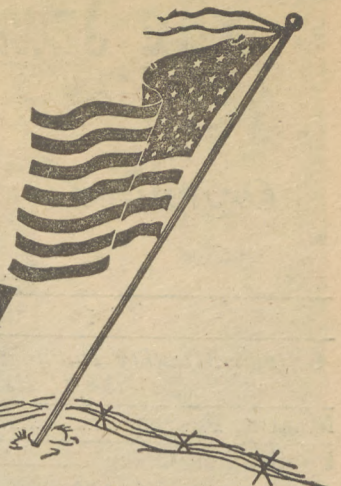




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## National Convention Will Open Sept. 2



ONE OF FIRST JEWISH POWs to be repatriated after Communist captivity was Corporal Tibor Rubin of Long Beach, Calif., second from left. Rubin was released by the Reds in "Operation Little Switch" along with other sick and wounded U. N. prisoners. Welcoming him home are, left to right, Max Marcus, commander of Long Beach Post 593, JWV; National Commander Jesse Moss, and Hy Bander, commander of Lakewood Post 668.

### Fight Bill Restoring Citizenship to Nazi

A bill which would restore the American citizenship of Alfred Theodore Ex, former German-American Bund leader who renounced the United States to resume German citizenship during the war, has been the subject of a strong protest by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

Jesse Moss, JWV national commander called the proposed legislation, Senate Bill No. 508, "a matter of profound shock," in a letter to Chauncey W. Reed, chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary.

The text of the letter by Commander Moss:

Hon. Chauncey W. Reed  
Chairman  
House Committee on the Judiciary  
House Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Reed:

As you know, Senate Bill No. 508, which would restore the American citizenship of one Alfred Theodore Ex, is now pending before the sub-committee of the House Committee on the Judiciary which concerns itself with matters of immigration and naturalization.

It is a matter of profound shock to the Jewish War Veterans of the United States that this bill should have achieved the degree of success it has enjoyed up to this point. On the chance that Ex' history may not have come to your attention previously, we cite the facts briefly.

This man was a naturalized American citizen until 1941, when he left the United States for Germany to resume German citizenship. In the period between 1926 and 1937, by his own boasts, he was a leader of the German-American Bund, whose services to German Nazism need no further elaboration in this letter. In 1946, Ex was convicted by a military government court in Germany for perjuring himself in statements to Allied forces.

The Department of Justice, in a report incidental to the introduction of S. 508 in the Senate, made it plain that it viewed this

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#### BULLETIN

Commander Moss' protest to Rep. Reed (see story below on this page) brought two swift developments as this issue of THE JEWISH VETERAN went to press:

A letter from Rep. Reed to the JWV commander said that the House Judiciary Committee had not acted on the Langer Bill prior to adjournment and promised: "Should the bill be called up for action next year, you will be advised and we shall certainly be glad to receive your testimony in opposition to the measure."

The New York Herald-Tribune and New York Post reported that Rep. Louis E. Graham (R., Pa.), chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee on immigration had written to Sen. Langer advising him that no action would be taken on the measure to readmit Ex "until our committee has heard the views of two men who oppose this bill." The newspapers said that Congressman Graham had identified the two men as "Jesse Moss of New York, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, and Julius Klein of Chicago, a past commander of the organization."

(Ed. note: Gen. Klein had voiced an independent protest against the Langer Bill to Congressman Reed, who is from the General's home state of Illinois, and Congressman Graham, chairman of the immigration subcommittee. Gen. Klein's protest was based on information he obtained about Ex' Bundist background in 1933 and 1934 in the course of an investigation of subversive elements in Illinois. The JWV past commander had conducted this investigation on behalf of the Illinois National Guard).

special legislation with disfavor, observing: "When it seemed to serve his purpose best, he renounced U. S. citizenship and embraced German nationality."

Clearly, Ex was gambling in 1941 that Nazi Germany would win the war, and with it the world. Nazi Germany lost, and so did Ex. We therefore find it impossible to understand why Ex should be compensated for his loss to the extent of regaining citizenship in a country to whose defeat and destruction he dedicated himself in one of the darkest hours of American history.

We strongly urge your Committee to reject this and any similar legislation that would open our country's doors to avowed enemies of our free society.

Sincerely yours,  
JESSE MOSS  
National Commander

Commander Moss meanwhile issued a directive to all JWV units to make known the organization's strong objection to S. 508. Members throughout the nation have been alerted to write all Congress-

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### Lively Political Battle Expected in Chicago

One of the liveliest campaigns in recent years is expected to open with dramatic suddenness at the Jewish War Veterans National Convention in Chicago, September 2, when the supporters of three popular candidates come together for the election that will fill the office of National Commander to be left open by Jesse Moss of New York.

The three-cornered battle among Harry G. Hershenson and Ted Pickard, both of Chicago, and Harry Madison of Detroit will provide much of the magnetism drawing delegates from all over the nation to the Hotel Sherman in the Windy City. But the election will by no means be the only attraction.

The name of the principal convention speaker was not yet announced as this issue of the JEWISH VETERAN went to press, but it is expected that he will be a nationally-known figure.

"Preserving Civil Rights in Our Times," one of the most vital issues in current-day America, will be the subject of a discussion to be led by Assistant Attorney General A. B. Caldwell, who heads the Civil Rights Section of the U. S. Attorney General's office. This discussion will be moderated by Harry G. Hershenson, chairman of the national Americanism committee.

Another highlight of the convention program is expected to be the Illinois Day celebration, at which Gov. William G. Stratton and Mayor Martin Kennelly of Chicago will be the honored guests.

A special exotic treat at this encampment will be JWV's own (Haim-Parnes Post of Philadelphia) Howard Klein, hypnotist extraordinary, who will demonstrate his amazing powers for the entertainment of the delegates.

The discussion on the Latz Foundation with Veterans Administration representatives is expected to be a valuable and interesting one.

The National Commander's banquet, always a favorite affair for the delegates, will again head the list of "musts," and the Early Bird Night celebration and the various luncheons will also rate priority consideration.

Among the most interesting aspects of the Fifty-Eighth National Convention is the fact that it is a joint one, and the spirit of cooperation between the National organization and the National Ladies' Auxiliary will be demonstrated in a Joint JWV-JWVA Hospital Program, at which the guest speakers are to be Mr. James H. Parke and Judge Benjamin J. Scheinman of the Latz Foundation.

All in all, the Fifty-Eighth National Convention should be a great and a fine occasion, and one which is long remembered.

Delegates are reminded that, with the holiday period starting Sept. 9, there will be plenty of time to come to the Convention on the 2nd, remain for the entire business and fun, and still leave on Sunday and get home in good time to prepare for the holiday season. Don't miss what may be one of the most exciting National Conventions in years!



SERVICEMEN OF 27 NATIONS were guests of the Department of New York JWV at Palisades Amusement Park, where they were treated to an evening of rides and refreshments. Shown above are Abraham Barnett, Department Commander, left, and Dr. N. Howard Hyman, department hospitalization officer, with some of the foreign servicemen at the park's shooting gallery. The servicemen are students at the Fort Monmouth, N. J. Signal Corps center.