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Joe Barr Wins By Acclaim



GAVEL HAND-OVER: PNC Harry T. Madison of Detroit (right) hands over the gavel of office to newly elected National Commander Joseph F. Barr of Washington, D. C.

Carmen-Lipson Families Make \$21,000 Pledge To Nat'l Shrine Fund

The largest individual pledge for the National Shrine for the Jewish War Dead was made by the Lipson and Carmen families jointly at the National Convention in Richmond, Va.

The gift for \$21,000, announced by William Carmen, Commander, Department of Massachusetts, was made in memory of the late Ruben Lipson, charter member and Past Commander of Post 23 in Providence, R. I. Other pledges totaling approximately \$10,000 were made at the Convention.

PNC Myer Dorfman, Chairman of the Building Fund, in analyzing the financial situation noted that the building fund committee is short \$30,000 in cash toward its goal to pay off the mortgage. He pointed out that when the \$30,000 outstanding is received, the building fund would only have sufficient cash to pay off the mortgage without regard to the cost of furnishing the building suitably for its role as the National Shrine for the Jewish War Dead.

Comrade Dorfman urged that posts continue to make payments to reach their assigned quotas to enable the committee to pay off the mortgage and use the additional cash received for the proper furnishings of the building.

He announced that the Board of Trustees for the Shrine desire to memorialize several rooms in the building and invite interested individual posts and departments to write him directly at National Headquarters to learn how such memorials can be established.

In the announcement made at the Ladies Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. Ethel Cohen PNP, Chairman of the Auxiliary Building Fund Committee reported that approximately \$9,000 was received in cash and pledges.

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Leon Sachs Elected National Judge Advocate

RICHMOND, Va.—Joseph F. Barr of Washington, D. C., assistant associate general counsel of the Veterans Administration, was unanimously elected National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans at its 59th Annual Convention here. Former Congressman Leon Sachs of Philadelphia was elected National Judge Advocate.

Commander Barr had been a member of JWV's National Executive Committee for the past twenty years, holding the longest continuity of NEC service than anyone in the organization. He served JWV as National Judge Advocate in 1934-35.

Leon Sachs served the First District of Pennsylvania in Congress for four terms. He has been Vice Commander for the Third Region and Department Commander of Pennsylvania.

Among the important resolutions passed at the convention was one which urged the United States to propose and insist upon "full measures of control, inspection and restriction" as far as West Germany is concerned so that she can never become "the power of aggressive unilateral action against any nation of the free world."

In another resolution the convention sharply criticized the policy of arming the Arabs States and urged that all the democracies of the free world put at Israel's disposal sufficient arms to provide a reliable bulwark against communist aggression "until such time as the free world can mobilize and send to that area an effective force to help Israel's armed forces."

Still another resolution urged that the integration of children into the public schools on an equal basis be brought about "at the earliest possible time in accordance with the mandates of the Supreme Court." The convention also went on record as commending Senator Watkins and the Senators on the special committee investigating censure charges against Senator McCarthy for "their salutary contribution to the restoration of dignity and prestige to Senatorial inquires."

In the field of Veterans' Affairs, the delegates went on record as strongly opposing the restriction and limitation of veterans' entitlement to needed hospitalization at V.A. hospitals. At the same time it condemned any "unjustified and unfair attacks made by the American Medical Association on the hospitalization and medical program of the Veterans Administration."

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Higley Announces Latz Expansion

RICHMOND, Va.—Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans Affairs has officially announced that the activities of the Ida S. Latz Foundation, working solely through the Jewish War Veterans, would be extended to V.A. installations throughout the country.

Mr. Higley made the historic announcement during a luncheon meeting at the 59th Annual Convention. The luncheon was sponsored by the Latz Foundation.

He warmly praised the work of the Latz Foundation and pointed out that "Government as such,

neither can nor should be required to do everything in this regard."

Mr. Higley told the delegates that because the Latz Foundation provides funds for veterans' rehabilitation that "cannot be met by tax supported agencies" the world can see that "the letter of the law can be surpassed by the

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Stevens Reveals New Army Set-up

RICHMOND, Va.—Secretary of the Army, Robert T. Stevens, used the occasion of his talk before the National Commander's Banquet to officially announce the formation

of a new Continental Army Command and the designation of General John E. Dahlquist as its first commander.

Secretary Stevens told the delegates that the new plan was part of an "overall program of tightening up the chain of command in the Army" and getting things "out of Washington and into the hands of appropriate field agencies which have the authority to act . . . in peace or war, in half peace and half war."

Secretary Stevens explained that in the new organization, which supersedes the Army Field Forces, the six continental armies, as well as the Military District of Washington will fall under General Dahlquist's command.

