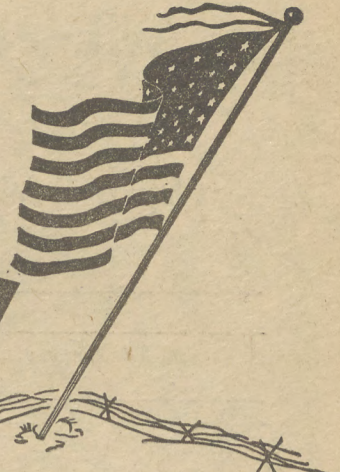




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Madison Replies to 'Tribune'

The Chicago Tribune's editorial criticism of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States has drawn a sharp rejoinder from Harry T. Madison of Detroit, the JWV National Commander.

In a letter to The Christian Century, which reprinted portions of the Tribune editorial and added its own endorsement of the Chicago newspaper's attack on JWV, Mr. Madison took issue with the view, expressed by both publications, that there is no need for a Jewish veterans organization because these men "were not mustered in as Jews but as citizens" and hence "have no special problems as Jewish veterans."

The Christian Century, generally recognized as the foremost voice of Protestant church opinion in this country, praised the Chicago Tribune for "pulling no punches" in its criticism of the Jewish War Veterans.

IN REBUTTAL, Mr. Madison called attention to widespread attacks on Jewish patriotism by bigots in the 1890's and noted that these assaults had gained enough public currency to draw a refutation from Mark Twain. The JWV Commander quoted from a little known postscript to the noted author's famous essay, "Concerning the Jews." In this addendum, Twain observed that when he had written his original essay, "I was not able to endorse the common reproach that the Jew is willing to feed upon a country but not to fight for it, because I did not know whether it was true or false. I supposed it to be true, but it is not allowable to endorse wandering maxims upon supposition—except when one is trying to make out a case."

Mr. Madison conceded room for argument "that the attacks against Jewish patriotism in the 1890's constituted cause for concern to all Americans rather than justification for the formation of a Jewish War Veterans organization dedicated to the specific purpose of refuting these attacks. "But unless we read history, with unusually jaundiced eyes," he added, "it strikes us that a great many Jews have been exterminated while the anti-Jewish excesses that took their lives were being deplored by people who were perfectly decent and humane but powerless to do anything but look on in horror."

ALTHOUGH THERE is far less resort today to this method of attack on Jews, Mr. Madison continued, "what appears to have escaped the notice of the Tribune tower is that citizens who have served their country honorably in the wars of our own generation are being denied access to education, housing and employment, not because they are veterans but because they are Jews."

Lashing out sharply at the Chicago Tribune, Commander Madison added: "The same newspaper which asserts that Jewish veterans have no special problems



AT MEMORIAL SERVICES. National Commander Harry T. Madison, right, is shown at memorial services at the Memorial Home Association in Detroit. With Commander Madison are Meyer Silverman, left, organizer and past president of the Detroit Gold Star Parents, and Rabbi Herbert Eskin, JWV department chaplain.

Marine Delaney Tells How He Was Saved By Buddy, Goldberg

"Only in America would a Goldberg save a Delaney."

That was the comment made by Jimmy Delaney of Brookline, Mass., marine combat veteran of Korea, in describing a battle incident in which a buddy saved his life. His friend was Len Goldberg

of the front line when he was wounded by a mortar fragment that put a hole "the size of a baseball" between his ankle and his knee.

"I TRIED TO get back for medical aid, but was helpless," wrote Delaney. "Goldberg found me in



JIMMY DELANEY

of St. Albans, N. Y., a Navy medical corpsman attached to an infantry platoon in the Fifth Regiment of the First Marine Division.

In a letter to Albert J. Grossman, of Baltimore, Jewish War Veterans service officer, Delaney, now a patient at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Chelsea, Mass., said his unit was holding an isolated sector

because of their religious faith has turned, to say the least, a cold and hostile eye on every effort to introduce new laws, and enforce existing legislation, toward the end that our social and economic system may be cleansed of prejudice and discrimination."



