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### NEC Stresses Vet Rights And Anti-Discrimination

Resolutions urging Congress to enact legislation to safeguard the rights of veterans in the postal service were adopted at last month's meeting of the National Executive Committee. NEC men approved the Miller Bill, which would allow pay credits for military service to World War II veterans who left the postal service to go to war. Also endorsed was HR 2496, providing for an increase to postal workers.

Re-emergence of the native Fascist movement led by Homer L. Loomis, former head man of the Columbians of Atlanta, led to a resolution by the NEC calling on the Attorney General of the United States to investigate the new Loomis enterprise known as the American Bilbo Club. The Attorney General was asked to look into the Bilbo Club with a view to determining whether the organization is subversive in character. In the event such a finding is made, the NEC recommended that the Bilbo Club be added to the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations in this country.

A request by the Department of New York that the National ruling on picketing be amended to permit such activity in local communities on local issues upon approval of Department of Commanders, was voted down. The existing procedure, under which any unit of JWV is prohibited from picketing unless prior sanction has been obtained from the N.C., remains in force.

Through the National Community Relations Advisory Council, of which JWV is an Executive Committee member, it was recommended by the Policy Committee that JWV action on the problem of German economic and political reconstruction be closely geared to efforts of Jewish and non-Jewish groups concerned with the German problem.

M. Edwin Levy, National Quartermaster from 1942 to 1948, was awarded a watch and a certificate citing him for "outstanding services" to JWV.

NEC men also voted awards to Irving Geist of New York for his efforts in establishing the Four Chaplains Memorial Pool project at Kingsbridge Veterans Hospital in the Bronx, and Mrs. Ida S. Latz of Los Angeles, Calif., for services to disabled veterans through the establishment of the Ida S. Latz Foundation, which provides assistance to war-injured ex-GI's by supplementing the aid of Federal, State and local agencies.

### Congress Asked To Speed 52-20

WASHINGTON, D. C. — JWV representatives from four regions, visiting Congressmen last month on two occasions to urge enactment of legislation affecting veterans, played an important role in the final passage of a public housing and slum clearance measure and impressed legislators with veteran interest in the extension of the unemployment aid provision of the GI Bill of Rights.

At least twelve Congressmen who had previously been undecided on the merits of the public housing bill pledged their votes in favor of the measure after talks with the JWV delegation. JWV appeals for action on extended GI unemployment aid, more popularly referred to as "52-20," proved timely when President Truman, reversing an earlier position, urged Congressional action on extension of the aid as part of his overall report on the nation's economic condition. Earlier, National Commander Myer Dorfman in a

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### Reports On Per-Capita



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### "Dual Loyalty" Charges Hit

The bogey of "dual loyalty" on the part of American Jews who supported the establishment of an independent State of Israel came under sharp attack last month at a meeting of the JWV Policy Committee in New York.

The Committee endorsed in principle a resolution adopted earlier by a majority of the national and community organizations holding membership on the national executive committee of the National Community Relations Advisory Council. The JWV group, in a statement of its own, declared it had "taken note of allegations of dual and diminished loyalty made against millions of American Jews" and went on to characterize such charges "to be a malicious libel against the Jewish community of the United States."

The statement continued: "Those who persist in impugning the loyalty of the American Jewish community are themselves rendering grave disservice to the principles of American democracy. The contributions of Americans of the Jewish faith to America's welfare and security are self-evident and their devotions to their country's ideals and institutions is of itself sufficient to establish their allegiance. We affirm without reservation our right as American citizens to continue to express our cultural, religious and philanthropic relationships with the Jewish community of Israel."

Although the NCRAC resolution and the JWV statement did not refer to any specific source of the "dual loyalty" allegations, it was understood that at least one group that had prompted the NCRAC action was the American Council for Judaism.

Veterans of the 78th (Lightning Division) will hold a three day convention at Fort Dix, New Jersey from September 9 through the 11th. All men who served in this division are urged to contact the National Secretary, John Ghegan, 697 President Street, Brooklyn 15, New York.

### Early Deadline Set For Resolutions

All resolutions for consideration by the fifty-fourth annual Encampment must be submitted in writing to National Headquarters at least thirty days prior to October 19, opening date of this year's convention, it was announced.

September 19 was set as the deadline for the submission of all resolutions by JWV units. The written statements should be addressed to: Chairman, Resolutions Committee, National Headquarters, Jewish War Veterans, 50 West 77th Street, New York 24, N. Y.

### Why A Dues Increase?

By National Executive Director Ben Kaufman

(Upon the instruction of the NEC at its July meeting, National Executive Director, Ben Kaufman, in the following article sets forth the circumstances that led to enactment of an increase in per capita tax at the National Executive Committee meeting of March 1949.)

Essential to an understanding of the need for an increase in per capita tax payments to National is an explanation of how JWV obtains the funds to finance its program and how these funds are used.

