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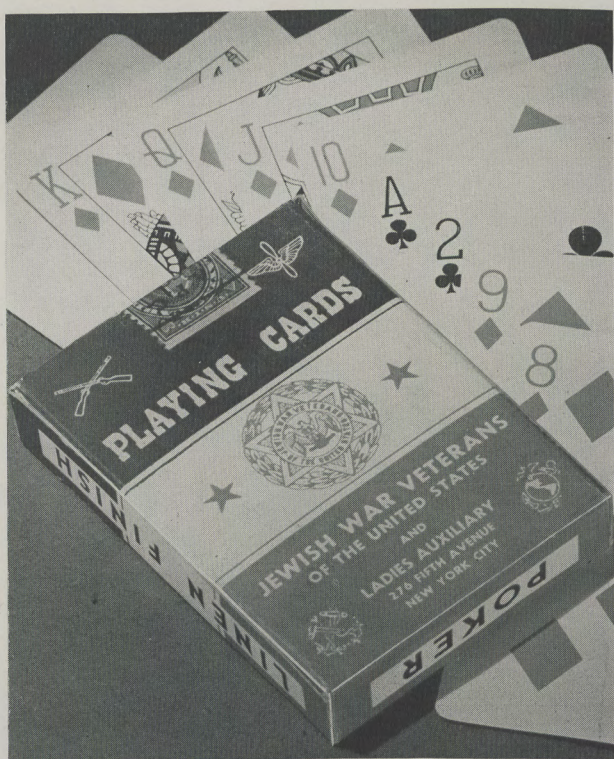


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WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

In January, 1943, the United States proposed to Great Britain a meeting of representatives in Ottawa, Canada, for the purpose of discussing possible havens of refuge for Europeans threatened with murder by the Nazis.

This is little enough, and late enough. Yet not even that little is as yet being done.

What is the world waiting for?

Germany is efficient, especially at murdering. In this art she has disclosed a promptness, persistence and skill which would arouse the admiration of Satan himself.

Of the three and a half million civilians Germany has murdered to date, two million have been Jews. Hitler promises the murder of millions more. He has calculated the shortest possible time in which so much blood can be shed, and has set his date for the finished job as December, 1943.

What are we waiting for? For December, 1943?

Or do we fail to visualize so much horror?

Think then of these European Jews in terms of the Jewish doctor you know, who saved your sick child, or strengthened your aged mother, or cured your old war-wound. Think of it in terms of the capable housewife across the street, bringing up boys and girls. Think of it in terms of the corner grocer and the local butcher.

Think of these people—people you know—dragged off *en masse* to the edge of trenches which they, young and old and child and woman, have been forced to dig. Think of them with Nazi soldiers tying up their legs, and then standing there to be shot down till they tumble dead into the mass-grave.

This is what Nazis are doing all over Europe today, to Christians as well as Jews.

Why? It's simple. Their plan is to destroy as many as possible of the young male population of Christian nations; to remove the submissive ones to slavery in German work-camps; to sterilize men and women who might produce intelligent children to fight Nazism in the future. Thus, if Germany loses this war, there will be fewer soldiers to fight her in the next war twenty years from now. If she wins, she will have fewer anti-Fascists to fight.

Now the wholesale massacre of Jews comes into focus; now we see the coldly sane reason behind the apparent insanity of Fascist Jew-hatred. Jews have always been a thinking people, a freedom-loving people. Jews do not fit into a Nazi world of a few masters and millions of slaves. Therefore Fascism undertakes to kill all Jews.

It has been proposed that the United Nations work through neutrals to achieve the rescue of as many doomed Jews as possible. Whatever means may be necessary, they should be used. If Britain permitted it, Palestine would immediately accept thousands of Jews.

But whatever is done, it must be done at once.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Last week a friend asked me if it is true that 10% of our membership is in active service. I told him that the figure is practically 100%. He was amazed.

