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The Jewish Veteran



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EDITORIAL

MEMORIAL DAY 1946

We observe Memorial Day in 1946 just about a year after victory over Germany and a little less than a year after Japan was crushed.

Within that brief time it seems as if a great forgetfulness has already overtaken Americans. We seem to have forgotten that the war was fought because aggressive nations attacked us and because they hoped to play on the weakness of our internal divisions. Today, there is no sign that we are a united America. On the contrary.

The war was fought by America through a soldier army and a civilian army in which men of all faiths and races each played their assigned part. There was no discrimination in death, destruction or sacrifice. Already we seem to have forgotten that great lesson.

Bigots, prejudices, hatreds are running rampant. Many are only in the beginning stages but they throw their shadow ahead of them just as the ridiculous Nazis of 1933 became the actual world destroyers ten or more years later.

We fought a war to sustain our democratic ideals, to keep alive the aspiration of human brotherhood, to maintain a social order in which men were judged for what they were as individuals and not by a Nazi caste basis.

Already we seem to be forgetting that. Whether from frauleins fraternizing with the men in service in Germany or from our own native bigots, the odor of Fascism is spreading like a miasma.

This is Memorial Day 1946.

Let's remember that only a year ago we were still wading in blood and tears. And let's remember it all year 'round, not just for a day. Let's remember it by deeds and not just by placing of wreaths on Memorial Day.

This is what we owe the men and women who gave their lives in the years before we survivors could celebrate V-E Day and V-J Day.

ANGLO-AMERICAN REPORT

As we go to press, the news has been made public of the report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine.

We welcome its recommendations to provide immediate homes in Palestine for the hundred thousand displaced Jews. This supports President Truman's position, which we, in turn, have warmly endorsed.

We urge our Government to expedite and implement this recommendation.

WHAT THE VETERAN WANTS

Before the year is over—this is an election year—we will be hearing lots about the veteran. From every public forum, over every broadcasting station, on every festive occasion, there will come a stream of sweet words for the dear veteran.

Sure we know it, everybody loves the veteran.

But all of this love feast will get the veteran nowhere if our government representatives and our public leaders forget the one thing that the veteran wants most; *he wants to be a civilian again with as much as possible made up for the years that were torn out of his life.*

Let's put it this way: the best thing America can do for the veteran is to make him forget he is a veteran, to bring about a peace-time conversion from veteran to just average, honest-to-goodness, upstanding, free American.

Here's a tip to the politicians: the army has taught the veteran a lot; and one of the things he has learned most is to tell the difference between the phony and the real stuff.

The veteran has had so many words poured into his ears during his army service that he is more than a little suspicious of words. And he is more than a little cynical about the politician who sinks into profound platitudes. That guy is a marked man—if he figures on just getting by on platitudes. The veteran has learned a couple of things.

Not least he has learned to ask the right questions, such as:

What does it mean? What does it add up to? How are we going to get results?

It's results the veteran is after. Just that: results.

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CHAPLAINS ORGANIZE

The Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. extends its warmest welcome and greetings to the newly formed Army and Navy Jewish Chaplains Association and to its President, Rabbi Bernard Segal.

The formation of this Association is further testimony of the validity of the position of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States. The members of the Chaplains Association have, it is plain, recognized that there is a need in this country for a distinctive association based at one and the same time on military service and on special values that are thereby offered in solving the problems of Jews in this country and abroad.

We look forward with confidence to the time when every member of the Army and Navy Jewish Chaplains Association will also be a member of the Jewish War Veterans. We look forward to their playing the important role that is theirs by right in the councils and leadership of the Jewish War Veterans. We look forward to working with them as an organization and as individual members of our fellowship of Jews who served in uniform.