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## Shaikewitz in Race For Commander

Samuel Shaikewitz, Regional Vice Commander of the Fifth Region has tossed his hat in the ring for National Commander. Comrade Shaikewitz had made this announcement previously, but material regarding his candidacy did not reach National Headquarters in time for publication in the July-August edition.

Biographies and pictures of Samuel Shaikewitz and Dr. David Coyne appear on Page 3.

This brings to five the number of candidates running for National Commander.

They are: Benjamin Chasin of Brooklyn, New York; Dr. David Coyne of White Meadow, New Jersey; Reubin Kaminsky of Hartford, Connecticut; Theodore R. Pickard of Chicago, Illinois and Samuel Shaikewitz of St. Louis, Missouri.

The race for National Judge Advocate, at the moment, is a two-cornered one, featuring Irving Goldstein of Chicago, Illinois, and Oscar J. Toye of Boston, Massachusetts.

All candidates have been active in JWV affairs for many years.

With the exception of Comrades

### Submit 1957 Bids By October 15th

All cities bidding for the 1957 Convention should submit their bids to National Headquarters by October 15th, 1955. The 1957 site will be one of the items up for discussion at the forthcoming National Convention.

Coyne and Shaikewitz, all candidate's biographies appeared in the July-August issue. The biographies of Coyne and Shaikewitz appear elsewhere in this issue.

The tentative Convention program also has been announced. The business of the Convention will get underway on Sunday, October 23rd, with a meeting of the National Executive Committee followed by a dinner meeting in honor of Isaiah Minkoff, Executive Director of the National Community Relations Advisory Council. This in turn will be followed by meetings of Convention Committees. On that same evening, in the DiLido Hotel, Early Bird Night will be held featuring dancing and refreshments.

On Monday, October 24th, the Constitutional Convention will begin. It will last all day and go into Tuesday morning October 25th. On Monday evening a fashion show will be held in the Delano Hotel and Tuesday afternoon will be devoted to a golf tournament, guided tours and, in the evening, a swimming show.

The opening day of the National Convention will be on Wednesday, October 26th to be followed by the Latz Foundation Luncheon.

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## "Eager Beaver" Set To Increase Members

The 1956 membership drive will get off to a slambang start on October 1st, with National's "Eager Beaver" contest featuring exciting prizes for all participants, it was announced at National Headquarters by William Carmen, National Recruiting Officer.

Eager Beaver is "aimed at revitalizing the 'Davy Crockett' spirit in the Posts and to help each JWV Comrade snare at least one new member before the contest closes on December 31, 1955," Comrade Carmen, who spear-headed last year's "Triple R" Program, pointed out. The goal is also 100 per cent membership retention before New Year's Day.

The contest rules, in many respects, are similar to the "Triple R" contest, except that there are many more prizes. Contest winners will be announced in the February, 1956 issue of the JEWISH VETERAN.

Three numbers will be assigned to members who pay their dues in October, two if they pay them in November, and one if they pay in December.

In addition, two extra numbers will be awarded to each member who signs up a new member before January 1, 1956. To be certain of getting the extra numbers, members who do the recruiting are required to have their names printed on the JWV application card as the "proposer" of the new member.

To spread the booty to be given out as prizes, the country has been divided into five divisions as follows:

First Division: Members of the  
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### Bring Colors

All Post and Auxiliaries should bring their Post and Auxiliary Colors to Miami Beach to be carried in the parade.

## Membership Total Rising

National Recruiting Chairman, William Carmen, has announced that six departments have already exceeded their total membership for 1954. He has reported that many more departments are within a very few members from reaching 100%. The total national membership has reached 96.3% of the 1954 total as of July 31st, 1955.

According to the figures, JWV membership is 4.8% ahead of one year ago. Because of the very little effort, most departments can reach their 100% total. Carmen has urged an all-out membership drive, so that departments may come to the Convention with a 100% membership based on 1954 totals.

He urges all Department Commanders to take the necessary action to put their department over the top.



CHIEFS MEET: Joseph F. Barr, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans discusses defense affairs with the new Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Maxwell D. Taylor at the Pentagon recently.

## Barr Speeds Flood Relief

National Commander Joseph F. Barr has wired 22 Department Commanders to set up machinery for helping victims of the devastating flood in a number of areas in the Northeastern part of the United States. The text of the telegram is as follows:

"Flood in Northeastern United States created disaster conditions. Please set up committees in your Department to collect funds, food, and new clothing for shipment to affected area. A release will follow within the next forty-eight hours containing full particulars."

As the JEWISH VETERAN went to press, machinery was being set up to facilitate the distribution of all funds and material collected throughout the United States. Representatives from the afflicted areas have already indicated a shortage of baby food, canned goods and disinfectants.

## Fall Program Bulletin Out September 15th

William Unger, National Program Chairman, has announced that the distribution of the Fall 1955 Program Bulletin will be made on September 15th to all the Posts. The Program Bulletin contains suggested activity for post participation for October, November and December, 1955.