I went on to explain that our fighting days did not end in '18. Not by a long shot! Yes, a big number of our comrades are back in the armed forces, if that is what he meant. But the rest of us are also definitely in this fight.

Perhaps I was a bit technical. However, it is good to call everything by its name. Being an air-raid warden may not be as exciting as standing guard somewhere in the South Pacific. Collecting money for an Aircobra may not be as romantic as attacking a Nazi formation in one. Building a destroyer may not be as thrilling as setting the sun for a bunch of Jap warships. But everyone of us who is doing his and her job on the Home Front is in this scrap. There is not the same thrill and glamor, but we fellows whose assignment is the home front have some very important jobs to do.

We are old hands at soldiering. We can take it, and dish it out too. We have guard duty to do. We have to keep things ship-shape.—Yes, and we have a couple of latrines to clean up.

Remember, when the Boys return, we must be ready to welcome them—with more than parades and cheers. They must not face the heartaches we had. It is our obligation to see to it that they come home to security.

We have started the job. By our gifts and letters and cigarettes and Service Memberships we have shown that we are very much interested in their welfare. By becoming active in the various Civilian Defense activities, by purchasing War Bonds, by giving blood to the Red Cross we are showing them that the Home Front is active.

There is still a tremendous amount of work to be done. Our work must be expanded. Isolationism and Anti-Semitism must be rooted out and destroyed. A Rehabilitation Program must be developed and instituted. The Public must be fully informed of our work, and given the opportunity to aid and support us.

Plans are now under way for an intensified membership campaign.

Strengthened by reinforcements, we must use our experience and understanding as Veterans, to build an organization so powerful as a force for the good, that the Veterans-to-be of this war will look forward to join us and work with us "... to foster and perpetuate true Americanism; to combat whatever tends to impair the efficiency and permanency of our institutions; to uphold the fair name of the Jew, and fight his battles wherever unjustly assailed; to encourage the doctrine of universal liberty; equal rights and full justice to all men; to combat the powers of bigotry and darkness wherever originating, and whatever their target..."

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ADDITIONAL J.W.V. WAR EFFORT

It is no longer sufficient to be an air-raider, belong to the Auxiliary Police or Firemen, buy yourself and help sell bonds to others, give blood, be a nurse aid, or do other Civilian Defense duties. There is a serious manpower shortage and a farm-labor shortage, and it becomes the duty of every able-bodied American man and woman to give more to the war-service program.

National Commander Kaufman has issued an appeal to all comrades and sisters to do a little *more* than they have been doing. He pointed out there was some spot in the national defense set-up for everyone, be he or she a professional, a student, an industrial or white-collar worker, or just a plain housewife. He pointed to the dramatic story of King George VI of Britain who dons overalls and works two hours daily in a war plant.

In Princeton, N. J., an important defense plant was bottle-necked because of lack of employees. Trenton post heard of it, and both comrades and sisters offered their part-time services. They were accepted. The bottleneck was broken and our comrades and sisters not only contributed to the war effort, but they made the management happy, and other employees (who might have lost valuable time from work otherwise) happy, and earned a few dollars besides. Similar situations have been aided by part-time employees in Hartford, Providence and other cities. In Bergen County, N. J., the president of the Bar Association recruited 60 to 70 lawyers to help in a local defense plant. These attorneys attend their offices and courts from 9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. and work in the plant from 4 to 12 midnight. Much credit is due these lawyers—most of them do not need the extra income, and are doing it merely from patriotic motives. Many other instances might be recounted.

Post Commanders are urged to immediately appoint a "War Effort Employment Committee." The first step is to apply to the nearest United States Employment Service office and ascertain the names and location of plants requiring both full and part time help, the type of help wanted, hours of employment and other details. Then each member of the post and auxiliary should be interviewed. A card index should be made and kept on file, giving full particulars as to name, address, telephone number, marital status, education, profession, experience, any special skill, the number of days or hours in a week they can contribute, whether in the day or evening. This information should then be cleared with the U. S. Employment Service. The matter of earnings should be secondary—if you do not need the earnings, you can invest them in Victory Bonds or give them to a good war cause like Army or Navy Relief, the Red Cross or the U.S.O.

