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## FEUER NEW COMMANDER PLOFSKY ELECTED J. A.

I. L. Feuer of Youngstown, Ohio, at the National Convention in Miami Beach, was elected National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans.

Ralph Plofsky of White Plains, New York, was elected National Judge Advocate.

The convention proved to be one of the most stimulating ever held by the JWV in recent years. Resolutions, passed at the Convention are printed elsewhere in this issue. One of the highlights of the convention was a panel discussion on Fascism in America.

The panel included National Executive Director Joseph F. Barr, Chairman of the National Foreign Affairs Committee, PNC Abraham Kraditor, JTA Correspondent Milton Friedman and



Mrs. I. L. Feuer congratulates her husband on his election to the highest post in the organization.

National Director of Public Relations Warren Adler.

The matter of George Lincoln Rockwell was directly expounded. Slides were shown of American Nazi Party activities in Washington and New York.

Commander Feuer has been a member of the organization since its organization in Youngstown, Ohio. He was the Post's first Commander and has served in every conceivable JWV office. He brings to the position of National Commander a wealth of experience in the community relations field.

As Director of the Department of Welfare of Mahoning County, he has shown the kind of leadership and experience and administrative ability that can be effective in pursuing his job as National Commander.

Ralph Plofsky is a lawyer of unquestioned ability, who has given dedicated service to JWV over the years. He has served on all echelons of the organization and has been active in many national committees.

### JWV Insurance To Reopen

The JWV Life Insurance program will be reopened during the month of November 1960. The enrollment period will continue through the month of December 1960 and will close December 31, 1960.

Members will receive in the mail, during the first week in November, a brochure and an application form. This brochure will carry full details concerning the new provisions of the plan and instructions for making application.

JWV members who wish to take advantage of this opportunity to enroll should fill out the application complete and mail it with a check for the premium in the pre-stamped, pre-addressed envelope to be provided. All paid-up members of JWV and its Auxiliaries are eligible to obtain this life insurance coverage.

During the initial enrollment period last spring more than 10,000 JWV and JWVA members enrolled under the plan. Due to the overwhelming number of requests from the Posts for a general re-opening, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE AND THE INSURANCE ADMINISTRATOR, have secured this reopening for the membership. In addition, to the brochures and applications which are sent to each JWV member, a supply of informational material will be provided to each post commander or post insurance officer for distribution to members.



Myer Dorfman, PNC, administers the oath of office to Commander Feuer immediately following his election.

### Nazi Sues JWV and U.S.M.C.

The Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A. late last month was served with notice of a suit by a member of the American Nazi Party for damages amounting to \$501,575.50, for allegedly engaging in a conspiracy to have him discharged from the Marine Corps on other than honorable grounds.

National Executive Director Joseph F. Barr was served with a summons in the case of John Patler vs the United States and the Jewish War Veterans.

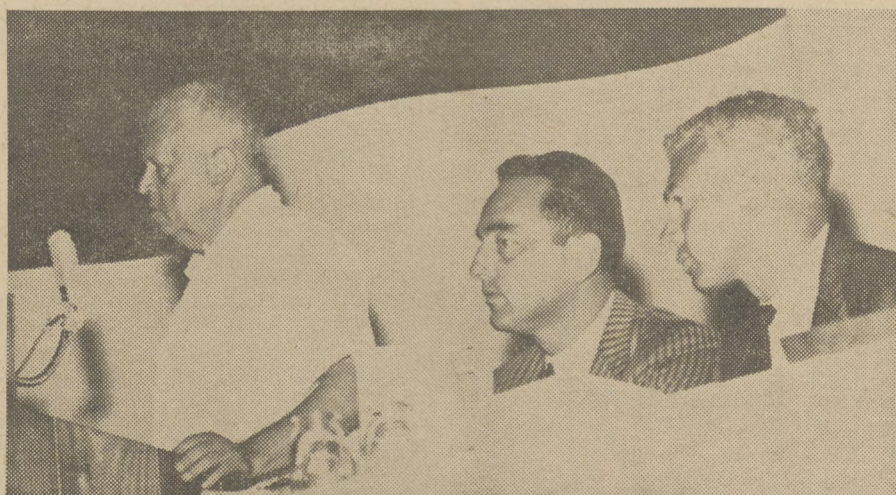
Also named as defendants in the civil action brought by Patler, who acted as

his own attorney, are General David M. Shoup, Commandant of the U. S. Marine Corps; Lt. General E. W. Snedeker, Commandant, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va.; Lt. Colonel F. A. Scheer, Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps, Washington, D. C., and Captain L. R. Young, Commanding Officer, Guard Company, Service Battalion, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va. In addition to the Jewish War Veterans, the immediate Past National Commander, Bernard Abrams, of Jersey City, New Jersey, was also named.

Patler was discharged from the Marine Corps with a general discharge; i.e., under honorable conditions rather than by an honorable discharge, after he was exposed as a member of the American Nazi Party. The Jewish War Veterans protested to the Marine Corps and the President of the United States. Patler's being retained in the Marine Corps on the grounds that his participation in the American Nazi Party was detrimental to the morale and good of the service.

