



NEC Adopts "Quarantine" Policy For JWV Units

CINCINNATI, O.—National controls on public demonstrations by JWV units were tightened by the Policy Committee, meeting here in its regular session last month.

A re-statement of JWV policy provides that no JWV unit may undertake, "whether individually or in consort with other groups," any public counter-action against Communists or Fascists unless prior sanction has been granted by a three-man National committee.

The Policy Committee action was prompted by recent disturbance at Peekskill, N. Y., in connection with an appearance by Paul Robeson and a subsequent announcement by Mr. Robeson's sponsors that the singer was planning to conduct a tour of thirty to fifty cities throughout the country.

(The complete text of JWV policy is reprinted on page 4 of this issue).

The re-statement of the JWV position on how best to cope with public appearances of, or utterances by, Communist and Fascist spokesmen advocated the "quarantining of all subversives" as the best method of balking publicity and fund-raising objectives of extremists of the left and right. In a detailed directive to all Post, County and Department commanders, National Headquarters urged "prompt implementation" of the JWV policy to place the organization on record in its determination to avoid a repetition of the Peekskill occurrences.

The JWV policy statement emphasized that the organization could not sanction any form of public protest against Communism or Fascism that might result in public disorder or serve to evoke racial and religious bigotry.

The statement, released to the press by National Commander Myer Dorfman, was linked by New York papers with an announcement by George Craig, National Commander of the American Legion, that his organization was opposed to public demonstrations against Communism and Fascism because such actions had been proved to rebound to the benefit of the subversives.

"Fresh-Up Stop" Available For Convention Delegates

Jacksonville, Fla.—All members of JWV are cordially invited by the Lt. Meyer Leibovitz Post No. 199 of Jacksonville, Florida, to avail themselves of the post's facilities on the days of October 16, 17 and 18. A "fresh up stop" will be made available at the Floridian Hotel in Jacksonville for all members passing through on their way to the National Encampment in Miami Beach. This will also include a complete information bureau for all delegates.

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Colors Wanted At Encampment

One of the features of the National Convention in Miami Beach will be a grand parade, scheduled for Thursday evening, October 20. A number of bands have been engaged to provide music for the marchers. It is requested of all posts, however, that as many as possible send their colors and color guards to participate or ship their colors to the Convention Headquarters at the Hotel Delano in Miami Beach, prepaid.

Convention Reservations Promise Good Attendance

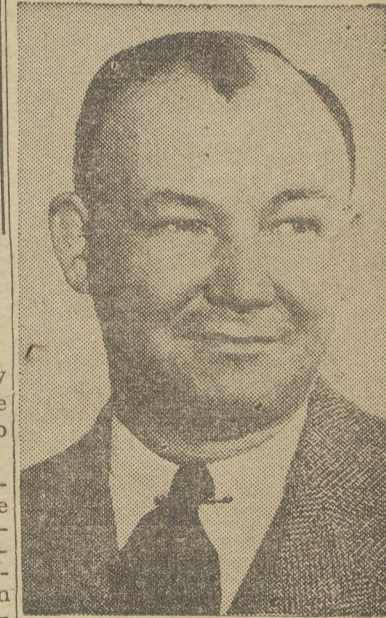
One of the best attended JWV Encampments in years was predicted by National Headquarters on the basis of reservations recorded to date at Miami Beach Hotels.

Program arrangements were virtually completed with the announcement that Tighe E. Woods, Federal Housing Expediter would lead discussions at a special panel on veterans housing problems. At the same time, the JWV Convention Corporation in Miami Beach urged all JWV delegations to bring their unit colors to the Encampment for a parade to be held Thursday evening, October 20. Hylan Kout, President of the Convention Corporation, listed as participants in the parade the Air Force Band of McDill Field, some ten other musical aggregations in the Miami area, contingents of the National Guard and organized reserve, and units of the armed forces. Thomas Kelley, Commanding Officer of the Florida National Guard at Miami, and Commander of the Harvey Seeds Post of the American Legion, was named Grand Marshal of the parade.

