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## Baseball-Blood Drive Rolls On

After a furious month of activity, the Baseball-Blood campaign, started by JWV in cooperation with the Armed Forces, the Red Cross and organized baseball, approached a climax with an estimated 50,000 pints of blood pledged, a large part of which has already been collected and shipped to G. I.'s in Korea and elsewhere.

In Detroit alone, the Red Cross chapter far exceeded its June quota, according to reports, and was well on the way to setting a record for July. The over-the-top surge was publicized by the National ARC office in the Detroit area. Success of the blood bank was attributed by several spokesmen to the Detroit JWV Baseball-Blood drive.

In other cities, results were equally gratifying, according to JWV National Blood Donor Chairman William Levin. Outline reports on the drive are listed below, by States. Others appeared in our last issue. Further reports will be published as they are received by the Jewish Veteran.

### CALIFORNIA

National Service Officer Ed Klein reports that the BBB plans was implemented by assistance from the B'nai B'rith Blood committee of the Southern California district. Blood program "sold as an insurance plan" available to members when needed. Blood Bank parties given. Tour of duties at ball parks completed, with Florence Chadwick, Catalina Channel swimmer, as guest. Spoke on blood program at ball park, with 10,000 people attending. Red Cross reports making largest overseas shipment of blood in seven months.

### CONNECTICUT

Stamford—On first day of drive at Belltown Field, police loaned a car equipped with public address system. It urged fans to give blood for men in Korea and for fellow Stamfordites in local hospitals. 31 pints collected on first day. Fred Robbins executed program with colors flying, getting an enthusiastic response from the fans.

### FLORIDA

Dade County—Raised the whopping total of 1,360 pints. Four posts in coordinated drive—Norman Bruce Brown Post 174, West Miami Post 223, Coral Gables Post 243, and Miami Beach Post 330.

Widespread publicity in (1) newspapers—Miami Herald, Miami Daily News, Florida Sun, Jewish Floridian and Tamiami News; (2) radio—stations WIOD, WQAM, WINZ, WMIE, WKAT and WGBS; (3) television—post officers appeared six times on station WTVJ, where the drive was plugged by Jack Cummins, station sports director.

In addition to those mentioned last month, credit for the drive should go to Bernie Koloff, Post 230; Jack Matza, Post 223, and Mel Morris, Post 243.

### GEORGIA

Atlanta—On July 27 the ball room of the Progressive Club was used as headquarters for a Red Cross mobile blood unit to receive donations.

As a result of the campaign conducted by the Atlanta JWV post and the Atlanta Crackers, local baseball club, collections of blood at the Atlanta Blood Center were 1,500 pints ahead of the usual July take. Blood chairman is Harry Silverman.

650 posters made and placed in store windows all over town. Every bus in the city carried a card.

Between June 15 and July 15 the Crackers played three double-headers. Entertainment, in the form of armed forces bands, was arranged by program chairman Arthur Weiss.

50,000 pledge cards given out to patrons of the game.

Booths in stores manned by Ladies' Auxiliary six days a week.

### IOWA

Sioux City—Program held from June 18 through July 15, with co-operation of Sioux City Baseball Association. The Soos' management, under owner Adam Pratt, furnished two box seats to every donor, and Stanley Corbett, Red Cross blood program chairman, secured a bloodmobile visit to collect donations. Active in program were Sid Baumsten, post commander; Ike Zale, blood donor chairman; and Matt Dvorkin, co-chairman of the JWV committee.

### KENTUCKY

Louisville—Home of the famed "Slugger" was helped to a generous 235-pint pledge at the Louisville Regional Blood Center through the efforts of Commander Sam Stern and other officers and members of Post 179. JWV National headquarters received enthusiastic letter of approval from Thomas O. Helm, Louisville chapter chairman of American Red Cross.

### MARYLAND

Joseph Gifter, public relations officer, Department of Maryland, reports that every radio and TV station and newspaper in Washington and Baltimore was contacted on BBB program, with excellent cooperation obtained from most of them. Credits A. Isaac Mervis for a splendid job as chairman.

