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Action By Bronx County JVV'S Curbs Hate Drive

NEW YORK, N. Y.—An ambitious hate offensive, apparently designed as a combined operation by anti-Semitic groups who have heretofore operated separately, was in retreat from a Bronx community last month after swift counter-action by JVV's Bronx County organization, which spearheaded a "Rally for Americanism" on the very site used by the hate promoters for a series of meetings extolling Adolf Hitler in particular and Nazism in general.

Groups involved in the Bronx hate demonstrations were identified as the Nationalist Action League, labeled by former Attorney General Tom Clark as Fascist; the Loyal American Group, and the National Renaissance Party, a one-man organization proclaimed by a 21-year-old youth from Beacon, New York, who has dedicated himself to the establishment in this country of "one Aryan Causasian race."

Speakers at the hate meetings, virtually all converging on the Bronx from points outside New York City, were recognized as: C. Daniel Kurts, who used to perform similar chores for the Christian Front in various eastern communities; William J. O'Brien, sales manager for the notorious New Jersey publication, "Common Sense"; William H. McFarland of Philadelphia, a director of the Nationalist Action League, and a Raymond Burke, whose contributions to the meetings included the career of the career of William Dudley Peley.

The Nationalist Action League, sparkplug of the meetings, had previously announced that a number of existing anti-semitic and other hate groups were merging for "the organization of units in all eastern states during the Summer."

In the Bronx, the drive began in the Hillside community. After scenes reminiscent of pre-war Christian Front and German-American Bund activities were observed by Nelson Levitt, Bronx County Commander, and members of his staff, the JVV County organization issued a call to Bronx veterans groups and church leaders for a joint program to halt the bigots. The Bronx County organizations of Catholic War Veterans, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, as well as religious leaders, agreed on a common strategy calling for an open air "Rally for Americanism" on the same scene used by the hate groups.

The answer of the veterans and the churchmen attracted an audience of more than 1,500 persons, despite hot weather and a rain-fall.

The New York Post, commenting editorially on the anti-hate rally held by JVV Bronx County in association with fellow veterans and church leaders, praised the action for "affirming that people of all faiths and creeds can live together harmoniously in this city, respecting each other's private beliefs, agreeing to disagree on some public issues and uniting against the merchants of intolerance."

Referring to the veterans' meeting held on the scene of prior activities by the hate groups, the Post observed: "Although it was a hot, humid night eye witnesses insist that the air cleared remarkably as the evening wore on."

Thomas V. Heaney, Bronx County Commander of the Catholic War Veterans, stirred the audience to frequent applause as he denounced the efforts of bigots to foment racial and religious antagonisms among the American

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Thanks From Uncle Sam

In recent weeks National Headquarters has been in receipt of several communications from the U. S. Treasury Department's Savings Bonds Division commending JVV units throughout the nation for the cooperation afforded in the Opportunity Bond Drive which ended recently. Singled out for special mention were posts in the States of Vermont, Nevada and New Hampshire, whose efforts sent those States over the top in the drive.

Natl. Encampment Program Is Now Nearing Completion

Program arrangements for the fifty-fourth annual Encampment were nearing completion as National Headquarters announced that Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray has accepted an invitation to address the Encampment's banquet to the National Commander.

Secretary Gray, a World War II veteran who served as both an enlisted man and an officer, is expected to deliver an important address on national security problems.

With opening meetings of the Policy and National Executive Committees set for the early afternoon of

Wednesday, October 19, regular Encampment business sessions will be held from Thursday, October 20, through Sunday, October 23, until the balloting for next year's National Commander and National Judge Advocate. The traditional post-convention meeting of the NEC has been scheduled for early afternoon of October 23.

