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## National Commander's Column

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### Report On Israel Trip

It was only a month ago that I visited with the Secretary of State of the United States, John Foster Dulles, to discuss with him the question as to whether I, as the National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, an organization composed of Americans of the Jewish faith who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States in the wars of the republic, could, through the means of a personal visit to the State of Israel create a better mutual understanding between the Israeli people and the people of the United States of the problems which affect both countries in this hour of trial and crisis in the State of Israel.

I told Mr. Dulles that I was interested as an American and as a Jew in seeing to it that the people of the United States understood the problem of Israel not only as a problem affecting a population of approximately one and a half million persons of the Jewish faith, survivors of the Hitler holocaust, living in a country which had been dedicated to them as a national home by the consent and at the instance of the world powers during World War I and, thereafter, but rather as the place which is now the firing line on the issue of Communism versus democracy.

The Israelis had done nothing to bring about the fact that their country and their people are now in the front lines of democracy, facing the penetration of the Middle East by the Communists. They were in fact the victims of that which had been brought about through the surrender and gift by Nasser and his Egyptian and Arabian allies, which brought into this area for the first time in the history of the world the Russians who had for untold generations dreamt of the warm water ports of the Mediterranean and the southern seas.

### Secretary Agreed

The Secretary agreed that it might be conducive to a more successful understanding of the mutual problems if I were to undertake this trip and so on April 7th my wife and I left for Israel.

We landed at the Lydda airport on the very night that three youngsters and their teacher were killed by a bomb thrown into a schoolhouse by a group of Egyptian commandos known as the Fedayeen. We didn't know nor were we informed about this tragedy until we had been cleared through the customs through a medium of a representative of the Foreign Ministry of Israel.

In our drive at midnight from the airport to Tel-Aviv, we were stopped on several occasions by armed military police, who checked not only Mrs. Kaminsky's passport and mine but the identification documents of each of the Israelis who were accompanying us. I was not too much concerned by this checking but my wife became somewhat nervous for this was the first time she had ever experienced anything like this, and the next day I shared this nervousness since we were told that on the very highway that we had travelled, only a half hour before we came through, two of these Fedayeen had been intercepted by the military forces of Israel and had been taken into custody.

It was these things that impressed upon me that the people of Israel were living under the shadow of a threatened military penetration every hour of the day. I was not only impressed but I was shaken by the realization that the enemy, the Fedayeen, knew no distinction between the innocent child, the farmer, and the man in the military forces.

### Stoic Attitude

I had the experience the very next day of being taken to the place where the authorities were preparing to release to the surviving parents and relatives the three children who had been killed and the teacher who had died in the bombing. I can't go into this situation. I, as one who is not a native of the land, who had no ties with these people other than the fact that I also was a Jew, cannot find the words to convey to you the anger which permeated every fibre of my being and the compelling desire that I had in my own mind to get to these brutal murderers and to do unto them what they had done to these innocent children. I was, however, impressed by the stoic attitude which the people of Israel adopted even in the face of a tragedy like this.

What I saw in Israel with regard to the economic condition of the country, what the people who have been there just a short time have done to take a desert and convert it into a fertile oasis, has been told in much better terms than I can possibly tell it. I was more than

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## Plans Nearing Completion On Immigration Confab

### Announce Changes In Card Distribution

National Headquarters has announced a change in the method of distributing membership cards. Heretofore membership cards have been processed and sent to the member individually. Hereafter they will be sent in quantity to the Post Commander who will be responsible for their distribution to the members of his Post.

### Request JWV Suggestions

The Commission on Government Security, established by joint resolution of both houses of Congress has asked JWV for suggestions that our organization may have for improving the Federal Security Program "from the standpoint of either of the national security or of the basic rights of the individual employee, or both."

In a letter from Loyd Wright, Chairman of the Commission, to JWV the request pointed out that "We will appreciate your cooperation in this matter and look forward to receiving your views on this subject. Any recommendations which you submit will be fully reviewed by the Commission, and unless you should indicate otherwise, it will be assumed that your statement may eventually be made a matter of public record."

