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## Pres. Truman Backs JWV Blood Plan

### TEXT OF PRES. TRUMAN'S LETTER

The full text of President Truman's reply to Commissioner Ford Frick on Baseball Blood Month follows:

The White House  
Washington, D. C.  
May 9, 1952

Dear Mr. Frick:

I agree with you that one of the most appropriate and effective measures to keep blood collections up to an adequate level this summer is to enlist the interest of baseball fans. The Jewish War Veterans, the American Red Cross and organized baseball are to be congratulated for developing this worthwhile endeavor.

Blood is one of the vital resources essential to the national defense, and it is imperative that enough be collected beyond the current needs in Korea to build the reserve of blood plasma to a safe level ready for any emergency.

The period set for this special appeal, June 15—July 15, will help to combat the usual summer slump in blood donations. There is no vacation in the urgent need for blood. I hope that all Americans will do as your slogan suggests: "Play ball with your Armed Forces—Give that they may live."

In view of the special feeling American communities have for sports, and particularly for baseball, I feel sure you will find wholehearted and enthusiastic response.

Very sincerely yours,  
(sgd) Harry S. Truman



BASEBALL BLOOD LEAFLET which will be mass-distributed throughout the United States is shown above. Leaflet is printed in four colors on 5 3/4" by 8 1/2" sheet and is available at JWV National Headquarters. They are priced in lots as follows: 2,500 for \$90; 5,000 for \$160; 10,000 for \$300; and 50,000 for \$550.

### Baseball-Blood Plan Given Support by President And Official of National League

National Baseball Blood Month, initiated by the Jewish War Veterans in cooperation with the American Red Cross, the Department of Defense and organized baseball, received another impetus during the last month when the President Truman and Warren Giles, president of the National League, both signified their hearty approval of the JWV program, it was announced by William Levin, national blood donor chairman.

Commissioner of Baseball Ford Frick had asked for the President's support in a letter to the White House on April 22. Wrote Mr. Frick:

"During the thirty-day period from June 15 to July 15, we plan to use every mass appeal medium at our disposal, both in the baseball parks and in the general community to stress the blood needs of the Armed Forces and to enlist volunteer donors. We have every hope that the millions of baseball fans will respond to this call in substantial numbers."

#### President's Reply

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The plan provides for the local Red Cross chapter and local JWV post and auxiliary in each community to work with the major or minor league team in that area.

Once the program is under way, JWV post and auxiliary members together with Red Cross volunteers will distribute pledge cards at the ball parks. During the course of the games these cards will be collected and subsequently turned in to the Red Cross blood centers.

#### Plan Publicity

All mass communications media at the disposal of baseball clubs will be used fully to bring the drive

would have been much happier if "The Desert Fox" had never been produced and if J. Arthur Rank's technicians had been able to avoid the needlessly offensive characterization of Fagin. These reservations notwithstanding, producers and exhibitors are entitled to know that JWV doesn't think there is anything wrong with the motion picture business that can't be rectified without resorting to blacklisting."

to public attention. Loudspeaker announcements at the parks and between-inning radio appeals will remind fans of the program. Leaflets will be distributed at the parks and elsewhere.

JWV activity on the program is already in full swing, according to reports from departments, posts and auxiliaries received at national headquarters.

Leading the league in imaginative execution of the campaign is Pittsburgh, Pa., where Bert Horowitz, national service officer, and Harry H. Schaffer, PNC, are co-chairing the job of coordinating the baseball blood drive there.

Mayor David I. Lawrence of Pittsburgh will proclaim the month of June 15-July 15 as Pittsburgh Blood Month with the full cooperation of the Pittsburgh Pirates. All blood donors contributing during the period June 16-27 will be rewarded with a free ticket to the St. Louis-Pittsburgh game on June 28.

#### To Hold Big Show

On the day of the Cardinals-Pirates game a full-scale show will be held at the Pittsburgh stadium. With a Red Cross mobile unit on the field, U. S. Army troops will stage a full-scale mock battle, involving tanks, field pieces, machine guns and other combat equipment.

During the course of the battle, a "wounded" G.I. will be "rescued" by a helicopter which will land on the playing field. The helicopter will be flown by an Air Force major who was himself rescued by helicopter in Korea.

Air Force jet planes will provide a fighter screen for the helicopter, to complete the realistic simulation of a combat rescue.

Pittsburgh Post 49 and Bellefield Post 299, JWV, will be involved in the proceedings on June 20, July 10 and July 13, when members of the posts and auxiliaries will man the 25 entrance gates of the park. They will be armed with blood pledge cards, answerable by return post cards supplied by the Red Cross.

