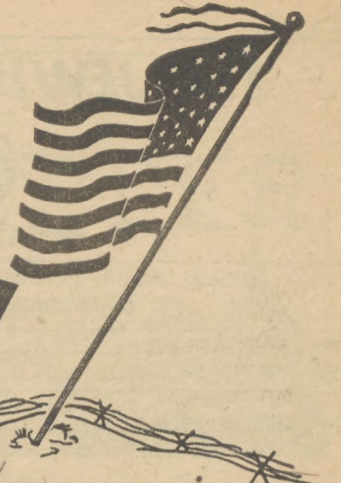




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## Hold On Miami Beach We're On Our Way

### Members Respond To Flood Relief Resort Rolls Out Carpet As JWV Marches South

In response to an urgent appeal from National Commander Joseph F. Barr and National President Sara E. Stone, to provide financial and material aid to flood disaster areas in the Northeastern part of the country, JWV and JWVA members came through with more than \$4,000 and literally tons of foodstuffs and medical supplies.

The swiftness of the aid and the enthusiastic response to the appeal, was similar to the response of last year when Bakersfield, California found itself in a disaster situation and JWV and JWVA members were asked to provide aid.

Disbursement of a portion of the Disaster Fund has already been made to two hard hit states, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. Connecticut has received \$1,000 and Pennsylvania \$500.00. The remainder of the fund will be allocated by requests being channeled through the National Joint Disaster Committee.

The Connecticut Flood Committee under the supervision of Department Commander Harry Horwitz, Chairman, and Reubin Kaminsky, Co-Chairman, reported that the \$1,000 will be used for the rehabilitation of two badly devastated synagogues in Ansonia and Putnam, Connecticut. Each will share equal amounts of the allocation. It was pointed out that other sources where involved with other rehabilitative measures, JWV contributions were given where it was seen that no other source would be able to provide for it.

Speaking for the stricken people of Connecticut, Department Commander Horwitz said; "I cannot find words to express my overwhelming joy for the manner in which the JWV Posts and Auxil-

ity has responded to our appeal. The program is receiving wide acceptance in the many communities in which it already appears. The following editorial reprinted from the publication "J.W.Views" of the Sandy Weisberger-Leon Kaplan Post 165 is a typical reaction:

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Delegates to the 60th National Convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America were getting set to gather in Miami Beach for one of the largest conventions ever held by JWV.

A great deal of excitement was generated by the prospects of the JWV parade in Miami Beach expected to be a gala event with military bands, post colors and floats galore appearing in the procession, according to advance word from Maurice "Doc" Kline, Parade Chairman.

#### Fall Spurs AJH Action

With the opening of the Fall season, local drives for placing "The American Jewish Hour" in more communities throughout the country gained momentum, Robert Lurie, producer of the program has announced from St. Louis.

At present the program is receiving wide acceptance in the many communities in which it already appears. The following editorial reprinted from the publication "J.W.Views" of the Sandy Weisberger-Leon Kaplan Post 165 is a typical reaction:

#### THE AMERICAN JEWISH HOUR

From a local Point of view "Since "The American Jewish Hour" was first heard in Scranton over radio station WARM on May 29th of this year and every Sunday since at 10:35 A. M. we have been gratified by the response

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Military bands, American Legion Bands, High School Bands and marching units will be included in the parade. Reserve and regular units of military establishments in the area will be represented by groups ranging from four-men color guards to 200-man marching units.

Posts and Auxiliaries have been urged by Doc Kline to bring their Post colors, uniforms, and caps to the convention so that they may be included in the parade.

In addition to the parade, a full program of entertainment has been arranged, beyond the business of the Convention, Daniel Neal Heller, PDC of Florida, Convention Publicity Chairman has announced.

According to Leonard Wallach, Entertainment Committee Chairman, Sunday, October 23rd, will feature an Early Bird Night at the DiLido Hotel free to all registered delegates. Dancing to an orchestra, and refreshments will be the highlight of the evening.

