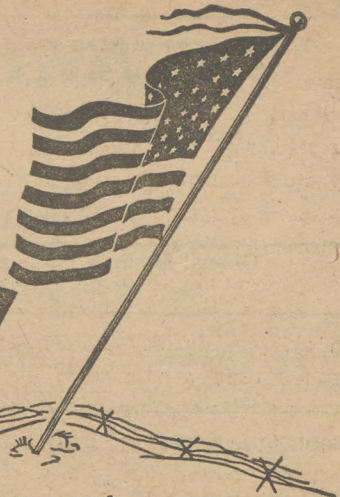




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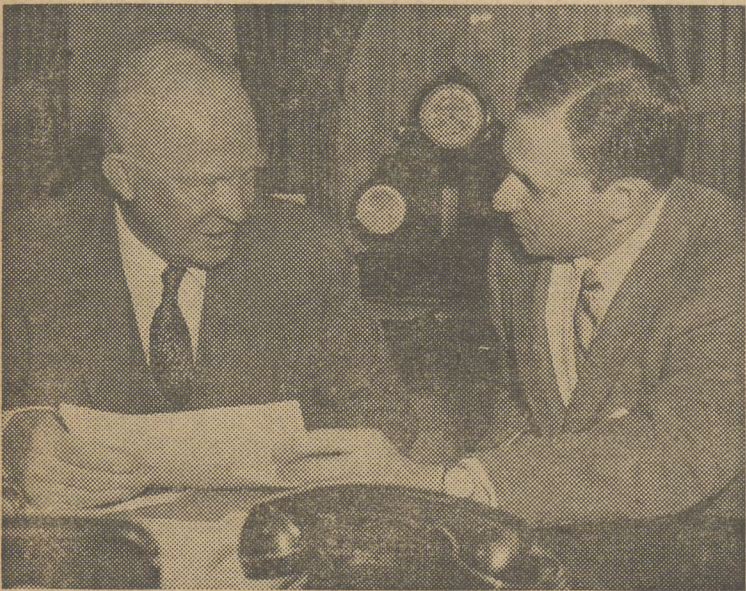


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National Commander William Carmen and President Eisenhower discuss Commander Carmen's proposed Middle East tour, during their recent visit.

Campaign Launched For National Shrine

The campaign for the National Shrine for the Jewish War Dead was launched as part of the October 13th-14th meeting of the National Executive Committee at which time approximately ten per cent of the National goal of \$350,000 was raised.

As a result of the outpouring of gifts, it became evident, first, that there was clear determination that the Shrine project must be brought to reality within the next year and second, that interest and enthusiasm for it has reached an all-time high within the ranks of JWV.

In a report submitted to the N.E.C., it was indicated that the interest and support of the American Jewish community may be fully anticipated.

An intensive campaign is now under way to raise, within the next nine months, the balance of the \$350,000 which is needed to complete the Shrine.

General Omar N. Bradley has accepted an honorary chairmanship in the drive and it is projected that he will appear on the radio program "Monitor" on Veterans Day, November 11th, with the National Commander to explain the goals connected with the Shrine campaign.

Meetings have already been set up in various parts of the country which will carry through the fundraising project. According to Myer Dorfman, President of the Board of Trustees, the Shrine drive will "bring to full fruition the original plans of those who conceived of a Shrine in the Nation's Capital to honor those Americans of Jewish faith who died serving our country."

The Shrine will house a Hall of Heroes; Chapel; Museum and Library and Archives. From early Colonial Days, Americans of Jewish faith have made the supreme sacrifice in defense of our country and our precious heritage of freedom. In this Shrine will be memorialized their sacrifices.

JWV Asks Polish Aid

The Jewish War Veterans, last month, called on the President to direct the State Department to announce to the world that the United States is prepared to support the achievement of Polish Independence in line with the policy which has governed our economic assistance to Yugoslavia and other countries which have shown the will to govern their own destiny.

JWV made its views known in a telegram to the President, signed by the National Commander. The full text of the telegram is as follows:

"Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. hail the gallant efforts of the Polish people to free themselves from the yoke of tyrannical Soviet colonialism. We urge you to direct the State Department to announce that the U. S. is prepared to support the achievement of Polish Independence in line with the policy which has governed our economic assistance to Yugoslavia and other countries which have shown the will to govern their own destiny. JWV believes such a move would spur efforts by Hungary and other countries under Soviet captivity to move ahead in determining for themselves their own political futures. JWV extends a handclasp of freedom to the Polish people."