### MINNESOTA

The St. Paul JWV posts obtained more contributions and did a bigger job than others in cities with populations which exceed this twin city by 100,000, according to Department Commander Alex Kanter. Good service was performed by Ben Dorsow, department senior vice-commander and coordinator; Al Schwartz, commander of Post 354; Alex Weiss of Post 162; Lorraine Adler, auxiliary president of 354 and Ada Garish, president of Auxiliary 162. Good

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COMMANDER PAUL GINSBERG Gives Labor Day Greetings

## Cmdr. Ginsberg Greets Labor, Management

The threat of aggression created by the power ambitions of the totalitarian leaders who rule the Iron Curtain countries makes it imperative that we Americans join forces for the preservation of our democratic heritage. As men and women who fought in the defense of our country, we have a special stake in the struggle to maintain national security, for our past experiences have taught us the danger of a nation divided.

Recognizing this peril, we have constantly sought to promote good will and cooperation among all groups in our community.

In planning our Labor Day issue, we have asked outstanding leaders of labor and industry to join us in the demonstration of our common concern in this struggle against Communism. The response as you will read has been most heartening. We welcome this reaffirmation of faith in the democratic process for resolving group differences.

This positive program of harmony between industry, labor and veteran has been made possible through the activities of the Trade Union Council of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America under the able leadership of George Rubin, a World War I veteran, who is the general manager of the Cloak Out-of-Town Department of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Through the activities of this Council, our organization has been able to introduce free services of its veterans service department to veterans and members of their families throughout the nation.

In the future, we look forward to continuing programs of mutual interest to these three groups which aim at the preservation of our democratic freedoms.

## Set Program Of Convention

That rustling sound you may be hearing these days isn't just the harbinger of a million trees getting ready to shake off their summer wardrobes.

It's more likely the sound of JWV men all over the country trying on thinking caps and paper hats for the big blowout of resolutions and ructions in Atlantic City, where the Jewish War Veterans will hold its 57th National Convention on October 15-19.

The two-pronged nature of the coming encampment was emphasized by Ben Kaufman, national executive director, who outlined the planned program for the big affair.

The big doings at the Hotels Chelsea (His) and Ritz-Carlton (Hers) will be on the order of smorgasbord, with something in it for everyone. For the body politic, there'll be some good solid nourishment in the form of healthy discussions and panels on the serious issues confronting the American nation and the Jewish community.

### Fun-Fest On Tappee

For the toujours gai set, and for those who want to soak up some mental therapy after working sweatshop hours in the committee rooms, there'll be ample opportunity for heel-kicking-up, said Mr. Kaufman. He pointed out, however, that JWV tradition was for orderly fun, and ruled out the patriotic pillage and mass mayhem that have characterized similar gatherings of other groups.

Prime issue on the big convention agenda will be the election of a new national commander to succeed Paul Ginsberg, of Atlanta, who has worn the JWV mantle since last fall.

A three-way race for the office promises to provide plenty of good-natured uproar for the coming election. The triumvirate of contestants are Harry Madisan, of Detroit; Jesse Moss, of New York, and Harry Rubin, of Connecticut. (Campaign committee backgrounds on the three are presented elsewhere on this page).

### Discuss Latz Fund

Other serious business on the agenda includes, on Thursday, October 16, a panel discussion on the Ida S. Latz Foundation, presided over by Judge Benjamin Scheinman, of Los Angeles, who assisted Mrs. Latz in setting up the veterans' rehabilitation agency. Leading physicians and psychiatrists will participate in the program. Joseph Solomonow, president of the Board of Trustees of the foundation, will act as moderator.

"This program is expected to be one of the highlights of this year's convention," said Mr. Kaufman. "It will allow delegates to roll up their sleeves and put in a pitch for their favorite ideas, instead of sitting around and yawning at guest speakers."

On Friday, October 17, a discussion will be held on the outcome of the MacIver Report. The program will be moderated by NECman Joseph Barr and the guest speaker will be Irving Kane, president of the National Community Relations Advisory Council. Previous to this meeting, a luncheon will be held in honor of Mr. Kane, at which he will be awarded JWV's Certificate of Merit, for his outstanding services in Jewish agency work.