Let's begin with a backward glance. In 1941, the total National budget was pegged at \$45,000. Membership dues produced \$28,000, leaving another \$17,000 to be raised in the general community. The National Commander of that day received no salary but was allowed an expense account that came to approximately \$3,000. Office rent was \$1,200 a year. A secretary and two clerical assistants cost \$6,000 a year. One dollar of each member's per capita dues was applied towards the cost of a national publication. Printing, normal costs of operating an office and expenses of NEC members consumed the balance of the \$45,000 raised that year.

The organization at that time maintained no services to veterans. Community and public relations activities were devoted only to the most urgent problems facing JWV and Jewry as a whole. Legislative activity was conducted by a JWV volunteer, Dr. David S. Block of Washington, who, at heavy personal sacrifice in time and money, could devote his efforts only to the most critical issues. JWV had no field organization for the recruitment of new members. For lack of money and personnel, the JWV story could not be told adequately to 200,000 Jewish World War I veterans outside JWV ranks. The general Jewish community's understanding of JWV aims and objectives could be accommodated only intermittently.

#### JWV SINCE 1946

In 1946, PNC Milton Richman was elected on a platform pledged to the development of a broad national program that would rally American Jewish veterans to JWV and afford them a program designed to utilize their social skills and train them for future leadership in the Jewish community. This program assumed three major responsibilities for service to Jewry. We became the sole administrative representative of all Jewish veterans in problems relating to claims and benefits relationships with the government. We established a legislative program in Washington so that Jew-

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### Membership Problems To Be Aired At Convention

Special attention will be devoted to Post organization and membership problems at the fifty-fourth annual Encampment at Miami Beach, Florida, October 19 to 23, it was made known by National Headquarters.

A Headquarters release soon to be sent each Post will urge every unit to send its commander to a Post Commander's school that is to be a principal feature of the Encampment. Under the chairmanship of Ben Kaufman, National Executive Director, sessions of the Post Commander's school will be devoted to a detailed study of the national

### Convention Corporation President



Hylan H. Kout, Miami Beach attorney, National Convention Corporation President, in charge of coordinating work of all convention committees.

### Recreation Plans Set For Delegates

Recreational aspects of JWV's October Encampment at Miami Beach, Fla., are the subject of elaborate planning, it was made known by the convention corporation.

Arrangements have been completed for sight seeing tours, boat rides and an aquatic show expected to give the delegates a look at the nation's outstanding swimmers and divers.

Distaff members of Encampment delegations will witness a fashion show and other events now in the planning stage include a military ball and a special function for Gold Star mothers.

Visitors with an inclination to explore the continent beyond the southern limits of Miami will want to look into the special tour to Havana. Jack Freitag, president of Midway Tours and a member of JWV's Miami Beach Post, announced his company is arranging Havana junkets and promised travel rates will be "attractive."

Meanwhile, the Miami convention corporation announced that Eddie Rickenbacker, president of Eastern Airlines, was among a group of thirty-two prominent citizens who had formed a committee to augment the efforts of the JWV convention group to assure an outstanding Encampment. The Mayor of Miami Beach attended a preliminary gathering of the committee which met last month to formulate plans, it was announced.

program and how it can be implemented on the community level; a survey of techniques for the recruitment of new members and methods of maintaining membership interest and participation in the affairs of the organization. Commanders will hear a series of talks by the National Service Officer, the National Americanism Chairman, the National Liaison Officer and the National Legislative and Public Relations directors. All talks will be followed by question and answer periods with emphasis on regional and community problems relating to the national program and the organization's membership needs. An address by National Commander Myer Dorfman will open the proceedings.

Meanwhile, business aspects of the Encampment program were progressing rapidly. National Commander Dorfman announced these appointments for program phases of the Encampment:

National Judge Advocate Reuben B. Smith will be Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and NEC man Joseph F. Barr will head the Resolutions Committee. PNC Julius Klein will direct the deliberations of the National Defense Committee, David Lasker will head the Legislative Committee and PNC Frederick S. Harris will be Chairman of the Program and Speakers Committee.

Additional appointments named PNC Harry H. Schaffer Chairman of the Distinguished Guests Committee, Oscar Brown Chairman of the Rules and Permanent Organization Committee, Louis D. Samuels Chairman of the Credentials Committee, PNC Maxwell Cohen Chairman of the Rehabilitation Committee, PNC Harold Seidenberg Chairman of the Awards Committee, and Percy Friedlander Chairman of the Americanism Committee.

First of a group of notables to respond to an invitation to address the Encampment was Harry N. Rosenfield, a member of President Truman's three-man Displaced Persons Commission. Mr. Rosenfield is expected to make an important statement on America's experience with those displaced persons who have taken up residence in this country since admission quotas were relaxed. With Senator McCarran of Nevada, who has balked further liberalization of immigration quotas, preparing to attack the records of some eighty individuals alleged to have exercised subversive influence, a statement by Mr. Rosenfield assumes added importance since it is expected he will touch on the positive contributions to American democracy of thousands who have been given sanctuary in this country.

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