The new command will not only

oversee active Army components but will have a major role to play in the implementation of the new reserve program.

Secretary Stevens told the more than 500 delegates at the banquet that he "was looking forward to a real Army reserve with meat on its bone and the closer it can be tied into our active Army the better I will like it."

Secretary Stevens also pointed out that the need for soldiers of the highest caliber is "greater today than it has ever been in the past."

"The developments of recent years affecting the conduct of war," he said, "have placed a premium on quality of mind and

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EDITORIAL

By Harry T. Madison
Past National Commander

Editor's Note: The following is excerpts of an address made by Harry T. Madison, Past National Commander, at the National Commander's Banquet on Saturday Evening, October 16th in Richmond, Virginia. Since its message is of such vital importance, it was felt that it should be reprinted here.

As your commander during the past year I was more than usually concerned for the position of our great country among the nations of the world. I am gratified to state that in recent months there has been a lessening of tension in international diplomacy. There is no "hot" war going on at this moment—although I am not unaware of the possibility that the bombardment now going on at Quemoy may at any time explode into a terrible war. As of now, however, men are not actually dying on the field of battle. And I might say that the dread of another world war, of mass destruction by means of fission and fusion bombs, is no longer as threatening as it seemed recently. Yet the "cold" war continues unabated in Europe, in Asia, in the Near East. The question in our minds now is "Are we winning it?"

Can we be losing the cold war now because of inactivity or indifference on our part? Unlike our isolationist passivity after World War I, we have been very active on the diplomatic front. Since World War II, our leading diplomats and emissaries have of late traveled tens of thousands of miles—to every part of the globe—conferring, negotiating, speech-making, cajoling, threatening, striving to strengthen the unity among the democratic nations, seeking to prevent war between the free and the communist worlds. Are we getting the best results possible? For all our great generosity to nations in need, for all our unselfish efforts to share with others the material benefits we have in abundance, for all our military might, built up at a cost of tens of billions of dollars, why have we not retained the high status of leadership that was ours after World War II?

Since 1945, the Kremlin has succeeded in spreading its tentacles over Albania, the Baltic States, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, China, North Korea, and part of Indo-China. Where did we fail in our diplomatic and military programs to prevent the shadow of the Iron and Bamboo Curtains from shutting out the sunlight of freedom?

Not for one moment do I assume that there is a scientific formula for stopping the cold war and thereby bring an end to the prevailing fear of mass destruction. Affairs among nations are not as simple as that. Yet I believe that a practical formula is possible of achievement—and that there is something radically wrong with our diplomacy if after nine years of continuous and earnest effort we are still exposed to the threat of a devastating atomic war.

The fact remains that after spending many billions of dollars fighting communism in every part of the world we have failed to stop the spread of communist power. Why should that be? Is it perhaps that communism is the so-called wave of the future, destined to overwhelm our democratic way of life? As an American I say this is not so! Man was born to be free. He cherishes liberty, independence, and he hates slavery and the subjection to a dictatorship. Because I believe this to be true and because principles of freedom and equality are the foundation stones of our democracy, I know that our traditional American way of life is vastly superior to anything the communists have to offer. And I am sure that, if given the chance, men everywhere—in China and Korea as well as in Russia and her European

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Kaufman Testimony Praised

Members of the House Committee on Communist Aggression have cited the Jewish War Veterans as "one of the oldest and hardest hitting anti-communist organizations in the United States."

Referring to the testimony presented by Ben Kaufman, National Executive Director, during a two-day hearing in New York, the Committee's chairman, Charles Kersten, pointed out that the committee "was pleased and honored in the appearance of Mr. Kaufman" who presented to the committee, the Jewish War Veterans' long record of fighting communist aggression.

All-American Conference Distributes Testimony

The All-American Conference to Combat Communism has disseminated National Executive Director Ben Kaufman's testimony before the House Committee on Communist Aggression to all its member organizations representing 50,000,000 Americans. The Testimony was distributed by the Conference to "give an insight into what other organizations are saying and doing in the fight against communism."

Mr. Kaufman told the committee that "almost at its inception, when it represented a mere academic exercise and its premises and theories were being fought out in the classrooms and lecture halls of the world, the Jewish War Veterans were quick to see through the deceptive veil that shrouded Marxist doctrines and excited humanity with its promises of a better life for all men."

He said that in the archives of the Jewish War Veterans "one could find repeated warnings that this menace of communism, this manufactured messianic machine clothed in the trappings of the angels, was nothing more than another scheme to entrap the body and soul of man in the shackles of slavery"

"With all the resources at our command," he said, "We warned our own members. We warned the American people. We warned the world. We cautioned all in high places to beware of the conspirators, to take heed, to combat this cancerous ideology before it had inextricably woven its malignant chains about our entrails."

