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Dorfman Keynotes Record JWV Brotherhood Program

National Commander Myer Dorfman in an address before the annual Good Will Dinner of Pittsburgh Post #49, last month sounded the keynote for a record participation by JWV in the nation's annual observance of National Brotherhood Week.

An audience made up of civic and community leaders of the three major faiths heard Commander Dorfman assert that persecutions of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish religious leaders in Communist dominated countries abroad could be countered successfully "only through the moral strength of 130,000,000 Americans unite in a common determination to safeguard civil and religious liberties in our own country and to speak out as one man against incursions of these sacred rights anywhere in the world."

From New York to California JWV units intensified normal pro-

Natl. Commander



MYER DORFMAN

grams of interfaith activity to aid local accomplishments of National Brotherhood Week. Public forums and meetings were held in Churches, Synagogues, meeting halls and schools, in conjunction with other veteran and religious groups of all faiths. Many of the activities participated in and sponsored by JWV units throughout the country were featured in last month's issue of the VETERAN. This current issue as well, tells the story of JWV's efforts in the realm of Brotherhood and inter-faith cooperation, with stories and photographs of JWV activity.

The text of Commander Dorfman's Good-Will address follows:

"Americans of Jewish faith have a special stake in our country's institutions. For the ancestors of many of us, America was the world's first haven from tyranny and oppression. We of the Jewish War Veterans are especially mindful that it was this nation that gave the Jewish people the right to defend freedom—as every man who is given such a privilege should defend it—in the uniform of his country. To the Jews who felt the lash of the Czars and the Kaisers, America proclaimed that here a man may serve his God and his country by no other dictates than those of his Bible and a set of laws he himself helps to write.

That is why Jews have served equally and proudly in every war of this Republic. They have served as Americans and they knew only one allegiance. That loyalty was to our country—because America asked only if they wanted freedom; if they wanted freedom enough to do battle for it. The answer—in every war since the War for Independence—has

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LAST ISSUE FOR DELINQUENTS

This (March) issue of the VETERAN is the last issue which will be received by those members who have not yet paid their dues for 1949. The deadline for dues payment has been set as April 1st. All members who have not paid up by that time will have their names removed from the circulation files. Remember the deadline . . . APRIL 1.

Gen. Bradley To Speak At National Dinner, April 5

General Omar N. Bradley, Army Chief of Staff famed in World War II as "the soldier's general," will be honored by JWV at a New York dinner, on the eve of Army Day, April 5, marking the organization's fifty-fourth year of activity.

The dinner, scheduled for the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, is being given by the New York division of the National Finance Committee. Chairman of the \$100-a-plate affair is Samuel Hausman of New York City, leading businessman and community leader and a member of the New York State Anti-Discrimination Commission. Lazarus Joseph, New York City Comptroller, is general chairman of the 1949 New York area fund campaign, which is to culminate in the Waldorf-Astoria dinner.

Mr. Hausman, who was co-chairman of a similar JWV event

Guest of Honor



GEN. OMAR N. BRADLEY

last year, will have as associates Leonard Ginsberg, president of Hearn's Department Stores, and Irving Geist, who successfully directed the fund campaign that resulted in completion of the Four Chaplains Memorial Swimming Pool at the Kingsbridge VA facility in New York. Aiding in plans for the dinner are such noted Jewish leaders as Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, former President of the American Jewish Committee, and Adolf Held, Chairman of the American Jewish Labor Committee.

With former Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau officiating, General Bradley will be presented with a JWV award citing him for his wartime leadership and his peacetime services as both Veterans Administrator and Army Chief of Staff.

An audience of more than 1,500 persons, including top ranking military leaders, commanders of the major veterans organizations, Federal, State and local public officials and leaders of the Jewish community, are expected to hear General Bradley in an address of major national and in-

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Bar Nazis From N.Y. Fair

Because JWV action in the Giesecking case was made known throughout Germany, a western German industries fair planned for April 9 to 24 at the New York Museum of Science and Industry will be held only after Western Allied officials have closely checked the records of all German personnel scheduled to accompany the exhibit, THE JEWISH VETERAN has learned.

As a result of the chilly reception given Giesecking, and parallel protests raised by JWV and other groups against appearances in this country by the German orchestra conductor, Wilhelm Furtwaengler, a representative of the fair in New York warned German authorities by transatlantic phone against utilizing any persons whose record during the former Nazi regime remain in doubt.

Instantly affected by this warning was Dr. Albert Degener, a Munich businessman, who had been named to a German com-

mittee that is to take part in the fair program in New York. Degener, who spent nineteen years in the United States before World War II, was executive secretary of the German-American Board of Trade in New York until he was exchanged as an enemy alien in 1942.

Officials in charge of the fair program promptly announced in Frankfurt, Germany, that Degener, who has participated in program preparations for the exhibit because of his previous experience in the United States, would not receive an exit permit from Germany. The officials added that Degener had been convicted and fined by a de-nazification tribunal as a "follower" of the Nazi party. Simultaneously, it was announced that the name of the exhibition was being changed from "The German Forty-Nine Industry Show" to "Military Government German Exhibition."

