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## JWV SPURS BIG DRIVE FOR MORE MEMBERS

### Abrams Hits Navy On Arab Boycott

National Commander Bernard Abrams last month strongly protested the U. S. Navy's participation in the Arab Boycott.

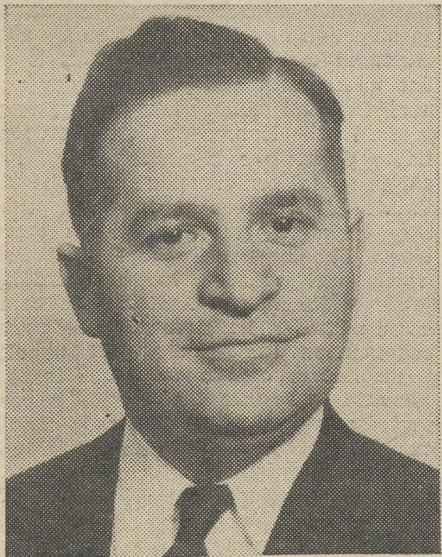
In telegrams to both Secretary of Defense Thomas Gates, and Secretary of State, Christian Herter, Abrams declared that "the revelation that the United States Navy has played an active role in the Arab Boycott comes as a deep shock to the Jewish War Veterans which has as a major program the education of the American Public to the dangers of this kind of international blackmail. This action is on a par with the screening of personnel by the Air Force, so as to keep Americans of the Jewish faith from active service in some overseas bases.

"The Arab Boycott goes far deeper than simply dealing with trade with Israel. One purpose of the boycott is to

prevent companies which have Jews in ownership or managerial position, whatever their nationality, from trading with Arab nations. The fact is that the U. S. Navy not only aids and abets this international immorality, but also directly violates the position taken by its Commander-in-Chief, President Eisenhower, who on February 20th, 1957, laid down the policy of the United States by stating that if Egypt "violates the Armistice Agreement or other international obligations, then this should be dealt with firmly by the Society of Nations."

"The action of the Navy not only countermands this policy but arrogantly and knowingly helps Egypt violate these  
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### New Staffer



Louis Schrier

Louis Schrier, of Cincinnati, Ohio, this month assumed the duties as Assistant to the National Executive Director at National Headquarters.

Mr. Schrier was the Regional Membership Director and Assistant to the District Secretary of District 2, Grand Lodge of B'nai B'rith. Prior to his coming to Washington, he was a member of Cincinnati Post 438, and formerly the Commander of Post 524, of Cleveland, Ohio. He also served as Sr. Vice Commander of Cuyahoga Council.

During World War II, Mr. Schrier served with the Air Transport Command, Alaskan Division.

He is married to the former Faye Pollock of Cleveland. They have two sons, Daniel, eleven, and Steven, seven.

### Spring Membership Drive

### JWV Needs Members—Do Your Bit Today

- ... Smearing of swastikas on Jewish buildings!
- ... Desecrating of graves in Jewish cemeteries!
- ... Distributing of inflammatory anti-Semitic literature!
- ... Bombings of houses of worship!

Are you going to be complacent and sit back and wait for a subsiding of these outrageous and frequently occurring incidents? Or are you going to help us to do something about it?

Many of you already have . . . by writing your Congressman . . . by following the policy mandates of JWV. **BUT** we need more members, who will give us the strength of numbers so necessary to effect our legislative program.

We know that every veteran of the Jewish faith will want to **JOIN** if he is told the JWV story . . . our uphill battle to uphold the fair name of the Jew wherever unjustly assailed . . . our successful efforts in combating the powers of bigotry and hatred wherever originating.

Remember . . . every eligible Jewish veteran will join if he is **ASKED!** ASK and you shall **RECEIVE!**

We are supplying the ammunition . . . it is up to you to **FIRE THE GUN.**

## Insurance Program Nets Record Return

*The official JWV Insurance Program got under way last month with a record return. Please be sure to pay your 1960 membership dues. You are not eligible unless you have paid your dues. Elsewhere in this issue you will find an application for the Insurance Program. If for any reason, you have lost your brochure, you may return this application to the Insurance Administrator and be assured of your participation in the plan.*

## Veteran Leaders Speak On Hate

It is a tribute to the Jewish Community Relations process that practically every respectable group in the United States has spoken out against the recent upsurge of Anti-Semitic incidents.

As you know, JWV works closely with the major veterans groups and our legislative office has been in close contact with members of  
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The Jewish War Veterans Spring Membership Campaign will take place from March 20 to April 10, with a goal of 8000 new or reinstated members. Each Post's quota is a 25% increase over the number of paid members on April 30, 1959. If on this date, your Post numbered 100 members, its quota would be 125 paid members on its roster, as of April 30, 1960.

