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JWV AFFIRMS MILITANT STAND AGAINST HATE

Convention Shaping Up As Greatest in History

There is still time to make your reservations to what is certain to be one of the most interesting conventions in JWV history.

Members from all parts of the United States have made reservations and are coming down to Miami Beach to participate in decisions which will affect the American Jewish community for years to come.

An unprecedented program has been arranged which includes a major ad-

LATE BULLETIN



ANDREW H. BERDING

Asst. Sec. of State to Address Convention, Wed., Aug. 10th, 2 p.m.

dress by Philip Klutznick, at the National Commander's Banquet to be held in the Deauville Hotel on Saturday evening, August 13th.

Mr. Klutznick has been, for many years, one of the major influences in the American Jewish community. As President of B'nai B'rith his skill and eloquence helped build that organization and bring it great prestige and influence in the American community.

A Reservation form is located on Page 5 and delegates still have time to make their reservations in advance of the convention.

Price-wise, here is the way the convention stacks up:

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

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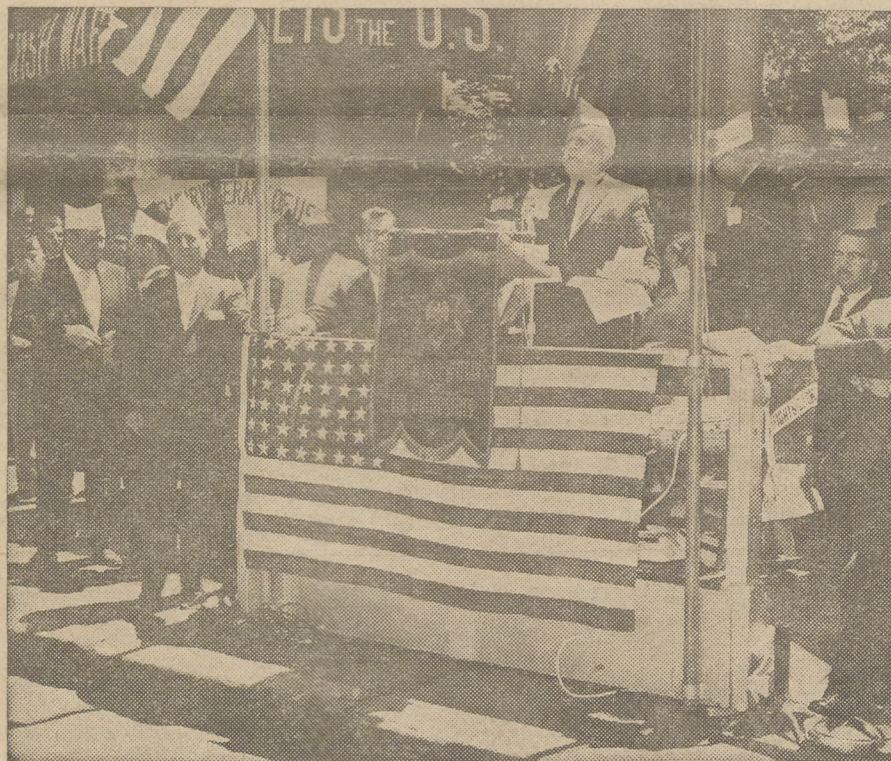
Commander Asks Fight On All Fronts

By BERNARD ABRAMS, National Commander

You have been reading in the press about some of the work that the Jewish War Veterans has been doing in New York and Washington to counteract the hate-mongering activities of George Lincoln Rockwell.

Events have moved so swiftly in the last two weeks that it would have been difficult, and unwise, to relate to the press an account of our work in this regard.

In New York, for example, our units expressed themselves through united action that resulted in Rockwell's being



Abraham Kraditor, PNC, is shown speaking at the July 4th Rally sponsored by the Department of New York, Jewish War Veterans, on Union Square in New York City. This was the exact spot requested by the Nazi George Lincoln Rockwell for his hate-inciting tirades. His request was refused by the Mayor of New York. Also shown on the stand is Tom Kelly, CMH, representing the Catholic War Veterans. More than 2000 JWV members and friends from other veterans groups attended.

Hate Monger Panel

A special panel on Fascism in the United States and the Rockwell matter will take place at the Convention. Panelists will include Milton Friedman, Washington correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, National Executive Director Joseph F. Barr; Past National Commander Abraham Kraditor; and Director of Public Relations Warren Adler.

prevented from speaking in the City of New York. Our members in New York had worked unceasingly with municipal officials to prevent Rockwell's threatened tirade in Union Square on July 4th. We had based our case in New York on the grounds that Rockwell's ravings did not come within the protection of the First Amendment and therefore could not involve the question of civil liberties.

We had also pointed out that Rockwell's hate-inciting libels were an open invitation to riot, and that the classic line drawn by Justice Holmes many years ago . . . "you cannot yell fire in a crowded theatre," applied in this case.

This course of action proved to be the correct one, for Rockwell's very presence in the City proved this thesis. Mayor Wagner and municipal officials who participated in this policy decision are to be congratulated.

