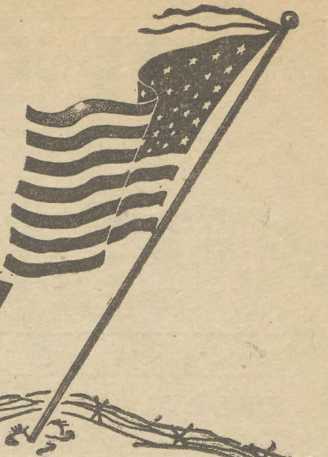




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## NCRAC Adopts JWV Proposal

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — The long and hotly debated controversy over how best to achieve effective organization of the Jewish community relations field ended this month in the overwhelming adoption by the NCRAC of a JWV-sponsored plan for joint program planning, coordination and division of responsibility among NCRAC national member agencies.

The JWV proposal was introduced at the 10th Plenary Session of the NCRAC in Atlantic City, N.J., this month by NEC man Joseph F. Barr of Washington, D.C. It was designed to reach a middle ground between recommendations advanced by the NCRAC special committee on evaluative studies and a plan put forth jointly by the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League. The evaluative studies committee has recommended a division of work in the community relations field on a basis that would have vested national member agencies of the NCRAC with exclusive responsibilities in such areas as labor, veterans' relations, inter-religious activities, etc. Under this plan, all member agencies of the NCRAC would have participated jointly in the planning of programs for the entire field of community relations work.

### Divided Responsibility

However, responsibility for putting agreed-upon plans into action would have been divided among the various agencies. JWV and the Jewish Labor Committee, for example, were to be vested with distinctive responsibilities for all contacts with veterans and labor respectively.

The AJC-ADL proposal called for the establishment of a series of joint operating committees composed of representatives of national agencies with a record of activity in a specific field. Under this plan, all work in the veterans' field, for example, would have been turned over to an operating committee made up of the JWV, the American Jewish Committee and the ADL.

In a broader field, such as civil rights, the American Jewish Committee and the ADL indicated they would be amenable to the establishment of an operating committee comprised of their two agencies and the American Jewish Congress, "if a cooperative arrangement could be reached" which could overcome what the AJC and ADL described as "significant differences" between the three agencies on "philosophy and strategy."

### 'Two-Way Relation'

The AJC-ADL proposal spoke of "a close two-way relation between the NCRAC and each joint operating committee." It explained that "these operating committees would bring to the attention of the NCRAC matters of policy which call for discussion and likewise would pass on to the appro-

appropriate NCRAC committee the results of their efforts." Describing the manner in which the joint operating committees would work, the AJC-ADL group noted that "among the principal functions of the operating committees would be planning an overall community relations program (in the various specialized fields) and agreeing

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JOSEPH BARR

## Text of Report By Mr. Barr

The following is the complete text of the statement by Joseph Barr, Jewish War Veterans' NEC man, at the 10th plenary session of the NCRAC, embodying the JWV compromise proposal accepted by the Council:

The Jewish War Veterans did not vote for or against the report of the evaluative studies committee, for although we have participated in all the deliberations of that committee and can thus attest to the long and serious consideration which was given to all proposals, we are not a voting member of that committee.

Needless to say, the recommendations of the evaluative studies committee, particularly the recommendation regarding work in the veterans field, are most gratifying to us. For the majority report, by recommending that veterans work be assigned to the Jewish War Veterans, recognizes the value of the services which our organization is performing and can perform for the American Jewish Community, and substantiates the arguments which I presented to this plenum last November.

### Representing JWV

Since it is my role to represent the interest of the Jewish War Veterans in this meeting, it might be presumed that I would, therefore support the report of the evaluative studies committee without reservation. However, the paramount interest of the Jewish War Veterans is in maintaining and extending cooperative

## Happy New Year!

Dear Comrades:

Happy New Year to all of you in the Jewish War Veterans and to your families and friends in the Jewish community.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to tell you that the opportunities afforded me during the past year as National Commander have been among the most rewarding of my life. The associations formed or strengthened during the time I have held that trust are real and enduring friendships.

This year has seen our membership rolls swell through a recruiting drive that resulted in adding thousands of new names to the JWV ranks. To these new members, I say welcome! Already you may have felt the brotherhood and unity of our organization, and seen some of the results we have achieved—that is why you joined us.

With your help, and with that of the friends you will bring into our ranks, we will accomplish even greater things next year.

Yours in comradeship,  
PAUL GINSBERG,  
National Commander

and productive working relationships in the Jewish community relations field and in the entire Jewish community.

