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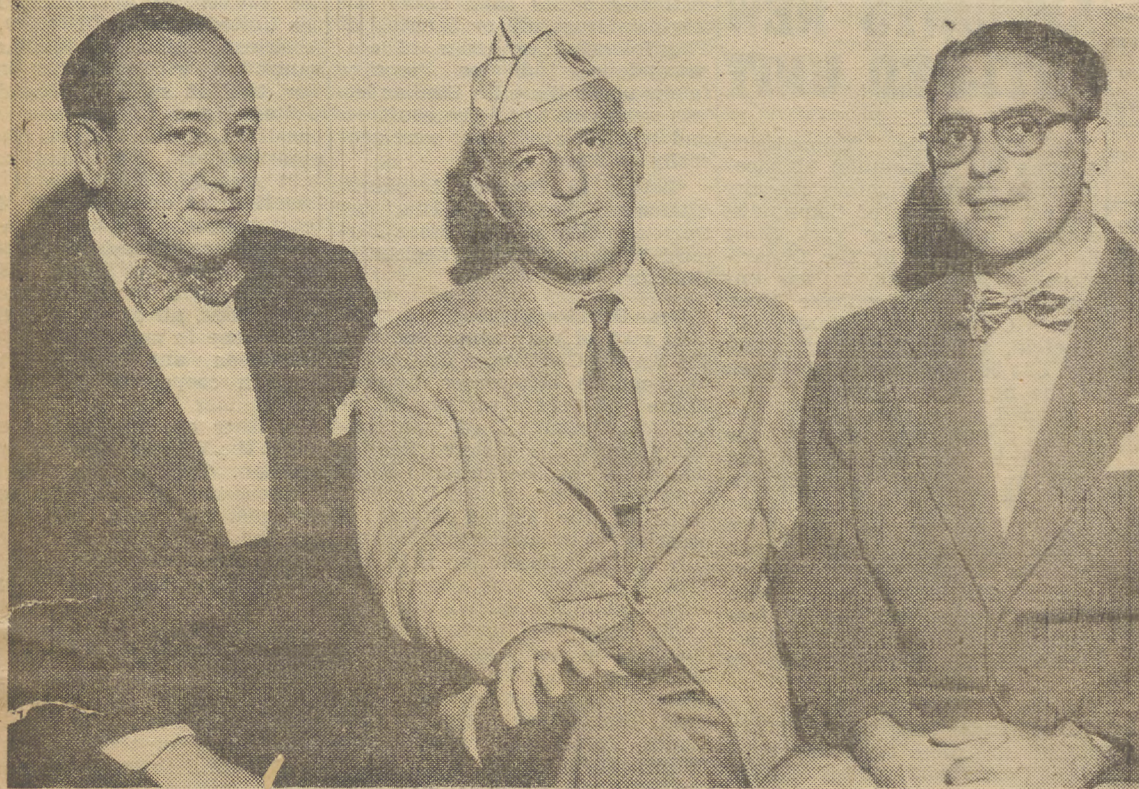
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TWO WAY RACE FOR COMMANDER

National Commander At Virginia Dept. Convention



National Commander Henry Albert (C) guest of honor and principal speaker at the recent Department of Virginia Convention at Portsmouth is shown at the affair with newly-installed department commander Bernard Levitin (R) and National Public Relations officer and Pennsylvania Department commander Leon Sachs of Philadelphia who also addressed the convention. Newly-elected Commander Levitin had been serving as acting Department commander prior to the convention filling in for the late Dr. Yale Passamaneck who died early this Summer.

SEE SPIRITED CONTEST IN ELECTION OF NATL. OFFICERS AT ATLANTA

It will be the Midwest against the South for the office of National Commander at the fifty-sixth annual Encampment.

THE JEWISH VETERAN has already announced the candidacy of Paul Ginsberg of Atlanta, Ga., now in his second

term as National Judge Advocate. Shortly before this issue of the VETERAN went to press, word was received of the candidacy of Harry G. Hershenson of Chicago, Ill., former Department Commander of Illinois and now Chairman of JWV's National Legislative Committee.

(Formal announcement of Hershenson's candidacy for National Commander will be found on page 5 of this issue.)

A contest is expected for JWV's top office as well as for the post of National Judge Advocate which will involve I. Bernard Rotberg of Philadelphia, Pa., and Sidney W. Bookbinder of Burlington, N. J.

Advance reports from Atlanta point to an exciting Encampment from the standpoint of program features. Veterans organizations, organized labor and other groups are to join with military contingents in a Labor Day parade that promises to be one of the most impressive public events ever held under JWV auspices. Former Marine Corps Captain Arthur Weiss, parade chairman for JWV, has announced that the Marine Corps base at Parris Island, S.C., is assigning its famed band to participate in the parade. U. S. Army and veterans organization aggregations will also be in the line of march.

Program features that are expected to attract strong delegate interest and participation include panel discussions to be held by the JWV Commission on the Danger from Communism and Fascism and the JWV Foreign Affairs Committee.