But our units were not content merely to prevent Rockwell from speaking. They held their own rally on the exact spot where Rockwell would have urged the extermination of Jewry. They were there with American flags, commemorating the independence of our country. The coverage received in the press on this one incident alone has brought JWV accolades from the Jewish community and the general community. But more important, it has awakened all America to the danger of subversion by Fascism.

Unfortunately, Washington is not a city which elects its officials, and, there-

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Abrams Invites Nixon, Kennedy As Speakers

Commander Abrams has invited both Vice President Nixon and Senator John F. Kennedy, Democratic Nominee for President to speak at the Convention. Mr. Nixon was invited under unusual circumstances. Below is the exchange of telegrams inviting Nixon and Nixon's reply:

Honorable Richard M. Nixon
Vice President of the United States
Washington, D.C.

On Mail yesterday George Lincoln Rockwell before audience of five hundred people urged support of Nixon for Presidency. We know of your re-

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Abrams Keynotes Battle On Bigotry

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fore, the power of the people, of public indignation, is perhaps less important than in New York City. This is tragic, but it is, nevertheless, a reality which we must recognize.

Rockwell began speaking on the Mall in Washington, D. C. on April 3rd. He attracted little attention until he employed a loud speaker which carried his voice for longer distances than was warranted.

For those who don't know Washington, the Mall is that stretch of park-like ground in the Nation's Capital which contains all of our great national shrines—The Capitol, The Washington Monument, The Smithsonian Institute, The National Gallery of Art, and many others.

It includes one of the areas set aside by the government as a kind of Hyde Park where any man could stand up and speak his mind. This is free speech. This is America.

After Rockwell's second meeting, we were convinced that Rockwell's talks were not within the bounds of free speech. We also discovered that due to lack of experience of this type the police were inept in handling the situation.

They did not allow Rockwell to be heckled as they do in Hyde Park. Police actually prevented heckling. In addition, Rockwell's goons were intimidating hecklers, using threats of violence and other thug-like tactics.

We could not abide this situation. We demanded to the Department of Interior authorities that Rockwell's loud speaker be removed.

We demanded that the police allow heckling.

We demanded that arrests of Rockwell's goons be made if they violated Washington obscenity and disorderly conduct laws.

We demanded that the Attorney General place Rockwell's organization on the Subversive List.

When we discovered that a Marine on active duty was one of Rockwell's followers who brazenly participated in his ugly exhibition on the Mall, we brought the case directly to the Marine Corps' Commandant. The Marines, due to our intervention, discharged the man because of his actions.

We demanded that, at all costs, Rockwell not be permitted to speak on the Mall and we brought our argument that he was not engaged in free speech and should be put on the Subversive List directly to the President of the United States.

The President himself expressed repugnance that such a situation existed and ordered the Justice Department to embark upon a thorough-going investigation of the matter.

We enlisted the support of many Con-

gressmen and asked them to contact the Interior Department and have the National Capital Parks ban Rockwell from speaking on the Mall.

When we learned that Rockwell had openly endorsed Vice President Nixon in his candidacy for President, we wired for an instant repudiation. This repudiation, in which Nixon had wired me that "no American who remembers the horrors of Nazi bestiality can react to Rockwell's words with anything but complete and utter repugnance," has been well publicized throughout the United States.

Visitations to officials in every area of Government that might conceivably have some jurisdiction or influence over the Rockwell case have been made by our staff in Washington as well as myself.

Finally, on Sunday, July 3rd, the very thing that we had warned our officials about took place. Rockwell and his band of social misfits finally cracked under the strain of relentless heckling and precipitated a riot.

Irate citizens overran his platform, tore down the flimsy rope fence constructed by the National Capital Parks Department and proceeded to express their outrage and indignation in physical

terms. A number of Rockwell's followers were badly beaten (one of them required hospitalization).

The police, however, arrested both Rockwell and his followers as well as those who were anti-Rockwell. Of the six anti-Rockwell persons arrested, we have learned that some are members of our organization. They, as well as others who were arrested as anti-Rockwell demonstrators, have received threatening calls, information of which has been turned over to the F. B. I.

On July 4th, one day after the riot, Rockwell and his followers again appeared on the Mall. Just as he had begun his tirade, he was handed a paper signed by a high Interior Department official which declared the Mall off-limits to this type of gathering. While such action can be considered a victory it is distressing that it had not been taken many years ago.

He was told that other areas were available for speaking without a permit and he chose a park area known as Judiciary Square in the midst of those buildings which contain Washington's Municipal and Federal Courts. Those who had come to heckle him on the Mall followed him to the Judiciary Square.

Normally deserted, the Park became filled with hecklers who were determined not to allow Rockwell to speak. A number of JWV caps were visible among the hecklers. Frustrated by the steady barrage of heckling, Rockwell finally gave up and left with his followers. Observers who were present at the meeting reported that a cordon of policemen separated Rockwell from the hecklers, with more policemen staked out in squads for blocks around the park.

