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Participants in JWV Seminar on Communist Problem



Left to right: Dr. Simon Segal of the New York Office of the American Jewish Committee; Robert W. Hansen, general counsel and executive director of the All American Conference to combat Communism; PNC Frederick R. Harris, chairman of the JWV National Commission to Combat Communism and Fascism and Chester H. Opal of the Overseas Information branch of the U. S. State Department were among the participants in a seminar on the Communist problem, sponsored by the JWV Commission in Boston recently.

Communist Challenge To Freedom Of World Discussed At Seminar

BOSTON, MASS.—The nature and scope of the Communist challenge to the free world was discussed by leading officers and specialists of seven private and governmental agencies at a recent seminar at the hotel Statler, Boston, sponsored by the JWV National Commission to combat Communism and Fascism. The program held on Sunday, July 8, concluded a two-day session of the NEC which had been meeting in Boston for its second quarterly session for 1951.

Participants in the seminar included Chester Opal of the United States State Department's overseas information

bureau who analyzed Communist propaganda devices abroad; Louis Yagoda, of New York, labor mediator for the New York State Mediation Board, who talked on the domestic aspects of "the Big Lie of Communism"; Dr. Simon Segal, of New York, director of the Foreign Department of the American Jewish Committee, who explored "the Myth of Communist Tolerance for Religious Minorities"; Isidor Zack, of the Boston Regional Office of the ADL of B'nai B'rith, who talked on "The Myth of Communist Incompatibility With The Totalitarian Right"; Julius Bernstein, executive secretary of the Boston Labor Committee, to combat intolerance, who discussed, "The Myth of Communist Friendship For Labor" and Robert E. Segal, executive director of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston, who spoke about "The Communist Challenge To The Community."

MACIVER REPT. BRINGS FLOOD OF INQUIRIES

The release of Section I of the "Report On The Jewish Community Relations Agencies" by Robert M. MacIver, more familiarly known as the MacIver Report, has brought a flood of inquiries to the JWV National headquarters on the nature and findings of this study. To satisfy this widespread interest of the JWV membership, National Commander Henry Albert asked Ben Kaufman, JWV's National Executive Director, to report on the progress of the MacIver study to the National Executive Committee at its July 7th meeting in Boston. The statement which was read by Mr. Kaufman at the NEC meeting, is reprinted below:

"Following pressure from many of the local Jewish Welfare Funds and Federations throughout the country for the elimination of duplication of services offered by the various civic defense agencies, and following complaints that there had developed unhealthy friction between local representatives of national community relations agencies and local community relations councils, the Council of Jewish Welfare Funds and Federations joined with the leaders of the various member agencies of the National Community Relations Advisory Council (NCRAC) to support an independent study to analyze the various activities of each of the member agencies in the NCRAC, the objectives they seek, the assumptions on which they rest, the methods by which they are conducted, and as far as possible, the results that have been achieved for the purpose of making an evaluation to be used as a guide in program planning. The study was financed

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Don't Be Left Out Of The Big Parade

ATLANTA, GA.—National Convention parade chairman Arthur Weiss of Atlanta, Georgia, has issued a request for as many JWV units as possible to make arrangements to have their colors in the gala Labor Day parade scheduled by the convention committee.

The parade will be composed of JWV units and trade union groups who will make this their official Labor Day celebration. Marchers will be accompanied by a number of bands including the Paris Island Marine Band, and four color guards all in dress Blues; the Third Army Band and color guard; three National Guard units from Ga., and their vehicles;

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Warning Note Sounded Against Any Let-Down In U. S. Defense Efforts

BOSTON, MASS.—A warning against relaxation of the U. S. defense effort was voiced by the NEC at its last quarterly meeting at the Hotel Statler, Boston, on July 7-8.

World Communism, an NEC statement warned, can be expected to seize upon a Korean truce as "a launching platform for a fresh world-wide peace propaganda offensive designed to slow down the pace of U. S. defense preparations and the program of military and economic aid to the free world."

The NEC adopted recommendations submitted by PNC

BATTER UP IS 'SWEET MUSIC' FOR WINNERS

When the home plate umpire calls "Batter-Up" at the 1951 World Series, four hard-working JWV membership go-getters—two from Post No. 512 in San Bernardino, Calif., and two members from Jersey City Post No. 277, will be on hand to root for their favorite team.

H. David Frackman, National Recruitment Officer in releasing the results of the "Clean-Up Membership Drive" reported that Post 512 boosted its membership from 43 in 1950 to 80 as of July 4, 1951, closing date of the "Clean-Up" membership contest, to win in the competition for Posts in small cities. In remitting per capita tax for 181 additional members since March 15, 1951, Jersey City Post No. 277, walked off with top honors in the contest for large cities.

Honorable mention in the contest for small cities go to Post 52, Haverhill, Mass.; Post 309, Freehold, N. J.; Post 569, Toms River,

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How About Getting Questionnaires In?

National Commander Henry Albert has again requested that all Post Commanders complete the questionnaire on their Posts' program activities for the past year, which has been received by all unit commanders. This information will assist the National Commander to prepare his annual report for presentation at the 56th National Encampment. The date of the convention is drawing close so please submit these reports as soon as possible.

SERVICE TO BE HELD BY JWV, B'NAI B'RITH

Plans are being formulated by the Kings County Council and Brooklyn B'nai B'rith chapters to hold joint memorial services in honor of the memory of Sgt. Arthur I. Levine of Brooklyn, first reservist in the New York area to apply for active service during the Korean emergency.

Sgt. Levine enlisted in the army after graduating from Midwood High School, in Brooklyn and served with the Eighty-Eighth Division in Italy for 10 months during 1947. Following his discharge from active service he retained his army connections by becoming a member of the enlisted reserve corps.

Last July 20, less than one month after the outbreak of hostilities in Korea he applied for active service and was accepted. When questioned by reporters and news photographers as to his reasons for seeking active duty

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Abraham Kraditor, chairman of the JWV Foreign Affairs Committee, opposing admission to the United Nations of "the present Communist Regime of China," proposing U. S. leadership in the organization of a Pacific counterpart of the North Atlantic Treaty Organizations, and urging:

1. "Speedy conclusion of a final peace treaty between the U. S. and Japan, irrespective of the continued opposition of Soviet Russia.

2. "The maintenance by the U. S. regardless of the resources that may be required, of fully secured defense posts from the Aleutians, through Japan, Okinawa, Formosa and the Philippines, in such strength as will serve to repel Communist attacks upon any part of the total defense line."

The arrest and conviction of Associated Press correspondent William Oatis was taken cognizance of by the NEC in a resolution calling for the United States to press "at the earliest possible moment for a United Nations action against the Communist regime of Czechoslovakia for a shocking violation of basic human rights."

Other warnings were sounded against any relaxation of economic controls lest "inflation destroy the very security we are now striving so hard to preserve," and opposing

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