PNC Abraham Kraditor of New York, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, has announced that his group is to have as a convention guest and speaker the former President of Poland, Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, one of the first top rank European statesmen to be forced into exile by Russian Communist pressure.—The ex-Premier is now associated with the National Committee for a Free Europe, which is endeavoring to spur resistance to Communism among the peoples of states under Communist domination.

PNC Fred S. Harris of Meriden, Conn., Chairman of the Commission on the Danger from Communism and Fascism, is completing arrangements for a seminar that will discuss the question: "How Can the Democracies Best Regain and Maintain the Initiative" (Continued on Page 3)

URGE ACTION ON HUNGARIAN DEPORTATIONS

Six national organizations, including JWV, affiliated with the National Community Relations Advisory Council this month sent a letter of commendation to President Harry S. Truman for his "forthright public denunciation of the Communist government of Hungary for its 'infamous' program of mass deportation of Hungarian citizens." Signatories of the letter included National Commander Henry Albert for JWV; Jacob Blaustein, President of the American Jewish Committee; Frank Goldman, President of B'nai B'rith; Rabbi Irving Miller, President of the American Jewish Congress; Adolph Held, President of the Jewish Labor Committee and Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The text of the letter follows:

Dear Mr. President:
Your forthright public denunciation of the communist government of Hungary for its "infamous" program of mass deportation of Hungarian citizens has merited the warmest commendation of all who hate tyranny and have regard for the worth and dignity of the individual.

The signatories to this letter are the presidents of major national Jewish organizations: American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

We are gratified to learn that our government is "giving the closest attention to the deportation" (Continued on Page 8)

SEND MEMO ON EVALUATION OF MacIVER REPT.

Adhering to the policy laid down by the National Executive Committee at its meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, from July 6th through July 8th, 1951, National Commander Henry Albert submitted a brief to Harry Barron, chairman of the Evaluative Studies Committee of the National Community Relations Advisory Council outlining the official JWV policy toward the "Report on the Jewish Community Relations Agencies," Section I, prepared by Robert M. MacIver, Professor Emeritus of Columbia University. (Continued on Page 3)

SCHEDULE DISCUSSION OF U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR NATL. CONVENTION

Key questions of U. S. foreign policy, including the thorny problem of West German participation in the defense of Western Europe, will be placed on the table for discussion and possible resolution in the form of a JWV rank and file opinion poll that will serve as a guide to the NEC at the forthcoming Encampment in Atlanta, Ga.

The unique discussion project, believed to be without precedent in the history of JWV conventions, will be held by the JWV Foreign Affairs Committee. The committee's chairman, PNC Abraham Kraditor, of New York, has sent a personal appeal to more than 200 JWV Posts throughout the country urging the Commanders to make every effort to send a delegation to the Encampment and asking that such a representation include Post foreign affairs liaison officers.

The program will have two main

WHEN CAN WE EXPECT YOU?

In making reservations for the forthcoming National Convention in Atlanta, Ga., all delegates are requested to signify the expected date of arrival in Atlanta. By so doing, according to convention committee members, there will be no confusion about rooms and reservations, which will be ready on the date specified.

objectives, according to PNC Kraditor. The National Foreign Affairs Committee will review resolutions adopted by JWV this year on questions of U. S. foreign policy and it will solicit the views of the Post liaison officers as to whether existing JWV policies accurately reflect JWV rank and file thinking. A second goal of the committee will be to elicit additional recommendations from the liaison officers for consideration by the National Foreign Affairs Committee and possible forwarding to the NEC.

Precise time and place of the Foreign Affairs Committee panel in relation to the total Encampment program is being worked out. Details will be available to the delegates generally upon their arrival at the convention.

HALLEY, TOBIN TO SPEAK TO JWV DELEGATES

The National Commander's banquet, traditional climax of JWV Encampments, will be addressed this year by Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, it was announced by the Encampment Committee. The event is scheduled for Wednesday evening, September 5.

At the same time, it was made known that delegates will also hear an important talk by the (Continued on Page 8)

DON'T FORGET YOUR COLORS

All post County and State units in the organization are once again reminded to make every effort to have their colors represented in the gala Labor Day parade at the National Convention. JWV will be joined in the line of march by military units and labor union groups who will make this their official Labor Day celebration in Atlanta. The parade will be reviewed by a number of military and civilian dignitaries.

JWV SELECTED AS FRESH AIR FUND SPONSOR

Ten under-privileged youngsters from the sidewalks of New York are spending delightful camp vacations this Summer as JWV's guests at the "Fresh Air Camps." The program is sponsored cooperatively by the New York Herald Tribune JWV and its Ladies Auxiliary.

As member agencies of the Fresh Air Fund, JWV, and its Ladies Auxiliary assist in the camp vacation project by selecting the children, arranging for their medical examinations and supplying the camp outfits where necessary.

Although the Fresh Air Fund has been in existence for some 80 years, this has been the first year that JWV has been invited to participate. After discussions with Frederick H. Lewis Fresh Air Fund Director, the suggestion was made that JWV (Continued on Page 6)

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