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Visit With The President



National Commander Paul Ginsberg met with President Truman on a visit to Washington, D. C., earlier this month where he conferred with the President and Secretary of State Dean Acheson and other top ranking leaders of Government and the military services on the gravity of the world situation with which this country is confronted.

NAT'L COMMANDER TELLS LEGION COORDINATION OF EFFORT NECESSARY

Following his meeting with President Truman and ranking military and government leaders in Washington, D. C., National Commander Paul Ginsberg rounded out a busy October schedule by attending the recent National Convention of the American Legion in Miami Beach, Fla.

While in attendance at the convention the National Commander was accorded the highest courtesies of the Legion and afforded a choice position on the program and an honored place at all functions. Commander Ginsberg addressed the convention before a packed hall immediately preceding the address of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur who was also a participant.

In his address Commander Ginsberg told the Legionnaires that there has been a serious lag in preparations for defense in time of emergency and serious gaps in needed service to veterans and their dependents in this country because of the failure of most of our veterans to join veterans organizations which are working for the best interests of the nation. "There are approximately seventeen and one half million veterans of WWI and WWII among the citizens of our country," he said, "and less than thirty-five percent of them hold membership in the recognized veterans organizations."

"It is a matter of record that veterans organizations in this country have been in the forefront of efforts to prepare the nation's military establishment against any foreseeable emergencies in times of peace, when talk of appropriating money for the military establishment was unpopular. The organized veterans were pioneers in the efforts to obtain passage of Universal Military Training Legislation. If our efforts have not been as successful as we hoped, the answer is that we could speak only for our memberships, and that our rosters represented only one third of the veterans of the country."

"Not only has our defense effort been handicapped by lack of adequate membership, but veterans and their dependents, organized as well as un-organized, have also felt the effects of static or even lagging membership. In the name of economy, services to veterans and veterans' dependents have not kept pace with the rising cost of living. Powerful forces, made up in some cases of highly reputable and influential individuals, have lined up in behalf of reduced appropriations for vitally needed services in the field of veterans rehabilitation. In some cases, these groups appear to have gained the support of our former military leaders, men who have not been made aware of the viewpoints or even the basic human needs of the rank and file veteran who finds it impossible to keep himself on an even economic keel in the face of skyrocketing prices for food, shelter and medical services."

Commenting on the recent meeting of Veterans organizations National commanders in Washington, D. C. to discuss problems of common concern, Mr. Ginsberg said, "It affords real satisfaction to report that some of us have taken a step in the direction of better coordination for the future." Discussing the

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Secy. of State To Receive JWV Medal

Secretary of State Dean Acheson will receive JWV's Gold Medal of Merit for 1951 at the National Organization's annual dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York, on the evening of December 30.

Albert M. Greenfield of Philadelphia, noted nationally for his many contributions to the development of sound human relations in this country, will preside as chairman and will present the JWV medal to the Secretary of State.

Secretary Acheson, who will participate in the General Assembly session of the United Nations in Paris and North Atlantic Treaty Organization talks in Rome, is scheduled to return to this country shortly before the JWV dinner. He is expected to deliver an address of international importance.

PURCHASE OF GOODS OF FREE NATIONS ONLY IS URGED BY VET LEADERS

The National commanders of five major veterans organizations met with National Commander Paul Ginsberg recently in Washington, D. C., and agreed to call on American consumers to buy only goods and services produced by the free nations of the world and to refrain from purchasing products of Russia and Communist countries under Russian domination.

The veteran leaders who met at the invitation of National Commander Ginsberg were: Erle Cocke, Jr., then commander of the American Legion; Frank C. Hilton, Commander-in-chief of the VFW; John L. Smith, National Commander of the AMVETS of WW II; Donald J. McQuade, National Commander of the Catholic War Veterans and Charles M. Bernhardt, National Commander of the United Spanish War Veterans. The Disabled American Veterans were represented by Cicero F. Hogan, National Director of Claims, of Washington, D. C.

The group in reaching agreement on the need for an educational campaign aimed at the American buying public, pointed out that the imminence of the holiday shopping season underscores the urgency of self-discipline on the part of consumers here to insure against a flow of American dollars to Russia and Russian-controlled manufacturers and sellers. At the same time the group agreed to press the campaign against Communist products on a year-round basis when the holidays have ended.

The veteran leaders also agreed to work for closer coordination in their organizations' efforts to work for the adoption of Universal Military Training and service legislation; to join in urging enactment of a measure to extend GI Bill of Rights benefits to veterans of the Korean fighting; and to seek extension of the grace period for re-instatement of veterans insurance. The group advocated that veterans whose premium payments have lapsed be given an opportunity to re-instate insurance policies by the payment of back premiums.

The boycott of goods and services of Russia and Russian dominated countries was proposed in a resolution passed at the recent fifty-sixth annual National convention in Atlanta, Ga. Reports (Continued on Page 2)

POLICY COMM. AND NEC. HOLD MEETING IN N.Y.

As this issue of the JEWISH VETERAN went to press the NEC and policy committee of the organization were scheduled to meet at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City on October 27 and 28. Some of the items to which the Policy Committee was expected to devote close attention were:

The motion picture "The Desert Fox" depicting W.W. II career of the Nazi Field Marshall Erwin Rommel; the World Convention of the International War Veterans Federation; the JWV National Charter; reports of the progress of JWV's boycott campaign against goods and services from Soviet Russia and Russian dominated countries, and a discussion of Bill of Rights Day sponsored by the All American Conference to Combat Communism.

The next issue of the VETERAN will report more fully on these and other matters discussed by the NEC and Policy Committee.

Veteran Leaders Meet With National Commander



National Commander Paul Ginsberg recently invited the heads of five other major veterans organizations to meet in Washington, D. C., to discuss issues of common concern to their memberships and JWV. The group announced agreement on a campaign of public education to "urge American consumers to buy only goods and services produced by the free nations and to refrain from purchasing products of Russia and Communist countries under Russian domination," in keeping with a resolution adopted at the last JWV national convention. The veteran commanders also agreed to pool their efforts in behalf of adoption of universal military training legislation and the enactment of a measure to extend benefits of the GI Bill to veterans of the Korean fighting. Shown above are (L. to R.) Frank C. Hilton, Commander-in-Chief of the VFW; Donald McQuade, National Commander, Catholic War Veterans; Erle Cocke, Jr. then National Commander of the American Legion; Charles W. Bernhardt, National Commander, United Spanish War Veterans; National Commander Paul Ginsberg and John L. Smith, National Commander, AMVETS.

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