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## JWV Delegation Sees President On New York Visit

### Group Led By National Commander Expresses Satisfaction With Reaffirmation Of Israel Stand

An eleven man JWV delegation led by National Commander Myer Dorfman paid a call on President Harry S. Truman at the Biltmore Hotel, New York City, on Friday, October 29, to express appreciation of the President's reaffirmation of his stand in relation to Israel. Expressing alarm at the failure of this country's delegation to the United Nations to press for implementation of the partition policy endorsed by the United Nations, Commander Dorfman expressed the belief that implementation of the policy asserted by President Truman would benefit not only the citizens of Israel but many more peoples throughout the world.

Included in the group who accompanied the National Commander in his visit to the Chief Executive at the Hotel Biltmore were: Benjamin Kaufman, National Executive Director, Sidney Stein, Department of New York Commander; Bernard E. Perelson, NECman from the Second Region; Meyer Neumann, NECman, Second Region; Leo Price, National Vice Commander, Second Region; Irving Moschel, Bronx County Commander, Benjamin H. Chasin, Kings County Commander; Morris Gimpelson, Queens County Commander; Harry Grossman, New York County Commander; Benjamin Nessenbaum, Department of New Jersey Commander; Sidney Bookbinder, NECman from the Third Region.

The Text of Commander Dorfman's statement to the President is:

Mr. President I have the honor to express to you the deep appreciation of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America for your forthright utterance with regard to the contemplated implementation of our country's expressed policy on Israel.

Ours is not a political organization. We do not consider in this brief meeting that we are addressing ourselves to a candidate for political office. Rather, we feel that we are voicing our thanks to a fellow American who is conscious of the trials that assail a people who seek freedom and a way of life akin to our own.

Mr. President, specific pledges have been made to assist the people of Israel in their efforts to attain independence. We view with deep anxiety the failure of our country's delegation to the United Nations to act upon these pledges at the current meeting of the United Nations in Paris. We are dismayed at the sanction given by our country's delegation to the continued postponement of United Nations action to translate this resolution of November 29 into reality. We were deeply disturbed at press reports that our delegation to the United Nations would support a British-Chinese

## UN Hears JWV Israel Views From Organizations'

They may not know where they're heading on the problem of Israel, but they know where JWV stands on this issue.

That, in sum, is one of the side-ights on the story of current United Nations sessions in Paris, where JWV is being represented by Past National Commander Archie H. Greenberg. PNC Greenberg, who is an accredited observer-consultant to the UN, enjoys one other distinction. And so, in the same connection, does JWV. Greenberg is the only veterans organization spokesman to sit in on UN business, and JWV is the only

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### Time's A'Wastin'

To obtain those 1949 dues cards, last year's pasteboards—those dated 1948—must be turned back to National Headquarters.

When?

NOW. As soon as you see this.

Why?

Because come April 1, 1949, we want to be sure—and you do, too—that every paid-up member receives THE JEWISH VETERAN.

National is starting its Spring cleaning early. Its files are being brushed up to make sure that no rightful claimant will have to do without this newspaper.

AND REMEMBER!

On your 1949 cards, be sure to list each member's full name and address, including postal zone.

## Acclaim Success Of National "Israel Week"

### Telegrams To Both Presidential Candidates Urge Re-Affirmation Of Stand And Call For Immediate Action

Observance by JWV on a national scale of "Israel Week" was pronounced an "unqualified success" by National Commander Myer Dorfman after President Truman and Governor Dewey had reaffirmed publicly their party platforms on recognition and aid for the Jewish State. Reports reaching National Headquarters told an impressive story of nationwide action by JWV units to impress on leaders of the major political parties the urgent need for taking the Israel issue out of politics and clarifying the U. S. position on Israel in current

discussions at the United Nations. After issuing directives to all units spelling out the action to be taken during the week of tribute to Israel, National Commander Dorfman sent telegrams to President Truman and Governor Dewey asking the two Presidential can-

didates whether their parties intended to implement their platform pledges of recognition and aid for Israel. In both messages, he emphasized the contrasts between the Israel planks of the two parties and the action of United States representatives at the United Nations.

