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## Commander Moss Meets With President

### Moss Message To Red Bloc In Wide Demand

They may not have liked it behind the iron curtain, but the message broadcast by National Commander Jesse Moss over Radio Free Europe has been in wide demand by members of Congress and officials of Jewish community relations councils since publication of the text by National Headquarters.

**THE MESSAGE**, broadcast last month to six Communist countries called for repudiation of the Soviet-dictated campaign of anti-Semitism in eastern and central Europe.

Congressman Clyde Doyle of the 23rd Congressional District of California asked for 250 copies of the JWV leaflet, "Behind the Iron Curtain," which, he said, "I could use to advantage." Congressman Doyle holds membership in both the Armed Services and Un-American Activities Committees of the House of Representatives.

Congressman Thomas J. Lane of Massachusetts inserted the National Commander's message in the Congressional Record of March 3.

**HUNDREDS OF COPIES** were requested by Jewish community relations councils in Indianapolis, Kansas City and other cities.

Meanwhile, JWV department commanders indicated that they planned to give the message widespread local circulation among veterans and civic groups, Jewish organizations and top officials of state and municipal governments.

New York offices of Radio Free Europe have asked their monitoring stations overseas to check on Communist broadcasts for any reaction to the JWV statement.

### Hold Joint B'hood Meeting in Church

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—A joint Brotherhood meeting at the Price Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church was held here by the Adams-Wilshire Post of the Jewish War Veterans together with local VFW, American Legion and DAV units, it was announced by the JWV post commander, Irving Karr.

The honored guests and speakers included Rabbi Joel L. Dekoven of the Centinella Valley Jewish Temple and Center, and Sidney M. Schallman, chairman of Americanism and Interfaith Relations committees, L. A. District Council of the JWV.

### RENEW NSLI POLICIES

VA has pointed out that National Service Life Insurance policies expiring in 1953 are the ones taken out in the last two months of 1944 and in 1945 and the ones taken out in the last two months of 1947.



**PRESIDENT AND NATIONAL COMMANDER** enjoy a chuckle during a lighter moment at their meeting in Washington March 5. At interview President Eisenhower and Commander Moss discussed recent proposals for a Middle East defense organization.

### Discuss Red Anti-Semitism And Middle East Strategy

Four issues of major importance in foreign and domestic policy were discussed by Jesse Moss, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, during a call on President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the first such visit to the White House by the leader of a national Jewish organization.

**THE ISSUES**, which evoked sympathetic interest from the President, Mr. Moss said, were these:

¶The Communist drive against Jews and other religious minorities.

¶The need for revision of the McCarran immigration law.

¶The establishment of a Middle East Defense Organization as an additional bulwark against Communist aggrandizement.

¶The need for enacting Federal fair employment legislation.

The national commander stressed that Administration action on all four issues could serve "in a major degree" to check Communist efforts to build fear and suspicion of the United States in Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

**SOVIET MILITARY** ambitions in particular, Mr. Moss contend-

ed, could be dealt an important setback if the United States were to announce that it was prepared to provide military and economic aid on a "first-come, first-aid" basis to any Near East country signifying readiness to defend itself against aggression by associating itself with a mutual defense organization in the Middle East area. Mr. Moss took the position that since Israel has already indicated its willingness to join in a Middle East defensive alliance, the Arab states would be forced to "demonstrate whether they are prepared to subordinate their local differences with the Jewish state to the overriding need for developing a mutual defense against a common enemy of the Middle East nations and the free world as a whole."

**AT THE SAME TIME**, Mr. Moss pointed out, a strong U. S. denunciation of Communism's persecution of religious minorities, coupled with legislative action striking out against discrimination at home, could go far "towards keeping the scales of world opinion balanced in America's favor."

## Plan Sightseeing for Convention in Chicago

CHICAGO, Ill.—A gala festival is in the offing for those who can attend the 1953 Jewish War Veterans National Convention in the Windy City on September 2-6, according to plans set up by the Convention Committee at a recent conference here.

