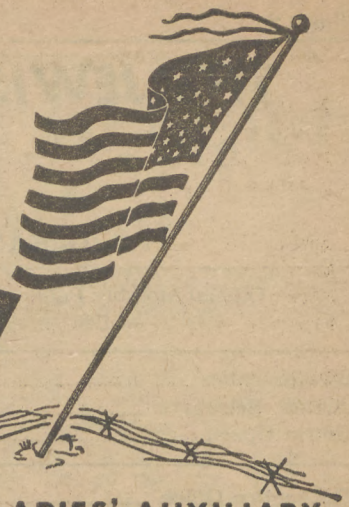




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Carmen Elected Commander

National Commander's Column

By William Carmen
National Commander



CALLS FOR UNITY

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the entire membership for the democratic fashion in which you elected me your National Commander. With the 1956 Convention a very successful thing of the past, I am looking forward to complete unity and teamwork from each member and all echelon's of our organization. As I stated in my campaign platform, it is my intention to utilize the ability and effectiveness of all our members irrespective of former political allegiance. I am pleased to say that Sam Shaikewitz of St. Louis will play a leading role in my administration.

It is one of my major objectives to keep the entire membership informed of all the activities of our organization, and I also hope that the membership will inform me of anything that it believes will be helpful in creating a better organization. For this reason, I encourage each person reading this column to write to me whenever he feels so inclined. You can be confident that I will pay personal attention to your correspondence and will give it the thought and answer it rightly deserves.

Through my National Chief of Staff, I hope to bring to as many individual Posts as possible, in person, an outline and plan for an active membership and program year.

I am pleased to report that since my election, I have met with the Presidents Club, a group of the presidents of all the leading Jewish organizations in the United States, at which time we heard an up-to-date report on Israel from Ambassador Abba Eban and we were able to exchange our ideas on the subject. You will be interested to know that a possible boycott with relation to Egypt, other Arab nations, and certain "un-American" American firms is now under consideration by our organization under the direction of the National Executive Committee and also under the consideration of this same Presidents Club. Final action on this matter will be taken in the very near future.

I have been in the Washington office, and I am rapidly acquainting myself with the various procedures and hope to add the benefit of my experience to the operation of National Headquarters.

Letters have been mailed to all Department Commanders and National Executive Committeemen requesting the suggested names of individuals for National appointments. I encourage all members who are desirous of giving of their time and ability to contact their own Department Commander or NEC man to volunteer their services.

May I take this opportunity to wish each and every member and his family a very healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year.

Morse Assails Saudi Pact

America should forego the oil rather than sign an agreement with Saudi Arabia permitting that country to "tell us what kind of Americans can wear our nation's uniform in Saudi Arabia," Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon told a cheering Jewish War Veterans convention audience.

Morse termed the oil agreement, under which the United States promised to send no American servicemen of Jewish faith to Saudi Arabian bases, "a black mark in our history" and said "the oil is not worth it!"

The Lehman Resolution, cosponsored by Morse and recently passed by the Senate, was directed at this sort of thing, Morse said. Under the resolution the Senate went on record as opposed to any discrimination in foreign policy agreements against groups of U. S. citizens.

"Today," said Morse, "it just happens to be America's Jews who are singled out. Tomorrow it may be the Catholics or the Protestants."

Nothing that the oil agreement
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Isaac Murov Elected Nat'l. Judge Advocate

In one of the most hotly contested elections in the history of the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A. William Carmen of Newton, Massachusetts was elected National Commander.

Isaac A. Murov of Stratford, Connecticut in another hotly contested race was elected National Judge Advocate.

Trophies Awarded For Hospital Work

The following were winners of the Hospitalization trophies presented annually at the National Convention. Announcement of the winners was made by Dr. Paul Guten, National Hospitalization Officer.

Post 487 Traveling Trophy for the Department rendering the most outstanding hospital services: Department of Massachusetts.

Ben Kaufman Traveling Trophy for the Post rendering the most outstanding hospital services: Free Sons of Israel Post, New York.