On Monday evening, October 24th, starting at 10 P. M., there will be a fashion show at which the Doris Crane professional modeling agency will supply the models. It is expected that highlights in fashions from all over the world will be exhibited at that time. This, of course, will be free to all registered delegates.

On Tuesday afternoon, October 24th, the Golf Tournament will begin at the Bayshore Municipal Golf Course. There will be no charge for green fees. The respective prayers will be handicapped according to their abilities, with outstanding prizes given to the winners.

On Tuesday evening, there will be a swimming show for the delegates and their wives. Swimmers and divers will be among the top talent in that section of the country.

The Golf Tournament will be

continued on Wednesday afternoon, October 25th. On Wednesday evening, the highlight will be a nationally televised Pabst Blue Ribbon boxing show from the Miami Beach Auditorium. The fights will be in honor and recognition of the JWV National Convention.

Among the principal speakers at the Convention will be Isaiah M. Minkoff, Executive Director of the National Community Relations Advisory Council. He will speak at 6 P. M. Sunday, October 23rd at a dinner in his honor.

The highlight of the Luncheon (Continued on Page 7)

## Eager Beaver Starts Rolling

"Eager Beaver" has caught on and posts throughout the country report an upsurge in membership returns after their very first meetings, William Carmen, National Recruitment Chairman has announced.

The first post to report fifty per cent of its per capita tax for 1956 was Bellefield Post 299, Pittsburgh, Pa. This Post reported to National Headquarters less than two weeks after the initial announcement of "Eager Beaver" was made through both the JEWISH VETERAN and the National Membership Bulletin.

Early reactions to "Eager Beaver" came from Bill Farber, Membership Chairman of Dyckman Post 255, New York N. Y. Comrade Farber, in a letter to William Carmen, stated: "We are going all out for the Fall Membership Drive this year and hope to do a good job. Enjoyed the Bulletin and think there are some good ideas in it and will utilize them . . ."

In another letter William B. Hoffheimes, Past Department Com-

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## Barr Called To Pentagon Confab

The Defense Department has invited National Commander Joseph F. Barr to a private conference in the Pentagon to discuss problems relating to the Department's handling of security cases raised by the Commander in a recent letter to Defense Secretary Wilson. Commander Barr wrote to Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson last month asking for a clarification of the Defense Department's attitude concerning the disparity in the various services of using guilt by association and blood tie as a basis for dismissal of commissioned officers and civilians.

The full text of Commander Barr's letter is as follows:

Dear Mr. Wilson:

"I have been requested by the National Executive Committee of the Jewish War Veterans to call to your attention the apparent inconsistencies between actions taken in the several echelons of the Department of Defense over the Federal Employees Security Program.

"In the Department of the Air Force, the doctrine of guilt by association has been repudiated. On the other hand, in the Department of the Navy, that doctrine still applies. In the Department of the Army, the doctrine of guilt by association apparently has been

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Sen. George A. Smathers  
Democrat of Florida

Senator Smathers will be the guest speaker at the Florida Day Luncheon on Thursday, October 28th. He was the first World War II Veteran to gain a seat in the House of Representatives.

A veteran of the Marine Corps, he spent eighteen months in the South Pacific and now is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve.

He is a former Assistant District Attorney in Miami and in 1948, was the Junior Chamber of Commerce's choice for "outstanding young man in the United States in the field of Government".

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## Editorial

### Come To Convention

Nothing could be of more delight and interest for members of the Jewish War Veterans than to attend the forthcoming Convention in Miami Beach, Florida.

The planning which went into this convention was one of mammoth proportions. Perhaps it is the fate of those who plan conventions and work for them, especially in their own city, to be the unsung heroes of the convention.

Many of them have spent long long hours away from their families working hard, desperately trying to make sure that every delegate from our organization who visits their town will receive its most abundant hospitality.

Thus, for the Convention Committees, the Convention Corporation, the Chairman and members and those who took on the job merely as an added chore, thanks in advance are in order from every member of the organization who will be going by rail, car or plane to Miami Beach later this month.

