements to hand it over to Mr. Morgenthau.

Kaufman then told of our welfare work in the camps and in the cities, for soldiers and sailors in service; of our send-offs and the giving of kits and necessities to selectees; of giving hundreds of pianos, radios, pool tables, sheet music, etc. to various camps; of presenting Holy Scrolls to Forts; providing entertainment, etc. He outlined our "Adopt a Yank" program, and the President was very interested. He was particularly interested in that part wherein the adopter promised to find a job for the discharged war veteran on his return from the war, and added he thought that was very important.

The President expressed approval of our entire program, and asked us to carry on.

The President then turned to Comrade Fredman and said he was familiar with our magazine. When Fredman's expression showed doubt, the President added "yes your magazine comes to my desk regularly and I find it interesting reading."

The conversation then turned to the Nazis. Fredman reminded the President that in March 1933 the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S. had presented to him the first official protest against Nazi atrocities. The President said he recalled the occasion. Mention was then made of the bestiality of the Nazis in wiping out the entire village of Lidice, in Czecho-Slovakia following the slaying of Reinhard Heydrich, Gestapo leader.

The President stated many Americans still did not realize the brutality of the Nazis, nor what it would mean to each of us individually if we had a Nazi form of Government here. He stated Americans should realize that not only the Jews, but *every group* in Germany—Catholic, Protestant, Labor—was subjected to brutality and persecution if they dared show any opposition to the Nazi rulers. He then mentioned his trip to Britain in 1916, shortly after the report on German atrocities in Belgium had been made public by Lord Bryce. The British at that time could not understand the apparent apathy of the American people over the barbarity disclosed in the report. He added that Nazism was not a Jewish question, but one of civilization.

After we had been with the President about twenty minutes Mr. McIntyre entered to announce another appointment. Ben and I rose to go, but the President urged us to stay. We then talked about phases of the war, the effect of the President's fireside chats, etc. After another ten minutes, we rose to leave, and Ben begged leave to ask one further question. Among the dozens of trinkets on the President's desk was one very small ivory elephant, and Ben inquired of the President if it were not out of place there. A broad grin covered Mr. Roosevelt's face, and he said "Not at all, in fact you **MUST** hear the story about my elephant". He proceeded to tell us how shortly after he was elected President in 1932, someone had sent him in a large elephant about 12" x 10" high, made of a cloth material. He didn't know of course whether it was sent in as a joke or not, but having been elected President of ALL Americans, he felt he ought to keep the elephant together with the other curios. With that, the President reached behind a photo on his desk and placed before him, a small elephant about 3"x2" and said "Now see what's happened to the poor elephant". He then proceeded to tell us how it happened. In 1934, his Secretary suggested that the elephant had become soiled and ought to be cleaned. It was sent to the cleaners,

(Continued on page 6)

THE

# Jewish Veteran

"THE PATRIOTIC VOICE OF AMERICAN JEWRY"

J. GEORGE FREDMAN • Editor  
JACOB S. SPIRO • Associate Editor

VOLUME ELEVEN

JUNE, 1942

NUMBER TEN

## A Flag Day Prayer

*"God of the free, we pledge our hearts and lives . . . Grant us brotherhood in hope and union, not only for the space of this bitter war, but for the days to come, which shall and must unite all the children of earth."*

*"Our earth is but a small star in the great universe. Yet of it we can make, if we choose, a planet unvexed by war, untroubled by hunger or fear, undivided by senseless distinctions of race, color or theory. Grant us that courage and foreseeing to begin this task today, that our children and our children's children may be proud of the name of man."*

*"We are all of us children of earth—grant us that simple knowledge. If our brothers are oppressed, then we are oppressed. If they hunger, we hunger. If their freedom is taken away, our freedom is not secure. Grant us a common faith that man shall know bread and peace—that he shall know justice and righteousness, freedom and security, an equal opportunity and an equal chance to do his best, not only in our own lands but throughout the world. And in that faith let us march toward the clean world our hands can make. Amen."*

—STEPHEN VINCENT BENET.

