

The Jewish Veteran

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In 1620 the first settlers landed on the shores of America, seeking a haven of refuge, where they could live, work and worship as free people.

In 1654 the first Jews arrived at the Port of New Amsterdam from Brazil. In 1657 through the courageous efforts of Asser Levy, the first of America's fighting Jews, members of the Jewish faith were allowed the privilege of citizenship in the new world.

In 1946 President Truman, carrying on the tradition which was born in 1620, announced that he would ask Congress to revise immigration laws and lift the present quotas, to open the gates to an increased number of European displaced persons, who like those first settlers and founders of this great nation, need a haven of refuge, where they may live, work and worship as free people, and contribute to the welfare of our beloved land.

51st ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT NOV. 27th — DEC. 1st

IT'S UP TO YOU!

IF you are one of the 100,000 members of JWV who wears  and you know one of the 600,000 Americans of Jewish faith who, as veterans of World War II, wears , **THEN** you ought to enroll him also to wear 

HERE'S WHY!

If every member obtains a new member our organization will be twice as large and twice as strong and twice as able to do its job. That job is:

TO SERVE THE NATION.

TO SERVE THE VETERAN.

TO SERVE JEWRY.

J.W.V. has a proud record of achievement that goes back half a century. It is an established organization with progressive, liberal ideas. It put its shoulder to the wheel to help win the war. It knows

that's not enough, and therefore follows a forward-looking, vigorous policy to help win the peace. And there is much yet to be done.

This can be done best through organization. Veterans of World War II must be part of that organization because in unity and numbers there is strength. If he knows our story, the veteran of World War II will be proud to join J.W.V. It's your job to tell him.

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NATL. CONV. . . . Have you made your reservation yet? Take a tip and reserve today. Send one day's deposit plus registration fee to hotel you choose. Your commander has full information. . . . Banquet reservations (\$5.00 plus \$2.50 registration fee) are going fast. New Legion Commander is guest speaker. . . . Atlantic City Post will host you to their annual ball at President Hotel Nov. 27 P.M. . . . Get your questions ready for three open forums on anti-Semitism, Veteran Problems and the Veteran and his Community. . . . Doc Coyne and Al Freeman of conv. committee have been working like trojans.

PERSONALS . . . Col. Julius Klein, in Secretary of War's family on terminal leave. . . . Mike Bartenes, as Exec. Secretary is guiding Dept. of Illinois presentation of Historical JWV Pageant of Jewish Heroes in Chicago Stadium, Nov. 18th. . . . Dr. Perry Burnstine, Dept. Com., Michigan, has been commended for invention of portable operating table which was widely used during war. . . . Harry Wachtel represented JWV when ten vet orgs. in N. J. prevailed on Governor Edge to call special legislative session on vet housing. . . . Leon Fire led JWV delegation to N. J. Legislature for vet bonus. . . . Barney Ross, now in hospital, will devote life to social work. . . . AVCs feted Al Jolson as "outstanding friend of the serviceman." . . . Congrats to Lew Jaffe, Co. Com., Phila., who though crippled, has installed 10 new posts.

RADIO . . . Natl. Hqrs. conducts 15 min. weekly radio program on station WEVD, Col. Mendolsohn M-Cing. . . . Reading, New Bedford and other posts succeed with radio programs. . . . Other posts should try radio. Time is free, gives opportunity to talented comrades, is excellent publicity and promotes friends. . . . If posts can tie up sufficient local stations, Natl. will consider making recordings to send out. Notify Natl. if you have outlet and interested.

PUBLICITY . . . New Year's issue of Anglo-Jewish publications usually enlarged, containing summaries of year's events and articles on many subjects. . . . We were disappointed on seeing so few articles about veterans, their return to communities, their problems. . . . Every community has veterans, and the 600,000 who served in WW II are Jewry's supreme pride. . . . Every Anglo-J. paper during war ran many items about GIs in service. Are they forgotten so soon? The veterans' welfare and problems are the community's. . . . Trust publications will take lead in promoting community interest in vets. . . . Dept. of Mass. and N. J. now have paid public relations directors. . . . Every post should have an active publicity chairman.

At Legion Natl. Conv. . . . JWV was officially represented by J. G. Fredman, also a delegate from N. J. . . . others present were Sam Heller, Dept. Com. of Va.; Irving Klein, Dept. Com., Joe Rude, NVC, Weinberg and Art Hammer of Calif.; Ed Clamage and Dave Newman of Illinois; Ed Linsky, Seymour Heilbrunn and Slepín of Penna.; Joe Jones (Com. of Detroit's largest Legion post) and Straub of Michigan; Harry Wengrow, N.E.C. (Com. of Georgia's largest Legion post; Norman Marks of New York, William Stern, No. Dakota, Joe Rabinovich, Indianapolis. . . . Paul Griffith, new Legion Com., will be guest speaker at JWV Natl. Conv. banquet (his campaign managers were Julius Levy and Ed Linsky). . . . For first time Legion passed resolution condemning discrimination against vets by schools and colleges; recommended \$250,000 fund to expose and fight subversives; bitterly denounced KKK. . . . Also opposed all immigration (because of housing shortages and possible unemployment) until Jan. 1, 1948, and passed resolutions condemning lynching and mob violence.

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EDITORIAL

AMERICAN ACTION, INC.

Last week the new "American Action, Inc." came to light. This new—up to now secret group—appears to be a coordination of the America First isolationists and the Liberty League of the 1930s. The financial supporters are Lammont du-Pont, Joseph Pew and Ernest Weir; the public relation backers are Col. Robert R. McCormick, Gen. Robert E. Wood and radio commentator Upton Close. Also among the leaders are Capt. Ed Hayes of Chicago, Past Natl. Commander of the American Legion, and Robert Christenberry, President of the Hotel Astor Corp. in New York and past National Legislative Chairman of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Other leaders are Wm. Harriss, (Rev. Coughlin, representative in the East) and Merwin K. Hart, pro-Franco and reactionary spokesman.

Their presently avowed purpose is to defeat 187 candidates for Congress
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