Unless a sufficient number of civilians volunteer their services, it is conceivable that most of us between the ages of 16 and 65 will be drafted to do these jobs, before 1943 is over. So why not volunteer and lead the way?

In listening to your radio and reading the papers, you know there may be a shortage in food—UNLESS there is an increase in farm help and unless many of us raise sufficient vegetables through Victory Gardens. Food played an important part in defeating the Huns in World War I, and it likewise will play an important part in winning this war. Those living near farming sections and having some experience, are urged to offer part of their services this Spring and Summer to help out farmers. You should also enlist your sons and daughters and other youths 15 years of age and over, to spend their vacation period working on farms. In addition posts should sponsor community Victory Garden projects. There is not a city in the country where empty lots are not available, which with little labor could be devoted to fruitful gardens.

Nat'l Com. Ben Kaufman was formerly a manager of the U. S. Employment Service and is considered an expert in that field. He is willing to offer his time and experience for further suggestion and discussion to anyone interested in developing the program here suggested.

Remember, you are not yet giving your all—your country is looking to you to help her in this hour of peril.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICES

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Sunday Afternoon
MAY 23rd, 1943
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In view of the death of several hundred Americans of Jewish faith in military service during the past year, these services will be more solemn and impressive than usual.

All J.W.V. posts and auxiliaries in the metropolitan area are commanded to set this time aside and arrange to attend en masse, with their uniforms, colors and musical units.

Posts are further urged to invite to these services parents and relatives of those whose loved ones have given their all for God and country.

Parade Orders and the Service Program will be forwarded shortly to all posts and auxiliaries. Please stand by for further orders, but start your preparations now.

This Service is a part of J.W.V.'s war-effort service and tribute to our military heroes and protectors.

Listen In!

U. S. Senator James Tunnell, of Delaware, will speak from Washington, over the Mutual Network on Tuesday, April 6th, 1943, under the sponsorship of the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. It is possible that National Commander Kaufman will introduce the Senator.

The address will be from 10:45 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. eastern war time. You will realize that April 6th is Army Day, and the message will be an important one.

Things you should do: Listen in; urge your friends to listen in; see that your local Mutual station carries the program; place a notice in your local newspaper's radio column about the broadcast, and AFTER the broadcast write to Mutual Broadcasting System, N.Y.C., expressing your appreciation to them for granting us the time.



Legion Plans to Train Parents

John B. Hawley, president of the Northern Pump Co. of Minneapolis, has given an initial gift of \$50,000 to the American Legion and Auxiliary to start a nation-wide program of parental education. The first gift will finance seven sound films beginning with pre-natal care and continuing through the care of adolescent children and will be distributed through Legion posts. Mr. Hawley stated that America's future depends upon "the equipment our generation gives to children of today in physical health, mental development, emotional stability and spiritual strength." He believes that in order to start children right, parents must have proper knowledge and understanding. It is expected this program may assist in the work of prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency.



"Rick" Proposes New Organization

Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, who has been traveling up and down the land condemning "soldiering" and "boondoggling" and "absenteeism" by American labor in war plants proposes the establishment of a new organization. He said: "If organization is the way to get heard, I propose the establishment in every town and hamlet in this nation of the War Mothers Clubs of America; a union composed of the mothers, wives, fathers and relatives of our men in the armed services." Such an organization after this war would probably include 70 percent of the people of this country.



P.N.C. Mendelsohn Sells 20 Million War Bonds

There's much life left in that war horse, four-time National Commander Morris J. Mendelsohn. That is evidenced by results. The Colonel has been assigned by the Treasury Department to sell war bonds in theatres and other public assemblages in New York City. As a result of his efforts to date, P.N.C. Mendelsohn has chalked up a total of more than twenty million dollars in sales. Fine work, Morris. Keep it up!