You may find this prayer worth preserving. Let us not make Flag Day a "one-day" celebration. Let Old Glory and what it stands for and means to us be in our hearts 365 days of each year.

## The Thrill of a Life-Time

Your National Commander and Editor recently visited President Roosevelt. During the conversation, the President stated he read "The Jewish Veteran". When your editor's face expressed doubt as to whether he had heard correctly, the President expanded and stated he received "The Jewish Veteran" monthly and found it interesting reading. You can imagine the thrill this gave your editor. From now on, we will better be able to stand the criticism of our readers, backed by the knowledge that our President is also a reader. It will also spur us on to try and turn out an even better magazine.

**10% of your income is a cheap price  
To pay for Liberty and Security  
BUY WAR BONDS  
The Best Investment in the World!**

## Summer As Usual?

Are you going to pack up the wife and kiddies and send them away to the country and forget what's going on in the world? Are you arranging to see a baseball game two or three afternoons and play golf a couple of extra afternoons each week this summer? These are serious questions, just as these are critical times. What we need more than anything else to win this war is time. If 60 or 30 or even 10 million Americans are going to waste the summer months and vacationing-as-usual is about equivalent to wasting, it will be short of treason.

Vice President Wallace said this war "is a fight between a free world and a slave world" and that "in 1942, the world must make its decision for a complete victory one way or the other".

Would it not seem wiser to continue devoting as much of our energies as possible to the war effort? Why not hold post meetings during this summer? The Japs and Nazis are not taking vacations. They're going to try and put over the solar-plexus this summer. Shall we be caught napping at some summer resort? Your stake is too great to even hesitate. Plan for an all-out Summer program of war effort.

## Matters of National Importance

Each year it becomes necessary to repeat that which should be almost axiomatic. It is the established policy of J.W.V. that on matters of national or international scope or importance, subordinate J.W.V. units or officers shall NOT make public statements or issue releases to the press, until AFTER J.W.V.'s position has been decided by the National Executive Committee or the National Encampment. The logic of this ruling is obvious. Any public statement by a post is apt to be interpreted as the policy of the entire organization. Two posts in the same city having differing views on the same subject and issuing statements could cause confusion and much harm. This does not prohibit a subordinate unit from passing motions and resolutions recommending action upon the National body, provided publicity is not given the motions and resolutions.

This is convention time and a word of caution is timely. Department, County and Post Commanders are urged to clip this item and file it away for ready reference and conformance.

## J.W.V. and U.S.O.

J.W.V. is an affiliate of the Jewish Welfare Board and as such is cooperating constructively. At points where there is no Community Center or J.W.B. representative, it devolves on J.W.V. to carry on welfare work for the men in service. This also applies where the local Community Center is not actively engaged in soldier welfare work. The same applies to the collecting of statistics of those of our faith in the services. Through proper representation on Community committees, there should be no difficulty over proper recognition of the share being done by J.W.V.

J.W.B. is the Jewish representative in U.S.O. U.S.O. is our Government's agency for soldier and sailor welfare work outside of camps. J.W.V. is four-square behind the activities of U.S.O. and are cooperating in their endeavor to raise another \$32,000,000 to carry on their work.

In helping U.S.O., we're helping our own!

## J.W.V. Orphans Home

The Dept. of New York is sponsor of a resolution recommending that a National Home for orphans of J.W.V. comrades be created. The resolution suggests that a committee be appointed to study the matter and report to our National Convention. This is a very interesting suggestion and worthy of consideration. There are needy dependents of veterans of the last war, and this war will create many more. It would seem that such a project would more closely cement the bonds of comradeship and help us to better carry out our objectives. Certainly, the children of our departed comrades are entitled to the best possible training and education. A National Home would have other benefits. We would like comments from posts and individuals on this project. After all it will be YOUR national home.

**WAKE UP AMERICA!**

**The aluminum drive did not measure up.  
The Scrap-Rubber Drive is lagging.**

**Think of Your Children.**

**Think of Your Future.**

**WE MUST WIN THIS WAR!**

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 D. Samuels, Treasurer; Abraham Krador, 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.