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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION MARCH 15-17 AT CHICAGO

The N.E.C. voted to hold a Constitutional Convention in Chicago on March 15th and 16th, 1946, to be followed by the National Executive Committee meeting on March 17th. The place of the Convention will be announced later.

Each post will be entitled to at least one delegate to this convention, with one additional delegate for each 100 (or major portion) paid up members above the first 100. Posts, District Councils or Departments (not individual comrades) having suggestions for change or improvement in our Constitution or By-laws are requested to submit them to Col. William Berman, National Headquarters, New York, so that the Convention Committee may consider them in advance of the Convention.

The N.E.C. also awarded our 51st National Convention to Atlanta, Georgia, to be held over the Labor Day week-end 1946.

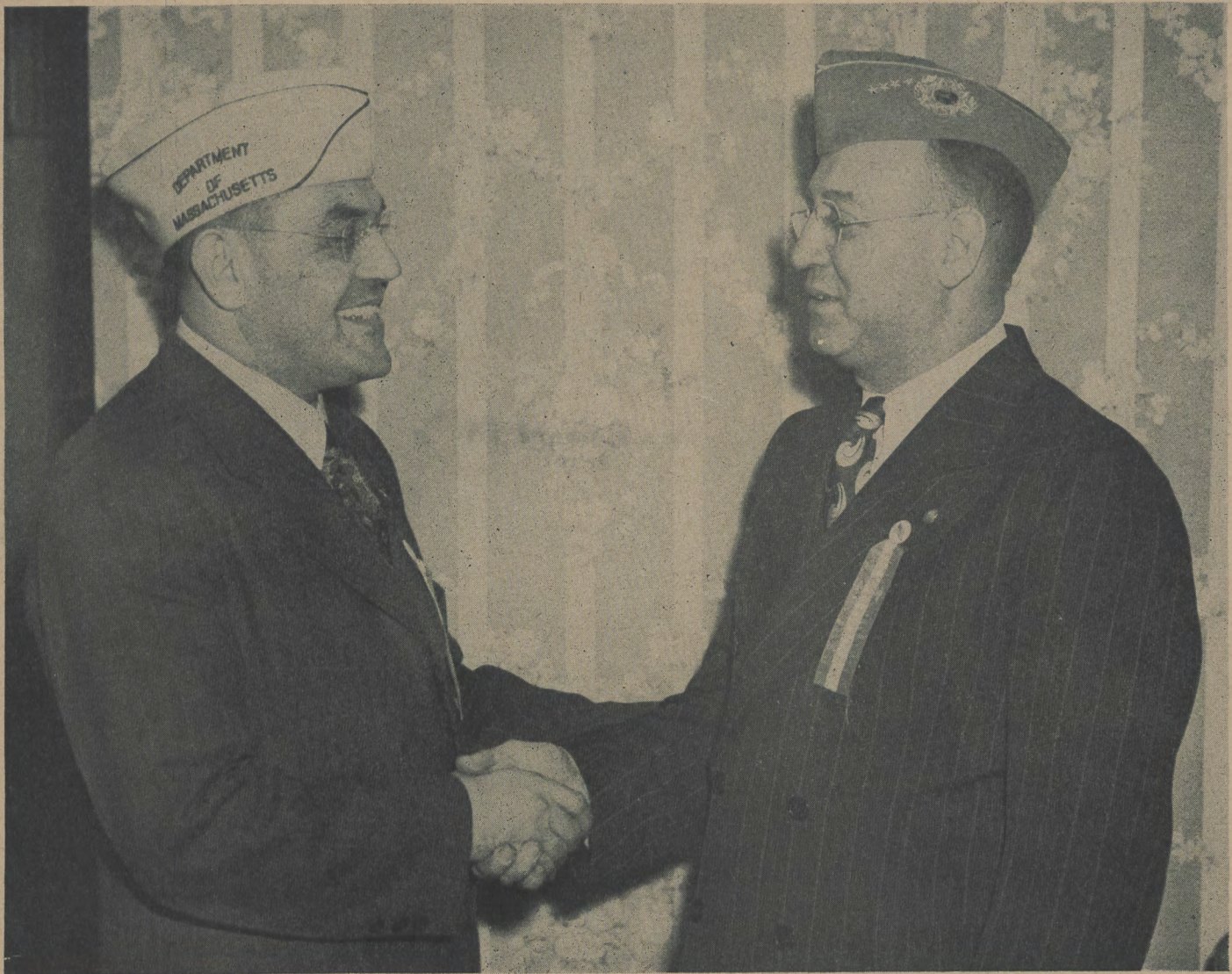
OUR NATIONAL COMMANDER . . . Maxwell Cohen is a thorough veteran, being active in both American Legion and V.F.W.; for 25 years has been with U. S. Veterans Administration . . . has also devoted much time to Jewish organizations . . . started out to become an engineer and then changed to law . . . A vet himself of two wars, he is proudest of his son, a Major at 24 . . . must be admired for his tenacity . . . twice a candidate for National Commander, instead of becoming discouraged, worked all the harder for J.W.V. and finally this year achieved his life's ambition . . . All comrades, whether they were for or against him, must now unite behind his leadership, for the Greatest J.W.V.