Plaque for the County Council rendering the best hospital services: Philadelphia County Council.

The 61st Annual Convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A. in Milwaukee proved to be one of the most exciting Conventions on record. In addition to the exciting elections, inspiring addresses by Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, Senator Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin, Senator Richard Neuberger of Oregon, Dore Schary, Rabbi Morris Kertzer and Harvey Higley rounded out the Convention program.

Approximately 3,500 delegates were present during the week-long business and fun Convention in the "Home of the Braves" and unanimously agreed that it was one of the most inspiring Conventions of recent date.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Jewish Veteran is printed the long list of resolutions passed by the delegates.

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Protest "Hitlerian" Concept In U. S. A. F. Regulation

JWV has protested the introduction of a "Hitlerian concept" into an Air Force Regulation.

Speaking before more than 1,000 delegates and guests

at the traditional Commander's Banquet, a highlight of the 61st Annual National Convention in Milwaukee, PNC Kaminsky cited U.S. Air Force Manual (U.S.A.E.F. Manual 30-1) entitled Clearance and Documentation for Leave and Duty Travel, dated June 20th, 1953.

Likening the regulations to the Nuremberg Law harking back to the Hitler regime, he quoted two paragraphs from the regulation:

Section XXII, Paragraph #3:
—"Individuals of Jewish faith or descent are strictly barred entrance or transit of Saudi Arabia. Further, any passport containing an Israeli visa will not be honored."

Section XII, Paragraph #30:
—"Individuals of the Hebrew race (let me repeat—the Hebrew race) will not be issued visas or admitted to Jordan."

"How consistent are the regulations which I have quoted," PNC Kaminsky said, "with American principle and the American Credo."

"Since when," he asked, "has the American Government undertaken to enforce within our borders, prejudice of a foreign government and its discriminations?"

"Our Government," he con-

tinued, "permits Arab countries to discriminate against Americans of Jewish faith in the granting of visas. It permits Arab countries to wage economic warfare against American concerns who do business with Israel. Our Government discriminates against American soldiers of Jewish faith from entering into Saudi Arabia and Jordan. Our American Government has not even protested the action of Saudi Arabia in precluding clergymen of Christian faith from conducting openly religious services at the Daharan Air Base in that country."

"Upon rationalization of the principle of free speech," PNC Kaminsky said, "our Government has failed to declare the Syrian Ambassador to the United States persona non grata for his attack against the loyalty and patriotism of American citizens of the Jewish faith."

"As a result of Arab pressure," he said, "our official government policy condones discrimination against American businessmen of Jewish faith."

"In the Middle East," PNC Kaminsky said, "we can live up to our moral responsibility by

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Operation 'Cross Country' Plans Unique Incentives

Once again Posts and Post members will have an opportunity to compete in a new membership incentive program entitled "Operation Cross Country." The big prize in the contest for one of the members of a JWV Post and his wife will be a vacation trip "cross country" to New York or Los Angeles.

The idea for "Operation Cross-Country" was conceived by National Commander William Carmen and his newly appointed Chief-of-Staff Herb Block. It is similar to the "Triple R" program of 1954-55 and Operation Eager Beaver of 1955-56.

In making the announcement of the new incentive drive Commander Carmen pointed out that "this will be a real test of the membership's ability to go out and bring in

new members. To JWV, as it is with other organizations new membership is our life's blood. We have already reversed the trend of other veteran's groups by showing yearly gains instead of losses. It is time this yearly gain reflected one hundred percent endorsement by every veteran of Jewish faith in the United States."

Other bonus awards will be a gold wrist watch for the Post Commander and Quartermaster of the

Every member who personally brings in fifteen new members prior to April 1, 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 himself by the National Commander or his representative.

