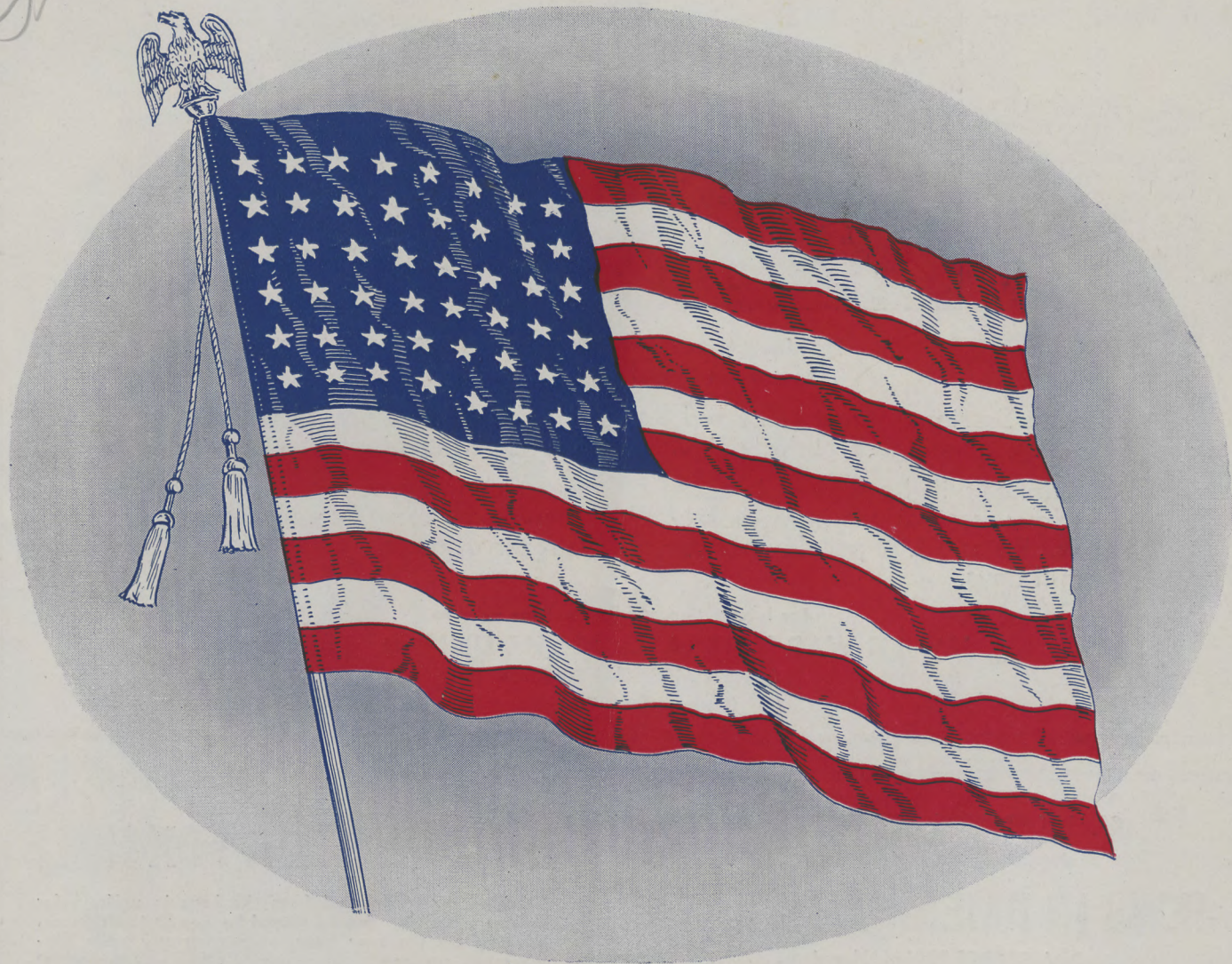


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"On the shore dimly seen, through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze o'er the towering steep
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam
Its full glory reflected now shines on the stream,
'Tis the star-spangled banner! Oh! long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

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WITH the American Jewish Conference organizing for American Jewish unity to handle overseas Jewish problems, the next step must be to unite American Jewry to handle American Jewish problems. Through its Public Relations Committee, composed of the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Congress, the Jewish Labor Committee and the Jewish War Veterans, the Jewish Welfare Board has led the way and has been doing a splendid job in publicizing the contribution of Jews in America's armed forces.

Another forward step has been taken in this direction by the Jewish Welfare Board and the Jewish War Veterans. Following World War I, both organizations have been doing service and rehabilitation work for veterans and their dependents. Both have been officially recognized by the United States Veterans Administration to do this work.

It was to be expected that both organizations would continue to do this important work at the close of the present war. With hundreds of thousands of Jewish men in uniform, some killed, many wounded, requiring hospitalization, compensation, vocational training, re-employment and rehabilitation, there will be sufficient work for both organizations. However, Natl. Commander Ben Kaufman and National President Frank L. Weil felt this work could be done more efficiently, and without duplication if both organizations joined forces. As a result, the committees of both met several times, and the "Memorandum of Agreement" set forth fully in the accompanying columns was consummated. A reading of the agreement will show its eminent fairness.

Since hundreds of men in service are being discharged weekly because of physical and age limitations, it is important that J. W. V. prepare IMMEDIATELY to carry out its part of the program. Many wives and dependents of servicemen also are in need of advice and assistance.

National Commander Kaufman has issued a directive to all posts to immediately appoint a qualified, interested and experienced "Service Officer," and send his name and address to National Headquarters. Each Service Officer should acquaint himself with the latest Federal and State laws, and rules and regulations of the Vet-

erans Administration, covering veterans and dependents.