#### Peninsula Post Active

In developments on the program elsewhere, Peninsula Post 579, Newport News, Va., lost no time in getting started. The Virginia post arranged its program in collaboration with the Newport News Dodgers, local minor league club. Morton Spigel, JWV blood donor/chairman, and Vic Zooda, general manager for the Dodgers, worked out the campaign, which resulted in the collection of 150 pints of blood at Peninsula Memorial Park by the Tidewater Regional Blood Center's mobile unit.

According to Dr. Leon Braustein, former national Americanism chairman, Scranton Post 165 has also launched its baseball blood drive with good results.

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## ACLU Praises Statement By Ginsberg on Movie Censorship

NEW YORK, N. Y.—A letter praising the Jewish War Veterans' stand against censorship of motion pictures has been received from Patrick Murphy Malin, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, it was disclosed at JWV national headquarters.

Mr. Malin's letter, dated May 5 and addressed to National Commander Paul Ginsberg, said that a statement by the national commander in Variety magazine, outlining JWV's hands-off policy towards influencing motion picture producers and distributors, "demonstrates clearly that the Jewish War Veterans understand the principal of free expression which is a fundamental part of our civil liberties."

The ACLU official went on to say that he felt confident that in the long run, JWV's policy of non-interference with the movie industry will be supported by the American people.

"The American Civil Liberties Union and other organizations working to defend these principles are heartened to have the

support of the Jewish War Veterans," Mr. Malin concluded.

#### Ed Sullivan Column

The ACLU letter was the latest development in a situation that started with an opinion published in Ed Sullivan's column, "Little Old New York," in the New York Daily News, April 14, 1952.

The lead item in Mr. Sullivan's column that day implied that the Jewish War Veterans, among other veterans' organizations, maintained a "blacklist" of motion pictures.

The "blacklist" allegation was categorically denied by Commander Ginsberg in a letter written to Mr. Sullivan the day the column appeared. The letter, subsequently reprinted in part in Variety, stated:

"The JWV has no blacklist of motion pictures. We have not endowed ourselves with the right to dictate what kind of pictures producers shall make nor do we regard ourselves as specially mandated to tell exhibitors what kinds of pictures they may show."

Commander Ginsberg went on to suggest that the misunder-

standing of JWV policy may have arisen because of the organization's attitude toward two recent films, "Oliver Twist" and "The Desert Fox."

#### Asked For Reactions

"In the first instance," wrote the national commander, "we were one of a group of organizations that was approached by American representatives of J. Arthur Rank for a reaction. We indicated our concern over the circumstance that the characterization of Fagin was virtually indistinguishable from the anti-Semitic caricatures contained in the illustrated propaganda throw-aways circulated by the late Dr. Goebbels.

Though they expressed distaste for the Fagin portrayal, the organizations made it plain to the Rank Productions officials that they would not act as censors, Commander Ginsberg said.

Concerning the JWV action on "The Desert Fox," the JWV leader said that his organization had expended efforts solely to prevent the film's exhibition in Germany, where, he said, it might create sentiment which could disrupt the Allied work of democratization.

#### Disliked Both Films

In concluding, Commander Ginsberg wrote:

"I am frank to say that we

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## Editorial

### Who's Guilty of Inhumanity?

The Communist charge that the United States is using germ warfare in Korea has been labelled (N. Y. Times, May 8) by Secretary of State Dean Acheson as a clumsy and obvious hoax which in itself is an international crime against humanity.

The vague charges against the United States are outlined in a polemical pamphlet entitled "Appeal Against Bacteriological Warfare," issued from Prague, Czechoslovakia. Dated "Oslo, 1st April, 1952," it was whipped up by an outfit calling itself the Bureau of the World Council of Peace, and signed by a number of left-wing partisans in the teaching and scientific professions.

The germ warfare hoax, launched with an air of saintly humanitarianism, should fool no one familiar with Red propaganda techniques. The Communists always speak softly in terms of ideals, while carrying the big stick of brute force.

Their attitude toward Jews and anti-Semitism is typical. In the United States, the Stalinists and their allies have set up a howl about the convictions of the Rosenbergs as atom spies, branding the case an "anti-Semitic frameup."

But the coin is reversed in the Soviet Union and the satellite countries, where a wholesale purge of Jews has all but eliminated them from cultural and political life, and where hundreds more have been railroaded to death or prison camps, after drumhead trials in Communist courts.

The naked anti-Semitism of the Communist governments has been thoroughly documented in a pamphlet entitled "Jews Behind the Iron Curtain," published by the Library of Jewish Information of the American Jewish Committee.

