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Crowded Agenda On Tap For Coming NEC Session

One of the busiest agendas in months will confront NEC representatives who are to convene in New York City July 23 and 24 for the third quarterly meeting of this year, it was learned.

Among resolutions that were to receive preliminary action at a regular monthly meeting of the National Policy Committee as this edition went to press was one recommendation urging the withholding of funds by the Federal Housing Authority from contractors and builders who resort to racial and religious discrimination in "the sale, exchange or leasing of real estate." Another expression for the formulation of a national JWV policy on the refusal of the American Bowling Congress to sanction the participation of Negro bowlers in the annual ABC national tournaments.

Policy Committee members were also expected to forward a recommendation to the NEC on a request by the National Ladies' Auxiliary that JWV support House Bills 3520 and 3521. These measures would protect the citizenship rights of any American who had volunteered for military service in the defense of the State of Israel. Under the proposed legislation, volunteers would not be subject to penal action for their service in Palestine.

Also scheduled to come under the scrutiny of the NEC were such standing problems as State Department policy on German reconstruction and tightening of screening procedures in the granting of visas to German nationals with former Nazi ties. NEC men were to hear reports on such questions as group libel legislation and the recent action taken at an executive committee meeting of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, which voted 11 to 8 to repudiate through public statements and other means allegations by the American Council for Judaism that American Jews who support a secure, independent State of Israel are manifesting dual loyalties.

Kaminsky Named Connecticut Head

Moodis, Conn.—Resolutions urging federal enactment of a fair education practices act, inclusion of the State of Israel in the European Recovery Program, and broadening of immigration quotas were adopted at the annual convention of the Department of Connecticut last month.

Reuben Kaminsky of West Hartford was elected Department Commander. Dr. Sydney Goldberg of Milford and Hyman Walensky of New London were chosen senior and junior vice-commanders of the Department respectively. Mrs. Dora Smithlyne of New London was elected President of the Department Auxiliary.

Two Past National Commanders were among speakers who addressed the delegates. Archie H. Greenberg of Brooklyn outlined the JWV Americanism program and Lt. Col. William Berman, recently returned from Germany where he served in the Judge Advocate's department during the Nazi war crimes prosecutions, spoke on current U. S. policies in the occupation zone.

Other speakers were Justice Edward Daly, Judge of the Superior Court of Connecticut, who was Chief Justice at the Nuremberg trials of the Nazi cartelists, and Arthur Kelly of Torrington, Connecticut Department Commander of the American Legion.

Make All Your Votes Count

Only the amount of per capita tax paid in full, to National Headquarters, prior to September 19, 1949 will count toward a post's voting strength at the forthcoming National Convention at Miami Beach, October 19 to 22. It is recommended that all units submit their payments immediately to insure the maximum vote at the encampment. Notices to this effect have been sent to all units. Please comply at once and avoid any difficulties at the National Encampment.

Arrangements Under Way For National Encampment

Indicating the early interest shown in JWV's fifty-fourth annual National Encampment, scheduled for Miami Beach, Fla., October 19 to 23, Encampment Committee Chairman Martin H. Horwitz of New Britain, Conn., announced that 21 Miami hotels have set aside 1,210 rooms to accommodate delegates expected to converge on the Florida resort city from every section of the country.

A name that every Post commander ought to display in large type on his headquarters bulletin board without delay, Mr. Horwitz said, is Gerald D. Yanks.

Mr. Yanks is executive secretary of the convention corporation formed by Miami Beach Post No. 330, which is to be host for the Encampment. Hylan Kout, commander of Post No. 330, was one of the key figures in the Miami American Legion organization which handled arrangements for the 1948 convention of that organization.

Mr. Yanks' address, to get on with the story of JWV's forthcoming Encampment, is the Delano Hotel, Ocean at 17th, Miami Beach, Fla., and the reason every Post commander should make this known to his membership is that Mr. Yanks is the man who will cope with the problem of your hotel reservation for the Encampment.

Rates will range from three dollars per day per person or more.

All reservations must be made through Mr. Yanks and each request must be accompanied by a deposit equivalent to one day's rate for the particular space desired.