Harry Harrison, committee chairman, and PNP Ethel Novak,

### Bulletins in Demand

Seymour S. Weisman, national program director, has reported an excellent response on the recent National Bulletin issued to the posts.

"We can hardly keep up with the heavy demand for these bulletins," said Weisman. "However, there are a limited number still available for those who need extra copies."

of the National Ladies' Auxiliary, met with the local JWV committee under Department Commander Ted Pickard, to work out arrangements for a program of entertainment that includes, among other surprises, sightseeing tours of the city.

For the first time in many years, both the Auxiliary and men's conventions will be housed in the same place, the Hotel Sherman. All rooms are air-conditioned and the rates are reported to be reasonable. Rate schedules will be published in the May issue of the JEWISH VETERAN.

The transportation committee is arranging to obtain air and bus schedules to and from Chicago for publication in the "Veteran." Special rates have been secured for parking, for those planning to make the trip by automobile.

### 72 Shopping Days To Pick National Officers

It may sound premature, but already there are distant drum ruffles heralding the approach of another JWV national election campaign. Almost before most of us get the old bathing trunks and picnic baskets out of mothballs the campaign will be in full swing.

For you early birds who want to get your licks in early, now is the time. We are opening the pages of the JEWISH VETERAN to campaign sketches, biographies and pictures of the candidates for National Commander and National Judge Advocate beginning with the next (May) issue:

Deadline for all election material will be the July issue—press date, June 12.

### Legion of Merit Is Awarded to Perkin

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Colonel Edward J. Perkin, former senior vice-commander of the Philadelphia County Council, Jewish War Veterans, has received the Legion of Merit for distinguished service in Korea.

Col. Perkin returned home in February after a year's service in the Far East. He was officer in charge of Area A and was commanding officer of all Air Logistic force units in Korea. He was cited for inspiring his Korean command to "perform its vital mission of combat support in the most expeditious manner possible."

Prior to going to Korea, Col. Perkin was active in JWV activities in the city and the state. He is a member of the Haim-Parnes Post 151.

## KINGS COUNTY BROOKLYN, N. Y.)

Catholic



War Veterans of the U. S.

Jewish



War Veterans of the U. S.

Whereas, Soviet Russia has engaged upon a campaign of a program of genocide, annihilation of

JOINT CWV-JWV PETITION against Soviet persecution of minorities is shown above, containing emblems of both the Catholic War Veterans and the Jewish War Veterans. Petition, asserting that "acts of discrimination against one minority group are a threat to all minority groups," calls for boycott and economic sanctions against countries in the Red sphere.

### File That Claim

All former military prisoners of war are urged to file their claims for forced labor and inhumane treatment with the War Claims Commission immediately. The ex-PWs are entitled to \$1.50 per day for the time they were imprisoned.

Deadline for filing claims is April 9 of this year.

If you were a prisoner of war in World War II, you are entitled to this compensation. It is not paid out of the U. S. Treasury, but from frozen enemy assets.

File that claim!

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## Editorial

### Middle East Defense

Prompt action by the United States to bring about the formation of a Middle East Defense Organization was urged by National Commander Jesse Moss recently in a broadcast over Station WABC, New York. In a debate with William Goodwin, author and lecturer, on U. S. policy in the Middle East, Commander Moss stressed that the pace of Communist expansion does not permit the democracies to expend time on diplomatic negotiations to resolve outstanding differences between Israel and the Arab states as a pre-requisite to the formation of a defense organization in the Middle East. Instead the United States should issue a prompt invitation to all Middle East countries to join in the defense of the area. With this invitation should go an assurance by the United States that military and economic aid would be extended to each Middle East state immediately upon application for admission to the defense organization.

The JWV Commander's proposal would compel the Arab states to translate their anti-Communist words into deeds. It would have the additional virtue of forcing the Arabs to face up to the need for subordinating their regional differences with Israel to the overriding need for establishing an instrumentality for the common defense of all Middle East countries, Arab as well as Jewish.

