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Dorfman Confers With President Truman In Visit To White House

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In an eighteen-hour day in Washington recently, National Commander Myer Dorfman handled in assembly line fashion a series of interviews, a broadcast over WGAY and the Department of the District of Columbia reception. Each was turned out with machine-like precision. Included were interviews with the President, Veterans Administrator General Carl R. Gray, and with the Chiefs of the Defense Department at the Pentagon.

The interview with the President was especially cordial as the National Commander complimented the President on his fine suntan acquired on his Florida vacation, and reminded him of the National Commander's interview with the President in New York a couple of weeks before Election Day.

The President nodded as the National Commander expressed the appreciation of JWV for the full accomplishment of the promises made in that interview regarding Israel. Commander Dorfman emphasized that the achievement of Israel independence would serve the interests of American security, extend the area of free democratic government, not only in the Middle East, but throughout the world, and that Israel's thinking would be along the lines of our concept of democracy.

The National Commander also assured the President that JWV is 100% behind the President's legislative program including civil rights, public housing, rent control and social legislation, and emphasized that JWV members would keep reminding legislators to act promptly on these matters. The President was especially interested in the National Commander's approval of the North Atlantic Pact which had just been announced in the State Department conference, where the JWV Legislative Representative had been in attendance and participated in the discussion regarding the Pact and the Government's foreign policy in Europe and Asia.

The National Commander's comments on JWV's opposition to the Rankin Bill brought a smile to the President's face. But when this was followed by an urgent request to re-institute the whole of the hospitalization program, the President asserted that the cut-back of 16,000 new beds would be in the interests of the country without injury to the legitimate rights of the veteran. Our National Commander pointed out that World War II veterans especially are not so much concerned with any pension they might get at 65, but with the immediate needs which arise in case of illnesses requiring hospitalization, and urged that the complete hospitalization program would be in reality an introductory step for the President's National Health Plan.

An interesting touch was lent (Continued on Page 3)

Memorial Service May 22

The morning of Sunday, May 22, has been designated as the date of this year's observance of JWV's annual Memorial Service. The traditional parade down New York's Fifth Avenue will again precede the religious services at Temple Emanu-El. Details of the Memorial Service, including orders of march, JWV officials in charge and notables who will attend, will be forwarded to Posts in National Headquarters releases early this month.

Convention To Miami Beach

Miami Beach, Fla., has been named as the site of JWV's 54th National Encampment, it was announced at the conclusion of last month's NEC meeting in Atlanta.

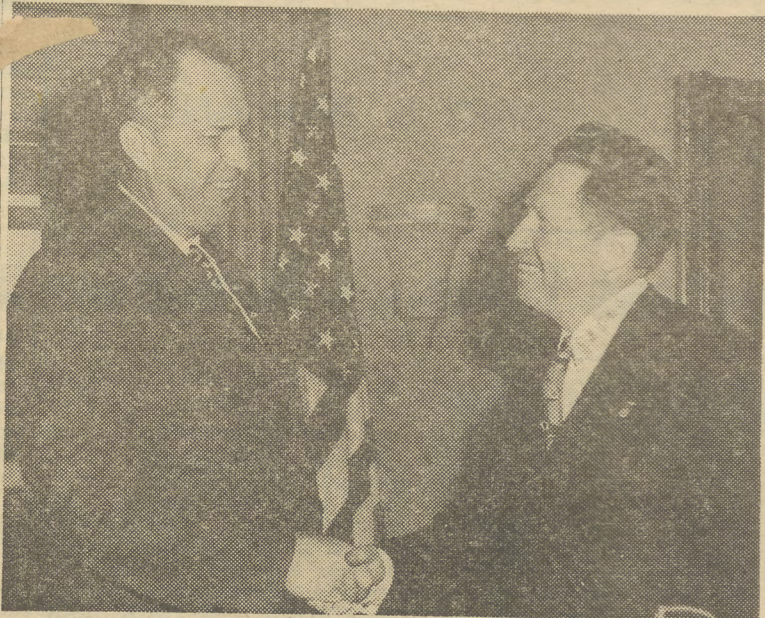
The 1949 National Encampment will be held from October 19 to 23, with full details to be communicated to all Posts in National Headquarters Releases and in forth-coming issues of THE JEWISH VETERAN.

Bradley Receives JWV Award At Waldorf Dinner Held On Eve Of Army Day

More than 800 persons are expected to attend JWV's forty-fourth anniversary dinner at New York's Waldorf-Astoria Tuesday, April 5, the eve of Army Day, as this issue of THE JEWISH VETERAN is being delivered to the organization's membership throughout the country.