The two telegrams were sent Friday morning, October 19.

That evening Governor Dewey issued a statement asserting his intention to stand by the Republican platform as adopted at the party's national convention in Philadelphia.

Twenty-four hours later, President Truman announced in vehement terms that the Democratic Party had every intention of abiding by the policy explicitly stated in its platform plank on Israel.

The telegrams from National Commander Dorfman queried the two candidates in detail, quoting their party platforms in full.

To President Truman, the National Commander wrote:

"The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, which has steadfastly supported every United States effort to lead the development of the United Nations into a true instrument of world peace and security, views with deep anxiety our country's failure to maintain its leadership in the solution of the problem of Israel as asserted in the granting of de facto recognition and the action on behalf of adoption of the November 29 United Nations resolution approving the creation of the Jewish State. Freedom-loving peoples everywhere were heartened by the Democratic Party platform which promised:

"We pledge full recognition of the State of Israel. We approve the claims of the State of Israel to the boundaries set forth in the United Nations resolution of November 29 and consider that modifications thereof should be made only if acceptable to the State of Israel. We look forward to the admission of the State of Israel to the United Nations and its full participation in the international community of nations. We pledge appropriate aid to the State of Israel in developing its economy

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## President Truman Receives J.W.V.



National Commander Myer Dorfman (right) at New York meeting with President Truman, as New York's Mayor O'Dwyer (center) looks on. In the background are members of JWV delegation who accompanied National Commander.

## FROM SNAFU TO TARFU

The average American veteran of the ETO, a man befuddled by the revision in the sentence of Ilse Koch, found last week that his bafflement was fully shared by Washington newspapermen to whom Army officials exhibited pictorial evidence in apparent contradiction of the contentions of military authorities in Berlin that charges against the Koch woman had been based only on "hearsay."

Without explanation by the Army, reporters were summoned to a restricted showing of Signal Corps films made at Buchenwald immediately after discovery of the Nazi murder camp by U. S. troops. Newsmen asked to the showings were puzzled by the Army memorandum which invited them to witness "certain motion pictures concerning Ilse Koch, the Buchenwald concentration camp and the Dachau war crimes trials." Their bewilderment deepened when the Army narrator of one of the films

stated flatly that lamp shades and other articles made from human skin had been ordered by "the wife of the SS commandant of the Buchenwald camp."

The wife referred to was Ilse Koch.

The film not only identified her as the person responsible for the atrocities, which the Army's legal minds in Berlin could not discern, but also established that the Army at that time was in possession of the exhibits which it now contends are missing.

The exhibits—a large lamp shade, pieces of tattooed human skin, and shrunken heads mounted on stands—were shown in the film to be on a table past which the Army, then horrified by its discovery, marched Germans from the area around Buchenwald to see the grisly display for themselves.

Newsmen were bewildered by the Army's motive in showing the film which stripped the commutation of the Koch sentence

of any logic. A query directed to Army public information officials met with the cryptic response that it was thought the film showings "might be pertinent to the present dispute over the Koch case, which has both President Truman and the Senate Investigations Subcommittee looking into the commutation of the sentence.

More than one reporter who had seen Army service in World War II was probably whisked back to his war days when GIs had at least two words for the prevailing Army confusion between Berlin and Washington: Snafu and Tarfu.

The latest Army flip-flop notwithstanding, JWV was continuing to make known its feelings in Washington over the kindly treatment afforded the notorious Buchenwald murderess. A resolution adopted at the 53rd Encampment in condemnation of the action reducing the Koch sen-

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### What's New With You?

THE JEWISH VETERAN wants to know so that it can use its pages to pass the information along to the JWV Post in the next State.

But the only news we can give the next man is what you pass on to us.

This newspaper goes to press on the last Monday of the month preceding the date of publication.

You can help us by sending in your material—news, photos, etc.—by the middle of each month. For the December issue, as an example, let's have your news by November 18.

Tell your story to us and we'll tell it to all of JWV and thousands of others who get our paper.