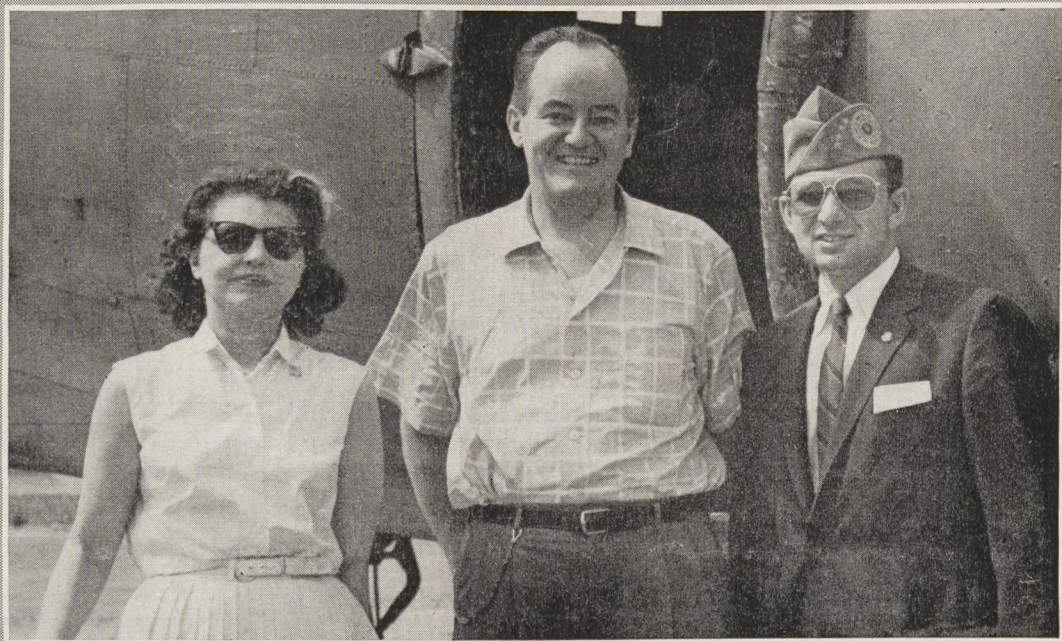


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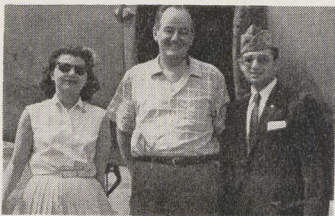


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A RECENT ITEM IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD INSERTED BY CONGRESSMAN DORN OF SOUTH CAROLINA WAS A SPEECH BY CONGRESSMAN GEORGE LONG OF LOUISIANA ENTITLED "UNFAIR TRIAL OF JESUS OF NAZARETH" . . . IN THE EXCERPT, CONGRESSMAN LONG CREDITS THE WRITINGS OF DR. GERALD L. K. SMITH FOR AIDING HIM IN THE "RESEARCH AND STUDY". J.W.V. HAS PROTESTED TO BOTH CONGRESSMEN FOR THIS SCURRILOUS USE OF THE RECORD.

RECENT DECISION BY VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MAKES POSSIBLE RE-USE OF G.I. LOANS FOR MORTGAGE IF VETERAN LEAVES AREA FOR BETTER JOB, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH ACTION IS BEYOND HIS CONTROL OR BY HIS OWN VOLITION. PREVIOUSLY, RE-USE WAS POSSIBLE ONLY WHEN THE VETERAN LEFT THE AREA BECAUSE OF REASONS BEYOND HIS CONTROL.

BILL TO OBTAIN FEDERAL CHARTER FOR A NATIONAL SHRINE IS STILL HUNG UP IN CONGRESS. LETTERS BY J.W.V. MEMBERS MUST BE FORTHCOMING IF THE BILL IS EVER GOING TO REACH THE FLOOR OF CONGRESS.

