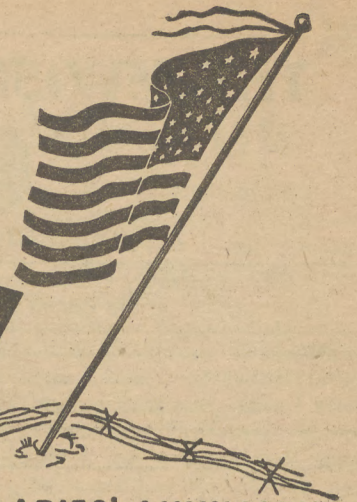




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**MARCH OF DIMES:** William Carmen, National Commander, is shown with the 1957 March of Dimes Poster Girl—four-year old Marlene Olsen of Burlington, Massachusetts.

## Statement Outlines Middle East Policy

The following is a statement of policy on the Middle Eastern situation. All members are urged to read this policy carefully and to keep fully informed on this vital issue through newspapers, radio and television.

### OBJECTIVITY NOT EMOTION

Objectivity, not emotion, must be employed in viewing the Middle Eastern situation and its relationship to the struggle between democracy and communism. All other considerations are secondary, regardless of the aspirations of England, France and Israel.

The collapse of British and French power and influence in the Middle East left a power vacuum in that part of the world. Also the underdeveloped nations in that area had to have assistance to stabilize their economies and bring about those results which would enable their peoples to raise their level of existence to a point beyond that of everlasting hunger. The United States appeared to be the logical nation to execute both assignments from an historical point of view, considering it was born of a war against colonialism and its recognition of the Four Freedoms.

History has shown that the United States did not achieve these goals. It attempted to put its best foot forward to the Arab world by persuading the British to leave the Suez Canal. It dangled the promise of huge economic aid to Egypt, including funds to help construct the Aswan Dam. It developed a "cool" attitude toward Israel and refused arms shipments. It acquiesced in the practices of the Saudi Arabian Government in barring Americans of Jewish faith from its soil and did nothing to stop the blockade of Israeli shipping through the Suez Canal and the Arab inspired boycott of American business concerns of either Jewish management or ownership.

### ALL EGGS IN ONE BASKET

Experts within the State Department on the Middle East and the Arab world felt assured that this course of action would lead the Arab world under the wing of the United States. As time progressed it became increasingly evident that the United States had put all its eggs in one basket, i. e., the future success of Colonel Nasser. Taken at face value, the rise of Colonel Nasser appeared at its inception to be the harbinger of better days for Egypt and the Middle East. Promises of "democratization" and economic reforms and talk of making Egypt the breadbasket of the Middle East was everywhere to be heard from both within and without the Nasser Government.

One of the popular planks in the so-called Nasser reform platform was an avowed hatred of Israel and a threat or a promise of future extinction to avenge the defeat suffered by Egypt at the hands of the Israeli's in 1948. It is interesting to note that that defeat was attributed by Nasser to "corruption among Egyptian ruling circles".

It appears that Nasser quickly became emboldened by his ability to stir the Egyptian people to a frenzy, and this soon became a substitute for tangible improvements. Still the United States State Department played along with Nasser's activities knowing that angry words without the bite of real armed power were impotent and hoping that offers of economic aid would bring Nasser towards a healthier attitude.

But Nasser wanted armed power and economic aid as well. He ap-

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## Carmen Asks Arabs To Oust Communists

### Drive Showing Results

The drive to obtain \$350,000 for the National Shrine for the Jewish War Dead has already realized approximately fifteen per cent of its goal, with only one community, Pittsburgh, having had its meeting.

On November 15th, Captain Joshua L. Goldberg, addressed a gathering of prominent Pittsburgh citizens gathered together through the assistance of Harry Schaffer,

William F. Halsey, Fleet Admiral USN (Ret.) and James H. Doolittle, Lieutenant General USAF (Res.) have accepted the Honorary Co-Chairmanship of the effort on behalf of the National Shrine for the Jewish War Dead. General Omar N. Bradley is Chairman of the drive.

Past National Commander, who was also Chairman of the event. The meeting raised approximately \$12,500.

Other meetings are scheduled for Hartford, Connecticut; Dallas, Texas; Providence, Rhode Island; Detroit, Michigan and other communities throughout the country.

The JEWISH VETERAN and releases from National Headquarters will keep you apprised of the latest developments on the Shrine campaign.

National Commander William Carmen, last month appealed to the Arab Nations of the Middle East and their leaders, in their "efforts to seek justice, humanity and free-

dom for their peoples, to remove the insidious influence of the Soviet Union from their soil lest they find themselves engulfed in shackles which will annihilate the last vestiges of their will to national self-determination and drive them into a serfdom so absolute as to make the colonialism of the 19th Century seem a paradise of freedom."

Commander Carmen declared that he was motivated by a desire to assure all nations that Americans of all faiths "seek only to help secure for all peoples everywhere, spiritual, moral and economic values, regardless of race, creed or color, to the end that nations may dwell together in peace and harmony."

"There is one eternal bond which ties all men, making them brothers," Carmen said, "We are all made of flesh and blood. We all require food. Pain, hunger and disease affect all of us. All men yearn for free expression of their desires and motives and seek to raise their families in peace, and, at least, moderate happiness. But, above all, mankind prays to remain free and unfettered so that self-respect and dignity, in the sight of God and man, be preserved."

"Communism denies the inherent right of men to freedom of the spirit and self-respect. Communism says there is no such thing as the dignity of the individual. In the guise of bearers of the standards of liberty to former colonial domains, their goal is complete and utter domination over the minds,

the spirit and the hearts of people foolhardy enough to allow themselves to accept their statements at face value. One need only to think of the recent events in Hungary and Poland to recognize the force and validity of these truths."

"Reason and logic both demand that a solution recognizing the basic rights of self-rule and self-expression be found for the peoples in your area of the world," Carmen continued, "I can assure you that the physical, technical and financial resources of Americans of all faiths and creeds without any quid pro quo will be forthcoming to all nations in your area, provided that agreement can be reached, satisfactory to all the nations in the Middle East to alleviate, and in the end, eliminate the hatreds and uncertainties that plague that area."

"The road to lasting peace is undoubtedly long and hard," Carmen said. "But the road to abject slavery and a return to colonialism in its most virulent form can be swift and complete if communism is allowed to set foot on your native soil. Its guns and armor will be a poor substitute for the freedom which you seek and to which you are entitled."

"Friendship, not fear, motivates this appeal to you. We are not frightened by communist imperialism. Every American stands ready to defend with his life our freedom and our democracy and keep this blight from our own land and our

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## Membership Spurts Forward For 30 Per Cent Advance

JWV has spurred ahead to a thirty percent lead over last year in its membership figures. This indicates that Posts and members throughout the country are taking an active interest in JWV's programs and its unique incentive drive. There is still one more month before Operation "Cross Country" closes and Posts throughout the country have been urged to utilize all their resources in order to fully participate.

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 who paid his 1957 dues on or before September 30th, 1956 has been credited with four chances to win.
2. Each member who paid his 1957 dues on or before October 31st, 1956, will receive three chances to win.
3. Each member who pays 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 one 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 JWV'er is a new member if he has

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