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AMERICA, HOPE OF WORLD SAYS RABBI SILVER

NEW YORK CITY—Dr. Aba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, Ohio, was presented with the JWV Medal of Merit at a luncheon in his honor at the Concourse Plaza Hotel in the Bronx, following the recent meeting of the organization's NEC on Sunday, April 8. The Zionist leader was cited for "distinguished leadership in mobilizing the moral and material resources of world Jewry in the struggle to establish and secure in the free state of Israel a new hope for oppressed and persecuted Jews."

National Commander Henry Albert made the presentation at the luncheon, which was attended by a number of outstanding persons paying tribute to the guest of honor. Brigadier General Julius Klein introduced Dr. Silver and presided over the affair, while Saul Gold, Chairman of JWV's Israeli Affairs Committee acted as toastmaster. Bronx County Commander Joseph Leftoff offered greetings to the NEC and the guests at the luncheon on behalf of the host Bronx County Council.

In an address to the gathering following presentation of the medal Dr. Silver asserted that the surest way to build a bulwark against Communism lies in the extension of material support to "peoples, and races who are suffering from poverty, illiteracy and exploitation."

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MERGER STEPS TAKEN BY JWV AND ITS AUX.

Among the more significant achievements of the recent meeting of the National Executive Committee in New York City was the unanimous ratification of the plan to integrate the program and public relation activities of the National JWV and its affiliated National Ladies Auxiliary. The adopted plan provides that the National Ladies Auxiliary will share office space at the National Headquarters and will publish its newspaper as a supplement to "THE JEWISH VETERAN."

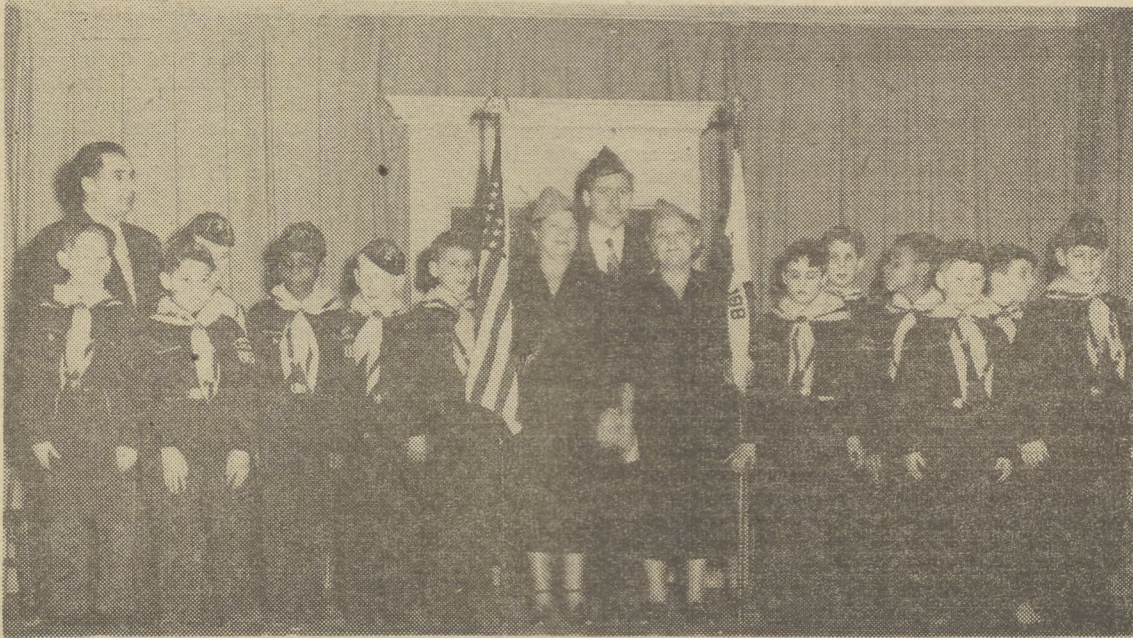
Hailing this merger, Henry Albert, National Commander, and Mrs. Minna Levine, National President of the Ladies Auxiliary expressed their belief that this National merger will lead to a new pattern for cooperative relations between JWV and its Auxiliary. They envisage this plan as the step for integration of the activities of both organizations on all echelons.

Recommendations for this joint enterprise came from a sub-committee representing both organizations. PNC, Harry Schaffer, Abe Barnett, Ben Kaufman, and Seymour Weisman consulted for JWV while the JWVA was represented by Past National President, Alice Gilman, Past National President, Ethyl Novak and Past National President, Jessie Gneslin. The text of the adopted plan follows:

Quarters: The Ladies Auxiliary is to move into National Headquarters within 60 days or as soon thereafter as practical. They are to pay for a pro rata share of space which they take at National Headquarters. They will maintain their own telephone service.

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Blind Cub Scouts Uniformed By JWV



Thirteen blind Cub Scouts of Pack 198 at the New York Institute for the Blind in the Bronx were the recipients of new uniforms and flags as gifts of the Auxiliary and members of the Montefiore Post No. 102, (Bronx) at recent ceremonies at the institute. Presentation was made by Auxiliary president Mrs. Victoria Katz, accompanied by Post and Auxiliary officials and members. Scouting has long been one of the most popular activities among the blind children at the institute. The blind Scouts must follow National Scouting procedure and earn their awards and promotions through their own efforts, the only concessions made are in those instances where sight is absolutely required.