### Savings Bonds To Be Awarded As Incentive Prizes

1. The member, signing or reinstating the most members in his Department, during the campaign period, will receive a \$25.00 savings bond.
2. The two members, signing or reinstating the most members in the country, during the campaign period will receive \$100 savings bonds.
3. Every member will receive as many chances as new or reinstated members that he signs on a drawing on a \$100 bond. If a member signs one, he receives one chance, two new or reinstated members—two chances, etc.

In order to be eligible, all new or reinstated members must be turned in, with accompanying per capita before April 30, 1960.

### Special Literature For Campaign

Posts, upon request, will be supplied with copies of this special membership issue of the veteran, which also contains a full page ad on the new insurance plan as well as a new hard-hitting flyer with a great deal of impact.

It is suggested that these, along with other membership literature, be combined into a membership kit, which can  
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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor:

It is our sincere belief that a few lines of post-script may be appropriate to fill out the note published in the December issue of THE JEWISH VETERAN. Since the theme of the first letter emphasized the imperative need of preparation, alertness and awareness by the American people, we have at long last concluded that yet another and final ingredient might well be included.

There is, along with the items set down above, the obligation that we as a nation owe our war dead. This is, in our estimation, an unshirkable debt and may all too well determine in no small or paltry fashion whether the term covenant has any or no significance to us in relation to the future of our land. We are firmly convinced that such a covenant does exist albeit not necessarily contained in legal documents.

There is, as far as we can ascertain, no written contract, no lines of fine indistinguishable print wedged in to dupe the unwary or careless reader. There is only history and her hand maiden, memory, to remind us of the shining dream that triggered the American Revolution; how it was fought from behind rocks and tree stumps and burning farm houses by a tough breed of men more than willing to die if by so doing they would for all time strike off the triple shackles of subjugation, tyranny, and taxation without representation.

We have the later spectacle of a great Civil War racing across the land, inflaming it, searing it, scarring it, bloodying it, in order that this nation remain of one piece. Later, the frightful holocaust of two thundering World Wars and then Korea made our obligation, this covenant, iron-bound.

If then in all this there exists no covenant, written or unwritten, between the living and the war dead, then it follows, we must presume, that there exists no sane sound or solid reason for us as a nation to remain on guard against a powerful unprincipled and implacable enemy. The most logical move, then—certainly the most economical!—is to hoist up a white flag and say: "Here, this land and all we have done to it and all it has meant to generations of us is yours. Take it! We have proved unequal to the task for we are too tired, too disinterested and the future frightens us."

Unless we are prepared to evaluate and cope with today's turbulent background of political dynamics, then all the war memorials, wreath-laying ceremonies and yearly parades are a mockery and hence of incidentals and picaresque account. If we remain strong and indivisible we remain unassailable. If we never forget that our dead from Valley Forge to Korea shall not have died in vain, then we will have kept the covenant to the best of our human abilities and frailties.

It may well be that this same covenant is the link or perhaps the bridge between light and darkness, between

freedom and serfdom and, finally, between life and death.

Very respectfully yours,  
ARTHUR J. KAPLAN  
David Blick Post 63  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

Dear Editor,

**WHY J W V????**

Many times, the question has arisen in the course of a conversation as to membership in the Jewish War Veterans, policies of this organization, or some such other similar query and finally the same inquiry is given, "WHY J W V?" The question breaks down to many interesting points, some of which I will try my best to explain to the members of J W V for their use in answering such to other members of our fine organization, to potential members, to other persons not eligible to join, and to our readers.

First of all, the answer must be given that male and female members of Jewish faith have in the past served our armed forces in many different branches of the service. A statement like the aforementioned still may or may not enlighten the other person as to the accomplishments of Jewish members of the various branches of the service even though it may help to let them know that we, too, as many others of different faiths helped our Great Country in its time of need.

There have been many Jewish persons who have served in the "front lines," received high distinguished medals and honors, been decorated for heroic acts of bravery, and held high and low positions in the armed forces. Therefore, such past statements should help, along with the first statement, to delve into the minds of the interrogators and come up further with the premise that these Jews really have done a tremendous job about which they did not have much information in the past.

The amount of Jewish people in the armed forces may not have been a very large number in comparison with those of other faiths; thus, this may lead a person to believe that not too many were in the various branches of the service. Yet, the number of Jewish people in this country in comparison to those of other faiths also is not a high one. Still, the percentage of persons in the armed forces in comparison (and this is how any comparison should be made) to the amount of Jewish people in this country was a large percentage and somewhat similar to those of the same type of percentage of any other faiths to their own number in this country. In other words, percentage-wise, we held our own with the others, a situation that should let others know that our share was done in serving.

