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### Admiral Price To Speak At Memorial Services

Vice-Admiral John Dale Price, Vice-Chief of Naval Operations, who commanded Naval air forces in key strikes against such War II South Pacific targets as Kwajalein, Eniwetok and Wake Island, will be the principal speaker at JWV's fifty-fourth annual Memorial Service, Sunday, May 22, it was announced by National Headquarters.

This year's observance will be prefaced by the traditional annual parade of JWV units on New York's Fifth Avenue. As in past years, the Service will be held at Temple Emanu-El. JWV's National Chaplain, Rabbi Aryeh Lev, a wartime lieutenant colonel of the Army Chaplains Corps, will deliver the sermon. Temple Emanu-El's Senior Rabbi, Dr. Julius Mark, a JWV member who served as Chaplain on the staff of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, will also officiate.

PNC Fred Harris of Meriden, Conn., is Chairman of this year's observance and Colonel Melvin Krulowitch, highest ranking War II Marine Corps officer of Jewish faith, has been named Grand Marshal of the parade.

The Preiskell-Miller-Glassberg Post No. 146, N. J., band will lead this year's marchers, it was made known by the parade committee.

Tentative plans call for assembly of JWV units at 9:30 a. m. (Daylight Saving Time) with the parade scheduled to move out at 10 o'clock sharp. Assembly points will run from 92nd Street to 86th Street at Lexington Avenue. Originating at the 92nd Street YMHA, the parade will thread its way down Lexington Avenue to 86th Street, with contingents entering the line of march from streets east and west of Lexington Avenue. The entire movement will wheel west on 86th Street to Fifth Avenue, proceeding at that point down Fifth Avenue to pass in review before naval, military and civic dignitaries at 67th Street.

Religious phases of the Service are scheduled to begin at 11 a. m. sharp in Temple Emanu-El.

Vice-Admiral Price, a Naval Academy graduate, has seen some thirty-seven years of duty with service in both World Wars. He is a pioneer in naval aviation, with air service dating back to 1919. In War II, he assumed command of Fleet Air Wing 2 early in 1943. Repeatedly cited for heroism and aggressive leadership, he holds the Navy Cross, the DFC, the Legion of Merit with Gold Star and numerous other decorations of the U. S. and other governments.

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### National Commander Hospitalized

National Commander Myer Dorfman was a patient at the Jane Brown Hospital in Providence, R. I., as this edition of THE JEWISH VETERAN went to press.

Commander Dorfman, who had been filling JWV engagements while in severe pain from a sacroiliac condition, had to be assisted from a platform in Boston, on April 24, where he addressed delegates to the Department of Massachusetts convention.

Paul Robin, NEC man of the First Region, aided the National Commander to reach his hotel room in Boston and subsequently accompanied him to Providence.

Since his election to JWV's top office, National Commander Myer Dorfman has traveled more than 75,000 miles on organization business.

### Watch Veteran For Convention News

The 1949 National Convention will be held in Miami Beach, Fla., from October 19 to 23. Full details will be communicated to all Posts in Headquarters Releases and in forthcoming issues of the JEWISH VETERAN. The Florida site was announced following the March session of the N. E. C. in Atlanta, Ga.

### Bradley Urges Arms To Back N. Atlantic Pact

NEW YORK, N. Y.—General Omar Bradley, employing JWV's fifty-fourth anniversary dinner as a vehicle for an internationally important address on American Military policy, last month told an audience of more than 800 that the North Atlantic Pact may become as important to this country's security as possession of the atomic bomb.

Speaking on the eve of the Nation's last Army Day observance, the Army Chief of Staff coupled his evaluation of the pact's significance with an appeal for sufficient military aid to the pact's signatory powers to insure them against any possible westward march by a potential aggressor.

General Bradley's statement, made at the invitation of the State Department, was broadcast in this country by the Mutual Broadcasting System and transmitted to U. S. Troops throughout the world by the Armed Forces Radio Service. One of the most widely reported pronouncements of U. S. policy in recent years, the talk evoked instantaneous reactions in capitals throughout Europe. Every major newspaper in the United States commented editorially on the major points emphasized in the address.

(The complete text of General Bradley's statement is reprinted on page 3 of this issue.)