He told the committee of the positive programs of the JWV, "programs inspired by a sincere desire to educate our own members and our fellow countryman as to the dangers and pitfalls of communism."

At the conclusion of Mr. Kaufman's testimony members of the committee warmly praised the work of the JWV and assured him that his testimony "effectively exposes the evil nature of communism, provides a positive program of action and will be most helpful in effectively combatting the forces of communist aggression that threaten the peace of the world."

Jablow Honored

A testimonial breakfast was tendered recently in honor of PDC Jerry Jablow of Washington, D. C. The breakfast honored Comrade Jablow for his "outstanding service to the American Veteran and the community."

Guests at the testimonial included commanders from allied veterans organizations; the Master of the Masonic Lodge; the Matron from the Eastern Star, and the President of the Washington Zionist organization.

National Commander's Column

By Joseph F. Barr
National Commander



Tercentenary Dinner

This is being written immediately after my return from New York where I attended the Tercentenary dinner commemorating the 300th anniversary of Jewish settlement at New Amsterdam by a group of 23 men, women, and children, the first colonizing group of our faith to land on North American shores. I was particularly affected by the remarks of Governor Dewey who, in pointing out the impact of the settlement, brought into sharp focus the fact that the efforts led by Asser Levy for the right to bear arms, by others of this group for the right to own their homes; to worship as their conscience dictated; and the right of franchise as free citizens, were battles fought not only for themselves but for all races and creeds living on this continent, the consequences of which form the basis of what we today characterize as American democracy. Governor Dewey pointed out that Peter Stuyvesant spoke more truly than he himself was aware, when, in opposing the petition of the 23 Jews to remain in New Amsterdam, he told the Dutch authorities that if this petition were granted it would become necessary to afford the same rights and privileges to Quakers, Lutherans, and, perhaps, atheists.

Viewing the Founding Fathers in this aspect cannot help but result in a better understanding of the part which those who were steeped in the ethics of Judaism played in fashioning the democracy in which we live three hundred years after their arrival. The Tercentenary must be examined, not only from the standpoint of what the Jews have done for America, but, what America has done for the Jews. It is my hope, sometime during the balance of the Tercentenary observance, to speak more fully on this matter. In the meantime, I have a far more pressing and vital matter to discuss with you.

Arms to Arabs

Our government has made a decision in the realm of foreign policy with which a good many of us are in profound disagreement. The decision to which I refer is to arm the Arab states. We have the basic right to disagree. We also have the right, guaranteed to us by the Constitution of the United States, to petition for such changes as we think are appropriate and proper.

One cannot disagree with the tenet that it is necessary to arm those who are opposed to aggression. It is in the interest of the democracies to arm those who would stand, as unquestionable and loyal allies, in the path of the march of communism. There is, however, a situation in the Near East which is of transcendent importance when the question of arms is taken into consideration. The war of 1948 between Israel and the Arab States has not been terminated. It is only in a state of armistice. Even that stage, does not exist between Israel and Iraq. Not a single one of the Arab countries which participated in the War of 1948 has to date evidenced any desire for actual peace and the invitation of friendly relations of mutual respect and commerce with Israel. Daily, we hear threats of resumption of actual hostilities. A spark in this vital area can well set off the global war which cannot help but destroy civilization as we have known it. Border incidents are a matter of daily occurrences; murder and rape are not uncommon and the spirit of retaliation has resulted in the law of the jungle, eye for eye and tooth for tooth. For the law of the jungle which thus exists, the American community, irrespective of religion, fervently wishes for a just peace; which cannot help but be to the advantages of all of those concerned.

Interest as Veterans

This organization is an arm of American veterans of our Jewish faith. We are interested in Israel as Jews and as veterans. It is the veterans who know the cost of war, a cost whose least item is money, and whose major result is human misery. We remember that in the darkest hours, in World War I and World War II, the Jewish people of Palestine were the friends and allies of the democratic peoples of the world, and have so remained, through thick and thin. We cannot help but remember, that they opposed the march of Rommel; that they were among those who fought to defend and retake Tobruk; that they were with the advance guard of those who opposed the Nazis at El Alamein. We cannot help but remember, likewise, that in the United Nations, the representatives of Israel have, along with the West, opposed communism and its satellites, whereas others did not give even lip service to the cause of freedom.

The JWV firmly believes and advocates the tried American policy of remembering friends and sticking with them. This is no time to abandon that policy. We recommend it to our people and to our government. We believe that the Near East, Arab and Israel alike, require the aid the democracies can give, but that cannot be arms alone, or even arms as a major factor. Raise the economic standards of the area, and the educational standards of the inhabitants, and communism will be stopped in its tracks.