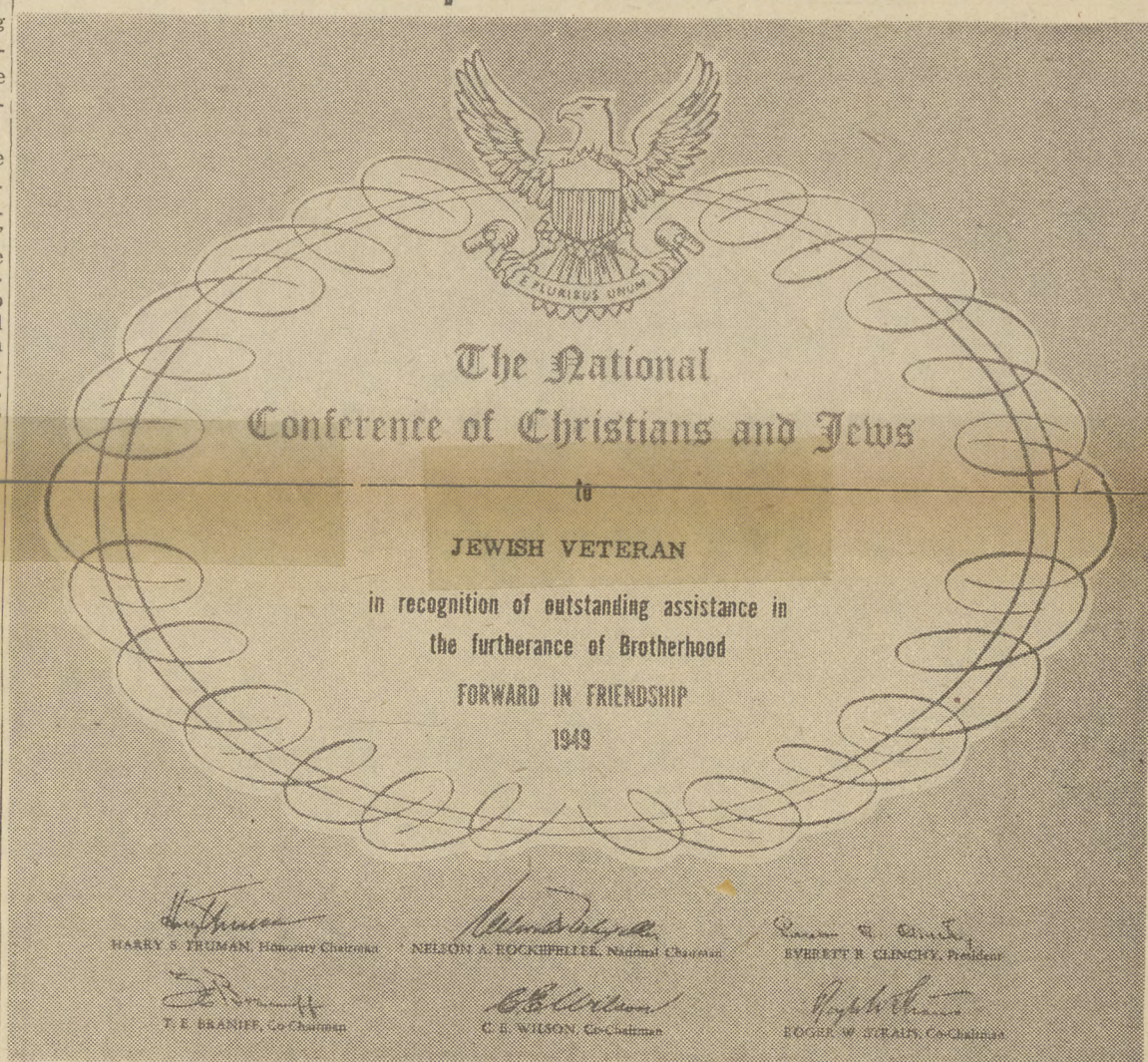
Meanwhile, National Headquarters issued its first convention bulletin notifying all JWV unit commanders that Posts contemplating submission of resolutions or amendments to the National constitution and by-laws must forward their proposals in writing to National Headquarters no later than September 10 of this year.

Convention Bulletin No. 1, dated June 14, also set forth procedures to be followed in obtaining action on proposed resolutions and amendments.

With a meeting of the National Encampment Committee scheduled for New York as this issue of THE JEWISH VETERAN went to press, National Headquarters announced that complete details of the Encampment, including program arrangements, travel and transportation data, will be en route to all Posts beginning this month.

lution urging the State Legislature to pass adequate legislation curbing individuals who make use of the privilege of free speech to incite to riot and violence at public meetings. Another resolution passed called for the endorsement of a recent statement by 20 of the country's leading educators to the effect that all proven and admitted Communists, Fascists and other subversives be excluded from teaching in their institutions, after proper hearings and investigations have been held to warrant their action.

For Cooperation And Service



Record participation by JWV Posts in the 1949 observance of National Brotherhood Week, as reported in THE JEWISH VETERAN, was cited by the National Conference of Christians and Jews recently in the certificate shown above.

Headquarter's Story Is Told To Post Commanders

How more than 200 Nazis were denied a free boat ride to the United States in connection with the west German industries fair held in New York City last April was revealed recently at a meeting of Bronx County Post commanders in the headquarters of Maccabean Post No. 107 (N. Y.).

The gathering, first of its kind in the New York area, was arranged by National Liaison Officer Irving Moschel to acquaint the membership of Bronx County with the operations of the National organization.

The story of the Nazis' exclusion from this country was recounted by Joseph Woolfson, Secretary of JWV's National Americanism Committee, during the course of an outline of the Committee's program. According to Woolfson, one of his committee members who has long occupied a listening post in a German-American trade group was the first to learn of the identities of a number of

present day German businessmen and manufacturers who had been cleared by U. S. occupation authorities in Germany for a trip to this country in connection with an exhibit of German industrial products. Among those given clearance was a Dr. Albert Degener (see THE JEWISH VETERAN March, 1949), a Munich businessman with a long pre-War II record of Nazi activity in the United States. Two days after Pearl Harbor, Degener was officially stamped an enemy alien after special agents of the FBI arrested him and consigned him to Ellis Island to await exchange for a United States national in German hands.

Resulting JWV protests to Army officials led to a "re-evaluation" of Germans scheduled to participate in the New York fair. Degener was the first to be removed from the approved list. An ensuing checkup brought about the "re-evaluation" of more than 200 others

New Jersey Elects Lipkin

ASBURY PARK, N. J.—William Lipkin of Camden, N. J., was elected commander of the Department of New Jersey at the State's annual convention at Asbury Park on June 17-19. Commander Lipkin succeeds Ben Nessenbaum of Bayonne, who was recently honored with appointments to the Hudson County District Court Bench by New Jersey Governor Alfred Driscoll.

Other officers elected were Leon Fire of Jersey City, Sr. Vice Commander; Dr. Herbert Strickman of Freehold, Jr. Vice Commander, and Jack Schneider of Hackensack, Judge Advocate.

The convention passed a resolution whose business affairs had prospered under Hitler.

To insure his continuing effectiveness in keeping watch on other potential Nazi visitors to these shores, the name of Degener's JWV nemesis was given to the Bronx Post commanders in confidence.

The Post officials heard of vari-

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