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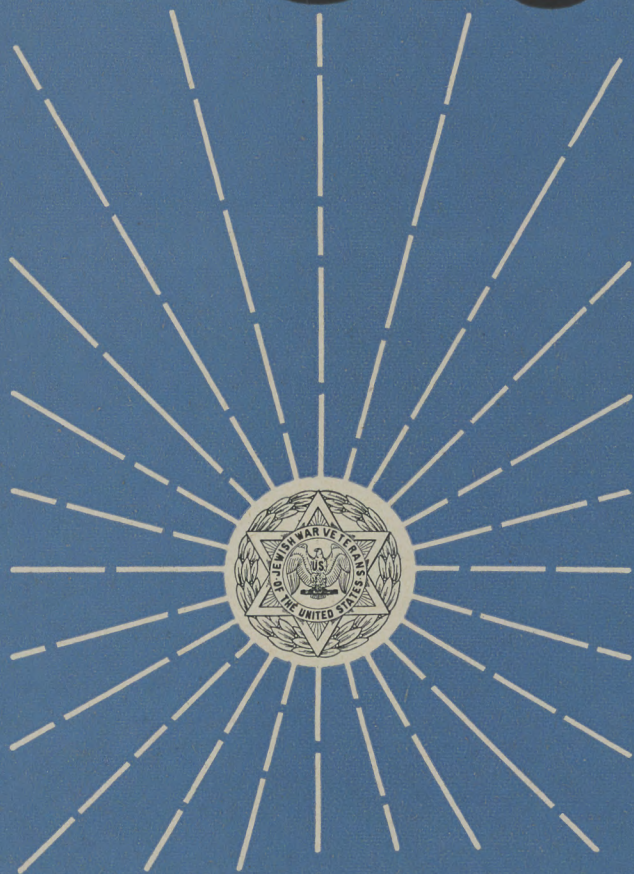
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A FORTRESS FALLS ON THE HOLY DAYS

ON PAGE seven of this issue, there appears a news picture of American troops crossing the Siegfried Line into Germany. Here is a dramatic symbol of the greatest event in modern history.

For the first time in eleven years there is a reversal of the process of enclosure and isolation that began on a fateful morning in January when Adolph Hitler became Chancellor of Germany.

From that moment on, the modern civilized world took on a new appearance. Instead of communication among men, there was a closed door. Instead of the comprehension of human language, there was a confusion of tongues; instead of a united onward march towards universal understanding and peace and security, there was the escape to a medieval fortress.

The Siegfried Line was itself symbolic of what was happening in the world. More and more, walls were being raised to divide the human family. More and more, the free exchange of ideas and ideals, mutual growth and development were being stifled by an old formula in a new dress: the isolation of peoples, their enclosure into rigid patterns; separated from the rest of the world; autarchic and, therefore, arrogant with the arrogance of brute force.

The Siegfried Wall has been broken during the period of the High Holy Days for Jews the world over. As we bridge the time between one year and another, so the forces of freedom are bridging the physical and moral obstacles that kept light out of the inner fortress that was Nazi Germany.

The fortress walls will be crumbled. The physical forces of democracy will pulverize the obstacles until they shall have spread over and occupied what, for eleven years, has been a region of darkness. The fully marshalled strength of free men will prevail over the total mobilization of the enslaved.

But what of the fortresses of the mind? What of those minds in Nazi Germany, on the European continent, in our own country and all over the world, who have erected a mental Siegfried Line—against decency and understanding and civilization?

What of those who have built up within them great pillboxes of hatred to keep away the friendly approach of their fellow-man?

What of the little Nazi-lands that lurk in people of all persuasions, in all countries?

As victory approaches, we shall be able to demobilize, in large measure, the physical forces that were needed to break down the physical Siegfried Wall. But a new and far more significant battle lies ahead. A battle of the human spirit to gain access to closed minds, perverted hearts and hate-saturated spirits.

The symbols of Americans crossing the Siegfried Line must be not only our pride but our inspiration for the year and years ahead. May the New Year before us advance us on that task. May we be strong, clear-sighted, determined and devoted enough to make continuing assault upon the invisible wall whose existence sustains the worst, and denies the best, in man!

*To all its readers and friends the Jewish Veteran
sends its greetings and best wishes for a
Happy New Year.*

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