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## JWV Request Brings Results

### Discuss Israel Situation With Defense Officials

National Commander Reubin Kaminsky has revealed that a delegation of military figures within JWV met with Assistant Secretary of Defense Gordon Gray to discuss the military aspects of the question of providing arms to Israel to counter Soviet arming of Egypt and other Arab nations.

The delegation which included Rear Admiral (ret.) Solomon Isquith, Col. (ret.) Harry D. Henshel, Vice-President of the Bulova Watch Company, and National Commander Kaminsky discussed the over-all American defense structure in the Middle East with special emphasis on the place of Israel within that structure.

"The position of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States with respect to Israel," Commander Kaminsky said in making public the meeting with Secretary Gray, "is based on the viewpoint of American security. We believe that Communist intervention in the Middle East by furnishing arms to Egypt sets up a definite roadblock to peaceful negotiations between the Arabs and Israel."

"The events of the past few months have proven conclusively that Israel, by tradition and structure, is a component part of Western democracy and is committed to the struggle against totalitarian concepts. JWV therefore firmly believes that Israel must be given the arms she needs to maintain a position of strength in the area where she is the sole representative of democratic ideals.

"If we do not accept this responsibility, the free world may very well face the prospect of

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### Gov. Knight Praises JWV

The following letter from Goodwin J. Knight Governor of California, was received by William Klugman, Department Commander of California. It speaks for itself.

December 30, 1955

Dear Commander:

"Please accept my thanks, and those of the people of California, for your telegram of December 24, and for the prompt and generous action of your organization in obtaining medical supplies, clothing, and funds for the relief of the victims of last week's disastrous floods.

The contents of your telegram were immediately telephoned to Mr. Stanley Pierson, State Director of Civil Defense, with a request that his office contact you at once to arrange transportation.

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### Immigration Convocation Called For March

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### Plitt Is Removed From Board Post

The State Department has announced the removal of Edwin A. Plitt from the Board of Clemency and Parole which recently freed Sepp Dietrich, perpetrator of the Malmedy Massacre. Last month JWV had urgently requested Mr. Plitt's removal.

Robert W. Upton, of New Hampshire, briefly a United States Senator from that state, has been appointed to relieve Mr. Plitt who has been re-called to fill "an important assignment". Prior to the release announcing the replacement, the State Department called both Commander Kaminsky and the commanders of other veteran groups, to notify them of the decision before the information had reached the public.

In a letter to Secretary of State Dulles last month Commander Kaminsky pointed out that he felt "confident that every American veteran also feels outraged that an American representative on such a board should participate in such a callous disregard of what any reasonable person must have known would be the reaction of any American"

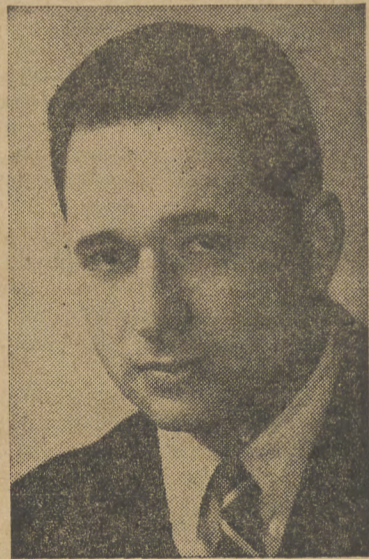
"I have received a number of inquiries," Commander Kaminsky wrote, "from echelons of this organization on all levels and copies of resolutions which have been passed in several of the Departments, requesting that in the name of the Jewish War Veterans I urge upon you the immediate removal of Mr. Plitt as a member of the Mixed Board and his replacement by a representative who will show a greater concern for the American veteran than did

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## Endorse Carmen, Shaikewitz For National Commander

The Council of Administration of the Department of Massachusetts early this month endorsed the candidacy of Bill Carmen, their immediate Past Commander, for the office of National Commander for the Convention in Milwaukee in August 1956, it has been announced by Albert Schlossberg, Department Commander of Massachusetts.

Comrade Carmen is a Charter Life Member and Past Commander



William Carmen

of the Sgt. Milton Louis Zelmyer Post 627, Boston, Mass. He is Chairman of the Department of Massachusetts' Brotherhood Program, winner of "Freedom's Foundation Gold Medal of Honor", and holds present membership in the National Executive Committee from the First Region, the National Policy Committee of JWV and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Shrine.

He has served as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee of the National Convention of 1955, Chairman of the National Membership Retention Committee in 1954, and Chairman of the National Membership Committee 1955, when he was also National Recruiting Officer. He is the founder and the first President of the Past Department Commander's Club. He joined the United States

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The Council of Administration of the Department of Missouri has endorsed Samuel Shaikewitz, National Public Affairs Officer, for the office of National Commander for the Convention in Milwaukee in August

### Write Congressmen On National Shrine

All members of both Posts and Auxiliaries throughout the United States are urged to write their congressmen to speed the enactment of HR 7308 providing for a National Charter for the National Shrine for the Jewish War Dead. (See LegisLetter.)

### Kaminsky Joins Museum Project

Reubin Kaminsky, National Commander, has joined the National Committee of the American Museum of Immigration, it has been announced by Major General Ulysses S. Grant, III USA (ret.), Chairman of the Committee and grandson of the eighteenth President of the United States.

General Grant said that he was grateful to have Commander Kaminsky on the Committee, whose members represent a cross section of the American people. He commended the JWV for their recent resolution endorsing the AMI project.

Pierre S. Dupont, III, Chairman of the Museum's Executive committee praised the JWV for its participation. "I am sure the Jewish people of America will play a prominent role in creating this important shrine," he said. "I hope all JWV members will work toward the success of the fund-raising campaign," he added, "noting that other organizations such as the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Catholic War Veterans of the U.S.A. are formulating similar programs. All donations from JWV members through their local Posts or Departments will be credited to their units, which will receive citations from the AMI Trustees for their cooperation in this patriotic enterprise."

1956, it has been announced by Norman Spetner, Department Commander of Missouri.

Comrade Shaikewitz is the immediate Past National Vice Commander of the Fifth Region hav-



Samuel Shaikewitz

ing served in that Post for three years.

In his present capacity as National Public Affairs Officer, he serves on the National Policy Committee and the National Executive Committee. He has previously served as an elected representative of those committees from the Fifth Region.

Active in JWV affairs since his discharge from the Marine Corps after World War II, he is a member of the Board of Trustees for the National Shrine and a member of the National Personnel Committee. He was the first Commander of the Department of Missouri and Commander of Post 127.

He has also been active in most other veterans' groups including the AMVETS, American Legion and Marine Corps League and is a past Commander of the All Marine Post of the Veterans of For-

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### Legion Post Honors JWV

The highest honor that could ever come to one veterans organization is a glowing tribute from a brother organization.

A classic example of this is the following article reprinted from "The Legionnaire" of Milton American Legion Post 114, Milton, Massachusetts. The article reads in part:

"This morning, Sunday, January 8, your Commander and five other Post officers attended a breakfast meeting of the Milton Jewish War Veterans, a comparatively new veterans' organization in the town, with a present membership of approximately 110. Their Commander announced a blood drive to be held on Washington's Birthday, when it was expected they would collect far more than the 22 pints donated at a similar drive a

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