### JWV Primacy Vital

The Jewish War Veterans is vitally concerned that its primacy in the veterans work be recognized. We are convinced, however, that this can be accomplished in such a fashion as to conserve rather than to disrupt the harmony so vital to the Jewish Community. When I speak of harmony, I have in mind also harmony with the resolution to which we all subscribed last November. For unless the principles embodied in that resolution are adhered to we shall achieve only a false harmony—a harmony which will not long endure.

We, therefore, wish to propose a modification of the recommendations of the evaluative studies committee—a modification which we believe takes into account the more significant objections to the ESC report while carrying out in full the mandate of the last plenum.

### Sets Record Straight

I think it is important, at this point, to set the record straight on the relationships that have obtained between the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League and the Jewish War Veterans. References have been made here to a working association between the agencies that was in force before Dr. MacIver made his report. In point of fact, the relationship between the three organizations has been most tenuous and has at no time produced anything more than fleeting and inconclusive results. The proposal we are advancing today is designed to overcome these deficiencies by establishing machinery that will—in fact—enable the three agencies to organize their respective veteran constituents for a genuinely effective program of service to the Jewish community in this field.

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## See You At The Big Convention

Preparations for the Jewish War Veterans' 57th National Convention were rolling into high gear as this issue of the JEWISH VETERAN went to press with barely a month to go before the curtain goes up on the big show in Atlantic City, October 15-19.

Primary item on the convention agenda will be the election of national officers. The race for the

office of National Commander will see Harry Rubin, of Connecticut, Jesse Moss of New York and Harry Madison of Detroit in a three-way battle that promises plenty of fireworks.

Sidney W. Bookbinder of Beverly, N. J., chairman of the JWV public relations committee for 1951-52, is so far unopposed in the race for the post of National Judge Advocate, but the possibility was still open that before convention time other candidates will blossom forth.

### Kane To Speak

A scheduled speech by Irving Kane, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, promised sure-fire interest after the possibility of a walk-out indicated by the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League at the NCRAC 10th plenary session in Atlantic City the first week in September. A JDA walkout threatened after overwhelming adoption by the Council of a JWV-sponsored compromise proposal on delegation of fields of primacy to each of the six major organizations in the NCRAC.

Mr. Kane, who will receive an award from JWV for his outstanding contributions to Jewish community work, will discuss the decision taken by the NCRAC plenary session and its possible effects on the future of that organization.

### Javits On Agenda

In another scheduled highlight of the national convention, Rep. Jacob K. Javits, congressman from New York, will discuss the threat and challenge posed by post-war, divided Germany, poised between Communism and a resurgent Nazism. Mr. Javits' report is sponsored by the JWV foreign affairs committee, under the chairmanship of PNC Abraham Krador.

Louis Hines, special representative of the American Federation of Labor, and vice-chairman of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism, will address the delegates on the subject of Americanism and subversion.

"Civil Rights in Our Time," an issue of vital concern to all Americans, will be the topic of a forum featuring Senators Robert C. Hendrickson and H. Alexander Smith, Republican incumbents of New Jersey and Archibald Alexander, Democratic candidate for the Senate from that state. During this session the convention delegates will have the opportunity to ask the gentlemen questions dealing with the civil rights planks of their respective parties.

### On Latz Foundation

A panel discussion on the Ida S. Latz Foundation will be held for the purpose of explaining the workings of the veterans' rehabilitation agency. Presided over by Judge Benjamin Scheinman and moderated by Joseph Solo-

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IRVING KANE

## Excerpts From Kane's Address

The following are excerpts from the address of Irving Kane, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, at the 10th plenary session of the NCRAC:

This plenum has met its obligations and has taken action, and has acted maturely. I would have hoped for better results. Unfortunately, however, there seem to be moments in the lives of men, when they must face up to the choice between the reality of failure and the mirage of success. I, personally, find myself ready to face up to that choice because I have tried for success for too many years, for much too long, longer that I personally can afford. And so, many may have to make that choice and accept the realities of failure. I say, therefore, that the action taken here today was taken democratically and taken maturely.

I would want to make this plain too—and I assure you I am not saying all of the things that are in my mind or in my heart—that should it occur (and I hope it never occurs) that the two agencies have to withdraw from the NCRAC, it would not be a withdrawal in response to action taken here on the question of division of labor. It would constitute a rejection of the very aims and objectives of the NCRAC. Let none be misled about the nature of the real issue. There is nothing mysterious, nothing abstruse about the fact that the judgement taken here today is an advisory judg-

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