We are of the opinion that Rockwell's inability to speak on the Mall has somewhat destroyed his effectiveness. But we are not satisfied. Indeed, we are deeply disappointed in the Washington authorities who have still not found the means to, once and for all, prohibit this paranoid hate-monger from selling his nefarious wares on public property. We are, therefore, continuing our program of demanding to Washington officialdom that Rockwell be prevented from spewing his venom in the Capital on the valid grounds that what he says is not within the bounds of free speech.

Rockwell and his followers appeared at the Court hearing on Wednesday, July 6th, in connection with the disorderly conduct charges. He was prepared to charge an organized Jewish plot against him and his party. He never got the chance, for before he could get started Assist. Corp. Counsel Clark King informed the court that he had reason to question Rockwell's

Statement by Mayor Robert F. Wagner On June 22, 1960

(The following statement was issued by the Mayor of New York Robert F. Wagner, after the hate mongering Nazi, George Lincoln Rockwell, had attempted to speak in New York's Union Square on July 4th. This statement was the one issued by the Mayor denying Rockwell the permit to speak. On that day, July 4th, units of the Jewish War Veterans, Department of New York, held in New York what will certainly go down in history as one of the greatest patriotic rallies of all times.)

As Mayor of the City of New York, which carries with it the additional title of Chief Magistrate, I have a primary and overweaning obligation to the people of the city for the maintenance of law and order.

A man named George Rockwell of Washington, D. C. has applied for a permit to speak in Union Square on July 4th. Information supplied to me by qualified sources shows clearly that Mr. Rockwell's intent is to incite a riot by preaching, in a city where the people of all races live peacefully together, a philosophy of race hatred, and extermination, by violence. Left to their own devices, the people of this city will stone Rockwell out of town. There is not a decent responsible citizen in the city who would follow him in his preachings. There are millions who have friends and relatives who died because of this type of race hatred, either as unarmed victims, or as soldiers fighting for freedom.

We have in this city the largest, and I believe the best, police force of any municipality. It can QUELL any riot. But no police force in the world can stop a riot from starting. In this case, every fact we have shows that Rockwell's presence as a preacher of race hatred will cause a riot the police will have to quell.

This is an invitation to riot and disorder, from a half-penny Hitler. The invitation is declined. Mr. Rockwell will not speak here on the 4th of July, or any other time in terms of race hatred and race extermination.

sanity and asked that he be placed under observation. Rockwell was visibly shaken by this maneuver and asked for the court to appoint legal counsel, which was done. He was placed under \$300 bond and is to appear again July 27th at which time Mr. King will present his evidence questioning Rockwell's sanity. The anti-Rockwell participants were given continuance until September 7th.

In the meantime, Rockwell continues to speak in Judiciary Park. He spoke there yesterday, Sunday, July 10th, as usual protected by the police and speaking behind a group of twenty-five (25) of his own goons who wear swastika arm-bands.

I have been asked to outline the specifics of JWV's position on this matter as a guide to other communities and to enunciate in clear terms for the American Jewish Community the path our organization intends to pursue.

I. We believe that Rockwell's tirades violate every conceivable definition of free speech. We believe that he should therefore, not be given a public platform anywhere.

II. We are pursuing a program of active pressure on Administration and Municipal officials to deny to Rockwell any public platform to spew his libelous incitations.

III. We are pursuing an active program of pressure on Congressmen, including the UnAmerican Activities Committee and its Chairman Francis Walters to begin an investigation of where Rockwell and other Fascist groups are getting their funds.

IV. We are continuing our efforts through visitations to the Attorney General's office to have Rockwell's American Nazi Party declared subversive. I have personally met with Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley, head of the Internal Security Division in pursuit of this goal.

V. We are continuing to send trained staff observers to monitor Rockwell's public meetings, however small, so that we may obtain new insights and direction in combatting a movement which we believe to contain the seeds of a potentially menacing situation.

VI. I have pledged the organization to a policy of rising pressure on every level to acquaint those within the power structure of our country as well as rank and filers of the dangers of Fascism and Nazism and urge that these "isms" be recognized to be equally as dangerous as Communism. Indeed, there is reason to believe that these two ideologies may very well be in league once again to create division and confusion among the American people.

Destiny has once again thrown the mantle of responsible leadership on JWV's shoulders. This is what the founding fathers meant when they joined together to fight the battle of the Jew "wherever unjustly assailed."

If we are to remain true to their ideal then we must stand up and be counted in the forefront of those who are compelled to raise their voices in protest against an upsurge of Fascism in America.

Presentations Set For Ten Awards

William Carmen, Past National Commander, Boston, Mass., Chairman of the Awards Committee, announced that more than 10 award presentations will be made at the National Convention in Miami Beach, Fla.

The awards to be presented include:
The Guten Traveling Trophy—To the Department which has done the most for hospitalized veterans during the year.

The Wolfson Traveling Trophy—To the Department which has the most outstanding record on community relations.

The National Commander's Citation for the Department Performing Outstanding Service in any general or specific endeavor above and beyond the line of duty.

The Ed Nappen Trophy—To the out-

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