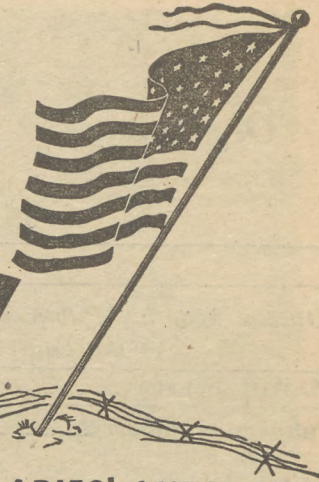




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## JWV Atlantic City Convention Story

### JWV Head Stresses Ban On Politics

NEW YORK, N. Y.—As one of his first official acts, newly-elected National Commander Jesse Moss has issued a statement reaffirming Article II of the JWV Constitution, which enjoins members from using the organization's "name, uniform, insignia and titles of rank, past or present, directly or indirectly, for the promotion of political candidates or partisan politics or issues."

Commander Moss said that the warning against political involvement of the JWV is an outgrowth of a statement issued to newspapers and press associations by PNC Julius Klein, chairman of the national executive committee, during the course of the national convention in Atlantic City.

#### Used PNC Title

General Klein had issued a press release in which he identified himself as past national commander of the JWV. The release, which indicated that the general was attending the JWV convention, voiced support of General Eisenhower's candidacy while at the same time condemning "high level Democratic campaigners" for "shallow appeals to so-called racial and religious minorities."

An Atlantic City newspaper credited the general with saying that the Democrats were quietly electioneering among the 3,600 delegates to the Jewish War Veterans' convention. The newspaper also said General Klein had indicated he would take his criticism to the floor of the convention. Subsequently, the general sent a telegram to the newspaper, protesting that it had attributed to him statements he had not made.

#### Introduced by N. J.

A resolution introduced by the Department of New Jersey and adopted at the NEC meeting following the close of the convention, emphasized that "the JWV cannot under its Constitution endorse or campaign for any political candidate."

The JWV Constitution, Cmdr. Moss said, "makes it plain that while no member of our organization is restricted from speaking out or acting on the basis of his personal political convictions, the public generally, and political parties and candidates particularly, should clearly understand that the Jewish War Veterans does not tolerate exploitation of its name for partisan political purposes by any member or officer."

In compliance with the New Jersey resolution, Cmdr. Moss' statement was issued to the newspapers and all press associations, as well as to the JWV membership.



OUTGOING AND INCOMING national commanders exchange handclaps and good-luck wishes after election results were announced on Sunday, October 19, last day of the 57th annual national convention in Atlantic City. Jesse Moss of New York City, right, will succeed Paul Ginsberg of Atlanta, now a past national commander.

### National Executive Committee

Following the election of Jesse Moss, new national commander, and Sidney Bookbinder as national judge advocate, other elections replaced seven national vice commanders and six national executive committeemen and added one name, that of Paul Ginsberg, to the list of JWV past national commanders.

The following comprises the new NEC:

**National Commander** — Jesse Moss, New York, New York.

**National Judge Advocate**—Sidney Bookbinder, Burlington, N. J.

**National Vice Commanders**—

1st Region—Reubin Kaminsky, Hartford, Connecticut; 2nd Region—Sam Slutsky, Peekskill, New York; 3rd Region—Leon Sachs, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; 4th Region—Sam R. Heller, Norfolk, Virginia; 5th Region—Sam Shaikewitz, Clayton 5, Missouri; 6th Region—Lester Bise, Los Angeles 45, California; 7th Region—Dave Vener, Beaumont, Texas.