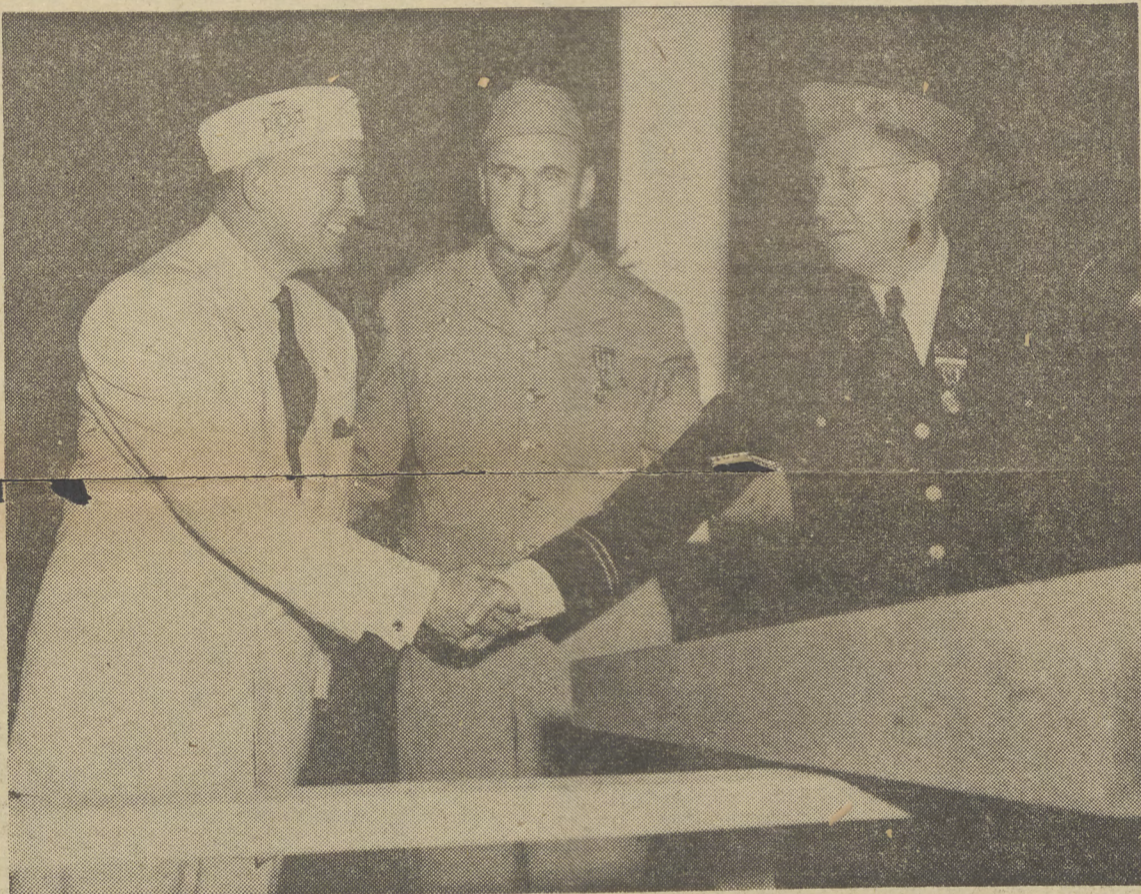
A Post Commander's School on Thursday, October 20, the observance of Florida Day on the same date, a "Town Meeting" on the problem of German democratization Saturday, October 22, and panels on Americanism, housing and veterans rehabilitation, will be special features of the convention.

An ambitious recreational program has been mapped by the Miami convention corporation under the direction of Hylan Kout, president. Entertainment features will include a water show at the Surfcomber Hotel, a military ball, boat and bus tours, golf and swimming.

Also in the making was a parade of JVV units and other veterans groups, with military forces participating, on Thursday evening, October 20.

Distinguished guests expected to attend are Governor Fuller Warren of Florida, Maj. Gen. Carl R. Gray, Jr., the Veterans Administrator, Watson B. Miller, Commissioner of Immigration, and a number of other ranking figures of government and the armed forces.

JVV Commander Guest At VFW National Convention



National Commander Myer Dorfman (right) is shown being welcomed to the recent National Encampment of the VFW in Miami Beach, by Governor Fuller Warren of Florida (left) as retiring VFW National Commander Lyall Beggs looks on.

German Problem To Be Subject Of Encampment 'Town Meeting'

A JVV-sponsored "Town Meeting" on the problem of Germany will be a feature of the 54th annual Encampment, it was announced as National Headquarters disclosed that Francis H. Russell, Director of Public Affairs and Adviser on the Policy Planning Staff of the State Department, had accepted an invitation to head a public discussion of the general topic: "What Hope For a Democratic Germany?"

Along with Garland C. Routt, veterans liaison officer of the State Department, Mr. Russell is expected to outline U. S. policy in Germany and to answer questions on the prospects for German democratization.

Questions will be invited from JVV delegates attending the Encampment. In addition, National Headquarters said, it is planned to open the meeting to the general public as well, in order to afford an example of JVV in action on an important issue of government policy.

Under Mr. Russell's direction, the Office of Public Affairs is responsible within the State Department for the participation of the American public in the development of U. S. Foreign policy, for policy research and for state-



FRANCIS H. RUSSELL, Director, Office of Public Affairs

ments of American policy abroad. The "Town Meeting" has been scheduled as part of the Encampment program for the morning of Saturday, October 22. Later, Mr. Russell will address a luncheon gathering on problems of the United Nations.

September 19th Deadline for All Per Capita Tax

Voting strength of all Posts at the 54th Annual Encampment will be determined by the receipts of per capita dues at National by September 19 at the latest. Under no circumstances will payments after that date be honored for voting purposes.

Prompt remittance of per capita dues that is still owed to National is of the first importance to insure a successful Encampment and elections of next year's officers on a basis that will truly represent the maximum voting strength of the total JVV membership.

To facilitate the work of the Credentials Committee at the Encampment, all Post Commanders are directed to bring to the Encampment all membership cards that have not been used. The Credentials Committee will check your unused membership cards, as well as the records of your paid membership to determine the voting strength of each Post.

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Convention Banquet Speaker



GORDON GRAY, Army Secretary

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