General Omar N. Bradley, JWV's guest of honor for the occasion, is scheduled to deliver an address of international importance. The Army Chief of Staff will be heard from the JWV dinner at 10 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, over the coast-to-coast facilities of the Mutual Broadcasting System. His speech is to be recorded by the Armed Forces Radio Service for re-broadcast to U. S. troops at all stations overseas and in this country, on the following

The Secretary of the Army Extends His Greetings



National Commander Myer Dorfman (right) being greeted by the Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall, at his office in the Pentagon building on a visit to Washington on March 22. The National Commander was also received by President Truman at the White House during his Washington visit. (U.S. Army Photo)

NEW POLICIES DECIDED ON AT ATLANTA SESSION

ATLANTA, GA.—A broad review of JWV national policies on major problems of national and international scope was the distinguishing feature of a two-day NEC meeting here that moved with precision timing, due largely to exemplary arrangements made by Atlanta Post No. 112, host unit for the sessions.

JWV still has no use for Fritz Kuhn, ex-German-American Bund Fuehrer. The NEC went on record in strong opposition to any attempt at U. S. re-entry by the former bully boy.

The NEC urged stricter U. S. Occupation supervision over German newspapers, approved expansion of benefits the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, and went on to establish policy on problem to which THE JEWISH VETERAN last month devoted a half-dozen columns.

The problem was that of picketing.

On this thorny issue the NEC decided that picketing cannot be (Continued on Page 3)



GEN. OMAR N. BRADLEY

day as part of the regular observance of Army Day.

JWV's Medal of Merit will be awarded General Bradley by former Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau, Jr. The general is being cited for his wartime leadership, his services to veterans as Veterans Administrator, and his contributions to national unity in his present office as Army Chief of Staff.

Special awards are to be given David Ben Gurion, Israeli Prime Minister, for his achievements as Defense Minister of Israel during the Palestine fighting, and to Eddie Cantor, famed entertainer, for his contributions to the morale and welfare of the armed forces and disabled veterans.

Eliahu Elath, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, is to accept a certificate of achievement on behalf of Ben Gurion. The presentation is to be made by PNC Julius Klein. The award to Mr. Cantor will be presented by National Commander Myer Dorfman.

Addresses by the National Commander and Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York City are to follow the talk by General Bradley.

Proceeds of the \$100-a-plate affair, which is being conducted by JWV's New York Finance Committee, will go towards expansion of the organization's national program.

Ranking military leaders, government officials and representatives of veterans and community organizations are expected to attend. Tables purchased by New York business and industrial concerns have been turned over to disabled veterans, more than 300 of whom will be present.

Samuel Hausman, New York City member of the N. Y. State Commission Against Discrimination, is chairman of the event. Associated with Mr. Hausman are (Continued on Page 3)

Conference Calls For Civil Rights Support

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Support of President Truman's 10-point civil rights program, strengthening of anti-discrimination machinery and opposition to the present form of the Government's loyalty program were among expressions approved by the National Citizens Conference on Civil Liberties, which met in the nation's capital last month.

JWV was among more than 50 national organizations participating in the Conference, meeting under the auspices of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House, a coordinating body formed to "alert and inform members of religious, educational, civic, labor, social welfare, business, professional and farm groups." On ways and means by which national organizations can "best protect, advance and extend the great American heritage of freedom."

Four major topics considered by the Conference were:

The Government and its relation to civil liberties.

Academic freedom.

Human rights on both the national and international scene.

Civil rights, with special reference to the achievements of the President's 10-point program.

Discussion of the Government's loyalty program resulted in the view that "Investigations of the loyalty of Government employees

should be strictly confined to employees in positions genuinely affecting the national security."

The Conference agreed that there exists a "necessity for screening employees in such agencies as the Department of Defense, the State Department and the Atomic Energy Commission, or in those positions in other agencies concerned with problems of national security."

However, the Conference noted that "the procedures by which the loyalty of such employees is determined must conform to basic and time-tested methods of fair trial, including specifically the right of cross-examination, confrontation of witnesses and impartial inquiry."

Special consideration of the record of the House-Un-American Activities Committee led to a recommendation that the Committee in its present form be abolished and a new body constituted "that should give attention to rooting out such Fascist activities as the Ku Klux Klan as well as the activities of Communists."

Participating organizations were asked to join in a campaign for "majority rule in the Senate," a reference to the Senate's filibustering snarl that has blocked enactment of "badly needed legislation."

Voicing approval of the Presi-

dent's civil rights program, the Conference recommended that national organizations devote themselves to advocating the elimination of segregation in the Armed Forces and the conduct of information and education campaigns to focus public attention on the need for legislation to strengthen civil liberties.

The Conference decried what it termed "present tendencies to stifle academic freedom through racial and religious bars imposed on teachers and students alike" and urged world-wide adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as enunciated by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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