**National Executive Committeemen:** 1st Region—1 yr., David Lasker, Boston, Massachusetts; 2 yr., Morris Bufferd, Bridgeport, Connecticut; 3 yr., William Levin, Winthrop, Massachusetts; D-A-L 1 yr., Paul Robin, Providence, Rhode Island; 2nd Region—1 yr., Bernard E. Perleson, Brooklyn, New York 2 yr., Sol Masch, New York, New York; 3 yr., Meyer Neumann, Bronx, New York; D-A-L 1 yr., Samuel Kessler, Brooklyn, New York. 3rd Region, 1 yr., Dr. David Coyne, Hoboken, New Jersey; 2 yr., Ike T. Rockman, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; 3 yr., Samuel M. Michelson, Baltimore 15, Md.; D-A-L, 1 yr., Matthew Feldman, Teaneck, New Jersey. 4th Region, 1 yr., Mack Frankel, Atlanta, Georgia; 2 yr., Joseph F. Barr, Washington, D. C.; 3 yr., Lou



SIDNEY BOOKBINDER  
Elected Judge Advocate

Phillips, Miami, Florida. 5th Region, 1 yr., Dr. Marcus M. Gilman, South Bend, Indiana; 2 yr., Percy Friedlander, Louisville, Kentucky; 3 yr., Sidney S. Haas, Cleveland 6, Ohio; D-A-L, 1 yr., David Silver, Chicago 45, Illinois.

Sixth Region, 1 yr., Joseph Solomonow, Beverly Hills, California; 2 yr., Ben J. Soskin, Los Angeles 35, California; 3 yr., Martin Roback, San Leandro, California; 7th Region, 1 yr., Harold E. Freeman, Phoenix, Arizona; 2 yr., Henry Greenberg, Galveston, Texas; 3 yr., Julius Berkman, Waco, Texas.

**Past National Commanders**  
Maurice Simmons, New York, New York; Morris J. Mendelsohn, Brooklyn, New York; David Solomon, Bethesda, Maryland; Harold Seidenberg, Boston, Massachusetts.

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### Jesse Moss Sweeps In As New National Commander

On Sunday, October 19, after four days of mixing business and pleasure without damaging either ingredient, several thousand delegates, and guests of the Jewish War Veterans and its National Ladies' Auxiliary stacked battered campaign posters among other discarded paraphernalia of the encampment, and left Atlantic City, N. J. for home.

There was plenty for the delegates to relish as they fanned out to their homes across the nation.

A new national commander was elected one-third of the way through the first ballot. He is Jesse Moss, the New York City attorney who was swept in on a tidal wave of votes that reached unanimity on the request of his opponent, Harry Madison of Detroit. Madison conceded by calling for a vote of unanimity after the polling of 188 posts showed Moss leading by a six-to-one margin. Harry Rubin of Norwalk, Conn., another prospective candidate, declined the nomination. National Commander-elect Jesse Moss was installed immediately after the election along with other national officers, and started his duties immediately.

Mr. Moss is a 42-year-old attorney who held an appointment in 1939-41 as special government prosecutor under Attorney General Frank Murphy. Before that, he was an assistant federal attorney in New York. Commander Moss is a World War II veteran who served in the ETA with the Army Signal Corps.

Commander Moss immediately assumed his duties by reminding the membership of the JWV constitution's injunction against partisan political activities. The action followed the issuance of a press release by PNC Julius Klein. Klein was quoted in Atlantic City newspapers as decrying alleged Democratic electioneering among the delegates.

Other elections saw Sidney Bookbinder of Burlington, N. J. win unopposed as national judge advocate, succeeding I. Bernard Rotberg of Philadelphia, while Brig. Gen. Julius Klein, PNC, will take over the post of NEC chairman, vacated by Myer Dorfman of St. Paul, Minn.

In the Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Rose Chanin of South Orange, N. J. was elected national president to succeed Mrs. Jessica Slatiss of Chicago. Mrs. Chanin defeated her opponent, Mrs. Daisee B.

#### Reports Available

Copies of the National Commander's report by Paul Ginsberg to the National Convention may be had by writing to National Headquarters.

Copies will be distributed until the supply is exhausted.

Haberman, who also conceded before the voting was completed, to make the election unanimous.

In one of the highlights of the convention, Irving Kane, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, was awarded a JWV Certificate of Merit for "leadership in welding American Jewish Agencies into an effective instrumentality for maintaining Jewry's contributions to America's democracy."

Mr. Kane asserted that community relations forces today were not merely engaged in "policing bigotry and in putting out anti-semitic fires," but were fighting against bigotry, communism, and the pseudo-democracy of the McCarthy's.