Here is a sampling of the anti-Jewish acts of these governments, as published in the report:

#### The Soviet Union

All officers and most soldiers of Jewish origin have been removed from the Soviet occupation army in Germany.

In the five volumes of the new Soviet encyclopedia which have appeared so far, almost all the Jewish writers, artists and intellectuals listed in the 1927 edition have been eliminated.

Former Hungarian Minister Nicolas Nyaradi, in his recently published book "My Ringside Seat in Moscow," reports that anti-Semitism is rampant in high Soviet circles, including the Politburo.

#### Czechoslovakia

A thorough purge has removed almost all persons of Jewish origin from positions of influence. Rudolf Slansky, secretary general of the Czech Communist party, and Otto Sling, the party secretary in Brno, were among a large number of Jews arrested and charged with being "Zionist conspirators."

#### Hungary

Mass deportations of persons called "antisocial" and "unreliable" from Budapest and other big cities was begun last year. According to eyewitness reports from Israel, 75 per cent of the fifty to seventy thousand people sent eastward were Jews.

#### Rumania

In February, 1952, twelve hundred prospective Jewish emigrants to Israel were rounded up and charged with "reasonable" Zionist activities or with black marketeering.

#### East Germany

The Soviet note delivered to the Western Powers on March 10, 1952, is an unmistakable overture of friendship to the Nazi and Junker elements in Germany. Besides calling for a unified Germany with an army and air force, the

## Post Scripts

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Dear Buddies: Just a few lines to say "Hello" and to also mention a word or two in reference to a friend of both yours and mine.

This good friend's name is Meyer Kracow, and his home address is 2051 East 13 St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

He is doing a man-size job, as most of his time is taken up visiting patients at both Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn Veterans' Hospital, and also Castle Point V. A. Hospital. He is the American Legion Kings County Hospital Officer, and is always ready to help all veterans at any hour of the day or night, in any way possible.

I myself happened to meet Mr. Kracow a few years ago, and at that time I told him of my condition, and it wasn't very long after that, through his kind help and assistance, that I was admitted to this very fine Veterans Administration Hospital at Sunmount, New York, for treatment for tuberculosis.

Daily I often think of the good work Mr. Kracow is doing for patients in Veterans hospitals.

As for myself, I'm recovering slow but sure, and I hope and pray that God will watch over me, and that some day I will be well enough to be once more a useful active citizen of this great and wonderful country of ours, the U. S. A.

And so, before closing, I know it will make Mr. Kracow feel very happy if you will just drop him a few lines and say I wrote to you.

Thanking you all, and let me wish each and every one of you a Blessed Easter Day.

Sincerely,

Joseph (Joe) C. McMullen, #15100 Veterans Administration Hospital Sunmount, N. Y.

The Jewish Veteran

Dear Sir:

Today we are engaged in a civil war, just as we were when Lincoln spoke at Gettysburg, testing whether this world can live in peace. The adherents of Communism are analogous to the Confederacy—they opened hostilities as well as, in a sense, seceding from the union—now the United Nations.

We are on the defensive. We seem to believe that by opening the prisons of the world, the most notorious hoodlums will be grateful and join our armies. So we take it easy on the two most savage foes of America and of mankind, Japan and Germany.

I spent four years, eight months and six days in the Army of the United States. I cannot say I enjoyed the work enough to want to do it once the job was over. However, if by joining the armed forces of the United States I would help to keep the Nazis out of NATO, Uncle Sam can count on me.

We as Jews, I believe, must voice our opposition to the treaty. As Americans we should recall our history: "Not one cent for tribute, but millions for defense."

If we are truly antiCommunist, we must atone for the error we have made. We have given the Reds a moral A-Bomb that they have already loosened.

It is not disgraceful to retreat. Just because George Armstrong Custer decided to fight to the finish and became a national hero doesn't mean that Uncle Sam

note asks that "all former Nazis, excluding those who are serving sentences passed by courts for the committing of crimes, shall be granted civil and political rights on a par with all other German citizens."

An ironic note in the tragedy is the punishment as "Zionists" of such die-hard Czech Communists as Slansky and Sling, both life-long foes of Zionism. These men, who long ago renounced Judaism to follow the primrose path of Marxism, were in the end victimized as the Jews they had long since ceased to be.

The American Jewish Committee report is only a partial study of the new Communist program of Aryanism which apes the Nazis' Nuremberg Laws. But it is reports like those documented in "Jews Behind the Iron Curtain" which clearly show the world at whose door should be laid the charge of inhumanity.



