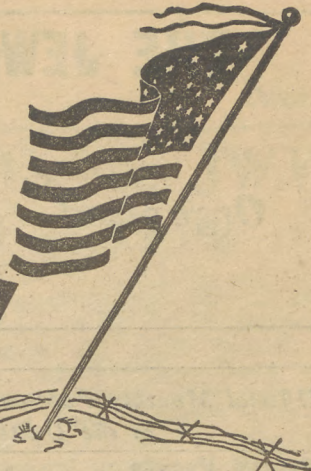




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Lehman Given Medal—Hits M-W Law



GOLD MEDAL AWARD PRESENTED. Senator Herbert H. Lehman, center, is presented with JWV Gold Medal of Merit for 1952, together with accompanying citation. Award is made by National Commander Jesse Moss, while Harry D. Henshel, chairman of Dinner Committee, looks on.

N. Y. Senator Blasts Alien Law at JWV Medal Dinner

NEW YORK, N. Y.—In accepting the 1952 Gold Medal of Merit of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Senator Herbert H. Lehman told an audience of 800 at the Waldorf Astoria Dec. 28 that the McCarran-Walter Immigration Law had provided "an unfortunate occasion for the free world to note that the United States, in its immigration and naturalization policy, rejects the basic principles of freedom."

The New York Senator, who led the fight against the new law from its inception, asserted that it "bristled with hostility against the alien and foreign-born," and that its underlying assumption was that "every alien is a potential saboteur and criminal and every potential immigrant must remain so branded until he can prove otherwise."

Nelson A. Rockefeller, dinner chairman, presented the JWV medal to Senator Lehman for his "exceptional contributions to the welfare and security of the United States and the advancement of mankind's struggle for freedom." The citation called attention to Mr. Lehman's record as Governor of New York, director general of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and United States Senator. His services to the nation were praised by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and by National Commander Jesse Moss. City Controller Lazarus Joseph presided as toastmaster.

Calls for Repeal
Calling for repeal of the Mc-

Carran Act, Senator Lehman said that "a new immigration and naturalization law must reflect the American spirit and highlight the difference between a free state and a police state."

The present law, he asserted, "sets forth a triple standard of justice—one standard for native-born American citizens, another for naturalized American citizens, and still another—and the most arbitrary and high-handed of all—for aliens and immigrants." He continued:

"As a result of the operations of the notorious national origins quota system, large quotas are made available for nationalities like the British who do not desire to emigrate to the United States in substantial numbers."

"But quotas are brutally restricted for Italians, Czechs, Greeks and Balts, among many others, who not only desire to emigrate, but need to emigrate. Political refugees and persecuted from behind the Iron Curtain and elsewhere find our gates tightly shut against them."

Should Be Haven

Senator Lehman called for a repeal of the national origin quota system as one based upon racial and religious distinctions, and said it should be replaced by "an honest quota limitation which permits this country to function, as it should, as a haven for worthy oppressed and persecuted people, regardless of national origin or religious creed."

National Commander Jesse Moss voiced his agreement with
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Commander Moss Praises Judge Kaufman's Courage

NEW YORK, N. Y. — A letter from National Commander Jesse Moss praising the "courage and clarity of thinking" of Federal Judge Irving R. Kaufman was given extensive coverage by all major newspapers here.

The letter commended the jurist who tried and sentenced convicted atom-spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, as acting out of "motives of justice and patriotism" in denying clemency to the couple, scheduled for execution on January 14.

The full text of the letter follows:

Dear Judge Kaufman:

Out of a decent consideration for the proprieties I had refrained from writing to you while your decision in the Rosenberg case was yet unmade. Unlike others, to whom you referred in your statements, we felt that you should not be subjected to outside pressures, but should be permitted to come to your decision in an atmosphere of judicial calm and fairness.

That decision has now been made and we want to compliment you upon the courage and clarity of thinking which you have shown throughout.

We believe it to be quite clear that you have acted only out of motives of justice and patriotism, and that those who have organized the outcry against the verdict have not.

As the leader of a great group of veterans of the Jewish faith, I especially resent the efforts to make an issue of the religious identification of the defendants. We despise equally those who would callously use the Rosen-

bergs to injure the Jews and those who would callously use the Jews to help the Rosenbergs. No American can tolerate either.