LEONARD GOLDBERG

this sector where he had no right to be. He gave me first aid and defended me from the enemy until some stretcher bearers got me out of the sector.

"He exposed himself to fire while they carried me out and when the fire got intense and I was dropped to the ground, he jumped on top of me each time, covering my body so I wouldn't get hit again."

As a result of using his body as a shield for the wounded Marine, Goldberg was himself wounded, but said nothing about it until Delaney was safely evacuated.

DELANEY SAID that everyone else but himself who had witnessed

Madison, State Dep't Discuss Israel Incident

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans has conferred with the Israeli Ambassador and an official of the U. S. State Department over the recent Israel-Jordan border clashes and the resultant rebuke of Israel by the United States, it was reported here.

Harry T. Madison of Detroit, JWV National Commander, was among several American Jewish leaders who discussed the widely-

publicized Khibya incident with Israel Ambassador Abba S. Eban, at a recent meeting. Ambassador Eban told his American audience that a total of 184 border incidents took place in one year on the Israel-Jordan border, and that the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission ruled against Jordan in 159 cases and against Israel in 25 cases.

THE SECOND MEETING between National Commander Madison and one of the principals in the affair occurred when the JWV leader met with Henry Byroade, chief of the State Department's Middle East division, here in the Capitol on October 26, just as this issue of the JEWISH VETERAN went to press.

Commander Madison's visit to Mr. Byroade was essentially to secure information concerning the reasons for the State Department's attitude with regard to the principals in the Middle Eastern dispute, and to check State Department information with that available to the Jewish War Veterans. With these ends in view, Mr. Madison was prepared to ask Mr. Byroade questions on the following subjects:

The actual basis for the United States decision to withhold Mutual Security aid from Israel.

The circumstances under which the above would be subject to change.

Whether the State Department, in voicing its displeasure with "the deplorable incident at Khibya" has taken into account the existing tension in the area, where Israel is bordered by hostile states.

Israel has already worked out agreements with its other Arab neighbors—Syria, Egypt and Lebanon. "Since Jordan depends almost entirely on British aid and support, has any effort been made to bring British and American influence to bear on Jordan to work out an agreement?"

The current status of Israel's recent offer to enter into arrangements with neighboring Arab countries for the use of water resources in the area.

The steps being taken to establish a common defense structure in the Middle East, so that arms aid will be used for defense against Communist aggression and not for purposes of assault against neighboring states.

Send In News

Post commanders have been urged to send to the JEWISH VETERAN short items of interest, plus pictures of individuals involved, for use in the "Faces and Facts" column. Unless it is requested that they be returned, pictures will be kept in our files—The Editors.

Jewish PWs In Broadcast

INCHON, Korea. Chaplain (1st Lt.) Norman T. Goldberg, stationed here for Operation Big Switch, and the first three Jewish repatriates recorded an interview for rebroadcast to Israel by the Voice of America.

The three freed PWs are Corp. Bernard Berman of Lakewood, N. J.; Pfc. Manuel Castlewitz of Philadelphia, Pa.; and Pfc. Alexander Kreizer of Danbury, Conn.

Two other Jewish GI's who recently arrived at the Korean "Gateway to Home" were Marine Cpl. Sidney Oehl of Brooklyn and Cpl. Albert Mickelberg of Philadelphia.

Mickelberg was described as being "back from the dead." A Navy veteran of World War II, he reached Inchon August 25 after more than three years in a Communist PW camp. Captured while fighting with the Fifth Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division, he was mistakenly reported killed in action. "The North Koreans," he told reporters, "mistreated us physically and the Chinese mentally."

the incident had subsequently been killed, and that he had written to the commanding officer of the First Marine Division, so that Goldberg, who still has two years to serve in Korea, would receive credit for his heroism.

"That's mainly why I hike around the country on crutches to see and thank families such as Len Goldberg's for raising a son who is responsible for my being alive today," the Marine explained.

There was something else on Delaney's mind too. "I am Irish by descent and now live in a Jewish section in Massachusetts. I've always realized some people can't get along with others of different races and religions, but I was brought up to believe that we are all brothers under the skin. Only in America would a Goldberg save a Delaney," the letter concluded.