It is needless to remind comrades that Service to Veterans is a fundamental responsibility of all veteran organizations. It will naturally result in the recruiting of many new JWV members, and make for a greater JWV.

The committees representing both organizations in consummating the agreement were for J. W. V.: Benjamin Kaufman, J. George Fredman, Archie Greenberg and Bernard Perelson; for J. W. B.: Frank L. Weil, Louis Kraft, Benjamin Rabinowitz and Abraham Feitelberg.

July 9th, 1943

Memorandum of Agreement Between Jewish Welfare Board and Jewish War Veterans on Service to Veterans

a. The Jewish War Veterans and the Jewish Welfare Board are both accredited by the United States Veterans' Administration to serve veterans in connection with claims for benefits. They, therefore, have a common concern in the problems of rehabilitation of veterans and a common interest in dealing with these problems as they affect veterans and their families.

b. The Jewish Welfare Board has carried on veterans' service of this character since World War I and has maintained regional and local offices for this purpose, manned by trained workers. And has provided the services of rabbis and volunteer committees for religious work and for hospital visiting. The Jewish War Veterans nationally and through its posts has rendered similar veterans' service. The relationships between both organizations have been uniformly friendly and directed toward the best possible service to the individual veteran. Insofar as the official attitude of the Veterans Administration is concerned, there has been frequent expression of satisfaction with the quality and scope of the service given to Jewish veterans of all wars. It is fair to say to the Jewish Community of America that their soldier sons, who have become disabled or ill in their country's service, have had the most solicitous attention and devotion through the combined efforts of the Jewish Welfare Board and the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S.

It is the opinion of both organizations that every step be taken to ensure a similar high degree of devoted attention to the interest of veterans of the Jewish faith as we now face the prospect of a considerable expansion of the need, due to the experience in the present war. Several meetings have been held by representatives of both bodies for a full discussion of the problem, and as a result, the following arrangement has been agreed upon for action by both organizations:

(1) The Jewish Welfare Board will appoint a new Veterans' Service Committee. The Jewish War Veterans of the United States will be fully represented upon it. The proposed title as it will appear on official stationery shall read:

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD
VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE
JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES
(affiliated)

(2) At the various offices where the Jewish Welfare Board has professional representatives to handle veterans' claims, etc., the names of both organizations will be displayed. In effect, the workers of the Jewish Welfare Board will be regarded as representing also the Jewish War Veterans and will accept referrals of veterans by Jewish War Veterans' posts.

(3) When Jewish veterans who are not members of the J. W. V. come directly to workers of the Jewish Welfare Board, such workers will take appropriate opportunity to suggest joining the Jewish War Veterans.

(4) In recruiting its professional staff, the Jewish Welfare Board will, wherever possible, give preference to qualified veterans, especially members of the Jewish War Veterans. J.W.V. shall have one member on committee to approve qualifications of applicants for employment.

(5) The Committee on Veterans' Service will deal with general policies, but action involving legislation, will be exclusively the function of the Jewish War Veterans. For this purpose, the Jewish War Veterans propose to appoint an official representative and station him in Washington to keep in touch with veterans' legislation and to maintain contact with other veterans' organizations on matters of common interest.

EDITORIAL PAGE

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"We hold these truths - - -"

This year, other countries are celebrating American Independence Day with a display of American flags and the making of speeches in praise of our democracy.

The fact has significance; it is not merely an act of courtesy toward an allied nation. It is a deep recognition of the fact that the whole world of today is now engaged in a war to fight for the preservation of those principles which were enunciated by the first Americans more than a century and a half ago.

The world forgot that democracy was not a substance which could be bought, paid for and considered permanently ours. Like an electric battery, it must be constantly recharged with fresh thought, new knowledge, modern experience. And then it must be guarded day and night from the onslaughts of evil and the decay of indifference.

We forgot about that.

We thought that Washington and his men had bought and paid for our generation's freedom as well as for their own. But we are finding out that every generation must fight its war for independence, sometimes in ideas, sometimes in blood.

The principles of our Declaration of Independence are still far ahead of us. We have not yet built an America that is worthy of its founders. Though the bravest young blood of America is being spilled out daily to achieve for this country physical freedom from threatened enslavement by the forces of evil, that physical conquest which we confidently expect will not advance our progress toward the fulfilment of our national ideals, unless we in the meantime have consciously, honestly, urgently taken stock of what is in this nation's heart as regards its own minorities.

Are we going to lick Hitler—and accept his theories of



racial domination and the crushing of religious or racial minorities?

Are we going to lick Hitler—and permit Americans to be denied economic equality because of the color of their skin or the shape of the building in which they worship God?

Are we going to lick Hitler—and allow mobs to kill, burn and destroy, because the bodies they aim at are black and the property is that of black men?

It is only a step, as we have often seen proved, from the persecution of racial minorities to the persecution of religious minorities.

Where then will be the noble words under whose banner Washington and his army bled and starved and fought?

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal . . ."

The whole world is fighting today to prove this truth, to prove that there is no such thing as a master-race, that no group has the right to mistreat, attack or enslave a weaker group.

Jews by the hundred thousand are pouring out their blood on the world's battlefields to prove it. Thousands of American Negroes are fighting to prove it. Americans of every race, creed and color have joined with the armies of the civilized world to prove it.

Are the American people at home ready to prove it—the governors, mayors, chiefs of police, members of Congress?

On Independence Day of this most fateful year of 1943, this is a burning question.

If it is not answered in the spirit of our nation's founders, we shall destroy Hitler abroad only to find him seated by our own fireside at home.

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