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Halsey Talk Wins Acclamation From Convention Crowd

In an address that was still a subject of praise by hundreds of JWV men who heard him at the fifty-fifth Encampment, Fleet Admiral William F. Halsey of World War II fame warned that "We are again engaged in a war to protect our birthright."

Admiral Halsey spoke despite a heavy cold which brought on severe nosebleeds that necessitated a trip to the Fort Monmouth (N. J.) station hospital immediately after his appearance at the Sunday morning sessions of the Convention.

Asserting that "God's greatest gift to the world is the inviolability of the rights and dignity of the individual," the Admiral praised the military contributions of the Jewish War Veterans in these words:

"I want to pay my respects and express my admiration for the women, and men of your faith who served so gallantly in the Armed forces. I saw them in action, I saw them after being grievously wounded, I saw them buried. I visited entirely too many military cemeteries throughout the Pacific. I can never be free of the memory of the endless markers denoting the final resting place of a man or woman who died that we might remain free. And amongst that seemingly endless row after row of crosses, the Star of David was very evident. I was present at the ceremonies dedicating the new national cemetery in Hawaii, where many of our Pacific hallowed dead found their last resting place. Again the Star of David was conspicuous. This is in keeping with our national ideals. These men who now sleep quietly were buddies in life. They fought together, they were mutually independent, they died together. It is fitting that they should lie side by side in eternal sleep. There is no bigotry in our national cemeteries. This is as it should be. These graves of our departed comrades, be they Christian or Jew should be an inspiration to our countrymen throughout time. Your men were superb."

Warning that "Russian communism is out to control the world," he declared that "the freedom-loving people, led by the United States, have ordered 'halt.' In the face of Communist aggression, he concluded, "we must demonstrate again the spirit that will encourage and help the enslaved people of the world to a resurgence of devotion to democratic principles and the urge to free themselves from their hungry conquerors."

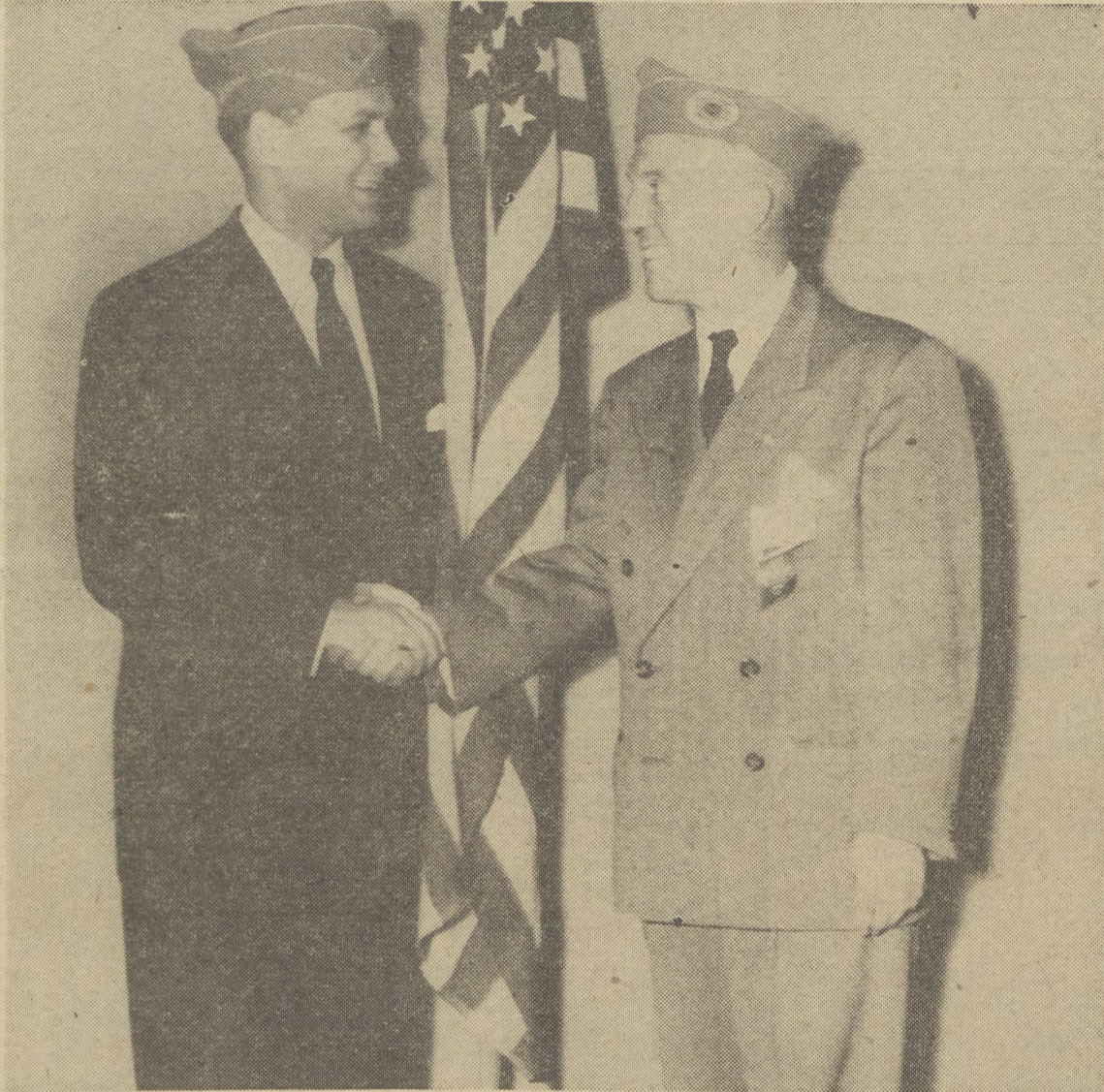
Must Prepare To Meet Aggression Says Sec. of Army

The world must today be prepared to meet Red aggression anywhere, Secretary of the Army Frank Pace told a capacity crowd of JWV delegates who attended the National Commander's banquet at the recent fifty-fifth annual national convention in Asbury Park, N. J.