Featured for October's partici-

pation is the Tenth Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the United Nations. Program aids on UN celebration are available at National Headquarters. A special United Nations program will be presented at the National Convention in Miami Beach, Florida,

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## Extend Contest Deadline

The Post Publication Contest deadline has been moved up from September 1st to October 1st to assure a wider participation in all categories, it has been announced by Irving Dickman, National Publications Chairman.

There is no change in the rules. Two classes of publications can be submitted. They are:

1. Letter-press and photo-offset.
2. Mimeographed and other forms not in (1).

First and second prizes will be awarded to the best publication in each class, making a total of four prizes in all. Awards will be based on the following considerations:

1. Newsworthiness and accuracy.
2. Interest and readability.
3. Layout and typography.

Prizes will be: (a) a Publication plaque inscribed with the name of the Post Publication and the editor. (b) A certificate of editorial excellence containing the name of the Post Publication and the editor.

The contest will be judged by a panel of experienced newspaper men residing in and around Miami Beach. The winners will be announced at the National Convention.

Each Post desiring to enter the  
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## Editorial

### Special Commendations

Denver Post 342 and its Ladies Auxiliary deserve the plaudits, belated though they may be, of every Post in the country.

Its Mothers' Day project which stretched a hand of happiness from Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado to the wilds of Bath, Maine, was one which captured the imagination of all those who saw it in action.

The project consisted of selecting a mother of a serviceman at Lowry Air Force Base for a free trip, a surprise trip, to her son's base.

The Governor of Colorado, appearing at a function of the Post, picked the name of the lucky mother out of the box.

Actually, this is the second year that the Post and its auxiliary pursued this project; it has already become an institution in Denver, for it has succeeded in bringing a little happiness into the life of a serviceman and his mother, especially on Mothers' Day.

Once again, hats off to Denver Post 342 and its Ladies Auxiliary.

Special commendation is also in order for the three Posts in Michigan for their participation and untiring efforts in the building of the new Jewish Community Center and the dedication of a plaque to the Jewish War Dead in that area. They worked around the clock on this project and have earned the praise of their community.

The Dept. of California is also up for special honors for a very excellent Tercentenary dinner which marked the closing of the American Jewish Tercentenary Celebration. The dinner was attended by National Commander Joseph F. Barr who made the principal address and praised the Department for its efforts in this regard.

While commendations are being handed out, equal praise must go to Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas, and Senator Matthew N. Neely of West Va., who speeded the Bill to exempt the National Shrine for the Jewish War Dead from the District of Columbia Real Estate Tax as well as our praise to Representative Arthur G. Klein of New York who introduced the Bill in the House of Representatives.

The Department of Massachusetts also comes up for commendation on their two special projects, clothing for children in Israel and school supplies for Korean children. This is a project that has inspired the members of the Department of Massachusetts to unexcelled efforts on behalf of the children of these two lands.

The All American Conference to Combat Communism must be praised for its sponsorship of "Know Your America Week" on Thanksgiving Day and for being the leading figure behind JWV participation. S. R. Heller, Chairman of the Americanism Commission is worthy of a salute.

But, while space will not allow praise to be placed on the many many other fine projects, being sponsored by the JWV Posts throughout the country, and the many individuals who have assisted JWV in its national program, there can be doubt that JWV on the national and local scene is making great strides in maintaining its position in the forefront of American life.

## Readers Forum

Dear Editor:

This letter has a two-fold purpose. One is to acknowledge your fine support of the American Cancer Society's 1955 Crusade. The second is to share with you the good news that present returns indicate that we will not only realize, but will exceed our goal.

There are a number of factors to account for this, but most heartening and in my mind the major importance, is one for which you are largely responsible. The American people, through media that has a tremendous impact on thinking, are now alerted as never before to cancer—to its danger signals, to the increasing possibility of cure, to the potentials of research in ultimately conquering it.

Just consider that the American Cancer Society ads were carried this spring in magazines whose total circulation exceeded 307,000,000 and you will realize, I think, what a significant role magazine publishers have played in the great cause of cancer control. Both in fortifying the public with knowledge about cancer that can really mean the difference between life and death; and in stimulating contributions that will enable the society to develop and expand its tremendously important three-point program of research, education, and service. The magazines have done a most magnificent job.

Please accept my deep personal thanks and that of the entire American Cancer Society — its staff and more than a million volunteers — for your humanitarian goodness.

Elmer H. Bobst,  
Chairman  
National Campaign  
Committee  
AMERICAN CANCER  
SOCIETY

### Urges Participation In "America Week"

National Americanism Officer, Sam R. Heller, urges JWV participation with the other members of the All American Conference to Combat Communism in the annual commemoration of "Know Your America Week" which this year, for the first time, takes place during Thanksgiving week. Special program guides for this celebration are available at National Headquarters according to Comrade Heller. He noted that the initial pilot program for this "Know Your America Week" was launched with the cooperation of JWV in Buffalo in 1951 based upon program themes suggested in part by JWV Americanism Officers.