Mr. Wright cited the "enormity of the Commission's task, as well as its basic significance to the Nation . . . it is our intention, commensurate with appropriation, staffing and time limitations, to thoroughly review the existing security regulations, procedures and practices, their development, rationale, and effectiveness."

### Voice Forms Committees

The Director of Religious Programs of the Voice of America in response to a JWV request last year that panels for review boards be established to review religious programs has set up ad hoc committees in various places throughout the country to function according to our suggestion, JWV sources learned last month.

Our protest to Theodore Streibert, Director of the Agency, after it was learned that two anti-Semitic programs were beamed behind the iron curtain resulted in a thorough re-evaluation of the problems involved in getting the right kind of religious programs on the network and precluding any possibil-

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Plans were being completed this month for the National Immigration Convocation to be held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C. Sunday, May 20th and Monday, May 21st, it has been announced by Oscar J. Toye, of Boston, permanent Chairman of the Convocation.

The Convocation will convene under the sponsorship a number of national and local groups.

Comrade Toye announced that the Convocation will be "primarily educational, for it is only through education that the vast majority of American people will be able to understand the inequities in the McCarran-Walter Act and the unfairness of immigration programs being conducted by our country. The American tradition of fair play and its concept as a haven for the oppressed has been badly dishonored by our present policy."

The Convocation will spark a national effort by the participating organizations to muster support for an immediate revamping of immigration policies and support of President Eisenhower's Immigration Program as enunciated in his recent message to Congress.

Arrangements Chairman, Michael DeLeo, State Chairman of the Governor of Rhode Island's Committee for the Refugee Relief Program, and Past National Commander of the Italian American War Veterans, pointed out that the Convocation will "emphasize to the American people and to our friends in other countries that not all

Americans are in accord with present immigration policies."

Principal speakers for the Convocation will be announced shortly.

The Convocation will feature a luncheon to be held on Sunday, May 20th followed by two work sessions in the afternoon. The following day will be devoted to visits to Congressmen and Administration officials.

Comrade Toye has pointed out that a Washington Hospitality Committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Henrietta Y. Zoltrow. Miss Zoltrow can be reached by mail at 3900 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. and is available to assist you in making your Convocation plans.

A number of social events will be held in conjunction with the Convocation. All members are urged to make plans to attend. In addition to the sponsoring groups, observers will be present from a number of veterans organizations, including the Catholic War Veterans and other groups.

Comrade Toye has appealed to all Post Commanders to actively assist in bringing out the largest possible attendance for JWV.

## Come To Milwaukee Welcome Mat Out

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin—Milwaukee's natural attractions, a well-rounded and organized business and entertainment agenda and a progressive convention corporation are the elements that assure Jewish War Veterans a national convention they will enjoy and be proud of.

This is the word being given to the membership by two JWV stalwarts who conferred in this host city with members of the 61st National JWV Convention Corporation and special committee members.

National Administrator Joseph F. Barr and Convention Chairman Harry Harrison checked details during a recent visit and were gratified with the plans being executed for the August 7 to 12 conclave.

They were pleased with the facilities which have been arranged for the delegates and with the wonderful spirit being shown by members of the four posts which comprise the Wisconsin Department, JWV.

Members from Peter Royal Feldman Post 145, Stanley Marsack Post 442, Morris R. Guten Post 487 and Eugene Horsenstein Post

701 have rallied behind the convention corporation and are taking the necessary steps to enable the delegates to enjoy their sojourn here.

Registrations are now being accepted at National Headquarters, JWV, 1712 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. A registration blank and other pertinent registration details are found elsewhere in this issue of the VETERAN.

Specifics for the business agenda during the six-day session are nearing completion and will be announced next month.

Highlights scheduled to date are:

**TUESDAY — AUGUST 7**—Both the JWV and JWVA National Executive Committees will hold their regular sessions and then join with early registrants for the Early  
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