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CONVENTION PLANNERS; Jewish War Veterans attending the 61st National Encampment August 7 through 12 in Milwaukee, Wis., will have the above to thank for many of the outstanding activities on the agenda. Front row: Nathan J. Rakita, Hyman L. Kastrul and Herbert Wilk. Back row: Sammy Cohen and Dr. Paul Guten.

Milwaukee Set To Greet JWV

Milwaukee's "gemuetlichkeit," a by-word the world over, will be enjoyed by the nation's Jewish War Veterans this summer.

The beer capital of the world will really roll out the barrel(s) August 7 through 12 on the occasion of the 61st National Encampment of the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S.

The Wisconsin city, home of the famous breweries and Braves baseball team, will become the mecca for delegates from some 700 posts and auxiliaries of JWV.

Famous personalities from national government and civic levels, will be among the honored guests during the six days of business sessions and entertainment programs.

National Convention Chairman duties are in the hands of Harry Harrison of Atlanta, Ga., with John Rupp of Milwaukee carrying on in the role of Honorary Convention Chairman.

Directors of the National Convention Corporation are Hyman L. Kastrul, president; Nathan J. Rakita, vice-president; Ruth Chester, secretary; Sammy Cohen, treasurer, and Dr. Paul Guten, Herbert Wilk and Maurice Wolkomir, all of Milwaukee, and the following representatives of the JWV national administration echelon:

Harry H. Cohen, Mrs. Jessie Gneslin, Martin Horwitz, Benjamin Kaufman and Harrison.

Sessions of the JWV posts will be held at the Hotel Schroeder.

Among events announced by Kastrul, who is Commander of the Wisconsin Department, JWV, are: August 7—Early Bird party.

August 8—Bigtime Showtime presentation by top talent of TV, radio, stage and movies.

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All PDC's Eligible

All Past Department Commanders are eligible to join the PDC club it has been announced by Edward Charnovitz of Savannah, Georgia, club secretary. Because mailing lists obtained from national went back only as far as 1950, those PDC's who served before then had not received the Club's original literature.

Lasker To Run For Nat'l. Commander

David Lasker, National Executive Committeeman for the First Region has announced his candidacy for the office of National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

National Executive Committeeman Lasker was Department Commander of Massachusetts for two terms, National Chairman of the Veterans Service, National Delegate-at-large for the First Region, National Vice Commander and is now serving his sixth year as National Executive Committeeman for the First Region.

He has served as Assistant District Attorney for Suffolk County, Boston, Massachusetts, for over five years and was Chairman of the Finance Commission of the City of Boston by appointment of the Governor of Massachusetts and is now serving as Chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston by appointment of Mayor John B. Rynes.

He has served as member and Chairman of Selective Service Local Board in the Dorchester area of Boston since 1940 and was on many committees of JWV, including the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and the Commission on Anti-Communism. He is a Past Noble Grand of King Solomon



David Lasker

Lodge, a member and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A member of the American Legion, Knights of Pythias and Knights of Liberty Lodge I.O.B.A.

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Kaminsky Protests Shipment of Tanks

National Commander Reubin Kaminsky has vigorously protested the shipment of eighteen tanks and other military equipment to Saudi Arabia.

Acting immediately upon the announcement that eighteen tanks were ready to be shipped from the port of

New York, on the ship James Monroe, Commander Kaminsky sent wires to Senator Walter F. George, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Representative James P. Richards, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee in which he strongly urged the "desirability of a joint committee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and House Foreign Relations Committee to thoroughly investigate arms shipments to Saudi Arabia, such as the one reported in the press. This is indeed needed to show America people there is danger of our being at brink of war."

In his statement to the press, he pointed out that he had communicated with the Chairman of the Committees of both houses of Congress and he characterized the transaction as "a scrapping of the Tripartite Agreement designed to insure peace in that area."

"The secrecy of the agreement", he said, "carries the aroma of an exchange of arms for oil. The American people have a right to be fully informed on the matter since the security of the free world is definitely involved."

"The action of the State Department, if carried out, can only serve to bring war one step closer in an area where we have tried so desperately to maintain peace. With-

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Don't Forget

Don't forget to write your Congressmen on Bill HR 7308, granting Congressional Charter for the National Shrine for the Jewish War Dead. It is imperative that these letters be sent immediately; the bill is expected to come up shortly.

New Jersey Honors Prelate

The Department of New Jersey, Jewish War Veterans is honoring the memory of Prelate Lichtenberg, provost of a Catholic cathedral in Berlin.

It was noted in a News Letter being sent to the Jewish War Veterans by New Jersey JWV Commander Bernard Abrams of Jersey City that Prelate Lichtenberg, touched by the suffering of the Jews under the Nazis had declared during services "And now let us pray for the persecuted non-Aryan Christians and for the persecuted Jews. He also constantly reminded his faithful not to forget the Commandment "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

He was arrested by the Nazis and after reaffirming his utterances was sentenced to two years imprisonment.

Convocation Plans Gaining Momentum

A number of National and local organizations have responded quickly to a call from the Jewish War Veterans to participate in the National Immigration Convocation to be held next month in Washington, D.C., it has been announced by Oscar J. Toye, National Immigration Convocation Chairman.

Among National Organizations scheduled to participate are the Italian American World War Veterans, the American Veterans Committee; the Portuguese Continental Organization of the U.S.A., and the Order of the Sons of Italy of the U.S.A.

Local organizations include the Massachusetts Committee for the Revision of the McCarran-Walter Act. There are many other organizations which have been contacted, but at the time the JEWISH VETERAN went to press, their plans were still in the tentative stage.

Comrade Toye has announced that he has received replies from ten states promising nearly four hundred delegates to attend. Pre-Convocation rallies have already

gotten under way in the Department of New York. Other pre-Convocation rallies will be set off in other parts of the country during the next two weeks.

Making the announcement of other groups participating in the Convocation, Comrade Toye pointed out that the "response to date has been encouraging and if the pre-Convocation planning continues to gain momentum, the Immigration Convocation will more than satisfy its original purpose."

He noted that foes of revision are also gaining steam in their drive to prevent any changes in the McCarran-Walter Act. He pointed out that the "time is right" for a real "bang-up answer to this faction".

The Convocation is scheduled to be held in a Washington hotel with suitable facilities, with workshop sessions and speakers of national

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