### Publication Contest

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contest should submit three issues of its newspaper published in the period November, 1954, through June, 1955. All entries must be postmarked no later than September 1st, 1955, and must be accompanied by a letter indicating the Post's desire to enter, or by a completed application blank published in The JEWISH VETERAN.

All entries will be judged and exhibited at the National Convention in Miami Beach.

## National Commander's Column

By Joseph F. Barr  
National Commander



### Dashed Hopes

I had thought that after the enactment of S. J. 21 which created a bi-partisan commission to evaluate the Federal Employees Security Program, there would be no need, at least for a few months, to have any public discussion of the Federal Security Program. It was my sincere hope that the very enactment of the Senate Resolution would call a halt to situations such as those we have previously discussed and actions such as we had previously denounced.

Yet the newspapers of each day since the passage of the resolution publish accounts of cases which show a continued disregard for the very basis of American freedoms in the day to day handling of this program.

As a matter of fact, the situation can best be summarized by reference to an editorial in the Veterans edition of the Army Times of August 13, 1955 the caption of this editorial is "Who's Calling Whom Subversive?" The editorial contains three quotations from the Federal Constitution wherein that document denies to Congress and to the states the power to pass Bills of Attainder or legislation providing for corruption of blood except for treason and then only during the life of the person attained.

This editorial also calls attention to the statement by Madison, the Father of the Constitution, who in the 43rd Federalist Paper emphasized that the Constitutional Convention, desirous of avoiding the danger of an artificial definition of treason provided a constitutional definition of that crime "fixing the proof necessary for conviction of it, and restraining the Congress, even in punishing it, from extending the consequences of guilt beyond the person of its author."

The editorial notes, however, that from these historical antecedents we have now come in 1955 to a situation where honorable discharges are withheld because one or more close relatives was, or is, connected with movements designated as subversive; that we see a veteran fired at Quonset Point because his father was cited as a member of a subversive organization; that a Naval Reserve Commission was denied an Honor Graduate of the Merchant Marine Academy because of his mother's past record of affiliation with Communism. The editorial did not, because the account had not been made public, refer to the midshipman of the Coast Guard Academy who was denied a commission in April 1955 because of his mother's alleged association with organizations listed on the Attorney General's list.

### Yarmolinsky Study

The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., has this month published a collection of case studies in personnel security under the directorship of Adam Yarmolinsky in a study financed by the Ford Fund for the Republic. I would like to have copies of this made available to all persons who are interested in the preservation of those fundamental liberties which are guaranteed to all by our Constitution and our Bill of Rights.

I have in mind, in particular, the reference in Case No. 64 on pages 102-103 of the Report. In this case, comment was made that there was no consistency in concurrent findings that no reasonable grounds existed for concluding that there was a reasonable doubt of the accused's loyalty to the Government of the United States and a finding that reasonable grounds did exist for belief that the termination of the employee's services was necessary or advisable in the interest of the national security. A member of the Board is reported as asking whether the person who said this did not make sense "was Jewish." The report also states that the same member of the Board at another point in the proceedings undertook to question Counsel with respect to his own political activities and associations.

It seems to me, however, that the danger in the continued maladministration of the program is probably best emphasized by the report in the news in the morning papers of August 19. The report covers the conversations between Harry Cain, a member of the Subversive Activities Control Board, and former Governor Sherman Adams, the Assistant to the President. Cain, who has raised the most pertinent questions re the administration of the Executive Order re Employee Security and has pointed out very successfully in the opinion of the most consistent and most reasonable critics of the program the weaknesses of the program, is reported as having been told that his actions in questioning the program showed that he was not playing as a member of the team and the criticism of his actions in other respects goes even deeper than that.

I have heretofore said, and I now repeat, that I, and in this I speak for all members of JWV, believe wholeheartedly in the necessity of a security program for persons who are to engage in Federal Employment. We associate ourselves completely with the thought that Federal Employment is a privilege and not a right and those who are not loyal Americans have no right to Federal Employment. We maintain, however, that such a program can be so administered as not to impair the rights of the individual nor to deny the protection afforded by the basic laws of the land. We do not believe in visiting the sins of the father upon the children nor do we believe in the theory of corruption of the blood. In the words of Ezekiel "The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son . . ." 18:20.

The case studies (by Yarmolinsky) show that in a good many of the cases the Hearing Boards agreed with this principle. Yet in all too many cases there are too many who do not apply this fundamental principle. There are too many instances in which the child is made to suffer for the transgressions of the father. Moreover, in all too many cases, there has been a failure to take into consideration the climate of the times—the fact that during a particular period association with Communism per se is not established merely on a showing that there was an interest in some of the organizations listed on the Attorney General's list. Is there no distinction between an interest in a group friendly to Russia during World War II when we were

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