I think you deserve and should have this expression of belief in you by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America.

Very truly yours,
JESSE MOSS
National Commander

National Home Deal Closed In Washington

The successful closing of a deal for a Jewish War Veterans National Home in Washington, D. C. has been announced by Executive Director Ben Kaufman in an urgent memorandum to post, county, department commanders and NECmen. April 1st of this year is the deadline for full payment, he said.

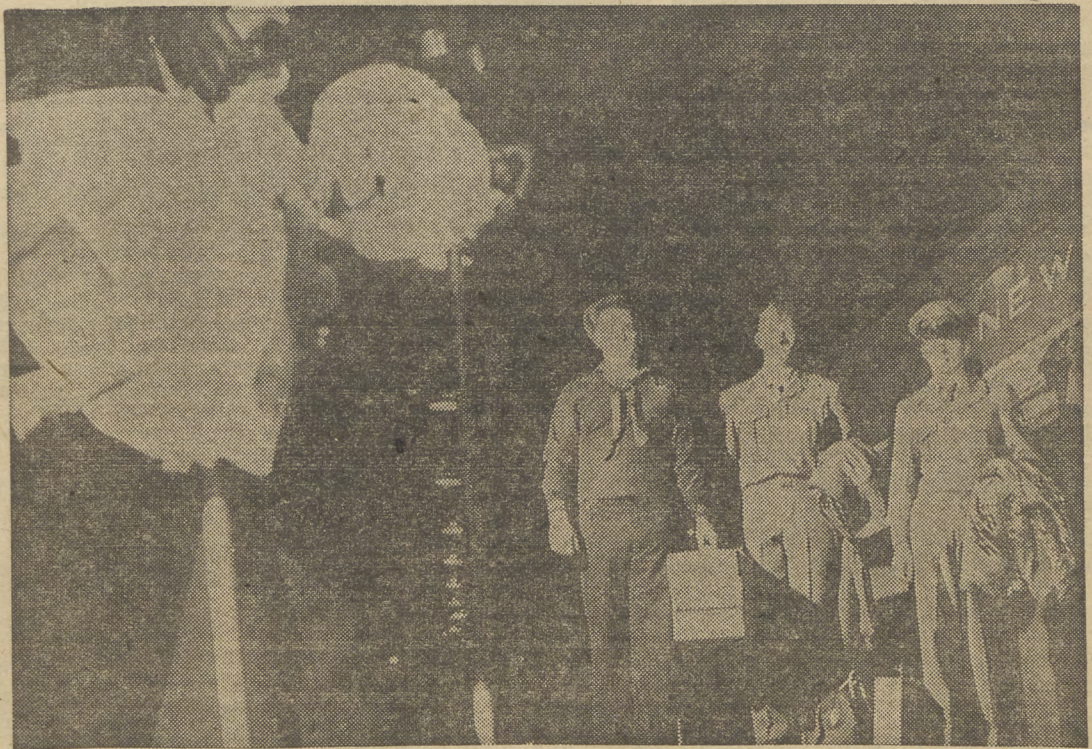
The building was selected by Joe Barr, NEC, Fourth Region, who placed a \$1,000 deposit on the premises at 2210 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., and signed the contract in behalf of the Jewish War Veterans.

Pointing out that the building fund trustees presently have \$16,300, and that \$45,000 more must be raised to finish paying for the building, Mr. Kaufman said:

"This puts the issue squarely up to you and your members. If the necessary funds are raised and transmitted before the deadline date April 1, 1953, we can go
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Sets Organizing Goal

Lester Bice, national vice-commander of the Sixth Region, has announced plans to organize posts in Seattle, Washington; Portland, Oregon; and Las Vegas, Nevada. He is asking the cooperation of JWV post and department officers to help him with his mission.



GOIN' HOME, GOIN' HOME. A wounded GI (left foreground) clutches toy-doll Christmas present for his kid sister, while Seaman Richard Byrne and Marine Sgt. Mahlon Burt, both of New Hampshire, and Air Force Sgt. Jerry Haley, of Boston, wait on a deserted platform at Grand Central Station, to depart for Christmas visit with their families as guests of the Department of New York Jewish War Veterans, who paid for the transportation of fifty hospitalized Korean veterans from St. Albans Naval Hospital to eight Eastern states.