Civic and community leaders, military and diplomatic officials and hundreds of disabled veterans applauded enthusiastically at the conclusion of the address as former Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau Jr., acting on behalf of JWV, presented the Army Chief of Staff with the organization's Medal of Merit.

An accompanying certificate cited General Bradley for his services in command of U. S. Troops in the ETO, his contributions as Veterans Administrator "in advancing the peacetime readjustment of the men he led to a great war victory," and for his efforts as Army Chief of Staff "in striving for a united military establishment to the end that the nation may remain secure and the people of the United States may go forward together in the best traditions of American Citizenship."

A message from Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson praised the General as "a great American who shares your (JWV's) ideals" and added "an able and valiant soldier, he is also a worthy citizen of our fine country."

The message went on to laud JWV for "your wholehearted contributions to your country's security, both on the fields of action and in peacetime efforts to promote tolerance and understanding."

The Defense Secretary observed that "in a period of world tension such as this, it is the accepted technique of our potential enemies to attempt to weaken our unity by setting one religious or racial group within our citizenry against another."

The message concluded: "Your programs of religious and racial cooperation are a direct and potent defense against this insidious form of attack on the liberty you fought to preserve. Your sponsorship of such programs lends them incalculable weight because you enjoy the kinship of all men who have taken up arms in defense of their country."

With Brigadier General Julius Klein, JWV Past National Commander, officiating, an Award of Achievement was tendered David Ben Gurion, Prime Minister of Israel for his services as defense minister during the period of Israel's war against the Arabs. Eliahu Elath, Israeli Ambassador to the United States, accepted the award on behalf of Mr. Ben Gurion.

Another citation was awarded (Continued on page 4)

### General Bradley Receiving Medal Of Merit



Former Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau, Jr. presenting General Omar Bradley with JWV's Medal of Merit at recent Fifty-fourth Anniversary Dinner. Looking on are entertainer Eddie Cantor, who received a certificate from the organization, and National Commander Myer Dorfman.

### Florida Vets Hit K.K.K.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—Rallied by JWV's St. Petersburg Post No. 246 (Fla.), the Veterans Liaison Council of this city last month began circulation of a joint resolution urging popular support of efforts by Governor Fuller Warren to check activities of the Ku Klux Klan in Florida.

The council, an organization formed to coordinate community efforts by St. Petersburg's 14 major veterans groups, adopted by an 11 to 3 vote, a JWV resolution commending Governor Warren and urging him "to take whatever measures are necessary" to revoke the charter of the Klan in Florida.

The statement by JWV's St. Petersburg Post read:

"Whereas the KKK is an organization founded on the undemocratic principles of prejudice and bigotry, and

"Whereas Governor Fuller Warren has declared himself publicly as unequivocally opposed to that and all other terrorist organizations,

"Therefore, be it resolved that we hereby commend and congratulate Governor Warren for his public statements condemning the KKK and urge him to take whatever measures are necessary to revoke their state charter, assuring the Governor of our unqualified support of those measures."

American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Amvets and other

veteran groups pondered the resolution at post meetings and subsequently announced their support of the JWV views at a session of the Liaison Council.

The three veteran organizations who were cool to the resolution emphasized that their objectives were based solely on the view that Florida's Chief Executive is not empowered under state law to revoke the Klan charter. The three groups told the Liaison Council that they favored the principle of action against the Klan.

Paul Mitchell, writer on veterans' affairs for the St. Petersburg Times, lauded the Veterans Liaison Council action and said the council was "a model for veterans in other states who are interested in coordinating diverse interests and scattered efforts by various vet groups to serve mutual interests of community betterment."

Mr. Mitchell singled out St. Petersburg Post for special praise, asserting:

"It is fitting that the Jewish War Veterans should have drafted the statement adopted by the council. After all, the JWV was formed in 1896 for purposes of spiking wild-flying rumors that Jews did not serve either in the blue or gray during the years 1861-65."

Mr. Mitchell added: "In their fight for fair treatment, the JWV

has often clashed with groups like the KKK that have attempted to discredit minority groups on the basis of race and creed."

Abe Ader, quartermaster of St. Petersburg Post and a National Deputy Chief of Staff, relayed news of the Post's action to THE JEWISH VETERAN and credited JWV's Milton Jaffe with bringing the Post's views to the attention of St. Petersburg's press and veterans organizations.

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