### Saturday Busy Day

A full day can be expected by delegates on Saturday, the 18th, when two sessions are planned. In the morning, there will be a membership and program clinic for post commanders and officers, under the leadership of Norman Berkeley, national program chairman. Members of the national staff will be on hand to answer questions.

On Saturday afternoon the topic for consideration will be the vital one of "Civil Rights In Our Times." Speakers will include Senators Robert C. Hendrickson and H. A. Smith, both New Jersey Republicans, and Archibald Alexander, Democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate from that state.

Convention committee spokesmen were not yet prepared to announce the name of the speaker who will address the National Commander's Banquet, nor the Sunday morning speaker on foreign affairs. Choice of these is awaiting confirmation.

### Relief Provided

As relief from "think sessions," staff programmers have prepared some fun and relaxation for the sojourners to the surf-side city. Early Bird Night will be held for the vanguard on Wednesday night; on Thursday, a joint party with the Ladies Auxiliary will usher in the girls' 25th Anniversary.

Traditional Memorial Services will be observed Friday night at the Congregation Beth Israel, with Rabbi Martin M. Wertz presiding, and an Oneg Shabbat will follow.

The Life Members club will hold an informal late meeting, according to High Schlemiel Julius Berkman, at which the boys will conduct their special rites. Highlight is expected to be a special report by the Goniff on the state of the treasury.

Reservations for ringside seats to the big brawl are going fast, it was reported by Mrs. Beatrice Wigdor, administrative secretary. She urged late starters to fill out their reservation blanks immediately and mail them in to National HQ. (Blanks, together with hotel room rates, are to be found elsewhere in these pages). A three-dollar registration fee for each person attending must accompany requests for reservations. Date of expected arrival and departure must also be indicated in the same letter.

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## Editorial

### The Era of Good Feeling

This year the celebration of Labor Day will mark a significant phase of our country's history. It is a phase that neither will begin nor end on the first of September, 1952.

This period in American history may well be described by future historians as the Era of Labor-Management Good Feeling. It is not a sharply defined period, which began at a specific date, and was marked by the signing and ratification of a treaty, like a peace pact.

It is instead, this era of good feeling, a maturity that has come as does the tolerant solidity of a family which has had its share of turbulent upheavals and friction.

The beginnings of the labor movement in the United States bore the outward aspects of those in Europe and elsewhere. Bitter, sometimes violent conflicts occurred when the immovable object of intransigent business collided with the irresistible force of a newly-organized labor movement.

Had this economic conflict been continued and intensified, the United States might find itself at the present time attempting to keep two groups of citizens from destroying each other and the nation. This is the unenviable situation faced by some of the democratic governments in Europe today.

But the fluidity and adaptability of the young American nation prevented that unhappy development. Instead of producing rigid class divisions along economic lines, the United States came to be known as the one country in the world where individuals rose on their own merits, and were not bound by the trades or incomes of their fathers.

The Labor movement has not been slow to realize the implications of this modified social revolution. Its mature leadership has consistently pointed out that democracy affords the best, and indeed the only opportunity for organized Labor to achieve its legitimate ends, that the right of employees to strike or to gain advantages through negotiation is bound up with the right of employers to practice business free of interference from government agencies or political parties; and that under Fascism or Communism, the loss of freedom by one side of the labor-management coin is followed sooner or later by the loss of freedom on the other side.

The fact that this balance of power between Labor and Management has been maintained is perhaps not as significant as the fact that it has been done in a spirit of general friendliness and good-will. There exists between worker and employer in our country a healthy respect for each other's functions.

For binding these two groups together more strongly than any temporary differences can divide them, is the knowledge on the part of each that the United States is the one country in the world where such mutual respect has resulted in production and use of more of the good things of life than anywhere else in the world.

It is to that spirit of intelligent cooperation and far-sighted progressivism that this edition of the Jewish Veteran is dedicated. The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, whose members comprise segments of both Labor and Management, feels that no issue today is of greater significance.