National and international interest was expected to focus on the JWV Encampment, in connection with an address to be delivered by Secretary of the Army, Gordon Gray.

Under tentative arrangements, Secretary Gray is scheduled to give a nationwide radio talk over the facilities of the Columbia Broadcasting System from 5:45 to 6:00 p. m., EST, Saturday, October 22. The talk is expected to be shortwaved to U. S. Army and Navy installations overseas by the Armed Forces Radio Service. Later that evening, Secretary Gray is to address the National Commander's banquet.

Heads Housing Panel



Tighe E. Woods

Additional public interest in the Encampment has been stirred by completion of arrangements for the JWV-sponsored "Town Meeting" on the problem of Germany. Discussions at this conference will be led by Francis H. Russell, Director of the Office of Public Affairs of the State Department, who will answer questions addressed from the floor by JWV delegates. Mr. Russell is to be joined in the discussions by Garland C. Routt, veterans liaison officer to the State Department who has contributed to JWV Encampment programs in the last few years.

Ranking figures of government, the armed forces and veterans organizations will be among the distinguished guests at the convention.

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I AM GLAD to send my sincere greetings to the Jewish War Veterans of the United States on the occasion of their Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment.

In war and in peace Americans of every race, creed and color have performed well their duty to the nation. The Jewish War Veterans of the United States have contributed greatly over the past half century to our united effort to build a stronger and better America for all.

Speaking for all of your fellow-Americans, I congratulate the Jewish War Veterans of the United States on its splendid record of good citizenship. I offer you best wishes for a successful Convention.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

New School Requirements Adopted For G. I. Students

Thousands of veterans who already have made preparations for Fall school semesters under the GI Bill will not be affected by a recent Veterans Administration regulation limiting education and training to courses having a definite connection with their vocation.

The new regulation—based on Public Laws 862, 80th Congress, and 266, 81st Congress—states that veterans who want to take certain GI Bill courses must show VA that:

(1) The course is essential to employment, if the veteran already had completed or interrupted a previous GI Bill course, or

(2) The course will serve as a bona fide use in present or future business or employment.

The new regulation went into effect in mid-September.

However, VA has ruled that the regulation does not apply to veterans who have completed their plans for Fall schooling, so long as they (1) submitted their original applications for a certificate of eligibility before November 1, 1949.

The application for a certifi-

cate must have been received either by a VA regional office or by the school before November 1.

Also, VA said, supplemental certificates of eligibility—issued to veterans desiring to change courses or schools—will be acceptable if the veteran's request for a supplemental certificate was received by VA before the November 1 deadline.

For those veterans who submitted applications and who enter training by the specified dates, VA policies which were in effect before the new regulation came into being will govern in the disposition of their requests for GI Bill training.

It was emphasized that previous regulations—based on Public Law 862, 80th Congress—prohibited veterans from taking GI Bill courses for avocational or recreational purposes.

Even though veterans who meet the September 12 and November 1 deadlines are exempt from VA's new regulation, they still are required to submit justification showing that their training will be in connection with present or

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Hail Leadership In Civil Rights Progress

TRENTON, N. J.—"New Jersey practically leads the rest of the United States in its efforts to enforce civil rights."

That was reported by Miss Andrea Manley, field representative of the State Division Against Discrimination, at a meeting on human relations in Trenton conducted by Trenton Post 156, in the War Memorial Building recently.

"Prejudice might be defined as being down on everything you're not up on," the speaker said. "We also consider prejudice an emotional blind spot, but we work for the joint participation of all in civil rights."

Al Finkle, senior vice commander, was chairman and introduced Max Birnbaum, co-director of the Rutgers University Workshop in Human Relations, who was moderator for a panel discussion.

Vice Commander A. Harry Glogoff was in charge of the program committee which made arrangements for the meeting. Among the interested persons who attended were representatives of the Trenton Council on Human Relations and various civic leaders.