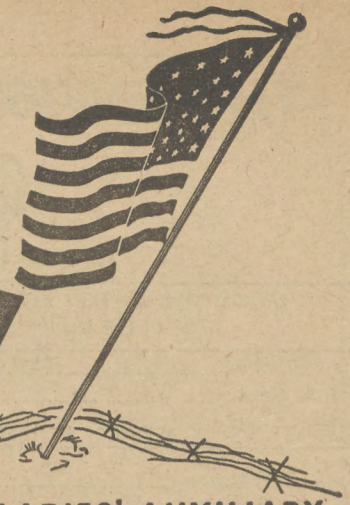




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Carmen Asks Eisenhower Spur Israel—Egypt Confab



PICKETING: Three leaders of JWV lead the picket line in front of the Egyptian Consulate in New York City in a mass demonstration against Egyptian persecution of Jews within its territory. Pickets marched for hours in a pouring rainstorm. L to R: Lester Duberstein, New York Executive Director; Harry Zax, Commander of the Department of New Jersey and Ralph Plofsky, Commander of the Department of New York.



HOLDING THE LINE: Holding their banners high, a delegation of Jewish War Veteran comrades are shown as they began picketing in front of the Egyptian Consulate in New York City. The members paraded before the Consulate for hours in the rain in a visible protest against Egyptian cruelty and deception. The group was commended by Commander Carmen who had given them permission to carry on the picketing earlier.

Post Preparing For Brotherhood Week

Posts throughout the country were busily preparing last month for the forthcoming Brotherhood affairs, many to be held during Brotherhood Week, February 17th through 24th.

Many Posts are adopting the JWV Brotherhood Program entitled "CLASSMATES TODAY — NEIGHBORS TOMORROW," as a vehicle to demonstrate the importance and meaning of Brotherhood.

Special Brotherhood scrolls

signed by the National Commander will be presented to high school students of the various faiths. According to Herbert Block, National Chief of Staff, the Posts should

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JWV Plays Cupid

The Jewish War Veterans played cupid last month as two JWV staffers, who had met each other on the job, became man and wife. Charles Drescher, able Supervisor of Veterans Service and his secretary Dorothy Lowenstein, were married December 28th in New York City.

Pay Your Shrine Pledge Today

National Commander William Carmen this month, in a telegram to President Eisenhower, urged that the President "invite Premier David Ben Gurion of Israel and President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt to meet concurrently" with him in Washington, "with a view towards thorough exploration of any and all roads that can lead to permanent peace settlement between these two key states of the Middle East."

The full text of the telegram is as follows:

"Our Country's stand in the United Nations during the recent Middle East crisis again demonstrated America's genuine interest in achieving peaceful solutions to problems threatening international peace and stability. Because reports from Washington and Middle East capitals have suggested that American prestige stands high in Middle East countries, we believe this is an appropriate moment for a fresh and dramatic approach to a solution of long smoldering Middle East tensions. We believe, Mr. President, that because of immense respect and confidence in which you are held by the peoples of the

countries involved that you can be a vital factor in the mediation of the continuing dispute between the governments of Egypt and Israel. We strongly urge, Mr. President, that you invite Premier David Ben Gurion of Israel and President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt to meet concurrently with you in Washington with a view towards thorough exploration of any and all roads that can lead to permanent peace settlement between these two key states of the Middle East. The Government of Israel has frequently declared its readiness to enter into peace negotiations. The government of Egypt, which has recently avowed its gratitude for the United States position in the United Nations, and has many times professed its peaceful intentions, will have an opportunity to demonstrate its good intentions in the Middle East. We respectfully invite your consideration, Mr. President, of this most urgent matter."

Membership Rises As Contest Closes

Membership figures as of December 31st, 1956, are showing a steady rise with the National Average increase up 14% compared with December 31st, 1955.

Much of the credit for this rise is due to the Jewish War Veterans' unique "Operation Cross Country," which closes as of December 31st. A drawing for the winners of the contest will be held in Washington, D. C. just prior to the January N.E.C. Meeting in New York.

The first 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

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Shrine Drive Shows Gain

The campaign to raise \$350,000 for the National Shrine for the Jewish War Dead will be highlighted by nearly one half a score of meetings and individual campaigns in the same number of communities.

Already on the schedule for January, early February and March are meetings in Los Angeles, Rochester, Buffalo, New York, Hartford, Bridgeport, New Haven and Atlanta.

The biggest meeting is expected to be held in Los Angeles where Louella Parsons, noted Hollywood Columnist, has accepted the chairmanship of a dinner to raise funds for the Shrine. Ed Pauley will be co-chairman of the dinner which will take place the latter part of next month.

As the Shrine drive gains momentum, a letter to all those who have pledged has gone out from

National Headquarters from National Administrator, Joseph F. Barr, who has urged fulfillment of the pledge as quickly as possible so that the main work on the interior of the Shrine can be completed as quickly as possible.

In commenting on the progress of the campaign, Comrade Barr pointed out that it is meeting every expectation and will assuredly be successful. He urged the full cooperation of all members of JWV where the affairs will take place.

In Las Vegas, Hank Greenspun, Editor and Publisher of the "Las Vegas Sun" is chairman of the drive currently going on in that city.