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Miami Convention Picking Up Steam

All members were urged last month to get their reservations into National Headquarters as quickly as possible so that they may be assured of the kind of accommodations that they desire.

From the tabulations of reservations now being processed at National, there is every indication that this year's convention will surpass all those ever held, from the point of view of attendance.

In addition to the host of extras that

THREE HATS IN RING

Three candidates have declared for National Commander with elections to be held at the convention. Details on Page 3.

will be available to JWV, the hotel has announced a new program called "Around the World International Festival." Here is the way it will work:

First Day . . . A "Paris Party Time" starts off the week of fun with a revue, chanteuses, puppet show, prizes—in addition to the JWV Early Bird Night.

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JWV Honored For Vote Job

The Jewish War Veterans was one of twenty national membership organizations, honored this month by the American Heritage Foundation and the Advertising Council for "public service leadership in working to get out the largest possible informed vote and to broaden the base of participating in politics and public affairs."

Tribute was paid at a luncheon and press conference, where advertising material for the 1960 Contribute-Work-Vote Campaign for 1960 was previewed. Brigadier General David Sarnoff presided as chairman of the American Heritage Foundation. Speakers included Paul M. Butler, chairman of the Democratic National Committee and Sen. Thruston B. Morton, chairman of the Republican National Committee, who endorsed the campaign as a means of broadening the base of financial support of persuading millions of Americans to back their candidates by working for them.

A volunteer task force of advertising writers and artists has put together an array of newspaper and magazine advertisements, radio, announcements and television films, cards and posters, using the theme, "Don't Pass the Buck."

Abrams Reports On Visit To President

BY BERNARD ABRAMS
NATIONAL COMMANDER

I am pleased to report that I had a very pleasant conference with the President of the United States at the White House. I met him at 10:30 A.M. The usual period allowed for such an interview is fifteen minutes, but before I left the President, more than thirty-three minutes had gone by.

It is interesting to note that as I left the President's office, several members



National Commander Bernard Abrams is shown with President Eisenhower during his recent visit to the White House.

First Claim

The first claim under the JWV Official Insurance Program has been processed and will be paid forthwith. JWV's insurance program has been a tremendous success and it is expected to swell in participation from year to year.

of the Cabinet who had been summoned to meet with the President had been waiting, cooling their heels outside while I was talking with the President. I was accompanied by the National Executive Director.

I opened with congratulating him on his health and commented as to how well he looked. I congratulated him on the sound moral position he had assumed on the Summit Conference and told him that we, along with all other Americans, were proud of the way in which he had conducted himself, his dignified conduct and his refusal to descend to vituperation in response to Mr. Khrushchev. The President countered by saying that he had learned through a life-time of experience that a man who uses vituperation, who pounds a desk, and who shouts, all in an effort to awe his audience, usually does so because he does not feel that his position is sound.

He called attention to the fact that if one were to look at pictures of Hitler making a speech, one would surely assume that here, indeed, was a superman, yet Hitler died, in the President's words, a "coward's death."

I urged upon the President the calling of a White House Conference to deal with discrimination and prejudice against minorities. I suggested to him that prejudice and discrimination of this kind was subversive in nature and tended to divide Americans one from another.

I called the President's attention to the fact that notwithstanding he had led the military forces of the United States in World War II, to eradicate

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JWV Membership Up

June 3 . . . a red letter day in JWV history. For it was on this day that JWV reached its 1959 membership figure, and began the push for greater membership gains.

The real task lies ahead. As of June 1, membership was 3700 ahead of the same day in 1959. The ability to retain this gain will depend on JWV's retention clean-up effort during the remainder of this month and the month of July.

Approximately 6000 members are still on the unpaid 1960 roles. The collection of dues from the majority of these will make possible the largest net gain record in JWV history.

Many posts and departments are now undertaking Retention Clean-up Campaigns, timing local drives to commence on the same day, as that of the Na-

tional Clean-up Retention Campaign, which begins on Sunday, June 25.

Posts are urged to plan door-to-door collection of dues drives on Sunday, June 25. A successful approach is for the Post or Posts within a Council to hold a morning brunch, during which time, teams of two members are assigned the names of the unpaid members to contact that very same day. A report back meeting is held late in the afternoon in order to give the teams an opportunity to turn in collected dues.

