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## JWV Mid-East Plan Presented To State Dep't

The Jewish War Veterans proposal for the ending of the Middle East impasse by the creation of an immediate Near East Treaty Organization sponsored by the United States, was submitted officially to the State Department by National Commander Jesse Moss in a conference with Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade on April 27. The plan caused an immediate stir in diplomatic circles in Washington.

Some time ago, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States had developed this plan as a solution in the Middle East. It has been felt that State Department policy had proved ineffective and that stronger steps would have to be taken. This proposal was presented to various groups throughout the United States, to the press and to the radio, and received very favorable newspaper and public reaction.

The story of its official presentation to the State Department on April 27 received major attention in the New York Times and other newspapers, and brought forth immediate reactions. The day after its publication, the Times carried a release from the Egyptian embassy, where a spokesman complained that the JWV proposal "would only serve to damage the current discussions going on between Egypt and Great Britain." This was a reference to the current Anglo-Egyptian negotiations over the Suez Canal. The JWV plan, the spokesman asserted, was a threat to what was termed "present efforts to settle disputed problems and the creation of an atmosphere of friendship and confidence which would raise hopes of greater stability in the Middle East."

Two days later, the JWV commander received an invitation from Congresswoman Frances P. Bolton (R., O.) to submit the JWV proposal to the House Foreign Affairs sub-committee for Near East Affairs. Mrs. Bolton, who is chairman of the sub-committee, said she had read of the JWV plan in the New York Times. She indicated that her sub-committee wished to study the plan in further detail.

Commander Moss' response

### Dorfman Appointed Building Fund Head

Past National Commander Myer Dorfman NEC of St. Paul, Minn. has been appointed chairman of the National Building Fund, it was announced by National Commander Jesse Moss.

Dorfman, a veteran JWV campaigner, has been doing an outstanding job of fund raising for the national home, Commander Moss said.

### Klein Heads Dinner

Brigadier General Julius Klein, PNC, has been named chairman of the 1953 Dinner Committee by National Commander Jesse Moss. Moss announced the appointment of Gen. Klein as the Dinner Committee went into high gear in preparation for JWV's big winter affair.



MIDDLE EAST DISCUSSION. Henry A. Byroade, left, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern affairs, greets JWV National Commander Jesse Moss on the latter's arrival at Pentagon April 28 to propose a Middle East defense organization against possible Russian aggression. Only 10 days afterwards, JWV proposal was announced as official State Department policy.

took the form of a request for an opportunity to present the plan personally before the sub-committee. Arrangements to bring this about are now being planned and an appointment was to be sought upon the national commander's return from an official visit to California units of JWV.

The JWV plan, as outlined by Commander Moss at a press conference following the talk with Secretary Byroade, stressed these points:

1) The United States has long been committed to the establishment of a Middle East Defense Organization and should move to bring this Organization into being without further delay.

2) All Middle East states should be invited to affiliate themselves with the proposed organization immediately.

3) The United States should offer to extend immediate military and economic aid to each Middle East state in the order in which it applies for admission to the proposed Defense organization.

4) The United States should make it plain that there will be no waiting for a resolution of all the 'hair-splitting' objections which every last diplomat of every last country may want to raise.

THIS APPROACH to the troublesome Middle East problem, the JWV commander held, "would provide the countries in the Middle East with genuine inducements to join a Middle East pact

### Hold Pact Talks

WORCHESTER, Mass.. A discussion of the JWV-proposed Middle East defense pact was held May 3 by the Foreign Affairs committee of the Jewish War Veterans, it was reported by Herman Braff, public relations officer of the Department of Rhode Island.

The principal speaker was Burton S. Cooper of New York, member of the national foreign affairs committee and of the NCRAC.

The meeting was chaired by Past National Commander Abraham Kraditor, and the discussion was presided over by Reuben Kaminsky, national vice-commander of the First Region. Those attending included: Morris Bufferd of Bridgeport, Conn., First Region NECman; and Fred Robbins of Stamford, Conn.

and "that, in itself, would be an effective step toward creating peace in the area." The plan would also have the virtue, he contended, of "creating at once an effective force that would stand in the way of any possible aggression against the Middle East."

The JWV proposal evoked considerable interest from Secretary Byroade, who was scheduled to leave for the Middle East early this month with Secretary of

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## Moss Talks 1st Time on 'Voice'

In a message broadcast to the troops and veterans of the Soviet Army over the Voice of America, National Commander Jesse Moss assured rank-and-file Russians that "the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America remains dedicated to the great goals of peace and justice that marked our common efforts against the Hitlerites."

The message was broadcast on the overseas network on the eighth anniversary of the Soviet-American meeting at the Elbe, April 24th. It was the second radio talk Commander Moss has delivered behind the Iron Curtain, the first was over Radio Free Europe.

Reminding the Soviet and satellite people that ordinary men who have experienced war "share a desire to live and work in peace and freedom, and to build a better world for themselves," Commander Moss continued:

"WE IN THE UNITED STATES believe that these objectives can be obtained. Their achievement depends on the readiness of your leaders to pursue the principles

which united us in war against the Nazi aggressors. Your leaders have it within their power to help in the conclusion of an honorable peace in Korea. They can, if they wish, bring their influence to bear in ending hostilities in Indo-China and Malaya. They can halt the re-arming of former Hitlerites in the Communist zone of Germany. And, they can match their peaceful words with deeds by joining with our allies of eight years ago who have offered to unite with them in a plan for reducing armaments."

Pointing out that he was speaking for "an organization of veterans in a country in which our leaders are accountable to our people," Commander Moss told his audience that President Eisenhower's recent offer to work out a modus vivendi with the Soviets was "backed by the American people and millions of others who are weary of war and threats of war."

"With these millions we share the hope that your leaders will respond in kind," he concluded.

## Announce First Joint NCRAC Policy Plan

The first joint plan of the six national Jewish organizations and 28 community councils comprising the National Community Relations Advisory Council has been announced by Irving Kane, chairman of the group. Details for carrying it out, including division of labor, have been agreed upon.

The plan will serve as a guide to NCRAC agencies and to com-

mittee and the B'nai B'rith the only two Jewish community relations agencies which subsequently did not participate in the joint planning process.

TAKING PART IN the joint plan were the American Jewish Congress, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Jewish War Veterans, the Union of Hebrew Congregations, and representatives of 28 community relations councils throughout the country. Also approving the plan were two organizations which joined NCRAC this year, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations and the United Synagogue of America.

The plan sets up the following goals:

[A positive U. S. immigration policy free from racism and other discrimination.

[Advancing civil rights. [Effective defenses against Communist tactics of infiltration and subversion.

[Fuller respect for and application of traditional American civil liberties.

[Protection of religious liberties, continued separation of church and state, and promotion of inter-religious understanding.

[Development of new local community relations agencies.

Detailed programs for carrying out the above are presented in the plan.

In addition to outlining the specific goals the NCRAC agencies (Continued on Page 8)



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munities in developing their programs. It was drawn up to carry out the NCRAC plenary session resolution of last September. That resolution, based on the MacIver report, was the controversial issue whose adoption led to the withdrawal from the NCRAC of the American Jewish