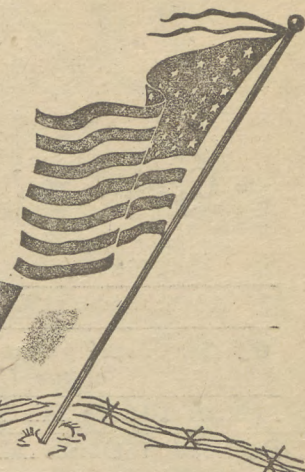




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Back From Chicago--The JWV 58th!



TOP OFFICERS OF JWV are shown above handing over reins of national leadership after stirring convention in Chicago, September 2-6. At left Rose Chanin, outgoing JWVA National President, pins president's emblem on her successor, Daisee B. Haberman, New York City housewife. Right: Jesse Moss of New York congratulates Harry Madison, left, Detroit businessman, on his accession to the office of National Commander for the coming year.

Elect Mrs. Haberman President

The Jewish War Veterans National Ladies Auxiliary completed its National Convention by electing as National President, Daisee B. Haberman, of New York.

Other officers elected were the following:

National Secretary-Treasurer, Jessie C. Gneshin; First Regional Vice President, Esther Smithline, of Connecticut; Second Regional Vice President, Belle B. Sperling, of New York; Third Region, Fannie E. Brannick, of Pennsylvania; Fourth Region, Theresa Goldberg, District of Columbia; Fifth Region, Clara Landy, Illinois; Sixth Region, Dolores Brown, California; Chaplain, Ruth Elson, Michigan; Historian, Edith Weisman, Minnesota; Patriotic Instructor, Sophia Hoffman, Massachusetts; Conductress, Patty Blumenthal, Alabama; Guard, Lovell Witt, Illinois.

Tina Brill, past national president was elected chairman of the Advisory Board, and PNP Rose Chanin is the new chairman of the Budget Committee.

Keller is Elected To Legion Post

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Nat V. Keller, a World War I veteran, whose home is in Virginia, Minn., has been elected Department Commander of the American Legion's Department of Minnesota, the JEWISH VETERAN has been informed by Past National Commander Myer Dorfman.

Madison National Commander; Bedell Smith Gives Keynote

CHICAGO, Ill.—The 58th National Convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America ended Sunday, September 6, with the election of Harry Madison, Detroit businessman, as National Commander. The election ended a memorable five days of fun and business for approximately 1,500 delegates.

The convention was begun during the last heat wave of the summer in the not-so-windy city on Wednesday, September 2, but relief came Friday when the first breezes of Autumn rolled in from Canada.

But delegates' interest went to fever heat the first day of the Convention, and stayed there, as Harry Madison defeated two other candidates to win the top office. Reuben Kaminsky, of Hartford, Conn., was elected National Judge Advocate, and Benjamin Chasin, of Brooklyn, won a post as National Vice Commander.

MADISON'S VICTORY was won by nearly a three-to-one margin as he bested Sidney Bookbinder of Burlington, N. J., who entered the contest in its final hours, and Ted Pickard of Chicago, candidate of the Department of Illinois. Harry Hershenson, another Chicago candidate, withdrew before the start of the balloting.

Walter Bedell Smith, Under Secretary of State, who delivered the keynote address, told the delegates at the National Commander's Banquet that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles had won "victories that cannot be advertised

until long after the event." He said that already these successes were significant.

A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT executive, Arthur B. Caldwell, pledged that increased efforts would be made to enforce federal civil rights laws. Speaking at the JWV convention, Caldwell, who is chief of the department's civil rights section, said that the Lindbergh law and civil rights statutes would be used increasingly in the safeguarding of civil rights.

Past National Commander Abraham Kraditor of New York, chairman of the JWV foreign af-

fairs committee, submitted a report which gave support to the United Nations and deplored "a rising clamor for United States withdrawal from the United Nations." The UN, declared the report, is "the only forum in which nations can be heard and judged by their neighbors." The report was adopted by the group.

The delegates also adopted a report urging that the Air Force be built up to 143 wings "to the strength required for adequate protection of this country's security." The report was submitted by the national defense committee, headed by Brig. Gen. Julius Klein PNC, of Chicago.

EACH FRESH TURN of Communist strategy must be met with programs "that will expose and defeat any attempt to confuse and divide public opinion," the convention was advised by Joseph F. Barr of Washington, chairman of the community relations committee. (Fuller details on the above three reports appear on Page Three.)

The assembly passed a resolution reaffirming JWV's opposition to the McCarran-Walter Immigration Law to provide "for elimination of the national origins quota system and for strict prohibition against Nazis or Fascists as well as Communists being admitted to our country." The expression went on to call for a conference at Washington of national and local representatives of interested organizations to "dramatize public desire for re-



REUBEN KAMINSKY
New Judge Advocate

Madison—Record of Service

The National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States for 1953-54 is Harry T. Madison, of Detroit, Mich.

A World War I veteran, Mr. Madison was born in Detroit on Aug. 23, 1901. A successful businessman in his native city, he was cited in 1951 by the mayor and common council of Detroit for his contributions to communal and veterans activities.

The JWV commander enlisted for Army service in World War I at the age of 16. He is one of the country's youngest veterans of the first World War. One of his brothers was killed in action in the first world conflict and another died of injuries sustained in service.

A member of the Jewish War Veterans since 1937, Mr. Madison is one of the founders of the Jewish War Veterans Memorial Home Association of Detroit. The building erected by the association is one of America's outstanding Memorials to men of the Jewish faith who lost their lives in World War II. His communal service includes membership on the Board of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit and membership on the governing bodies of his home city's Jewish Community Council and Jewish Community Center.

He has held offices in the Masonic Order and in the Shriners and he is a member of the George Washington Post #88 of the American Legion.

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