BILL TO AMEND LEGISLATION REGARDING HUMANE KILLING OF ANIMALS HAS BEEN AMENDED TO DEFINE SLAUGHTER FOR RELIGIOUS RITUALS PARTICULARLY KOSHER BUTCHERING AS HUMANE. NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER HYMIE GREENSPAN AND CONGRESSMAN POAG OF TEXAS WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN HAVING THIS LEGISLATION AMENDED.

SENATOR HUBERT HUMPHREY CRITICIZED AFTER INTERVIEW WITH NASSER RECENTLY. INFORMATION AT HAND INDICATES THAT HUMPHREY IS CONVINCED THAT NASSER MUST BE ISOLATED RATHER THAN CUT DOWN DIRECTLY BECAUSE NASSER STILL HAS AN ALMOST MYSTICAL HOLD ON THE MASSES OF THE PEOPLE. HUMPHREY IN A RECENT LETTER SAYS HE RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO ISRAEL IN MAY AN EVEN STAUNCHER FRIEND OF ISRAEL.

ALFRED LILLIENTHAL'S RECENT BOOK ON THE MIDDLE EAST RECEIVED BAD REVIEWS FROM MOST REVIEWERS, PARTICULARLY THE REV. DR. DAN POLING . . . DR. POLING, THE FATHER OF ONE OF THE FOUR CHAPLAINS, A NOTED LECTURER, WRITER AND CLERGYMAN, WILL BE THE SPEAKER AT THE FRIDAY NIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE CONVENTION.

NATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR BARR AND AMBASSADOR EBAN RECENTLY HELD TOP LEVEL TALKS PRIVATELY TO DISCUSS VARIOUS PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, ROUNTREE AND OFFICIALS AFFILIATED WITH THE U.N.

AN INTERESTING SIDELIGHT WAS THAT AS THE CONFERENCE WITH ROUNTREE TERMINATED, ERIC JOHNSTON WAS WAITING IN THE OUTER ROOM AND J.W.V. REPRESENTATIVES DISCUSSED THE NECESSITY OF STIMULATING INTEREST AND SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL OF THE JOHNSTON PLAN FOR A SO-CALLED TVA IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS THE ONLY LOGICAL PLAN FOR DISPOSING OF THE REFUGEE QUESTION.

POLL OF POLICY COMMITTEE HAS FIRMED UP JWV POLICY ON GIRARD CASE . . . JWV NOW ON RECORD AS AGAINST POSITION OF GOVERNMENT IN THAT CASE.

GOODWILL JOURNEY

by WILLIAM CARMEN
National Commander

(National Commander William Carmen accompanied by his wife Beverly, left Boston on May 2, 1957 for a 15 day official J.W.V. Good-will visit to Europe and Israel. They visited with World leaders in London, Paris, Rome and Israel and returned to the United State on May 17, 1957.)

I AM confident that our trip overseas was the most successful ever taken by an official of the J.W.V. The full importance of my mission cannot be analyzed at this time, but by the date of the National Convention the real impact will be reported.

Our first stop was Paris, France, where we remained but 36 hours. In this period, we managed to have a conference with the President of the Federation of Jewish Veterans Organization of France. We also made all the arrangements to decorate the American Military cemeteries outside of Paris where "United States' Unknown Soldiers of World War II" are buried and also made arrangements to visit NATO Headquarters and General Norstad.

We spent two days in Rome and in this brief space of time had an audience with Pope Pius XII and travelled over 100 miles to Anzio Beach and Nottuna where we decorated the Monument at the American Military cemetery for Southern Italy. We also met with leaders of the American Legion, Department of Italy.

While in London, we decorated the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers of Great Britain in Westminster Abbey, had conferences with the leaders of Ajex, the Association of Jewish Ex-servicemen and Women of Great Britain, leaders of the British Legion, and members of Parliament. We also had an opportunity to visit with many Jewish and non-Jewish religious leaders in all free countries.