Post of the winner of the contest. In addition, the winner of the grand prize, the "cross country" vacation trip, 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

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Editorial

The two sides, so to speak, of JWV's nature were no more eloquently described at the Convention than in the following excerpts from two addresses, the first by Dore Schary and the second by Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

"Science has made enormous strides, but in the field of human relations we have not kept pace. The hare of man's scientific achievement has far outdistanced the tortoise of human relations, which has plodded along gaining just a little bit.

One of our accomplishments is that we have finally created a method of warfare that can in no time at all decimate half the world's population and leave the remaining half in danger of slow and painful extinction. This dubious accomplishment may, however, seem less dubious and more beneficial if, as a result, we are frightened enough to create finally on earth a true peace and, once and irrevocably, abolish the sin and the slaughter and the waste of war. But the cloud hangs heavy—and we human beings have done too little in one area—and that is the area of our relationship to each other. It is in this area of human endeavor where, in my opinion, we have failed each other the most. It is this area that too few have done too little for too many.

We permit too much. We allow too much to go unnoticed or unspoken or unchallenged. We make too little of too many things. Good, decent people still go to hotels and join clubs that deny entrance to some of their friends. We elect to public office people who are still committed to the point of view that the color of a man's skin denies him the inalienable rights to which he is entitled. Too many of us still hate in the plural. I urge you veterans who have fought in one kind of war to enlist more of your time in the future to winning the way against bigotry of all kinds and in helping to solve this problem of human relations."—Dore Schary

"When we consider the veterans, I somehow sense straws in the wind . . . small straws at this stage . . . that, if unchecked, could reverse this healthy trend toward broader equality for all. Here and there are signs of erosion which, if allowed to spread, would eventually impinge upon our veterans' basic rights to equality.

First, let us never forget one basic truth about military service. Military service is not just one more function of citizenship . . . the same as casting your ballot, paying your taxes, joining your PTA, sweeping the snow off the sidewalk, or obeying the policeman at the corner.

Military service is a function of citizenship which transcends the normal requirements of citizenship.

Military Service entails the risking of life and limb for the protection of ones' country. Military Service is the willingness to accept the lottery of war—to pass willingly before the scrutiny of the Almighty for "His determination of who shall live and who shall die" . . . which words you will re-

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Readers Forum

Dear Editor:

I presume by now you have seen the text of the Republican plank on Arab discrimination. If not, I repeat it:

"We approve appropriate action to oppose the imposition by foreign governments of discrimination against United States citizens based on their religion or race."

Getting this much was about the hardest job of its kind I have ever tackled and I can honestly say that we would not have gotten it without the masterful participation and cooperation of Ben Weitzer. His presentation was perfect and his cooperation with this office was something that should set an all time example of liaison between national and local agencies. Aside from being as brilliant an operator as I have ever met, Ben is a fine person, and for sending him out here at this time our thanks go to JWV.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Eugene B. Block
Executive Director
Jewish Community Religious Council
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Editor:

When we went to the office of Mr. Edward Lieberman in March and told him of the case of my husband, Louis Ganz, he said that he would try and do the best he can. He promised nothing; but said that he had a very good man down in Washington and that would represent him at this hearing for correction of his military record, after getting a change for the hearing date. You have lived up to your reputation when you were able to submit evidence to warrant a review of the Army Board, and have them issue a Certificate of General Discharge from the Army of the United States. At many meetings of the JWVA I have heard them tell of the many wonderful things which the Jewish War Veterans have done for their members and families, and now I know.

Although we're saying "Thank you" there's a special meaning in these words that come to you today, and "Thank you" doesn't half express our gratitude to you.

Very respectfully,

MRS. ROSE E. GANZ
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Convention

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The following are some of the outstanding highlights of the convention:

- Sen. Morse tells delegates that Senate Resolution on Arab Discrimination was vital directive on Foreign Policy. Sen. Morse is also sparking drive to establish standing Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs.

- Sen. Wiley reprimands Egypt for its flirtation with the Communists and the vindictive seizure of the Suez Canal.

- Sen. Neuberger urges immediate extension of the G.I. Bill of Rights calling it one of America's greatest investments.