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TEN TOP POSTS

AS OF MAY 31, 1960

POST NO.	LOCATION	MEMBERSHIP
131	Syracuse, New York	603
50	Brooklyn, New York	509
156	Trenton, New Jersey	504
215	Philadelphia, Pa.	479
49	Pittsburgh, Pa.	471
212	Wilkes Barre, Pa.	470
112	Atlanta, Georgia	464
165	Scranton, Pa.	461
122	Columbus, Ohio	433
47	Passaic, New Jersey	364

Commanders Column

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Nazism and Fascism, we have witnessed a surge of neo-Nazism including a spectacle right here in Washington which, if it happened anywhere else in the world, would be looked at by us with loathing, as being a manifestation of something we despise.

I asked the President whether movements of this type, which could well be tied with the wave of desecration and vandalism that has occurred, particularly since Christmas, 1959, when it started in Cologne, Germany, could be investigated by the Department of Justice and declared to be subversive in nature.

The President then immediately issued an instruction to his aide in the room to prepare the necessary memorandum to the Attorney General to take the necessary action. I called his attention also to the fact that there was a serious question as to whether movements of this type were not being financed with monies received from Communist sources and if this were true, would there be a question concerning the subversive character of such actions.

We were promised that this would be looked into. The President expressed amazement, saying that he had thought that the Civil Rights Act as enacted by the 86th Congress, 2nd Session, specifically covered actions of this type. In any event, we were assured that this would receive the proper attention.

As the members of the organization know, I returned on May 5th from my participation in a 70-man group on a Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, during which I covered many of the defense installations in the United States from Colorado in the West to Fort Benning, Georgia, and then to Langley Field and to Norfolk, Virginia. I witnessed Marine amphibious landings at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

I had noted the strong morale which exists in the armed forces; the prepared position we have assumed, and I commented on this to the President and complimented the Defense Department.

I said that I was delighted to know this because this was assurance to the American people that there would never be another day of infamy such as Pearl Harbor. The President supplemented the statement and went even further by saying that there was more than one day of infamy due to the lack of preparedness, and called attention to the fact that when the Korean episode broke, we were totally unprepared for war, notwithstanding that he, as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff had asked for an adequate defense budget and for measures to supplement and strengthen our armed forces.

I raised with the President the question of use of the Suez Canal by ships carrying cargo to and from Israel. I reminded him of the statement he had made on February 20th, 1957, when in urging the Israelis to withdraw from Sinai, he had said that if Egypt fails to abide by international law and permit the use of the international waterways, appropriate steps would be taken through the United Nations.

The President declared his continued interest in the matter and said that while unfortunately direct negotiations had proven unsuccessful, he and his administration were doing what they could behind the scenes and would continue in an effort to bring about a peaceful solution and settlement of this problem.

The issue then was raised by me with regard to the denying of visas to Americans to visit the so-called Arab countries in the Middle East, where the denial is predicated on their Jewish faith. The President said that the only instance he had heard of was Saudi Arabia and I told him that there were other countries in the area which had assumed the same position. I reminded the President that in 1912, another Republican President, William Howard Taft had ended a treaty of amity with Russia which had been in existence for more than 100 years, all because Russia had adopted this attitude. The President, on this, assured me that he would do what he could through the appro-

Miami Convention

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Second Day . . . "Viva Venice" Olympic Festival, Boat Ride (Gondola style) and many other surprises.

Third Day . . . "Aloha Hawaii"—Hula dancers, string music and exotic foods.

Fourth Day . . . "Vienna" City of Dreams—Prize watches, polka dances, King and Queen of the Waltz will be chosen.

Fifth Day . . . "Fiesta in Spain" Ole! Toreador Cabaret, Tournaments of all kinds, rhumbas and . . .

Sixth Day . . . "Caribbean Capers"—Calypso contests, real tropical fiesta with prizes galore.

Seventh Day . . . "Carnival in Rio"—with authentic Rio Revue direct from Brazil, Samba and other contests.

Eighth Day . . . "Riviera Reminiscences"—Wonderful Monte Carlo Night filled with music, cruise thru beautiful Biscayne Bay.

The program will assure delegates of a fun-filled convention. A special rate of \$8.00 per day per person, two in a room, has been arranged and includes many extras. Among them are the following:

- Free chaise lounges at pool side (normally a charge of \$1.00 per day or \$5.00 per week is charged for each guest.)

