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JWV Responds To Call for Sacrifice

The Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A. has put itself on record as the first national organization to respond affirmatively to a call for a spirit of "sacrifice and self-discipline" made by President Kennedy, to meet the challenge of the times.

JWV urged other national groups to follow its lead.

"Never before in our history have the ringing words of Thomas Paine written out of deep conviction had more meaning than they do today. For these truly are the 'times that try men's souls.'"

"We must meet the inspiration of leadership more than halfway. We must persuade all Americans to rally and respond to the new leadership; to lend support to the forces of justice and liberty that lie imbedded in our national psyche. This reaction must be conveyed to those peoples beyond our borders who believe in human dignity in an atmosphere of freedom as a way of life.

"We must root out those weaknesses in our national life which tend to destroy or to impair our national image and thereby shake the confidence, not only of our own citizens, but those of other nations.

"Before we can oust these weaknesses, we must prepare ourselves, in much the same fashion as a fighter prepares for the ring, imbued with the special knowledge that what is up-coming is

Feuer Telegraphs Kennedy On Inaugural Speech

At the conclusion of President Kennedy's Inaugural Address, the following telegram was dispatched to him on behalf of the organization signed by National Commander Feuer:

"Your Inaugural Address is a summons no patriotic American can ignore. The Jewish War Veterans pledges you its support. The principles you announced and your pledge to assure the survival and success of liberty will, in our opinion, serve as a beacon to our future generations, lighting the road to freedom. May God Bless You and give you the strength to carry your objectives to fruition.

the main bout, the final contest for the 'Championship of the World.'

"We must sharpen our reflexes with spartan sacrifice, a sacrifice of soft living, soft thinking, soft action. If we must deny ourselves some of our vast abundance, so be it. It is well to note

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Said Americans Built Dachau Gas Chambers

The Department of the Army has notified the Jewish War Veterans that ex-Nazi General Martin Unrein, now a U. S. Army employee at what had been the Dachau Concentration camp, after an investigation, has been cleared of the charge that he is an "unreconstructed Nazi."

The Jewish War Veterans had urged the Army to investigate the employment of General Unrein because of remarks reported made by him to Lord Russell of Liverpool, British prosecutor during the war crimes trials, during a recent visit to Dachau.

In a four-page letter to JWV National Commander I. L. Feuer of Youngstown, Ohio, Francis X. Plant, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army, disclosed that General Unrein was "closely interviewed" at which time he explained the circumstances under which he came to travel to Dachau with Lord Russell. He told the following story, according to Mr. Plant's letter:

National Executive Director Joseph F. Barr's comments on the Army letter appear in a signed editorial on Page 2.



Past National Commander Sam Shaikewitz of St. Louis, Missouri, is shown as he received the Croix du Merite Combattant Medal from Raymond Triboulet, French Minister of Veterans Affairs. At the same time, Captain Edward V. Rickenbacker, Co-Chairman of the People-to-People Program was presented the John J. Pershing Commemorative Gold Medal. Mr. Shaikewitz received his award for his outstanding achievement during a veterans tour of Europe in the summer of 1959. L to R: Captain Rickenbacker, Mr. Shaikewitz, Mr. Triboulet, Dr. Winston Burdine, Past National Commander of the AMVETS, and Lewis Gough, Past National Commander of the American Legion and Co-Chairman of the People-to-People Program. Other recipients, not present, were Dan Daniel, PNC, American Legion; William Gill, PNC, Catholic War Veterans, and Joseph Burke, PNC, Disabled American Veterans.

JWV Asks Morocco To Cease Persecutions

National Executive Director Joseph F. Barr today dispatched a letter to His Excellency, D. El-Mehdi Ben Aboud, Ambassador of Morocco, urging him to convey to King Mohammed V and Crown Prince Moulay Hassan, the feelings of JWV regarding the persecution of Jewish citizens of that country. Mr.

Barr wrote:

"The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, the nation's oldest veterans' organization, presents its compliments to your Excellency and respectfully requests you to convey the following petition to King Mohammed

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"During the ride to Dachau he told Lord Russell what the people of Dachau generally said about the camp; that it was the general belief (of the people of Dachau) that the camp should be closed to preclude visitors coming to take pictures—pictures which were being spread over the world preventing "the desired pacification"; that the driver of the car interrupted indicating agreement (with the people of Dachau); and that he, Unrein, pointed out to Lord Russell that though he did not know this driver, the latter was agreeing with what he, Unrein, had said.

"When they arrived at the crematory ovens at Dachau, he told Lord Russell "that rumors are also spread in the area that it would have been technically impossible with the few ovens to burn millions of people; this was not my personal opinion but by legendary rumors among the population near Dachau."

"With respect to two other ovens in another building, "I told Lord Russell that I heard rumors to the fact that those two ovens were built by German prisoners of War after the war. I have no personal knowledge that these rumors were true."

"With respect to the gas chamber, he called Lord Russell's attention to the two signs "shower room" and "dressing room"; that he explained to Lord Rus-

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