CONVENTION SIDELIGHTS . . . Who were the workers? Ben Swartsberg, Lou Rosenberg and Al Freeman deserve orchids . . . Much of the business of the convention occurred in the Resolutions Committee, at which Joe Barr presided so expertly . . . the members of that committee spent two full days at work, and if space permitted their names would all be mentioned here . . . Quartermaster Ed Lévy also put in his licks, collected per capita and straightened out many tangles . . . Barney Perelson was effective during the tallying . . . and Past National Commander Archie Greenberg had no picnic conducting the business sessions . . . Did you know World War II comrades had a caucus of their own; that some of the more aggressive wanted to nominate a complete slate of officers and were ready to take over the organization? . . . But there were good minds and cool heads among them who cautioned learning a little more about and doing something for J.W.V. first. Their interest in all proceedings was enlightening and heartening . . . The Ladies Auxiliary luncheon was tops, and the presents showered on Past National President Bessie Kronberg . . . Joe E. Rabinovich of Legion and Paul C. Wolman of V. F. W. went around and made friends wherever they went . . . Watson Miller enjoyed the salami and pickles hospitality of Cleveland . . . Commander Harry Simon of Atlantic City Post did a fine cooperative job . . . Joe Rude, Abe Marke and Jean Mathias came the longest distance, from California.

AFTER-THOUGHTS . . . Our resolution recommending impeachment of Bilbo, not only received nation-wide publicity, but a letter to National Commander Cohen from Senator Bilbo inquiring about J.W.V. . . . The resolution urging a haven in United States, Canada and other lands for immigrants and refugees, as well as favoring a homeland in Palestine were widely publicized . . . It is not too late yet for Department and Post commanders to write members of Congressman May's committee, now considering amendments to GI Bill of Rights, urging them to amend the educational provisions, so that colleges and schools will not be able to reject or refuse vets because of their race, religion or origin.

GOOD AND WELFARE . . . Thanks Joe Rude and Will Karshan for that fine new American flag you presented to hang in National Headquarters . . . Post No. 46, Cleveland, puts out a novel "Join J.W.V. NOW" poster; it has two side pockets, one with a J.W.V. membership application card and the other a return addressed stamped envelope. It is hung in public buildings and stores. Interested vets fill in application card and mail. So simple

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A Report On

MAXWELL COHEN: NEW COMMANDER

THE Jewish War Veterans of the United States, which today, except for the G.A.R., is the oldest organization of its kind in the country, has the distinction of being the first old line veterans group to elect a veteran of World War II as its national commander. That honor went to Major Maxwell Cohen of Boston who was elected on the first ballot at the 50th annual encampment in Atlantic City.

Major Cohen brings to his new task vast experience in veterans problems and a service record in two wars. He is representative not only of the new

membership in J.W.V., but of the old because he also saw service in World War I, and has been a member of J.W.V. for eighteen years.

Maxwell Cohen served during World War I as a sergeant in the 301st Infantry and the Quartermaster Corps. in 1922, several years after being mustered out of the service, he was commissioned in the United States Army Reserve and received promotion through grades until he reached the rank of Major in 1935. He was called to active duty in 1941 and served as commander of a Negro battalion until retired because of a disability

which he incurred during service.

Major Cohen's experience in veterans' affairs include years of service as a member of the staff of the U. S. Veterans Administration in the Boston area. He is an expert on veterans' legal matters and a writer and speaker on veterans' problems. He is a former post commander and county vice commander of the American Legion.

The new national commander joined J.W.V. in 1927 when he became a charter member of Boston Post 22. Since then he has been commander of the post, twice commander of the