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Moss Warns State Dep't. on Mid-East

Official to Lead Panel On Rights

A panel discussion on civil rights will be a highlight of JWV's forthcoming national convention, it was announced by National Headquarters. Leading the discussion, in response to an invitation extended by National Commander Jesse Moss, will be Assistant Attorney General A. B. Caldwell, who heads the civil rights division of the U. S. Attorney General's office.

Mr. Caldwell, Chief of the Attorney General's Civil Rights Section has agreed to accept Mr. Moss' invitation, national headquarters was informed in a letter from Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General. Mr. Olney said that "the Attorney General has approved your request and . . . A. B. Caldwell, Chief of the Civil Rights Section, has agreed to accept your invitation."

Another recent development promised still more meat for the convention delegates when they converge on the Sherman Hotel in Chicago September 2. Rabbi Harry Z. Schreiner and his wife have agreed to be the guests of JWV during the convention. Rabbi Schreiner has advised national headquarters that he plans to fly to Chicago for the Convention.

Prospective delegates have been reminded that Rosh Hashonah begins Wednesday night, September 9. The convention ends Sunday, September 6. That leaves ample time to return home and prepare for the holidays.

South Korean Girl In JWV Contest

SCRANTON, Pa. A South Korean girl, now a student at Keystone Junior College, LaPlume, has expressed her views on our brand of democracy in an essay prepared for competition conducted by the Sandy Weisberger-Leon Kaplan Post, Jewish War Veterans, according to a story in the May 24th Sunday Scrantonian.

Cora Byoung Chai Chang, a 20-year-old scholarship student who witnessed first-hand the invasion of her country by the North Korean Communists, is a daughter of a former vice-chairman of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea. She won honorable mention in the essay contest held by the Weisberger-Kaplan Post.

Fete Korea Vets

The Stuyvesant-Cooper Post 235 of New York City played host to twenty hospitalized Korean veterans from the Mitchell Air Base



SECRETARY OF STATE John Foster Dulles confers with National Commander Jesse Moss on questions of Middle East strategy, during JWV leader's visit to Washington recently. Commander Moss' resultant statement is quoted elsewhere on this page.

Bay State AMVETS Back Mid-East Plan

SALEM, MASS.—The Department of Massachusetts AMVETS convention, held here June 26-28, adopted a similar stand to that of the Jewish War Veterans on Middle East defense.

A resolution recommending a Middle East defense set-up similar to NATO was submitted by AMVETS Fidelis Post 135, passed unanimously by the department encampment and readied for presentation at the AMVETS national convention.

Noting that "the absence of a regional defense arrangement in the Middle East constitutes a serious gap in the growing security structure of the free world," the resolution urged that "a solution of the Middle East defense problem be sought by means other than the time-consuming process of diplomatic negotiation with respect to existing political differences in the area."

Spelling out details of the proposed plan, the Massachusetts AMVETS resolution called for the following:

1. An immediate declaration by the United States that it regards the stability and security of the Middle East as essential to the peace and security of the free world as a whole.
2. The immediate issuance

and St. Albans Naval Hospital recently.

Under the supervision of post hospitalization chairman Al Schilling assisted by Al Braverman, junior vice-commander, and county hospital chairman Joe Goldstein, the wounded veterans were taken to dinner and to the Broadway show, "Time of the Cuckoo."

JWV National Commander Raps Weakness on Arabs

WASHINGTON, D. C.—JWV's proposal for bolstering the free world's defenses against Communism through the establishment of a Middle East Defense Organization was pressed home here by National Commander Jesse Moss in a series of meetings with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Senator Alexander Wiley (R., Wis.), Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Congresswoman Frances P. Bolton (R., O.), Chairman of a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Near East problems.

At the meeting with the Secretary of State, Commander Moss sharply criticized Mr. Dulles' recent report on the Middle East, which had placed Israel and the Arab states on an equal basis, implying that both shared responsibility for refusing to settle their differences peacefully, thereby barring the way to establishment of a Middle East Defense Organization.

This viewpoint, Commander Moss said, "ignores the fact that the Israeli government has offered to join in a Near East defense pact with the Western Powers against Communist aggression and has offered to be our ally in every sense, including a military one, while the Arabs have not. Putting them upon an equal basis and refusing to recognize this distinction is a flight from reality, which we believe to be one of the most serious defects in State Department thinking." He continued:

"The assertion by the State Department that a Middle East Defense Organization could only come about when all of the countries in that area, meaning the

Arab countries, wanted it, is, in effect, a surrender of the idea because such inspiration from the Arab countries will not be forthcoming. The only country in the Near East prepared to join in a defense pact with the Western powers has been and continues to be Israel."

In addition to his talk with Secretary Dulles, Commander Moss turned to Senator Wiley and Congresswoman Bolton for support of the JWV proposal, for a Middle East Defense Organization. The JWV plan advanced four basic recommendations:

1. An immediate declaration by the United States that it considers the Middle East Defense Organization to be essential to the peace and security of the free world as a whole.
2. A concurrent statement of principle that local differences between states in the Middle East must be subordinated to the overriding security needs of the area as a whole.
3. An offer by the United States to provide immediate military and economic aid to all Middle East states as they signify their readiness to join in the common defense of the area.
4. Notification to the Middle East states that affiliation with the Defense Organization and acceptance of United States aid requires a pledge of non-aggression against any state in the area.

This plan was submitted to Senator Wiley and discussed in detail with Congresswoman Bolton, who had asked for further discussion of the subject after Commander Moss' visit to Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade last month. Mrs. Bolton indicated that she planned to place the JWV memorandum before her subcommittee for further discussion.

Meanwhile, the New York Times story about Commander Moss' visit to the Secretary of State and his criticism of State Department policy, aroused widespread interest among Jewish organizations, a number of whom requested copies of the JWV leader's statement to Mr. Dulles.

Hello Central? . . .

A number of collect long-distance telephone calls have been received at National Headquarters without specific authorization, it was reported by Effrem Brauer, office manager.

The national organization, he said, has no authority to accept collect calls from members or non-members, except in the case of certain staff members who have permission to make such arrangements.



GIFT FOR NATIONAL BUILDING FUND. Herman Podover, right, commander of the Haim Parnes Post 151 of Philadelphia, turns over a check for \$750 to Ike Rockman, national executive committeeman, as a post contribution to the Jewish War Veterans' fund for a national home in Washington. The presentation was made as part of the Pennsylvania Department's 20th Annual encampment in Philadelphia, at which Rockman was named state commander, succeeding Danny Weise, center.