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## Register Early For Convention

### Milwaukee Promises Biggest Convention

MIWAUKEE, WISCONSIN—"Register Early!" is the admonition to delegates to the 61st National Jewish War Veterans Encampment here August 7 to 12.

National Headquarters in Washington is set up to give immediate attention to early registrations.

And the convention corporation staff, headed by President Hyman L. Kastrul, has things in shape at this end to assure a smooth work-

#### Special Note To Candidates

MIWAUKEE, Wisconsin—Special note to office seekers at the 61st National Encampment:

Bring your campaign signs, pictures, placards, etc., along with you when you register for the convention. Arrangements have been made for display.



NATIONAL COMMANDER and Mrs. Reubin Kaminsky and Israel's Foreign Minister and Mrs. Moshe Sharett discuss various aspects of the Middle East situation during Commander Kaminsky's recent trip to Israel. L to R: Mrs. Sharett, Mrs. Kaminsky, Mr. Sharett and Commander Kaminsky.

### Kaminsky Rejects German Request

The Jewish War Veterans has refused a request from a German veterans group to use our "influence with Congress, the American Government and People to find a charitable solution" to the problem of twenty-one soldiers now being detained in the U. S. Army's Landsberg Prison.

The German Veterans group (VERBAND DER HEIMKEHER, KREIGSGEFANGENEN UND VERMISSTEN - ANGEHORIZEN DEUTSCHLANDS E. V.) had appealed to JWV to intervene in the case of the twenty-one former German soldiers on the grounds that "most of them have done nothing more than any soldier on either side did in the heat of battle. All were sentenced at a time when bitter war hatred dominated military courts and personnel."

In a letter to the Secretary-General of the German organization from JWV's National Commander, Reubin Kaminsky of Hartford, Connecticut, it was pointed out that JWV finds it impossible to take favorable action, indicating that "these men are responsible for the death and destruction of millions of innocent humans, that various boards active on their appeals, have commuted the sentences from death—a merciful one in comparison with the tortures which they inflicted."

The letter also pointed out that "the Jewish War Veterans has been searching for twenty-three years for something which could in some way absolve the German people of responsibility for what was done in their name to men, women and children whose only

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### Cohen To Lead Tour

Maxwell Cohen, PNC, has consented to lead JWV's annual tour to Israel in place of National Administrator Joseph F. Bar.

Comrade Barr, due to the press of business at National Headquarters, is unable to lead the tour as was originally planned.

The tour will begin on July 10th and run until the 30th. Requests for the itinerary can be mailed to National Headquarters, c/o Maxwell Cohen, Tour Leader.

In making the announcement that he will lead the tour, Comrade Cohen pointed out that "as one who has been there before, I can assure you that it will be a thrill the likes of which you have never experienced, and if you have been there before, it is equally thrilling because things change so rapidly there that from year to year you hardly recognize some of the places you visited before."

"I consider a trip to Israel a pilgrimage which every Jew should make and I hope you will too. I therefore invite every JWV and Auxiliary member who can possibly make it to join me on this truly historic trip in the summer of 1956."

### Come To Milwaukee

### NEC Highlights

(The following are a number of the highlights from the National Executive Committee meeting held in Washington, D. C., May 18th to 20th.)

1. Passed resolution on Armed Forces Day expressing "a feeling of deep appreciation to all the members of the United States Armed Forces for the great service they are giving in defense of the national security."
2. Passed a resolution deeply critical of the policy of the Administration with respect to the Middle East.
3. Adopted a statement of principles with respect to the role JWV must play in combatting the fallacious propaganda being disseminated by a certain fringe organization disavowed by the vast bulk of the American Jewish community but making inroads in non-Jewish circles. Meeting will be held prior to the Convention to formulate a program to combat this danger. It will be presented to the Convention in Milwaukee.
4. Approved the National Commander's action with respect to the request from a German Veterans group asking JWV's aid in finding "a charitable solution" to twenty-one German war criminals now being held in the United States Army's Landsberg Prison. JWV had refused request.
5. Approved the creation of a twelve-man National Color Guard.
6. Gave its sanction to the new formula worked out in connection with the New York Fund-raising situation.
7. Consented to hold next N.E.C. Meeting August 7th in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

### Convocation Delegates Call On Congressmen

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Approximately 400 delegates representing more than 70 organizations from twenty-five States meeting here as part of the National Immigration

Convocation culminated their deliberations by "knocking on doors" of members of Congress urging that pending immigration legislation designed to make United States Immigration Laws more equitable be passed before the end of this session.

The Convocation which was called to reiterate the objections of a vast number of Americans to

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ing organization during the convention.

Registrations are now being received at:

**Jewish War Veterans of the U. S., National Headquarters, 1712 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C.**

Use registration form on Page 8.

First among the array of top level personages who will appear at the convention are being announced in the VETERAN for the first time.

They are Abba Eban, Israel's ambassador to the U. S., and Harvey V. Higley, U. S. Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

Eban, who serves as Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations, is a South African by birth. He was educated in England and graduated from Cambridge University, where he served as lecturer until 1940, when he went to Palestine.

Eban has gained world-wide recognition for his efforts to bring peace to Israel.

"The United States, as a leader of freedom, could help in settling the dispute between Arab countries and Israel," he has maintained, adding that the friendship that exists between America and Israel is the cornerstone of all hopes for peace and security in the Middle East.

"Surrounded on all sides by despotism and feudalism, we have established in Israel a sanctuary of democracy which each year

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