## Post Scripts

Editor,  
The Jewish Veteran  
Dear Sir:

As a member of Norman Bruce Brown Post 174, Miami, Fla., Jewish War Veterans, please allow me to quote a phrase of our Mr. Barr, of Washington, D. C., who is our present national executive committeeman: "We have fought and licked the Nazis, but we still have Naziism to lick and it is a hard fight we have ahead of us."

I do not wish to elaborate on these words of one of our leaders, in order to prove the necessity of this fight.

I am certain that every Jew, in every walk of life, has at some time encountered the fact, even though fortunately the bigots in our country are of a small number.

My purpose is to express my amazement that intelligent people should overlook the greatest factor in our favor, our ace in the hole. That is the strongest weapon in our defense, our fine organization, the Jewish War Veterans.

It is my opinion that every Jew who holds the pride and honor of our people dear, should exert every effort to call the attention of all Jewish veterans in his neighborhood community and his family to the duty they owe themselves as Jews to enroll in the Jewish War Veterans.

I also believe every Jewish society, whether it be spiritual, cultural or political, should wholeheartedly sponsor our organization, to prove to our enemies that we are partners, by virtue of our service to and our love for our great country. We desire to share the glorious fruit of its freedom, in turn pledging our health, wealth and strength in its defense and welfare.

Thank you for your courtesy.

Yours truly,

Harry Zalph

## Jewish Cadets Serve Nation At West Point

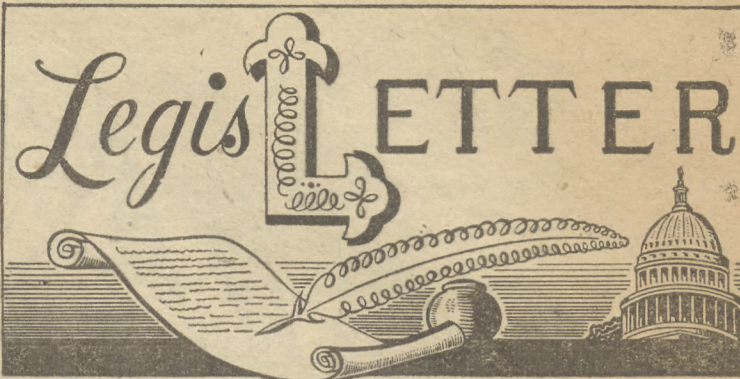
One of the first two cadets to be graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point was Jewish, according to an article by Eiga Hershman in the Jewish Chaplain, publication of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

West Point became a permanent military academy by act of Congress in 1802, and in October of that year the first class graduation took place. One of the two cadets in the first graduating class was Simeion M. Levy, who was the son of a Baltimore Jewish family. He had been promoted from infantry sergeant to cadet for "merit and mathematic attainments."

Little is known of Levy's subsequent career, writes Mr. Hershman, except that he is remembered in a tract of the American Jewish Historical Society as "the hero of Maumee Rapids." The same source indicates that Levy's distinguished career helped to secure citizenship for Maryland's Jews.

Since the first graduation at West Point, increasing numbers of Jewish cadets have been trained and commissioned second lieutenants at the academy. During every war, Jewish graduates of West Point have played prominent roles. Nearly 100 officer-alumni of the Point served in World War I, and 200 in World War II.

Since 1936, Jewish cadets at the academy have had their own religious representation, through the ministrations of Rabbis. The Jewish cadet corps, Mr. Hershman points out, has achieved a status on a par with that of other chapel squads. At the annual Passover services, high officials of the academy are generally in attendance, and join with the cadets in the traditional observance of the holiday.



The Republican and Democratic National Conventions undoubtedly came under close observation by nearly all JWV members through their television sets. You probably have many adjectives to describe what you saw and heard. The key adjectives that your National Legislative Director prefers are "interesting," "exciting," "illuminating," "tiring" and, regrettably, at times "boring."

One of the most important things settled at the conventions was the platform of each party. Unfortunately, little of the platform as finally written got through to the general public. In the July issue of The Jewish Veteran, there was a resume of the recommendations to be made to each of the Platform Committees by your Representative. At the Republican Convention, the recommendations were presented to a series of subcommittees. Six Resolutions Subcommittees heard our recommendations on the seven issues with which they dealt. At the Democratic Convention, one large Committee heard all of our recommendations.