Go 'Cross Country' Get New Members

Carmen Visits IKE Cites Discrimination

Get On The Ball Go 'Cross Country'

National Commander William Carmen, of Newton, Massachusetts, met last month with the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower. In the thirty-five minute meeting, Commander Carmen discussed the many ramifications connected with his proposed tour of American bases in

the Middle East and the general situation with respect to the discrimination of American servicemen of the Jewish faith by the Government of Saudi Arabia.

Commander Carmen reported that the President appeared "a little bit disturbed" over the Saudi Arabian situation. He expressed keen interest in Commander Carmen's proposed trip and assured him that the Government would give him every cooperation relative to his desire to bring back to JWV a report on the American defense situation.

Commander Carmen reported that the President was extremely cordial and receptive. He expressed his thanks to Commander Carmen for the presentation of a gift to him of a sterling silver hors d'oeuvre tray with baked enamel inserts on which there were images of golfers and matching coasters.

Commander Carmen concluded after his visit that the President was vitally interested in the problem of discrimination by a foreign government and that a thorough investigation was underway to ascertain every conceivable fact and ramification of the situation.

The warmth generated at the meeting was further extended in an exchange of correspondence between the National Commander and the President. Commander Carmen in his letter of thanks to the President had requested that whether or not he held his present office at the date of the JWV 62nd Annual Convention, in Boston, Mass., Commander Carmen, on behalf of the organization, tendered an invitation to him to be a featured speaker. The President's reply was as follows:

Dear Commander Carmen:
"Once again let me thank you for your courtesy in coming to see me the other day.

I am complimented by your invitation to speak at the 62nd Annual Convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, to be held in Boston, on Saturday, August seventeenth. At the moment, of course, I have not the slightest idea of my schedule for next summer. Might I ask you frankly by what date you would necessarily have to have a decision, one way or the other? If the decision can be postponed for six months or so, I promise to give your request my earnest consideration; but, of course, I shall understand

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Gen. Omar Bradley Shrine Chairman

General Omar N. Bradley has accepted the Honorary Chairmanship of the campaign to raise \$350,000 for the National Shrine for the Jewish War Dead in Washington. In his acceptance of the honor, General Bradley said "The National Shrine for the Jewish War Dead will be a fitting monument to the men of Jewish faith who died serving their country. The military achievements of men of Jewish faith are part of the proud record of American fighting men. I urge all Americans to join with me in making this National Shrine a living reality."

OPERATION CROSS COUNTRY

Membership Drive Gaining Momentum

Operation "Cross Country" judging from early returns is well on its way towards success. Posts and members throughout the country are taking an active interest in this unique incentive program.

The big prize in the contest for one of the members of JWV and his wife, will be a vacation trip "Cross Country" to New York or Los Angeles.

Other bonus awards will be a gold wrist watch for the Post Commander and Quartermaster of the Post of the winner of the contest. In addition the winner of the grand prize will have an opportunity to win a gold wrist watch for himself and his wife if he has personally brought in one or more new members during the term of the contest.

A special feature for Posts will be a hand-engraved multi-colored framed copy of the Preamble to the Constitution of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. It will be presented to every Post which obtains 100% membership retention as of December 31st, 1956.

The rules for the contest are as follows:

1. Each member paying his 1957 dues on or before September 30th, 1956 has been credited with four chances to win.
2. Each member paying his 1957 dues on or before October 31st, 1956 will receive three chances to win.
3. Each member paying his 1957 dues on or before November 30th,

1956 will receive two chances to win.

4. Each member paying his 1957 dues on or before December 31st, 1956, will receive on chance to win.

Any members who have already paid their dues are being credited with the number of chances specified above.

The drawing will take place at the January NEC meeting.

Please note that new members must have paid their dues and submitted new membership application cards with the names of the sponsor prior to the closing of the contest on December 31st, 1956.

For the purposes of the contest, a new member can be defined as a person who has not paid dues in previous years including 1956. For example, it is considered that a JWVer is a new member if he has paid his dues up until 1955, missed 1956 and rejoins in 1957.

As an added incentive, any member who personally brings in fifteen new members prior to April 1st, 1957 will become a National Aide-de-camp. He will receive, at no cost to himself, a National cap properly embroidered which will be presented to him by the National Commander or his representative.