The conditions which I have recently



Laying a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown soldier in Israel.

seen and felt in the Middle East compel me to state that the time has arrived now for us to determine with whom our country shall continue our alliance. It must be either the democratic State of Israel or the Arab nations dominated by their dictators and kings. From my observation and recollections of American History, our own historic past is filled with the struggle against monarchs and dictators. From what I have seen these past weeks, the nation of Israel is itself going through exactly the same evolution which we experienced in the United States.

We could have no more natural ally than this democracy. Unfortunately, all of you cannot take the time to visit this country which is but nine years old, but if you could, you too would have the strange sensation of imagining yourself back in the United States and seeing the country as it was during the various stages in its growth between 1800 and 1957.

You would see beasts of burden working side by side with gigantic trucks; men preparing the soil with their hand-made hoes and others using the most powerful diesel tractors. It is a country where everything available is put to use, but because pioneering, immigration and industrialization are all taking place simultaneously, the progress is not as fast as in older countries. However, the nation of Israel is rapidly approaching the modernization of tomorrow and through new industrial developments, it will one day reach its objective and become one of the most pro-



With the Dean of Westminster Abbey
and the head of AJEX.

gressive countries on earth.

In Israel, I was assigned a guide, a chauffeur and car plus an Air Force plane and crew. The guide was from the foreign ministry and was one of their experts on Middle East affairs. The first day we were taken around the border of the Gaza Strip, to a kibbutz on the most southwesterly portion of the Strip, which is nearest to the Sinai area and the farthest away from civilization.

This kibbutz had been subjected to infiltration during the months prior to the Sinai campaign; more than 200 incidents had taken place there. The people living there are happy at the moment because of the tranquility. U.N. troops from India are stationed practically opposite them and 1,000 yards away through field glasses, you are able to watch them as they patrol their particular area.

In the kibbutz, 200 people are living

cooperatively. They have nursery schools; they have their own live stock; they raise their own crops and sell them in turn in the City of Tel Aviv and are completely self-sufficient. What they take for granted is astonishing! I saw people, both men and women, milking cows with rifles on their backs. They use a community shower house and go to the shower house with their rifles. They check them as they go in and pick them up as they go out. They carry their rifles as we carry the shirts on our back. They never put them down in spite of the fact that they have had several months of peace. They have had one incident recently where a mine was blown up on the road within about 200 yards of this settlement, otherwise, things have been quiet. Their desire is to live quietly and peacefully, but they are fully prepared for any eventuality.

Later in the week, I met Shimon Peress, who is the Director General of the Ministry of Defense. He told me what had transpired during the time when Israel had been negotiating for release of the Gaza Strip to the Egyptians. When the Israeli's took the Gaza Strip, they intended to keep it. They never intended to give it up.

They wanted to use it as the terminus for the oil that will be coming up from Elath, the oil they hope to send to Europe. There is now no port on the Mediterranean except Tel Aviv and Haifa, which are much too far away from Elath. They thought they could compromise and keep

half of the strip, the northern half. While they were negotiating to give it up, on a particular evening several of the leaders of the Government met in Ben Gurion's office. He pulled down a map.

He pointed to a place on the map twelve miles north of the strip. Here we shall build our port, he said, it will be a city of 100,000 people and will be called Ashdod Yam. They started out about four and one half months ago to build what they consider to be the first step—a power station. The power station is now about one-third completed; it is about eight stories high. When the project began all the workers had to come from various settlements and from Tel Aviv. Thirty busloads of workers work until sundown for seven days a week. The only day they stopped within the last six months was Independence Day. Among the workers are new immigrants from Poland, Russia, Egypt and Morocco. I was particularly interested in asking the Poles and the Russians about Communism, because some of them had been in Israel only three weeks. Their answer was simple and to the point; they detest even mentioning the word. There will never be anything to fear regarding Communists in Israel!

These people are building their own city. They are living in temporary shelters and have the incentive to build their own homes. Nothing is impossible to them.

The next day we visited Elath, joined by Senator Humphrey who was in Israel at the time. At the moment, there are really