- Harvey Higley calls upon Veterans to work constructively to guard their benefits.

- Reubin Kaminsky calls upon Air Force to remove "Hitlerian concepts" in Regulation prohibiting American Servicemen of Jewish faith from entering Daharan Air Base in Saudi Arabia.

- Dore Schary calls upon Veterans to enlist more of their time in fighting bigotry and hate.



By Bernard Weitzer

National Legislative Director

OUR VIEWS MADE KNOWN

The Platform Committees of the National Republican Convention and the National Democratic Convention have received the full story of the key resolutions passed at the 61st Annual Convention just completed in Milwaukee. Your National Legislative Director appeared before the Platform Committee of the Democrats in Chicago on August 8 as our convention was in full swing and on August 15 and 16 he appeared before the Platform Committee of the Republicans in San Francisco.

The resolutions presented were on housing, national defense, a group of seven resolutions on foreign affairs which included the two resolutions—preservation of peace in Middle East and Near East and Arab discrimination against American citizens based on religion—in addition to our resolution reaffirming our support for NATO and Mutual Security Pact, the Technical Assistance Program, reciprocal trade agreements, the UN as the cornerstone of the United States, foreign policy and the opposition to admission of Red China to the UN. The civil rights resolution, immigration act revision, the Internal Security Program and the protection of civil rights wherever such rights have been abrogated, were presented in another group.

Similarly, veterans affairs resolutions were presented with strong statements opposing the application of the recommendations of the Hoover Commission and the more recent report of the Bradley Commission on veterans pensions and other benefits. Our long continued efforts for federal aid to education and school construction wound up JWV's plea for planks in the platforms of both parties, which would promise the achievements of our objectives.

EIGHTEEN RESOLUTIONS

Altogether 18 of the more important resolutions were submitted as the basis for platform planks which should be an integral part of the platforms on which the respective candidates will present their respective claims for being entrusted with the responsibility of administering our country's affairs for the next four years.

At the Democratic Convention the platform committee sat en masse. At the Republican Convention there were 10 sub-committees and Your National Legislative Director appeared before six of the sub-committees. The chairman of the Democratic Committee was our old friend John W. McCormack, and other key members included Congressman Celler of New York, Senator Green of Rhode Island, Brooks Hays of Arkansas and John Moss of California. All of these were on the drafting committee of the Platform Committee and the platform was written in practically all respects following closely the requests made by JWV. We have reason to be particularly gratified with the planks on the Middle East, Arab discrimination and veterans affairs.

COMMITTEE AT WORK

As this is written the drafting committee for the Republicans is actively at work. It is a little difficult to forecast what their foreign affairs planks and veterans benefits planks will include. It is encouraging that here too, we have some good friends with whom our national legislative director has worked over the years. Such men as Senator Dirksen of Illinois, Senator Ives of New York, Senator Duff of Pennsylvania and Congresswoman Bolton of Ohio will be helpful.

It must be remembered, though, that they cannot readily turn their backs on such administration policies as refusal of arms for Israel, the sponsorship of the Hoover Commission and the Bradley Commission, as well as the administration housing bill. Appearances before the Committee, even though with the most persuasive, logical words, must be supported by approaches to the individual members of the committee, particularly through its members who are charged with drafting the final planks. On that score, Your National Legislative Director has already had two talks with Senator Bush.

Particularly cheering in the appearances before the Committees were Congressman Madden's comment at the Democratic committee meeting on all of the JWV resolutions presented.

Noteworthy before the Republican sub-committees were the complimentary words of committee member Andreasen at the veterans affairs sub-committee, pointed questions by committee member Parsons of the Business and Economic Policy committee on JWV's housing resolution, the busy markings made by Senator Smith of New Jersey on the resolutions dealing with preservation of peace in the Middle East and Arab discrimination, commendations of JWV and the warm approval by Senators Duff and Saltonstall of JWV's stand in its National Defense resolution and similar comments by Senator Ives and several members of his committee for our resolutions on federal aid for schools and school construction.