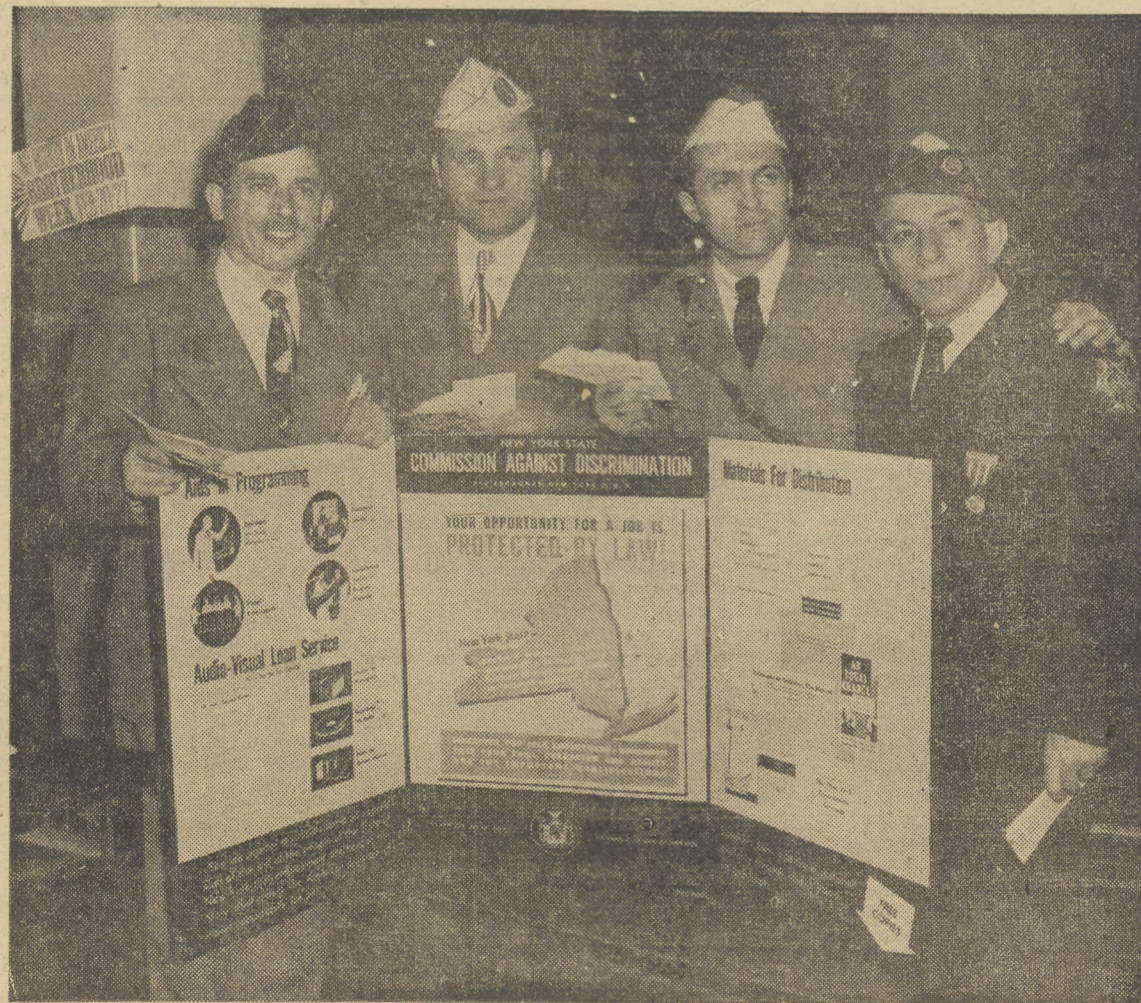
Both Military Government au-

thorities and western German sponsors of the fair emphasized that all Germans who receive permission to attend the exhibition in the United States would be carefully screened. The sponsors of the fair said the show would stress Military Government objectives in pushing western German recovery as a means of easing the burden of U. S. taxpayers in feeding the country.

Degener's record in the United States came under attack as early as 1940, when Congressman Samuel Dickstein (D., N. Y.) charged in a speech on the floor of the House that the German was directing a trade organization that filled "a very important role in the United States in distributing German propaganda." Congressman Dickstein referred to the German-American Board of Trade in New York, which had been formed ostensibly as a "non-political organization of business men interested in trade between

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Veterans Join Forces For Brotherhood Conference



Under the sponsorship of the Kings County Council, the various veterans organizations in Brooklyn joined together in a demonstration of "Brotherhood in Action" during Brotherhood Week (February 20-27) shown in attendance at one of the sessions of the conference, called "The Veteran Calls For Brotherhood" are, (left to right) Benjamin Chasin, Commander of the Kings County Council; Peter Nowak, Kings County Service Officer of the DAV; Allen Matthews, Kings County Commander of the Catholic War Veterans; and Barclay Farenza, Kings County Commander of the VFW. (For detailed story of the conference see page 7).