They can be assured of a happy happy time filled with just the right amounts of business and pleasure, and they can see the wonderful State of Florida too, in all its tropical beauty.

Just to illustrate how much the people of Miami feel about our Convention, and its uniqueness, we are reprinting an editorial which appeared a few months ago in the Miami Herald. It tells the whole story, but the interesting part about it is that the story it tells is your story.

**"THE 'package convention-vacation' plan of the Jewish War Veterans is not only something new but something that will be of practical and lasting benefit to the state as well as to the visitor.**

**"The JWV will put its program into effect for its national convention at Miami Beach in October. It is an alluring plan.**

**"Delegates and their families will see this community not just from a convention floor or a hotel lobby or cabana.**

**"They will be given an opportunity to learn at first hand what the Greater Miami area has to offer by way of housing, education, cultural advantages, economics, labor, industry, employment and local government.**

**"A JWV delegate and his family may fly, drive or board a train for Miami, stay for a week at one of 22 Miami Beach hotels, even take side trips to Nassau or Havana without paying a dollar in advance.**

**"A national travel agency will finance the visit. Payments would be made over the next 12 months with interest at 3.2 per cent.**

**"We have a great and growing community here. The JWV plan gives conventioners a chance to see at close range what makes it tick and why it is conservatively estimated that Greater Miami will have a million-and-a-half residents within a decade."**

### Pentagon Conference

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carried even further than it has in the Department of the Navy. In the opinion of this organization, the theory of guilt by association is opposed to the concept and to the actual fundamental law of the land. Moreover, the founding fathers, as you know, refused to accept, and in fact, specifically forbade the idea of attainer or corruption of blood.

"May we recommend that as Secretary of the Department of Defense, you institute the necessary action to coordinate the activities of the divisions of the Departments to the end that the action in such cases will be uniform, and for this purpose, we suggest that the model be based upon the practice of the Department of the Air Force."

Yours truly  
JOSEPH F. BARR,  
National Commander.

### AJH Action On Upsurge

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shown by its listeners, both Jew and gentile. The radio station itself has expressed its feeling of pride to have the privilege of presenting this program to its listening audience. Everyone who has heard the program appreciates its value and realizes its importance.

"However, as is always the case with good things, there is a matter of funds being necessary to continue with the program. Post 165 has made it possible for the program to be heard from May 29th until the present. Additional assistance is needed for its continuance. The cost locally is approximately \$1,000 per year which is almost insignificant considering that the production of the program costs \$50,000 annually.

"In other cities in which the program is heard, many of the Jewish organizations have pledged their financial assistance in order to assure the continuance of 'The American Jewish Hour.' In June, a meeting of the leaders of the local Jewish groups was called and it was decided at that time to give the members of these groups the entire Summer in which to become acquainted with the program so as to be better able to discuss ways and means upon reorganization of these groups in the Fall. Shortly another meeting will be called and the leaders of these groups will determine at that meeting exactly what steps will be taken to assure the continuance of the program."

### Immigration Program

JWV's Immigration Program was explained last month by Oscar J. Toye, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Immigration as he again outlined JWV's Five Point Program.

The Five Point Program is actually a many-pronged attack on the McCarran-Walter Act which can contribute to the total effort to amend and revise the discriminatory provisions of the act.

Point I of the program, "Operation Ducat", consists of enlightening JWV members on the objectionable facts of the McCarran-Walter Act and to train them in the ways of bringing about the desired revisions of the law. This point bases its effectiveness on public opinion, self education, community education and informing Congressmen on the feelings of their constituents.

Point II, known as "Operation (Continued on Page 6)

### National Commander's Column

By Joseph F. Barr  
National Commander



In preparing to write this column, the twelfth and last in the series as Commander, I have reviewed the events of the past year. The principal idea in my mind has been to determine, for myself, whether our presence in the Nation's Capital has had a beneficial effect.

