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### NCRAC ACTS ON DEFENSE FIELD REORGANIZATION

### BARR STATES ADOPT REPORT JWV POSITION AT 9th PLENUM

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — A strong endorsement of the basic recommendations of the MacIver report was voiced by NECman Joseph F. Barr of Washington, D. C., speaking before the Ninth Plenary session of the National Community Relations Advisory Council which met here last month to consider the feasibility of reorganizing the Jewish Community Relations field. Barr's statement was one of six half hour presentations by National agencies affiliated with the NCRAC.

Addressing himself at the outset to allegations by agencies in disagreement with Professor MacIver on the qualifications of JWV for full participation in the community relations field, Barr charged that "those who have characterized JWV as an organization devoting itself exclusively to meeting the employment and governmental benefit needs of our membership have totally ignored—whether by accident or design—the history of our organization and the history of two gravely troubled eras in our country which gave rise to the formation of the Jewish War Veterans."

#### Cites JWV History

He went on to trace the historical background of JWV from its beginning in 1896, following the greatest economic crisis and depression this country had ever faced. Simultaneously it was a period of mass immigration. The panic of 1893 had brought out into the open trends hostile to minorities which had become evident as early as 1860. It was the reaction to the panic of 1893 and a reaction expressed in the form of anti-Semitism which brought about the founding of the JWV in 1896. "Examination of periodicals shortly preceding and shortly following the time of the organization of the JWV," he stated, "will reveal that there were numerous references and accusations leveled at Jewish persons accusing them of utilizing the

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### OMAHA POST TAKES LEAD IN CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The first monthly National membership contest winner in the current campaign will be announced after the returns for the month of December, 1951 have been fully tabulated, it was announced by Paul Robin, of Providence, R. I., National Recruiting Officer. Successive monthly winners will be announced at the end of every month thereafter until the conclusion of the drive on July 31, 1952.

A number of posts are having remarkable success in their quests for new members as indicated by reports received at National. All Posts are urged to submit their per-capita as soon as possible so that the progress of their drives can be measured. It is also requested that all units send full details of the various plans and

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### ACHESON TALK TO BE HEARD ON NETWORK

Secretary of State Dean Acheson, who will receive the JWV Gold Medal of Merit at the annual New York Area dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Sunday evening, December 30, is expected to deliver a major foreign policy address at the affair. His talk will be broadcast over the coast-to-coast facilities of the Columbia Broadcasting System at 10:30 P. M., E. S. T., and also on the Armed Services Network and Voice of America.

The Gold Medal of Merit will also be presented to the Honorable Warren R. Austin, Chief of the United States Delegation to the United Nations; the Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Honorable Milton Katz, former Ambassador-at-Large.

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### REPORT TRACES ROLE OF JWV IN MIAMI BOMBINGS

The Policy and National Executive Committees, meeting in New York late this month, will hear a graphic report of the role played by JWV units during bombing incidents in Miami. The report has been submitted to the National Headquarters by Louis Phillips, of Miami, National Vice-Commander of the Fourth Region, who played a leading part in mobilizing community sentiment against the desecrations.

According to Phillips, the Miami incidents have a history that goes back to early June, 1951, when bombs were hurled at three local schools, a small hotel, a housing project

### MIAMI JWVs STAND BACKED BY VET. ORGS.

MIAMI BEACH, FLA.—A resolution passed by the Miami Beach Post No. 85 of the American Legion and letters from the commanders of the Wm. A. McAllister Post 1608, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Wm. J. Clements Chapter No. 27, Disabled American Veterans, were received by JWV officials in the Miami-Miami Beach area, supporting them and commending them for their stand in the matter of the recent bombings of Temples and Synagogues in Dade County.

The Legion resolution called the incidents "outrageous, un-American and wanton desecration and destruction of homes and houses of worship, in apparent deliberate acts of intimidation against minority groups." They termed the bombings "flagrant violations of human rights and liberties" and offered the services of their unit and called on all other Legion posts in Dade County to offer their services to all duly constituted law enforcement agencies in the county in combatting "these subversive, unlawful and un-American activities."

Paul U. Tevis, commander of the McAllister post of the VFW, (Continued on Page 7)

in an area populated by Negroes and the Tifereth Israel Northside Jewish Center of Miami. Arrests made at that time rounded up five young men of high school and college freshman age, one of whom was found guilty and placed on probation after denying that they had participated in dynamiting of the Jewish Center and the Negro apartments. The youngster who was found guilty admitted only the dynamiting of the school buildings and the hotel.

On October 9, two sticks of dynamite were found at the doors of Temple Israel, one of the largest and oldest synagogues in Miami, and a crude cross with the letters "KKK" was painted on the wall of the temple. A similar cross was left outside the Tifereth Israel Center, and within a period of eight days, three telephone calls were received threatening to blow up this institution.

#### JWVs Demand Action

Phillips, then Commander of the Norman Bruce Brown Post No. 174 of Miami, led a delegation to the Mayor of Miami and met also with the City Commissioners and the Chief of Police. This meeting resulted in the posting of a police security watch around the Jewish institutions. Later, a JWV committee participated in an open meeting at the Tifereth Israel Center and was asked by various members of the Congregation whether JWV would consider posting a guard around the building. The JWV men indicated they would help in any way possible. However, a protective cordon by JWV was deemed unnecessary after the Miami Chief of Police gave assurances that increased police protection would be provided and it was pointed out that private volunteers might complicate the work of the official law enforcement body.

Tension increased sharply a few days later on October 15, when two sticks of dynamite were discovered on the steps of the Miami Hebrew School and Congregation. The explosives had not gone off because of faulty fusing.

JWV posted a reward of \$200 for the apprehension and conviction of those responsible. This step, at first opposed by some Rabbis and another Jewish organization, later evoked wide support and Jewish and non-Jewish groups, as well as civic bodies, have since posted a combined sum of almost \$9,000 in reward offers.

No incidents took place between November 5 and December 3. On (Continued on Page 2)

### 'Desert Fox' Showing In Germany Halted

A recent N. Y. Times Dispatch, datelined, Bonn, Germany, reported in part:

"At the request of the office of the United States High Commissioner for Germany, exhibition of the Twentieth-Century Fox film 'The Desert Fox' is being withheld 'until the situation changes.'"

The film has been the subject of protest by JWV and other Jewish groups in this country.

A recent communication received by National Commander Paul Ginsberg from the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women of Great Britain contained a copy of that organization's protest to the British Foreign Office over the possible showing of the film in Germany.

### Topped Them All



Prize winning float of the Kern County Post No. 602 of Bakersfield, California, which took first place among all prize winners in the annual Armistice Day parade in Bakersfield. The Arthur S. Crites perpetual trophy was awarded the post for its entry. A small post of only 62 members, the unit is recognized as one of the most active in the State of California and is the home post of this year's Department Commander Harry W. Rubin.

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