### Asking Too Much?

Occasionally, the JEWISH VETERAN receives a letter which we feel deserves more than polite attention. One such letter crossed our desk recently. It tells of a program which shows graphically the typical function of JWV in the field of veterans service.

The letter follows:

Dear Editor:

Recently the Keller-Litman Post 382 sponsored a bowling tournament for blinded veterans which was arranged through the efforts of National Service Officer Gerald Klein in New York City. The JEWISH VETERAN reported a similar tournament conducted by the Laurelton, L. I., Post.

There is one important point about these tournaments for blinded veterans that ought to be brought to the attention of all JWV posts. It's this:

These bowling tournaments did more than just provide a means of recreation to a group of veterans all of whom are blind as a result of war-incurred disabilities. It was an attempt to prove to the public that blindness is not the handicap it may seem to be in many sports—and similarly, neither would it prove a handicap in holding down a job.

The trouble is that most of these blinded veterans aren't even given the opportunity to prove that they can handle a job they apply for. They are turned down without a chance. These men are not seeking handouts. All they ask for is a chance and they don't want to be kept on if the employer feels that they are not capable. They don't ask for charity.

They feel not as heroes, almost forgotten, but as Americans they are entitled to a chance to earn a livelihood. We don't think that's asking too much.

Do you?

Comradely,  
DAVID L. MEYER,  
Commander, Keller-Litman  
Post 382, JWV

No, Commander Meyer, we don't think it's asking too much.



COL. MELVIN KRULEWITCH  
Reports on Korea

## Col. Krulewitch Returns From Korean Front

Col. Melvin L. Krulewitch, the highest ranking Jewish officer in the U. S. Marine Corps, recently has returned from a front line assignment which he "sweated out" with battle-scarred Marines.

A JWV MAN as well as chairman of the Jewish Welfare Board's New York Council, Col. Krulewitch offered a first-hand report on what he saw in Korea. The report, in part follows:

I want to tell you some of the things I saw in Korea.

I was ordered to active duty for training with the First Marine Division there. I performed my military duties, and in addition I was able to seek out a great many fellow-Jews in the sectors to which I was assigned.

I saw Jewish boys, all of them young, from every corner of the United States, doing every job the Armed Forces have there. You would have been awed, as I was, and a little proud, to see these husky fellows, in combat gear, returning from patrol or a spell in the bunkers. Battle-hardened as they were, when they found out who I was, their first questions were of home.

There is a strong, if invisible tie of affection which stretches from here to Korea!



JUDGE KAUFMAN

## Atlanta 'Constitution' Praises JWV Stand

ATLANTA, Ga. — The Jewish War Veterans and its national commander, Jesse Moss, have come in for some praise from a leading southern newspaper. The Atlanta Constitution in its issue of Jan. 12, 1953, lauds Commander Moss' recent statement on Judge Irving R. Kaufman and the Rosenberg case.

The editorial, after quoting at length from Commander Moss' statement commending the jurist, said that "this strong statement from the leader of the Jewish veterans' organization should refute the claim of those who have tried to make the world believe that the United States prosecution and sentencing of the Rosenbergs was motivated by anti-Semitism."

The statement by Mr. Moss was brought to the attention of the Atlanta Constitution by Coleman Medintz and the members of Atlanta Post 112.

Have You Renewed Your  
Membership For 1953?



By Bernard Weitzer, National  
Legislative Director

The number of new bills being introduced are numerous. Widely publicized hearings by Senators McCarthy, Jenner and Congressman Velde proceed along with others which do not capture so many headlines.

The Supplemental Appropriations Bill mentioned in the March "Jewish Veteran" passed both Houses of Congress with a deep cut in the amounts requested by the Veterans Administration. This cut will have a most injurious effect on the Medical and Hospital Services and on the Contact Division. All the efforts of the combined veterans' organizations were unsuccessful in getting the needed appropriations. JWV's efforts were summarized in the following telegram sent to Sen. Styles Bridges, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. The telegram was placed in the Congressional Record of March 2nd by Senator Lister Hill with appropriate introductory comments.