At an afternoon meeting on foreign policy, Congressman Jacob K. Javits, (R., Lib., N. Y.) told the group that the East German "police force" was composed of somewhere between 25 and 50 mechanized and fully-equipped divisions and that "West Germany could become another Korea if we vacillate or let down our guard."

A debate on the civil rights planks of the two major parties by two New Jersey Senatorial candidates produced some sharp clashes as well as showing some areas of general agreement.

Senator H. Alexander Smith, the Republican incumbent, said that the Democrats had failed to pass civil rights legislation during their 20 years in office, and that it "clearly exposes their hypocrisy in dealing with civil rights."

Sen. Smith's opponent, Democratic Senatorial candidate Archibald Alexander, asserted that the Republican party stand on FEPC was not as strong as it was four years ago and that the Republican platform is "silent as the tomb on the all-important matter of stopping the filibuster."

At another afternoon session, recent cuts in Veterans' Administration funds were sharply decried by Dr. Daniel Blain, medical director of the American Psychiatric Association, who warned that the cuts threatened "complete deterioration" of VA services. Budget reductions, he said, were making adequate medical care to veterans impossible.

At a dinner honoring retiring National Commander Ginsberg, Bartley Crum, publisher and former member of the Anglo-American Palestine Conciliation Commission, said that the people behind the iron curtain "yearned for freedom and some day will fight for it."

Mr. Crum said that the State of Israel was "one of the great hopes of the world," and the "only country in the Middle East in which the writ of habeas corpus obtains and in which there is freedom of speech and all the other fundamental liberties."

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## Editorial

### Every Vet A Voter!

National Executive Director Ben Kaufman, holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor, highest award for heroism given to American servicemen, made a significant observation in a radio broadcast recently.

Mr. Kaufman said that it is ironic that some people are more willing to risk their lives in defending a good cause than to invest a few minutes of their time in maintaining it.

Discussing the failure of many veterans to vote in national and local elections, Comrade Kaufman said:

"I have seen men in combat calmly pitch in and do a slow and painstaking task while they were under a hail of enemy fire. They risked their lives because they knew something bigger was at stake—their country's freedom. Yet often these same men, having returned to civilian life, refuse to spend an hour of their time in maintaining freedom and good government."

Mr. Kaufman's observation has been based on performance scores of Americans in two duties: fighting their country's battles and voting in its elections. In war, from the American Revolution to the Korean conflict, Americans have acquitted themselves with the epic courage of a great people defending a great cause. But at the polls the record tells another story.

#### Steady Decline in Voters

It is alarming that the percentage of eligible voters who turn out to the polls at each election has steadily declined for the last seventy years. It seems that for almost three-quarters of a century, our national elections have been greeted by many Americans with a loud burst of ennui.

This situation bodes no good for democracy. What is the future of free institutions if fewer and fewer of its citizens care enough to voice their opinions at the polls? Surely nothing could please the active enemies of democracy more than the mass political paralysis of its supporters. What a boon it would be to the Kremlin propagandists if they could point to the United States elections as representing a political battle between special interests, a battle that was boycotted or ignored by the majority of the people!

This ominous drop in voting has not arisen because of a lack of interest in current political questions. There has been evidence enough that the people are vitally concerned about a number of key issues.

More likely, many non-voters may feel that there are so many problems crying for solution, that one ballot cast in a curtained booth is a feeble gesture.

#### Votes Help Make History

But votes are counted, and their cumulative effect makes history. That is the theory of democracy, and like all good theories, it works in practice.

To help the democratic process along, the Jewish War Veterans, along with hundreds of organizations cooperating with the American Heritage Foundation, has been doing its best to speed up that slowdown at the polls. From the time this publication goes to press until Election Day, November 4, JWV resources will be concentrated in the Get-Out-the-Vote campaign.

Our organization has sponsored essay and poster contests in the schools. These will continue, we hope, to exercise an important influence. We certainly expect that all of our members will register and vote themselves, and that eligible members of their families will do likewise.