The following brief excerpts from more than a week's debate on the McCarran Immigration Bill, S2550, will give you a better picture than anything else of the legislative process. Except immediately following a quorum call or a vote not more than eight or ten Senators of the 96 were present during the entire debate and usually there were only four or five in the Senate Chamber. Under these circumstances, one of the longest, most complex and most important bills in this session was passed without a roll call vote.

Sen. Lehman. Under present law, parents of citizens have a

should put himself into Custer's position at Little Big Horn.

Most sincerely, Bernard Weisberger Lt. Robert P. Grover Post 377, Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Last month's Jewish Veteran carried a letter to the editor from the Frances Slanger Post in Boston. Please accept my personal thanks and those of my Post for the Editor's Note of clarification to the writer.

On June 5, 1948 the Service Women's Post 621 of Philadelphia was officially instituted and since then this post has come a long way. I cannot help but feel a tremendous feeling of pride and satisfaction in singing the praises of our fine group of ex-Wacs, Waves, Spars, Nurses and Marines who make up Post 621, which I had the pleasure of activating and also the privilege of having been elected to serve as its first commander.

In the short span of our existence, we have earned the respect of the community and won several meritorious awards in the County of Philadelphia and the state of Pennsylvania for outstanding activity in Veterans Service, Civic and welfare programs. We have also been proud and happy to serve in Philadelphia County Council and in State Department of Jewish War Veterans.

At the top of our list of activities which are too numerous to mention is our service to hospitalized veterans. On Sunday, May 4, we will again entertain approximately 30 ex-service women who are patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Coatesville, Pa.

Augusta Brooks, recent winner of the Samuel Daroff award was just elected our Commander, Mrs. Ida Bernstein as Senior Vice Commander, Rose Fox as Junior Vice Commander and Past Commander Mary A. Abrams as Trustee. Jennie Weintraub, upon her retirement as present Commander will serve as Judge Advocate. Installations of officers will be held early in June.

We would certainly enjoy hearing from the other women's posts in the country, please do write us.

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first preference in every quota. Under the McCarran Bill, parents of citizens are dropped down to a lower preference.

Sen. Benton. Is it not true under the pending bill that if any American citizen wants to bring his parents into this country from abroad and his parents are not able to read and do not possess adequate educational standards, they will henceforth be excluded?

Lehman. The Senator from Connecticut is entirely correct. That is undoubtedly true. For instance, a man who lives in Poland, where, under the Russians, he has received no education, or a poor Jew in Russia, cannot be admitted unless he can write in his own language. If such a person wants to take out citizenship papers to become a naturalized citizen, unless he can write in English—not in his own language, but in English—he cannot become an American citizen.

Benton. In connection with the subject now being discussed by the Senator from New York, is it true that the McCarran Bill permits the Attorney General to deport aliens who have been in the United States for 20 years, if the Attorney General believes that at any time since the person came here, he had a mental purpose of engaging in activities prejudicial to the public interest? How can we give the Attorney General power, such as this bill proposes, to deport a person because of a state of mind that existed 20 years ago, as interpreted solely by the Attorney General? How can any of us know how future Attorneys General might exercise a power so vague as the power just described, reposed in them by this bill?

Lehman. I think the Senator from Connecticut for his very constructive questions. He is absolutely correct. Under the McCarran Bill an alien can be excluded if, in the opinion of the Attorney General, he may at some time in the future commit an act that is prejudicial to the United States. There is no standard, there is no definition, no statement of what is meant by "prejudicial." It is perfectly conceivable that what the Attorney General might decide as being prejudicial, the Senator from Connecticut and I would consider to be of great value or vital to the country. Nevertheless, the power would be in the law.

What is more, any alien could be deported for a crime or a minor nature he might have committed 20 years ago, and he would have virtually no recourse whatsoever. For example, he could have been guilty of reckless driving 20 years ago. He may have been in this country 30 or 40 years, be married to an American wife, and have American-born children, but that would not make any difference. The Attorney General, within his discretion—and "discretion" is not defined in the McCarran Bill—could come into the man's house in the middle of the night, seize him, and order his deportation, with very little right of appeal.

Benton. Does the Senator wish to comment any further upon the idea of deportation when, in the judgment of the Attorney General, the proposed deportee had a mental purpose of engaging in activities prejudicial to the public interest at any time within the previous 20 years?

Lehman. I can only say to the Senator from Connecticut that, although I have reached the age of 74 years, I would hesitate to judge what a man's mental purpose was, not only in the past, but also in the present or in the future. I do not think it could be done.

Benton. Does not the bill provide for the deportation of aliens if, at any time, in the opinion of the Attorney General, they be-

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