ARMED FORCES DAY PROGRAM SCHEDULED BY JWV UNITS

Armed Forces Day established last year in place of a separate date previously observed by the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force will again be held this year on the third Saturday in May. The announcement was made by the Secretary of Defense, General George C. Marshall. May 19th has been designated with the approval of President Truman for observance by the military services with the public.

Under the official slogan, "Defenders of Freedom," the theme for Armed Forces Day will again be two-fold: first, our nation's citizens will pay tribute to members of the Armed Forces who have once more been mobilized to preserve our country's sacred heritage and the ideals of peace and freedom. Second, it is a demonstration to the world that in the United States both citizen and soldier have mobilized their material and spiritual power toward this common goal of self-defense. The Department of Defense has called upon the National Headquarters of the various veterans organizations to invite local participation by member posts throughout the country. The Armed Forces Day celebrations will take the form of "Open House" at service installations with the public invited.

Through National Program Director, Seymour Weisman, JWV Posts throughout the country have been alerted to prepare for the Post participation in this program. Post Commanders were directed to designate a chairman and a committee to arrange for

liaison with the military installations nearest the Post.

The names of the Commanding Officers covering the various Army and Navy military districts throughout the country, are available at National Headquarters. Post Commanders are urged to write for further information to Mr. Weisman at National Headquarters who is available for consultation in program planning.

56th ANNUAL CONVENTION PLANS BEING FORMULATED BY NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The 56th Annual National Convention, a five day affair, will be held in Atlanta, Georgia from September 2 through September 6, 1951, over the Labor Day week-end. Convention co-chairman Harry Harrison of Atlanta has announced that a distinguished guests committee for the encampment made up of outstanding leaders of all faiths in the city of Atlanta has been formed.

One of the features of the convention is expected to be a parade scheduled for the morning of Labor Day, Monday, September 3, culminating in a mass meeting outdoors.

Tentative program plans call for regional elections to be held following the National Commander's banquet on Wednesday evening September 5. These elections have always proven to be hotly contested and in the past scheduling has been such that they had a tendency to draw off delegate participation from important convention sessions. The new plan is designed to allow the delegates to attend all functions and elections, without facing a time conflict.

Members of the committee include: Ben Massell, Chairman; Ivan Allen, Jr., Past President, Jr. Chamber of Commerce; Julian Boehm of the Union Central Life

COMMISSION WILL SPONSOR PROGRAM OF INFORMATION

"The main task is not so much to decrease the popularity of communism as it is to increase appreciation of American freedoms and understanding of the immense advantages of the American system over that of communism or any other totalitarian form of government."

With this statement of principle, PNC Frederick S. Harris of Meriden, Conn., Chairman of the JWV special commission charged with co-ordinating this organization's program to expose and combat communism, announced

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NEC OPPOSES RE-ARMAMENT FOR GERMANY

NEW YORK CITY—West German re-armament and military aid to the Franco government of Spain were opposed in resolutions adopted by the NEC at a recent meeting at the Concourse Plaza Hotel in the Bronx. In other expressions Congressional support of President Truman's authority to assign troops to General Eisenhower's command in Europe was urged and the Argentine Government's suppression of "la Prensa" was condemned.

Endorsing the principle that the security of western democracy necessitates "the speedy development of a unified western defense force capable of meeting any foreseeable Communist assault," the German resolution contended that the "military and political interests of western democracy can only be served by states and peoples with a demonstrable record of opposition to every form of totalitarianism." It was stressed that JWV "opposed the creation now, or at any time in the future, of a German army under independent German command."

Military aid to the Franco Government drew opposition because "the Franco government was an open and notorious enemy of the democracies during World War II and what limited gains might accrue to European defense in terms of Spanish manpower at this time would be offset by the

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MEMBERS SHOW INTEREST IN STAMP SALES

Knowing of the keen interest of the JWV membership in the Unity Stamp campaign, Leslie Levi, National Finance Committee Chairman reported at the April meeting of the NEC in New York City that more than \$5800 was collected from over 4000 JWV members as of April 1st, 1951, through the sale of the Unity Stamps.

The Maryland Free Post No. 167 led the country in contributions with Post No. 49 of Pittsburgh; Post 58, Norfolk, Virginia; Post No. 112, Atlanta, Georgia, and Post No. 154 of New Bedford, Mass., following in that order. The largest single contribution was from a member of the Atlanta Post, host for the forthcoming National Convention. Among the states, the Posts in the Department of Virginia had the largest percentage of returns based on its per capita membership strength.

Returns from Unity stamps are still pouring in to National Headquarters from JWV members. If you have not as yet sent in your contribution, you are urged to do so now.

Units are invited to use the Unity Stamps as a fund raising project in their local community. The stamps sell at 50c per sheet to Posts and can be re-sold to the members of the community at \$1.00 (or as much more as the folks in your community are willing to pay for them). The Unity Stamps will make an excellent project for Memorial Day. All unsold stamps can be returned by June 15th for full credit.

Write to the National Supply Department at JWV Headquarters for further details.

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