### Wire to Bridges

"On behalf of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, I respectfully urge you support full supplemental appropriation requested by Veterans' Administration approved by Budget Bureau (\$15,886,000) for administration, finance, contact service, vocational rehabilitation and education, loan guarantee program and medical services plus \$10 million additional for medical services.

Appropriation cuts in past years have already seriously eroded the VA medical services and staff leading to thousands of unusable hospital beds and causing deaths and dangerous hardships to veterans entitled by law to medical treatment.

The appropriations suggested above are urgent now and correction in the 1954 budget will not undo the further ruination of the medical services and the contact service which present cuts will inflict.

Contact service is the essential means whereby the veteran is aided to get the benefits you have voted for him. The appeals made to you by some Senators on behalf of veterans in their States awaiting medical service can be duplicated in practically every State in the country where more

than 21,000 eligible applicant veterans are waiting to get into hospitals and more than 289,000 applications are pending for outpatient dental treatment, more than 2½ times as many as there were last year.

Will appreciate your entering this message in your committee hearings record."

Write to your Representative in the House, voicing a vigorous complaint, and urge that the coming year's bill contain adequate appropriations, particularly for the items listed in the telegram.

### Bills on Aliens

Identical bills which deserve your support are S 693 and HR 1739 intended to ease naturalization for aliens serving honorably in our Armed Forces since June 27, 1950. Similar bills were passed, separately, in the House and Senate during the last Session but failed to be enacted during the last minute rush of the Session.

### Price Controls

The Senate Committee on Banking and Currency is currently holding hearings on bills (S 153 - S 1081) to provide standby economic controls in case of all out war or upon the declaration of a National Emergency by the President. Your National Legislative Director will appear before the Committee to testify in favor of this legislation.

Beginning with the convention at St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1947, JWV has regularly passed resolutions in favor of such a program.

The Administration has been rapidly decontrolling prices without waiting for the expiration date (April 30, 1953) of the Defense Production Act of 1950. Without new legislation, we will be defenseless against skyrocketing inflation in case of a National Emergency.

### Rent Controls

Hearings are also being held this week by the House Banking and Currency Committee covering the extension of rent controls. The legislation now in force expires April 30, 1953, and new bills provide for extension until April 30, 1955.

The legislation passed in the 81st Congress provided local option on decontrols, which has resulted in higher rents for many communities. The need for rent controls continues in most parts of the Country to protect the renter from the exactions of landlords where there is still a scarcity of rental units.

## Through Channels

Editor, The Jewish Veteran,  
Kindly permit me the use of your columns for a few words to the intelligentsia here and abroad.

After listening to a very logical and sound explanation and justification for the Russians' sudden (?) turn toward anti-Semitism. "Because of the stubbornness of the Jews not to disintegrate as such, they should Russify themselves, forget their own identity and origin. Only when all people of the World will forget or deny their own nationality—only then will come the great salvation of humanity."

I wish to applaud such an intelligent thought especially when it is in the name of humanity.

Not only do I give such a great idea the nod of my approval but I also promise that when I become DICTATOR I will in the name of humanity of course, order the following:

1) All people of the world should

grow not taller than 5 feet 2½ inches. (I measure 5 feet 4½ inches and any dictator has to be as much as 2 inches above the other heads.)

2) All people of the World should wear only one style of clothing of one design, and of a single color. This would save a lot of time and energy of the proletariat for more important humanitarian acts.

3) All people of the World should eat only one kind of food, same amount, seasoned and cooked similarly—this would be of great help to the medical profession and also, since science has proven that the train of thought is the result of the food we eat, then everyone would think alike.

I think these rules will do for the time being—I shall add more orders after I am set in the saddle.

Humorously yours,  
H. L. Zalph,  
Norman Bruce Brown Post 174  
Miami, Fla.