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Building Donations Lag, Says Madison

National Commander Cites Need for Cash



MONUMENT AVENUE, RICHMOND. This historic thoroughfare is lined with monuments to outstanding leaders of the Confederacy during the Civil War. Richmond's pleasant streets will be scene of JWV convention this fall.

In a telegram sent to all Department and County Commanders upon his return from Korea, National Commander Harry T. Madison expressed concern over the lag in receipts for the Building in Washington, D. C. Commander Madison said that immediate cash was needed within the next 30 days to pay for essential renovations, painting and moving expenses.

Supplementing the telegram from the National Commander, Myer Dorfman, Chairman of the National Building Fund Committee, issued a report to members of the Building Fund Committee and Post, County and Department Commanders on the press of the campaign to date.

The bulk of the contributions received since April 1st have been from individual members while post contributions have lagged during the same period.

To emphasize the need for immediate cash, Dorfman wrote in his report that "We have barely reached the half-way mark in our campaign goal of \$120,000 for the National Shrine for the Jewish War Dead. For lack of funds, we have deferred temporarily our plans for installing an elevator and an air conditioning unit in the new building. Similarly, we are limiting our plans for the Museum to be devoted to the patriotic record of our Jewish war dead."

He continued by writing, "But we cannot delay any longer the

renovations and painting of the offices to be occupied by the JWV and JWVA national staff. This work is essential if the National organization is to operate as an administrative headquarters on July 1st, 1954."

Needs \$25,000

"Our committee needs an additional \$25,000 by June 20th to cover these costs plus a nominal sum for furnishing the main floor of the new Building."

Dorfman explained that the posts' quota was raised from \$2.00 per member to \$3.00 per member because the total goal for the campaign was increased \$50,000 over the original estimate.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the JWV Memorial Home held in Washington, D. C., during May, approval was given for the renovations, decorations and painting and the decision was made to borrow funds if cash contributions did not meet the immediate needs.

Under a court order, the National Headquarters must vacate the present premises in New York City on June 30, 1954.

The full text of the wire sent by National Commander Madison follows:

"Upon return from Korea, I learned to my dismay of slump in contributions for National Building Fund. Imperative that we receive cash within 30 days to pay for essential renovations, painting and moving. Sincerely

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Richmond: 1954 Convention City

RICHMOND, Va. — Plans are maturing for the 1954 National Convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, it was announced by Harry Harrison of Atlanta, Ga., national convention chairman, and Arthur Seholtz, Richmond Post Commander.

Harrison said that from 3,000 to 4,000 JWVs will converge on this historic city October 13-17, for the 59th national convention of the Jewish War Veterans.

JWV headquarters will be in the Hotel John Marshall, Harrison said, and auxiliary activity will center around the Hotel Richmond.

Plans are still tentative, but a

preliminary conference here indicated encampment doings will include a full schedule of committee sessions, dinner meetings and a parade.

The encampment will draw nationally prominent speakers. Last year the keynote address at the Chicago convention was delivered by Walter Bedell Smith, Undersecretary of State.

JWV national officers decided on Richmond after a three-way contest with Louisville, Ky., and Galveston, Texas. Former Governor Battle and Mayor E. E. Haddock extended invitations to JWV to meet here.

Famed Virginia hospitality in the finest tradition, is assured by

all the convenient, modern hotels in Richmond. All provide the utmost in comfort, facilities and service for conventions.

Richmond has many attractions for the visitor. Here are hallowed St. John's Church, where Patrick Henry made his nation-making speech; the capitol, designed by Thomas Jefferson, and its priceless Houdon statue of Washington; the Confederate Museum and Battle Abbey; the Edgar Allan Poe House; Virginia Museum of Fine Arts; the Valentine Museum of the City of Richmond, and a score more of historic shrines dear to the heart of every American.

Richmond also offers a year-round program of after-meeting entertainment, concerts, theaters, athletic events. Richmond is a traditionally friendly convention city.

Legion Raps Entry of Ex

Following an action by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, another great veterans organization has taken a stand opposing the readmittance to the United States of Alfred Theodor Ex, former German-American Bund leader who surrendered American citizenship during the war to join Hitler's Wehrmacht.

The National Executive Committee of the American Legion has taken action opposing Ex's readmission to this country, according to the Legion's National Adjutant's Letter of May 6. The Legion NEC action was taken during its session of May 2-4.

The JWV resolution against Ex's plea for restoration of U. S. citizenship was passed during the national convention in Chicago last September.



SEATTLE POST GREET'S MADISON. Members of the newly-formed Seattle (Wash.) Post Jewish War Veterans are shown above at the Seattle-Tacoma Airport, greeting their National Commander enroute to Korea to participate with eight other veterans organizations in the American-Korean Foundation campaign. Left to right: Abe Kubey, Don J. Kapner, National Commander Harry T. Madison, Mark M. Litchman and Victor J. Offman.

ATTENTION ALL JWV MEMBERS

In anticipation of our move to Washington, D. C. on June 30, 1954, All National Headquarters activities and Correspondence will cease between June 15 and July 15. Only emergency matters will be handled during this period.

BEN KAUFMAN,
National Executive Director.

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