If that is done, it will go a long way towards helping make this election turnout the biggest in history. In 1952, our part may be carried out by living up to our slogan—"Every Vet a Voter!"

## N. J. Launches Its Get-Out-the-Vote Drive, Raps Bigots

TRENTON, N.J.—Department of New Jersey Commander Daniel Rappoport of Trenton announced recently that his department has mapped out a plan of action to make sure that every eligible is registered and then to get out the vote on Nov. 4 while "keeping a sharp eye on the Typhoid Marys of racial and religious prejudice, unwarranted smears and filth."

In a story in the Trentonian, Commander Rappoport said that national campaigns with their overheated passions seem unfortunately made to order to attract peddlers of discord. He added that their efforts have already borne some bitter fruits.

J. George Fredman of Jersey City, past national commander and chief counsel to the Hudson County Bureau of Election, has been appointed chairman of a committee to see that every possible J.W.V. member in New Jersey registers and votes.

Other members of the committee: Seymour Kurtzman, Plainfield, SVC; Edward Nappen, Atlantic City, JVC; Sidney Bookbinder, Burlington, national public relations officer; A. Harry Glogoff, Trenton, chief of staff; Irving Basow, Jersey City, QM; Dr. David Coyne, Hoboken, NEC; and Nat Hollender, Jersey City, state public relations director.

## Getting That GI Loan

Many veterans have expressed mystification as to the methods in securing a GI loan for a home, a farm or a business. The steps are as follows:

(1) Find a particular property or business venture that you want to buy with the help of a V.A.-guaranteed loan. (2) Go to a bank, a building-and-loan association, or some other lending institution where you expect to make the arrangements. (3) Present your plan to the lender from whom you hope to borrow the money—the better your proposition, the more likely you are to get the loan. You must have your original discharge or separation papers.

The fourth step on a home loan is to see that your property is appraised by an appraiser who's approved by the V.A. Next, the V.A. will send a certificate of reasonable value to the lender, and finally, the application is approved by the V.A.

## Fete Disabled Vets

The New York County Council entertained a number of disabled veterans from four hospitals during one week in October. A different group of vets was taken to see the play, "Point of No Return" on each of the following nights:

On October 20—Patients from Ft. Jay Hospital were sponsored by the Free Sons of Israel Post; October 21—Kingsbridge Hospital patients taken by Lt. Arthur M. Chasen Post; October 22—St. Albans Hospital treated by Lt. Samuel Goodstein Post; October 23—Mitchell Field Air Base Hospital, sponsored by Jerome Schary Post.

Events planned by the New York County Council in the near future include a Chanukah-Christmas party at one of the VA hospitals in the area, and a mammoth bazaar and rummage sale. Merchandise and used clothing for the latter is needed. It should be sent to the County office at 500 Park Ave., New York, N. Y.

## Posts Allowed Rifles

A recent amendment to a 1920 law allowing "the Secretary of War to loan Army rifles to posts of the American Legion," will include the posts of recognized veterans' organizations under its provisions.

The law, as amended May 26, 1952, provides that the Secretary of the Army is authorized to lend obsolete or condemned Army rifles, slings and cartridge belts to posts or camps of national veterans' organizations recognized by the V.A.



According to the well known play, "The Voice of the Turtle" is heard in the Spring but in November it will be "The Voice of the Ballot" which will resound throughout the United States.

Behind the Iron Curtain, totalitarianism has forcibly created hundreds of millions of political eunuchs. Quite properly we have leveled sharp criticism at this situation. Yet in our own Country, nearly half of our citizens have, by their own voluntary action in failing to vote, put themselves in exactly the same position which the Kremlin dictators forced upon their people. In that situation all will agree "it is time for a change." Whether you agree with those whose slogan is "throw the rascals out" or with those whose battle song is "don't let 'em take it away" it is your duty as well as your privilege to cast your ballot for the men whom you want to govern your destiny and the destiny of your Country.