"We have learned with chilling certainty that Communist imperialism now is ready to resort to open aggression to accomplish its ends, and that moral appeals must be backed up by armed

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Good Luck, Commander



Outgoing National Commander Jackson J. Holtz (left) congratulates newly elected National Commander Henry Albert on his selection as the organization's head, by the National Convention Delegates at recent Encampment in Asbury Park, N. J. Mr. Albert, New York attorney and WWI veteran was elected by acclamation.

Henry Albert Is Elected As New Natl. Commander

Henry Albert, 50 year old attorney of Jamaica, Long Island, was elected JWV's National Commander for 1950-51, by unanimous vote of delegates in attendance at the fifty-fifth National Encampment. A veteran of World War I, Commander Albert succeeds Jackson J. Holtz of Boston, Mass., as the organization's elected head.

A member of JWV for more than 13 years the new Commander has held National, State, County and Post offices during this period. Before his election to the National Commandership he served as National Editor of The JEWISH VETERAN.

Having been a member of the NEC for about 10 years Mr. Albert is well acquainted with JWV's problems and has pledged to emphasize the problems of program, membership, close cooperation between all echelons of JWV, continuation of JWV's fight for civil rights, service to veterans and their dependents, and all other issues of national and international affairs which are of concern to JWV.

A consistent fighter of anti-semitism and other subversive activities, Commander Albert has an active record of participation in Jewish affairs, as a member of the American Jewish Congress, ZOA and in taking leading roles in Synagogue affairs and U.J.A. drives.

Highlights of the convention included addresses by Assistant Secretary of Defense Marx Leva, Secretary of the Army Frank Pace, Jr., Admiral William F. Halsey and New Jersey's Governor Alfred Driscoll.

Other speakers included Major Abraham S. Hyman of Chicago, former assistant to the Advisor on Jewish Affairs of the U. S. Occupation authorities in Germany, who conducted a panel on German affairs, and Samuel Rose, of Washington, D. C., Chief of Contact services for the Veterans Administration who represented General Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veterans affairs.

(Reports of Convention Addresses and resolutions passed by delegates appear elsewhere in this issue of the VETERAN.)

Paul Ginsberg of Atlanta was re-elected National Judge Advocate and Mrs. Minna Levine of Boston was elected President of the National Ladies Auxiliary.

Regional vice - commanders elected include: first region—Aaron L. Berman, Waterbury, Conn.; second region—Dr. Manuel M. Maslansky, White Plains, N. Y.; third region—Samuel Miller, Baltimore, Md.; fourth region—Morton W. Spiegel, Newport News, Va.; fifth region—Harry T. Madison, Detroit, Mich.; sixth region—Harry J. Pells, Denver, Colo.; seventh region—Henry Greenberg, Galveston, Tex.

Convention Is Told Of U. S. Democratization Hardships In Germany Preparedness Is Essential For All Free Nations

The United States has met with relatively little success in democratizing Germany, an overflow JWV audience meeting under the auspices of JWV's Foreign Affairs Committee was told at the fifty-fifth Encampment.

Addressing a forum discussion on the German problem, Major Abraham S. Hyman of Chicago, former Advisor on Jewish Affairs to the U.S. High Commissioner for Germany, cited these reasons for the frustration of U. S. policy in Germany.

The mass re-education of the German people would have been a formidable undertaking even under the most favorable circumstances. It was made more difficult by German preoccupation with problems of physical rehabilitation after the war.

The absence in Germany of an articulate leadership with a genuine belief in democracy.

A shift of U. S. emphasis, as a result of the cold war, from a positive program for democratization to a re-orientation program designed to win the Germans over to the U. S. position, regardless of whether these Germans believed in democracy or were motivated by totalitarian ideas.

A topheavy program which poured unlimited funds into economic recovery and only piddling sums into re-education.

German awareness of U. S. failures to strengthen the democratic structure here as exemplified by Congressional refusal to pass FEPC and anti-lynching bills.

Major Hyman cited the public anti-Semitic utterances of Congressman Rankin of Mississippi as a special factor in German cynicism.

"Every time they hear of Rankin's venom against the Jews and Negroes, the Germans naturally ask the Americans: 'Who are you to teach us?'" Major Hyman observed.

Praising "the integrity and genuine love for democracy" that has characterized the U. S. occu-

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The number one problem of the United States and its Department of Defense is "how to assure that this nation, and the other free nations of the world, will intensify their efforts at military preparedness, instead of falling into the complacency that has most invariably accompanied our military victories in the past," Assistant Secretary of Defense Marx Leva told a JWV convention audience at the recent fifty-fifth National Encampment in Asbury Park.

Stressing the need for public awareness of defense requirements, he said the budget passed by the House of Representatives last April totaled about 13 billion dollars. At present, supplemental appropriations of 12 billion dollars have given the U. S. military establishment approximately 25 billion dollars for the current fiscal year.

He recalled President Truman's prediction of September 9 that by next June this country would be spending thirty billion dollars a year for defense, with increases over this sum likely the following year.

"The need for the military

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