- Early Bird Night, Sunday, August 7th, free cocktails, weiner roast, entertainment and dancing.

- Calvalcade of Stars, Monday evening, August 8th, top entertainment in the hotel's magnificent Napoleon Room.

- Quiz Show, Wednesday evening, August 10th, entertaining diversion for fun-seeking delegates.

- Boat rides, regularly conducted boat rides all week on the Hotel's fabulous yacht "The Jolly Roger."

- Bowling Competition, including free transportation.

- Services Friday night and Saturday morning.

- Also available for guests in the hotel; an ice skating rink; swimming pool; putting green, 21" TV in every room.

Rooms at the hotel will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. JWV's commitment with the hotel is for the use of "all" hotel rooms not just those set aside for the lower rates.

Because of the limited space available for the National Commander's Banquet and the National President's Luncheon, delegates are urged to send in their checks for tickets along with their minimum deposit.

For those who want to know exactly what it will cost them to stay at the hotel, here is a breakdown.

I. 7 nights (8 days) Aug. 7-14—European Plan (without meals) (two in a room) \$137.50 for 2.

2 Registrations.

2 Tickets—Early Bird night (Sunday, Aug. 7) (free cocktail, entertainment and music).

2 Tickets to the Calvalcade of Stars (Monday night, Aug. 8th).

2 Tickets to the Quiz show (Wednesday night, Aug. 10th).

1 Ticket to National Ladies Luncheon (Friday, Aug. 12th).

1 Ticket to Commander's Banquet (Saturday, Aug. 13th).

2 Tickets for the boat ride (all week)

2 Chaise lounges (all week)

Use of the putting green (all week).

Use of the pools (all week).

21" TV in every room (no extra charge).

II. 6 nights (7 days) (two in a room) August 8th to 14th (Same as above except for Early Bird Night) \$121.00 for 2

III. 5 nights (six days) (two in a room) August 9th to 14th (Same as above except Early Bird Night and Calvalcade of Stars)\$105.00 for 2

IV. 4 nights (five days) two in a room) August 10th to 14th (Same as above except for Early Bird Night and Calvalcade of Stars)\$89.00 for 2

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

How long, O Lord, are we to suffer the mouthings and indignities of this madman from Red Square? How long will this ranting, deceitful despot, whose speciality is playing both ends against the middle, be permitted to monopolize news and air space in our daily lives? And why, O Lord, do we persist in expressing our stunned amazement with the Paris fiasco? Is there a deficit of imagination within us? Is it that there is no one in our midst able to project himself into the basic thought patterns and processes of the Soviet leaders? Have they not been caught up

appropriate agency to try to ameliorate the situation.

I assured the President of the complete support of our organization on his position re the Mutual Security Act, Namely, the appropriation for military and economic aid. I told him JWV agreed with him that the full four billion plus authorized should be appropriated. The President thanked me for this and expressed his amazement that those who opposed his position on this matter failed to see the necessity for the help provided by legislation of this type.

All in all, I am pleased to report what I consider to be a successful meeting with the President and I think that the organization should note especially that the President, at the onset, in discussing veterans organizations in general, said he could understand why an such as ours, having special problems which called for an organization composed solely of American veterans of the Jewish faith, had to exist.

countless times in trickery, dissimulation and sudden death? Have not the Reds proved conclusively enough to us that dissemination of world peace and the abatement of cold-war tensions are not their most important products? Why then, O Lord of Hosts, do our people sit back, bemoan their fate and cover their heads with ashes? Give us, O Lord, in this parlous time the strength to stand for something lest we fall for anything!

Arthur J. Kaplan
David Blick Post
Elizabeth, New Jersey

Dear Editor

I am writing a special Jewish writers market article for a nationally circulated writers magazine and I need your help. I would appreciate your publishing this letter with the following request; would any individual who has information about special writing prizes, awards and scholarships by Jewish Congregations, groups or institutions please contact me with that information at my address. Thank you.

Very truly yours,
Martin J. Warmbrand
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We gratefully acknowledge your continued subscription of 1 copy of "The Jewish Veteran" to the veterans hospitalized here.

The understanding and help of your organization is of immeasurable assistance to us for it would not be possible for us to provide this service to our patients.

All publications are placed in the Library where the men can read and enjoy them at all times.

In thanking you for this splendid donation, we speak for all our patients.

Sincerely,
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