Political seers in Washington are divided in their opinions as to whether or not the fact that we have two high-type candidates for the presidency will increase this year's presidential vote. Some say the enthusiasm for the two good men who are running will bring more people to the polls. Others hold that this will make many potential voters feel that no matter who is elected, we will have a good president so that voting or not voting is unimportant.

#### Appeal to JWV

JWV members, it is hoped, will all cast their votes after careful consideration of the inherent qualities of the candidates, the party platforms and the candidates' interpretations of the party pledges. It is not enough to talk patriotism—the election campaign and election day demand action. Don't be a political eunuch.

In the final week of the 82nd Congress, we were successful in blocking an attempt by its opponents, to kill the National Security Training Commission and Universal Military Training via the omission of any appropriations for the activities of the Commission. Currently, the veterans organizations have been working with the National Security Committee and others on a program to make sure that new recommendations and a new bill from the National Security Training Commission are presented to the incoming Congress and passed.

## Sons of Joshua

The JEWISH VETERAN proudly continues its series on Jewish heroes in the Korean conflict, as reported in the Anglo-Jewish press and by friends and relatives of the men involved. If you know of incidents in the current campaign in which Jewish servicemen have participated, send them to the JEWISH VETERAN, 50 West 77 St., New York City 24.

The following incidents were reported by Julian N. Jablin, in the Jewish Press.

During the early stages of the Korean war, two companies of the United States 1st Cavalry Division were cut off from their comrades for three days by enemy action. Led by 27-year-old Captain Richard L. Cohen of Philadelphia, more than 200 men hacked their way back to the American lines in a fierce rear-guard action. Carrying eight wounded, the group reached a hill, where one of the men set up a radio salvaged from a wrecked tank and started to send out a feeble SOS.

The signals were picked up by

Your National Legislative Director or is a member of the Strategy Committee created for this purpose.

It is important that you secure a favorable commitment from your two senators and your representative in the House for Universal Military Training. As has been emphasized in the past, the best time to get commitments is before you cast your vote.

#### Will Push UMT

A major point which will be emphasized in the fight for the passage of a Universal Military Training Bill in 1953 will be the injustice of having to recall veteran Reservists because of the lack of a trained non-veteran Reserve Force which Universal Military Training will help to create. Probably every JWV member knows of one or more cases where a veteran has been called back into service and as a consequence, a husband and father has been taken from his family and in many cases, a business or a good job has been lost.

Our world-wide commitments in the struggle against Imperialist Communism require billions of dollars and millions of men. The only way to cut the dollar costs and manpower requirements is through Universal Military Training which JWV has been trying to secure ever since World War I.

United Nations Day—October 24, 1952—will mark the 7th birthday of United Nations. An old friend of JWV, Frank Weil is Chairman, this year, of the National Citizens Committee for United Nations Day. Your National Legislative Director is the Chairman of the Veterans Organizations Advisory Committee to the National Citizens Committee. Your post commanders and department commanders have, by this time, the details of the program in which you can participate.

Th isolationists and some crackpots are trying to create opposition to the United Nations. They offer no constructive criticism but they make a lot of noise. At each successive JWV Convention since the United Nations was organized, commendatory resolutions have been passed. On United Nations Day in the past, many JWV posts have received national recognition for the part they played in United Nations Day activities in their communities. This year, even more posts should be able to participate effectively and thus back up our kind words with action.

a receiver operated by Pfc. Herbert Lubleski of Brooklyn, who had constructed a personal radio of salvaged parts in the rear of the U. S. lines. Pfc. Lubleski passed along the word, and within an hour a light plane was circling the hill to drop food and instructions for an escape route.

Captain Cohen, already the holder of the Bronze Star Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters, was awarded the Silver Star for his part in the episode. He was later wounded after 62 days of action. Pfc. Lubleski was also wounded later.

The first reservist in New York State to return to active duty after the beginning of the Korean war was Arthur Levine of Brooklyn, a veteran of the 88th Division in World War II. "I figured that I've just got to do it," he explained when he volunteered to go back into uniform.

Levine was feted by Army brass and photographed with the Mayor of New York. He went overseas with the 17th Infantry Regiment. A year later, the Department of Defense announced that Levine had died of wounds received in action in Korea.