As is customary, a substantial part of each platform is devoted to "viewing with alarm," the record of the opposing party and "pointing with pride," to its own record. As might be expected, in view of the fact that the Democrats have been in power for 20 years, most of the "pointing with pride" came from the Democrats, and most of the "viewing with alarm" came from the Republicans.

JWV members should try to get a copy of each of the platforms and compare them carefully before election day in November, so that you know the philosophy of the party you will vote into power. It is important, too, to listen to the candidates, especially the Congressional candidates, from whom we will seek to get, in the House and in the Senate, legislation which our platform recommendations require. Do not be bashful about approaching those Congressional candidates or writing to them if necessary, to find out how they stand on our recommendations. When they are seeking your vote, they are most likely to make the commitments you want.

Following are the comparisons between the platform planks of the parties on the issues contained in our recommendations.

#### Veterans Affairs

Republicans adopted almost in toto and in detail, the recommendations we made.

Democrats pledged themselves "to continue and improve their national program of benefits for veterans and their families" with some amplifying sentences on the best possible medical care and hospitalization for the disabled veteran.

#### National Defense

Both platforms came out for an adequate defense force. The Republicans added special emphasis on Air Force expansion. Democrats referred to a balanced Defense Force. Republicans took a dig at waste and implied a cut in the defense budget.

Neither platform accepted our specific recommendations which can really cut costs viz. a unified purchasing department in the Department of Defense and strong Reserve Forces filled with graduates from the Universal Military Training Program proposed by the National Security Training Commission.

#### Foreign Affairs

Here again the two parties were in rather general agreement in support of the United Nations and NATO. The Republicans were naturally critical of the Far East policy, but beyond saying "we shall end neglect of the Far East—"

make it clear that we have no intention to sacrifice the East to gain time for the West," there was no specific program.

Both parties had a kind word for Israel—the Democrats, "We pledge continued assistance to Israel" etc.—the Republicans, "We shall continue our friendly interest."

The Democrats made specific reference to South Asia—particularly, India and Pakistan and to collective security in the Pacific.

The Voice of America received a kindly pat from both parties.

On Reciprocal Trade Agreements and Foreign Trade, generally, the "cloven hoof" of protective tariffs showed up clearly in the Republican Platform, although like the Democrats, they endorsed Reciprocal Trade Agreements and acknowledged the need for Foreign Trade.

The Democrats adopted our recommendations for the revision of our immigration laws to do away with any unjust or unfair practices. The Republicans remained silent.

#### Federal Aid To Education

Republican stood by what they termed the "tradition of popular education" — "responsibility for sustaining this system of popular education has always rested upon the local communities and States."

The Democrats favored Federal Aid to Education, for new school construction, teachers' salaries, etc. They also favored Federal Aid to Medical Education. These are in line with our recommendations and oft passed resolutions.

#### Housing

Republicans were short, if not sweet on this issue. The plank is scarcely a splinter. Here it is in full. "We will oppose Federal Rent Control except in those areas where the expansion of Defense Production has been accompanied by critical housing shortages. With local cooperation we shall aid slum clearance."

The Democrats went the whole way with us on our housing recommendations for full support of the Housing Act of 1949, continued Rent Controls and special aids for veterans' housing.

#### Economic and Price Controls

Here the Republicans turned thumbs down, while the Democrats accepted our recommendations.

#### Civil Rights

Both parties moved in the same general direction on this issue with ample room for an out. Negro delegates at the Republican Convention up to the last minute, were ready to move a substitute plank. Even some of the leaders were surprised when a key Negro delegate from New York rose to second the motion to approve the platform as submitted to the Convention. If anything, the Republican plank is a little more forthright.

The Democratic platform includes a provision for action "at the beginning of the 83rd Congress to improve Congressional procedures so that majority rule prevails and decisions can be made after reasonable debate without being blocked by a minority in either House." This is directed, primarily, toward cutting off unlimited debate in the Senate. Without such a rule, no civil rights legislation will get through the Congress during our life time.

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GENERAL KLEIN!