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## 3-Way Race Sparks Nat'l Convention

### Wisconsin DAV Cites JWV Units

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Three Milwaukee posts and their auxiliaries of the Jewish War Veterans were presented with citations by the Wisconsin department of the Disabled American Veterans at the DAV state convention at Tomah.

The citations were awarded to the Morris R. Guten, Peter Royale Feldman and Stanley Marsack posts for providing "brunches" for 400 to 700 servicemen every Sunday morning at the USO headquarters.

National Commander Jesse Moss of New York spoke to the Wisconsin groups at a meeting of the state convention in which eight Milwaukee high school seniors each received \$800 scholarships from JWV. Commander Moss presented the awards, which have been given annually for the last two years.

At another recent meeting with JWV officials during his nationwide tour of posts and departments, Commander Moss presented a "Man of the Year" award to Attorney Morris B. Chain at a Bakersfield, Calif., dinner held by Post 602. Commander Leon Bern-

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CORNER VIEW of the Sherman Hotel, National Convention headquarters of the Jewish War Veterans, is shown above. Hotel will house the several thousand guests of the JWV and its Ladies Auxiliary, for the big affair September 2-6.

### Expect Lively Contest For National Commander Post

Rumors of an impending, knock-dragout election fight among three contestants lent spice to advance notices of plans for the Jewish War Veterans Fifty-Eighth National Convention in Chicago, September 2-6.

The expected battle for JWV's highest post, that of National Commander, will be among Harry Madison of Detroit, Colonel Harry G. Hershenson and Theodore Pickard, both of Chicago. Pre-election indications were strong that the contest might prove to be one of the most memorable in JWV history, with many novel campaign techniques to be anticipated.

Two candidates have entered the race for National Judge Advocate. They are Burton S. Cooper of New York and Reubin Kaminsky of Hartford, Conn. (Turn to Page 3 for stories and pictures of all candidates who have not appeared in earlier issues of the JEWISH VETERAN).

Harry Harrison of Atlanta, convention chairman, has announced that the convention program committee has turned over to him "one of the most interesting programs ever worked out for a JWV event."

THE PROGRAM INCLUDED, he said, meetings which will blue-

print JWV activity for the coming year on such questions as revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act; action on a federal fair employment practices act, and aid to Israel under the Mutual Assistance Pact.

On the entertainment side, there will be a hypnosis act by the internationally-famous Howard Klein, a member of the Haim-Parnes Post of Philadelphia. Klein's strange talent has been publicized in Collier's and Readers Digest articles.

The Post Commander's Clinic is another "must" on the convention agenda for all post leaders. Included in this round-up of instructive fun will be: an entire American-Jewish Hour radio show, "imported" from St. Louis; plans for a JWV national bowling tournament; plans for JWV participation in the American-Jewish Tercentenary celebration of the 300th year of Jewish life in America; a Latz Foundation program; and a contest for post publications, including a bull-session on editorial technique, and many other outstanding events.

Other items on the big convention slate include addresses by important statesmen and other public figures; the National Presi-

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### 'Against All Its Enemies'

## VFW Takes Militant Stand Against Fascists, Reds

(American veterans organizations make up some of the most formidable roadblocks against totalitarian ambitions which the United States or any other country, has to offer. This was amply illustrated during the era of Hitler, Mussolini and Tojo, and is just as true today, when the encroachments of Soviet imperialism have given rise to new fears of war and enslavement. The battle being waged by American veterans' groups against all forms of authoritarianism will be described by the JEWISH VETERAN in a series of articles, of which this is the second.)

SINCE THE OUTBREAK of the Bolshevik revolution in Russia in 1917, the United States has been described by Communist theoreticians as the "strongest bastion of imperialism"—read democracy—in the West. The Red propaganda mill, sparked by an ideology which feeds on discontent has been hammering away in its hundreds of direct and devious ways at the big task of breaking the power and prestige of the United States, whose people, far from exhibiting

discontent, stand united against Red tyranny.

Leading the fight against the hammer-and-sickle war of words have been America's veterans organizations, made up of members who have defended democracy in time of war and will certainly brook no violation of it in peacetime.

Many of these veterans fought Hohenzolern autocracy in 1918; many millions of others took part in the struggle against the fascist Axis in World War II; today, increasing numbers of them are veterans of the Free World's battle against Communist aggression.

IT IS NATURAL that those who have risked the most in the struggle to preserve freedom should be among its most loyal adherents. The Veterans of Foreign Wars, whose membership is made up exclusively of those who served overseas in America's wars and expeditions, stands always in the front ranks of liberty's defenders. It has shown no partiality among enemies of our country, but has fought them all with no quarter asked or given.

The VFW's traditional opposition to all varieties of political

legions, whether made for the Left or Right leg, has been officially acknowledged in countless resolutions adopted at its national encampments. In 1951, for example, Resolution No. 432, reported by its Committee on Americanism, was adopted as follows:

"Resolved, that we condemn all (subversive) organizations, groups and individuals and pledge our continued opposition to and combating of all such undemocratic activities."

That unequivocal statement has been the keystone of all VFW policy on the anti-subversive front.

IN ANOTHER SUCH unmistakable resolution, adopted at the Miami, Florida, convention in 1949, the VFW directed every officer and member "to help expand the Veterans of Foreign Wars campaign against all Communist, Fascist and other antidemocratic ideologies and their supporters." The same resolution (No. 435) further resolved that "the national Americanism committee and director of Americanism be instructed to not only extend the scope of this campaign but also to create a more widespread appreciation of true democracy in

our schools, colleges, churches and communities; and that this be accomplished through the distribution of forceful democracy-building newspaper copy, magazine articles, radio scripts, and speeches made available to our members and the public, emphasizing the attributes of our form of government."

AND IF THAT WERE not a plain enough declaration of war against all subversive doctrines, the VFW "Resolution Against Disunity," Number 330, at the same encampment, said that the big Veterans' group considered "any individual, group of individuals or organization, which creates or fosters racial, religious or class strife among our people, or which takes into their own hands the enforcement of law, determination of guilt, or infliction of punishment, to be un-American, a menace to our liberties, and destructive to our fundamental law."

That blast, unmistakably directed against the Ku Klux Klan and other vigilante groups, as well as against the Communists, was preceded, during the same convention, by a New York resolu-

tion (No. 156) which stated that "we object, with all the fervor our entire membership can bring to the occasion, the reentry of Fritz Kuhn into the United States, ever, no matter what the pretext, either for the purpose of regaining his lost citizenship, visiting relatives, lecturing, or under any one of the many pretexts by which undesirable aliens have gained entrance to this country." The resolution further asked that the State Department be petitioned to deny Kuhn the opportunity to even file documents required for his reentry.

IN THE 1950 ENCAMPMENT, at Chicago, the VFW spelled out its enmity for both un-American extremes, when in one resolution (No. 463) the Committee on Americanism condemned the Communist peace petition campaign, then in full swing as implementation of one of Moscow's peace offensives, and in another resolved "that this organization continue to expose and condemn with even greater vigor all pro-Fascist schemes, so that our sons may be amply warned against such activities."

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