The daily press, as I write this column, includes two items of major interest to JWV, items to which we have devoted the major part of our efforts for the past twelve months. The first deals with peace in the Near East and the approach to the arms problem as affecting countries in that area. The second is the development of a possible solution to the security question and its manner of execution which will not violate the guarantees of the Bill of Rights of our Constitution.

In the October issue of the VETERAN, the first article which I prepared, the major premise was a criticism and a disagreement with the decision of our government in the realm of foreign policy as concerns arming the Arab states. In this article I said that we have the legal right to disagree with our government guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States in the principle of petition. By way of criticism of the policy, we said that it was 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.

In the situation as it existed, however, it could do nothing but perpetuate the law of the jungle and would not help contribute to the establishment of peace. I pointed out that JWV was interested in Israel as Jews and as veterans, that as veterans we know the cost of war, the least item of which is the monetary factor; the major item Human misery; that we also know what the history of the past has shown as concerns the contribution towards peace and towards combatting the aims of totalitarianism by the Arab states, to wit nothing.

We concluded that article by pointing out that we believed that the Near East, Israel and Arabs alike, require the aid which democracies can give but that such aid cannot be either arms alone or arms as a major factor. We said that the only solution was to raise the economic standards of that area and the educational standards of the inhabitants, that these steps would stop communism in its tracks.

In the November article, which also criticized the American foreign policy in the Near East, I pointed out that the solution to the Middle East problem was not in arming one faction or the other or both; that Secretary of State Dulles knew what the solution was and that we should ask him to use the same foresight and courage he displayed in getting the French and the Germans to settle their differences and the Italians and Yugoslavs to settle theirs. I also pointed out that the Secretary had already indicated that such a process is long and painful, often heartbreaking, often frustrating, but he had also stated as a matter of public record that it was his desire to accomplish this in that area. And so I concluded in the November issue with the statement that "Let us then, as Americans, urge our Government to say to the Arab countries, you must sit down with Israel and arrange for a real peace in the Middle East. Withhold all aid until this is done. There is no other way to the security of the free world in this area."

These articles were written in October and November of 1954 and looking at the papers of today, the end of September 1955, we find that the question of arms is still on the front page of the metropolitan dailies and is still the subject of discussions wherever the problem of the Near East and the Middle East is the subject. Now, however, we find that the Governments of the United States and Great Britain, and undoubtedly the Government of France, concur in the view we expressed that to furnish arms to any one group can do nothing but encourage an arms race, the ultimate result of which must be bankruptcy and war.

Therefore, both the United States and Great Britain have refused to give to Egypt that type of arms which she demanded and which in the opinion of competent critics everywhere would be used for offensive purposes in an assault by Egypt. We now find that Egypt says that she will accept arms from Soviet Russia, from a Soviet satellite, which is the home of one of the legendary dealers in death, the Skoda works in Czechoslovakia.

This statement by Egypt follows less than a month the offer by the Secretary of State of the United States of assistance by the United States and the democratic forces of the world to Israel and to the Arab states to help them compose their differences, including the problem of refugees, and to bring into the areas of the Near and the Middle East those forces which bring a backward people to the developments of democracy. Those who offer any contrary view are the fomenters of discord. They cry for a local war. Here again I quote from the November article:

"Let us understand fully that there can be no more talk of localized wars, of brush fires on the edge of the forest. Make no mistake about it, the forest is dry and crackling and the merest trifling blaze may well strike the most horrible conflagration that man has ever seen."

Neither the issue of the furnishing of arms to the Arab states nor the one dealing with the Federal security program has as yet been resolved satisfactorily. Many other issues have arisen and still remain with us and have not been resolved satisfactorily. And yet looking over the events of the last eleven and one-half months, I can truthfully report to my comrades and to the sisters of the auxiliary that I see progress and I see a definite advance as a result of the labors of the last eleven and one-half months. As far as Israel is concerned, the democratic world has at last awakened to the danger involved in the furnishing of arms and in the failure to give that kind of attention to the problems of that area which can result in their settlement by removing the basic difficulties or by alleviat-

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