The Marine Corps saw fit to discharge Patler (or Patsalas as he was known as a Marine Corps private) after their investigation had established his partici-

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Abraham Kraditor is shown at the panel discussion on "The Hate Monger." Looking on are the other participants, Director of Public Relations Warren Adler and JTA's Washington Correspondent Milton Friedman. National Executive Director Joseph F. Barr was also a panelist.

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## JWV Kicks Off 1960 Campaign

By Louis Schrier

Director of Program and Membership  
"IT PAYS TO PAY IN ADVANCE"

This is the slogan of the 1961 Early Birds Dues Payment Campaign, which was officially kicked off on October 1. The goal is a 100% paid up membership by December 31.

More than 700 Posts throughout the country will mail out their first dues statement on October 1 and enclose with it a new specially prepared insert, which urges the member to pay in advance.

As an inducement to pay early, members paying their 1961 dues in the latter months of 1960 will become eligible to win \$100 Savings Bonds. A bond will be awarded monthly during the campaign, based upon a drawing from the names

of all members who have paid 1961 dues to date. The earlier a member pays his dues, the more frequent will be his chances to win the monthly prize. Drawings will be held on November 15, December 15 and January 15.

1. A member paying his dues during the month of October will have his name entered in all three drawings.

2. A member paying his dues during the month of November will have his name entered in December 15 and January 15 drawings.

3. A member paying his dues during the month of December will have his name entered in the January 15th drawing.

Many Posts are supplementing the national contest by adding prizes of their own, including radios, pen and

## The Commander Reports

By

**I. L. Feuer**

National Commander

It is with a deep sense of humility that I take over the reins of this great organization. There is much to be done. This is a time of crisis not only for the Jewish community, but for the entire Free World.

This is a time for self discipline and a responsible exercise of our faith in American tradition and in the American concept of democracy.

We owe a responsibility to ourselves, too, to build up our organization, to increase our membership, to create dynamic programs, to sell our organization and have a meaningful effect upon the American community.

It is my intention to revitalize our programs and procedures and give my administration the kind of leadership that will not only look toward the achievements of today but toward the progress of tomorrow. I want it stated now, at the beginning of my year in office, that I will be accessible to all who have the kind of suggestions that will make the organization grow and prosper.

In the areas of fund-raising and membership, we are also in need of a program that can achieve the kind of results that will put us in the forefront of the American Jewish community. We must not lose ground. My appointments will be men who can deliver. It is my intention too, to be straight-forward in my efforts to get the job done.

Out of each and every member I ex-

pect a singleness of purpose and the kind of unity that will make our organization outstanding in every respect. We must make a greater impact in the American Jewish community. We must consolidate our relations not only with Jewish organizations, but with veterans organizations. Our voice must be strong. Our efforts must be forceful and dynamic. We must also look to the youth of our organization to groom them for positions of leadership in the trying days ahead. I am going to make a major effort for all Posts, Counties and Departments to give youth the opportunities to move ahead within the ranks of this organization.

In many respects, though, youth is a point of view, not necessarily a condition of years. I want young ideas, I want to see the ground swell under youthful strength from the grassroots upward. It is time we threw off the shackles of undynamic thinking and look toward a better way to do the job. If we do not come up with this better way then we have only ourselves to blame.

If there is any single thing that I must accept during this year, it is to rally our membership behind the inspiration and ideals that underlie our preamble.

If we are to be the Patriotic Voice of American Jewry, then we must act with greater effort, greater sacrifice, greater ideas. From here on in, let's move ahead.

## Posts Begin Drive To 'Get Out The Vote'

By Louis Schrier, Director of Program and Membership

Posts are urged to plan "Get Out The Vote" programs, in conjunction with J.W.V.'s co-sponsorship of the American Heritage Foundation's "Nonpartisan Good Citizenship Program." The purpose of the program is

to encourage every American not only to register, but to study the issues and vote on an informed basis.

The following suggestions are offered to help your Post in launching a "Get Out The Vote" campaign.

1. First, approach other organizations, including service clubs, women's groups, church and synagogues and other veteran groups, and ask for their help.
2. Set up a special volunteer group, consisting of representatives of all the organizations participating in the program, and recruit as many volunteers as you can. Assure them that they will be given interesting and useful things to do . . . and then make sure that they are.

3. Get the backing of outstanding leaders in your community.

4. Raise the necessary funds by approaching the two political parties and asking them to cooperate or by asking business firms for contributions.

5. Set up committees and delegate responsibility to them. Have cooperating organizations represented on your committees.

6. Plan methods of informing the voter of the issues involved. Radio and TV stations will be happy to give free time to this important public service project. You may wish to sponsor a candidates' meeting, discussion groups, etc. At these meetings, the emphasis will be on the qualifications of the candidates and the issues involved, and the mechanics of voting, especially for new voters and newly naturalized citizens.

7. Putting on stunts is a good way of attracting public attention and interest to the campaign. Be sure to publicize the stunts. Among those that have proven effective are stenciled "Vote" signs on the sidewalk, a votemobile which tours the community offering citizens helpful voting information, essay contest for high school students on subject "the right to vote," public service booths at busy intersections, voting schools at some community meeting place, placing vote signs on municipal vehicles.

Posts interested in more information on organizing a "Get Out The Vote" program are urged to write Program Dept., National Headquarters.