Many of our own have been wounded in battle, thus leaving scars that will stay with these persons and may never be remedied. Numerous others have given the supreme sacrifice in the "heat" of many battles so that many mothers lost their sons, wives were without their husbands, and children were left fatherless. These last statements should be the decisive facts in answering the question, "Why J W V?" The thought will finally be instilled in the minds of others to know that we take our rightful place in communities, in organizations, and

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**The Commander Reports**



by **Bernard Abrams**  
National Commander

The events of the last month have answered in strong terms those critics of JWV who ask "Why JWV?"

If there ever were a reason for our organization it can be justified by these horrendous events.

The years we have spent in working with the other veterans organization have, indeed, paid off when the chips were down.

You will note elsewhere in this issue of the JEWISH VETERAN statements from the Commanders of the major veterans groups. These statements deplore the recent outbreak of anti-Semitism, vandalism and desecration. They indicate a keen awareness by these organizations that bigotry, hatred and prejudice cannot be tolerated in a democratic society.

The swiftness with which these incidents have been dispelled will indicate that the world does not want a repeat of the Hitler era, but we must continue our day-to-day activities to educate our citizens to this menace.

In my travels throughout the coun-

try, I have noted the feeling of enthusiasm among our members. They are proud of the way in which your national organization has acted during the recent "emergency."

They are behind us one hundred percent and we must continue to come up with programs which capture their imagination. We have undertaken a new membership drive this month and by now you have all received the Insurance Brochure. Please remember that you are not eligible for this insurance program unless you have paid your 1960 dues. I would suggest that if you are tardy in your dues payment, that you send your check immediately to your Quartermaster so that you may be assured eligibility in the program.

While I do not want to show unwarranted jubilation I can say that our membership figures are running far ahead of last year and if all goes well, we can expect a twenty-five percent increase in 1960, over our total membership of 1959. Keep up the good work.

**Looking In**

**On Congress**

by **Bernard Weitzer**  
National Legislative Director

**RIGHTS AND POLITICS**

**CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION** is probably the most important legislation with which this Session of Congress will deal. Whatever action is taken will be tinged with major political significance and the moral overtones will carry to all parts of the world, as well as to every American. Fortunately, the outlook for favorable action on legislation of real significance is encouraging. The House Bill on Civil Rights, H.R. 8601, reported by the House Judiciary Committee at the end of the last Session is currently under consideration by the Rules Committee, which ignored the Bill until a House Discharge Petition obtained 204 signatures. A majority of the House membership (219) must sign such a petition to bring a bill to the floor, without Rules Committee action.

H.R. 8601 falls short of what JWV supported before the House Judiciary Committee. It is an improvement over the Civil Rights Bill of 1957. No doubt, many amendments will be added to the Bill on the House floor. Among the most important of these amendments will be one which will protect voting rights and prevent primary election officials from discriminating against voters on a racial basis. It is common knowledge that this practice is prevalent throughout the South and there are occasional incidents in other parts of the country.

**SCHOOL AID PROVISION**

At the moment, the Department of Justice suggested plan of having Federal Court referees assure voting rights unhindered by racial discrimination seems the most likely amendment for Congressional approval. We would also like to see provision in the bill for special Federal school aid to non-segregated schools in the states or counties where public schools have been closed. Furthermore, it would be most desirable to include in the bill a provision which was squeezed out of the 1957 Civil Rights bill to have the Department of Justice sue, on behalf of any individual whose Civil rights are abrogated by state or county action.

You will have to watch your local

newspaper for developments on this legislation which will probably come to the House and to the Senate floor for debate in the latter part of February. In the meantime, you should write to your House Representative urging him to sign the Discharge Petition and to your Senators asking their support for the equivalent H.R. 8601 plus the amendments indicated above.

A Federal Aid to Education Bill, S. 8 has passed the Senate. This bill authorizes appropriations to aid the states in construction of added school rooms and increased teachers' salaries. This is in line with resolutions passed at our annual national conventions for many years. In the House, the Education and Labor Committee is writing a bill for aid to school construction only. The ultimate bill to be voted upon will probably be a compromise between these views. The increased school population which is expected to leap forward by millions during the next decade combined with the shortages of school room construction during the past twenty years has created a weakness in the educational system that must be corrected at a rate faster than most states can finance by increased taxes or borrowing. Veterans' marriages are a big factor in the increased school population but all school age children need proper schooling with adequate facilities and teachers to become the kind of citizens who will meet the problems of the next twenty years. Tell your Senators and your House Representatives that we cannot afford to delay meeting the educational problems which S. 8 will help to solve.

**MUTUAL SECURITY**

This year's Mutual Security Program Bill is the subject of a special message by the President. In his travels around the world, he has seen at firsthand what our Mutual Security Programs of the past years have accomplished and the needs that still must be met. The President's annual message to the Congress and his Budget Message detailed the funds which are needed. Our military assistance aid as well

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