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## Armistice Day Services Held By JWV Units

Highlighted by National Commander Henry Albert's participation in services held at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, JWV units from New York to California participated in community-wide and individual ceremonies commemorating the observance of Armistice Day. The following excerpts from reports received at National will indicate the measure of JWV participation in celebrating this important National holiday.

**In ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.** Posts 162 and 354 held Memorial Services in local synagogues and temples on the eve of Armistice Day. PNC Myer Dorfman and Post Commanders Herman Firestone of post 354 and Samuel B. Lechtman of post 162 addressed the various services.

**In ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.** JWV posts from St. Louis and surrounding areas participated in a parade made up of more than 100 units including veterans organizations, school and civic groups and others.

**In SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.** The public was invited to attend special Memorial services held on Armistice Eve by the members of the newly formed BAY AREA COUNCIL of that city. Eugene B. Block, prominent Jewish leader and honorary member of JWV delivered the principal address. Refreshments were served by the ladies auxiliary.

Members of the **EPSTEIN-MORGAN POST OF OMAHA, NEBRASKA**, held special synagogue services on Armistice Eve and held a dance on Armistice night, proceeds of which were assigned to the post's hospital entertainment.

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## Armistice Day Parade



In keeping with a National directive the Yonkers, N. Y., post consulted their local Rabbinate as to the advisability of marching in the recent Armistice Day Parade which was held on Saturday, Nov. 11. The consensus of opinion among the Rabbis was that it would be all right to march but not to carry banners, rifles, etc. Therefore arrangements were made with the local Central Committee of War Veterans to provide a color guard and escort for the JWV unit. A color guard was enlisted consisting of one member of the American Legion, one member of the Catholic War Veterans and one member of the local Russian War Veterans, providing a practical example of inter-faith cooperation and solidarity among veterans groups.

## A Chat with President Truman



National Commander Henry Albert is shown in conference with President Truman in a visit to the White House during a recent trip to Washington. Commander Albert also conferred with Secretary of Defense, General George C. Marshall, General Omar Bradley and other important government officials during his visit to the Nation's Capitol. He also participated in Armistice Day Services at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

## Warns Against Complacency In American Jewish Life

"The fate of the world's few remaining democracies constitutes a vital pillar in the structure of our own welfare and security," declared National Commander Henry Albert in an address before the National Planning Conference for Israel and Jewish Rehabilitation in Washington, D. C. last month.

"Two world wars," he went on "have demonstrated that freedom and security for the ordinary man cannot be maintained by the sword alone. To preserve their liberties, men need bread and work and equality of opportunity."

He emphasized that "while democracy was being born in Israel, it was dying in Europe for lack of encouragement and support by those nations that had most to gain from a strong and healthy democratic community in the old world."

He warned the gathering, which was made up of important leaders in American Jewish life of complacency on the part of the American Jewish Community and said it would be "a disservice to the Jews of Israel and the cause of democracy itself to confuse the existing armistice in the Middle East for an actual condition of peace."

"There is no firm peace on Israel's borders. There is no guarantee of security to Israel's people. Peace and security can only be assured for Israel when the immigrant tens of thousands have been restored to productive health."

Maintaining that the challenge to us in America is plain and simple he said, "If we are to do our part in the building of Israel's democracy, we must ap-

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## JWV Anti-Red Activities To Be Stepped-Up

Communism is the single most powerful organized threat to democratic survival and hence represents the principal threat to the security of Jews and other minorities throughout the world. This view drew unanimous assent from the Policy Committee, which announced at its November meeting that top priority is being given to JWV's program for combatting Communism.

The Committee stressed that acceleration of JWV's anti-Communist activities is mandatory under the JWV Constitution which pledges each member "to combat whatever tends to impair the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions; to uphold the fair name of the Jew and fight his battles wherever unjustly assailed; to encourage the doctrine of universal liberty, equal rights, and full justice to all men; to combat the powers of bigotry and darkness wherever originating and whatever their targets."

Citing anti-Semitic excesses in iron curtain countries, and stepped-up Communist efforts in this country to foment inter-group confusion and conflict, the Committee directed the preparation of a specific program to balk and expose Communism "with every available instrument of education, as well as our country's established constitutional processes."

The program will involve the direct participation of JWV's 651 posts, it was predicted. An intensive effort will be made in the field of public education to expose anti-Semitic and racist aspects of Communism. The program is also expected to stress the need for furthering understanding of Am-

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## Hold Number Of UN Day Programs

The fifth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations Organization was celebrated by JWV units throughout the country, on October 24, which is officially

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## Addressing U.N. Day Rally



Past National Commander Archie H. Greenberg of Brooklyn, New York, JWV's official observer at the United Nations was principal speaker at an open air rally sponsored by Kings County Council in honor of the celebration of U.N. Day. More than five thousand people in attendance at the rally heard Mr. Greenberg state that "In order to insure peace, not only during our life time but our children's as well, we must give our unqualified support to the United Nations. The United Nations as an entity by itself means nothing," said Mr. Greenberg. "The individual citizen must lend his wholehearted support to the organization if it is to succeed and do the job it is meant to do."

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