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## GOV'T CONSIDERS ACTION

### JWV Appoints Sen. Javits Chairman Advisory Counsel

### To Review Alleged Soviet Anti-Semitic Activities

The appointment of Senator Jacob K. Javits, N. Y., as Chairman of the National Advisory Council of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America was announced recently by Theodore Brooks, JWV's National Commander.

The JWV National Advisory Council was organized to provide a sounding board of ideas and guidance in connection with the formulation of JWV policy.

A member of JWV, Senator Javits has long played a major role in national affairs. "JWV has on many occasions in the past," Commander Brooks said, "sought the Senator's counsel on issues of general concern. We feel that nowhere in the country could we have found a man so qualified to fill this post.

"Members of the Council will be announced in the near future," Commander Brooks said.

The State Department has informed the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. that it is reviewing statements alleging anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union to "determine what action it might be desirable for the United States to take."

In a letter to National Commander Theodore Brooks Temple Wanamaker, Director of Public Services, expressed the Department's "concern with these reports."

JWV had wired Secretary of State Dean Rusk to seek action in the United Nations to halt Soviet manifestations of anti-Semitism.

Commenting on Mr. Wanamaker's letter, Commander Brooks said:

"As Americans we are deeply disturbed by the Soviet Union's officially-sanctioned persecution of Jews within her borders. Can it mean a return to the type of vicious anti-Semitism such as the alleged Doctors' plot during Stalin's days? Can it be that the trial of Adolf Eichmann has not brought home to the world that anti-Semitism and what it portends is a crime against all humanity? There must be some way in which the United States, which has led the world in seeking ways in which men of good will can live together amicably, can use its good offices to help stop this degrading resurgence of bestiality in the Soviet Union."



PNC Meyer Dorfman, Chairman of the Formative Committee of the Advisory Council congratulates Senator Javits on his appointment as Chairman.

### JWV Announces New Insur. Plan

The availability of a new life insurance plan, in addition to the present plan, was announced this week. Under the new level benefits plan, members may enroll for either \$2500 or \$5000 of level coverage, based on a five-year bracket increasing premium, as outlined in the schedule, which can be found in the advertisement, appearing on page 7 of this issue.

Presently insured members may carry both the Decreasing Term insurance (\$15.00 or \$30.00 annual premium) and the Level Term Insurance (\$2500 or \$5000 coverage). New members and uninsured JWV members may apply for and carry either or both plans.

For complete details, please turn to page 7.

Dear Comrades:

Our post is proud and happy to support the American Freedom Center at Valley Forge. We think that the idea deserves the full backing of the Jewish War Veterans throughout the country.

To help JWV to underwrite a dormitory at the Center, we are enclosing our check in the amount of \$25 with the sincere hope that it will encourage others to follow suit.

We trust that the day will soon arrive when we can visit this monument to freedom and point with pride to our Post name in the Patriots Ledger.

Best wishes for a most successful campaign.

Yours in comradeship,  
George Harris,  
Commander.

Sandy Weisberger-Leon Kaplan  
Post 165, Scranton, Pa.

Has your Post  
made its contribution?

### J.W.V. Year In Review

#### January

... The Dept. of the Army notifies JWV 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." JWV had urged the Army to investigate the employment of General Unrein because of remarks made by him to Lord Russell of Liverpool, British prosecutor during the war crimes trials during a recent visit to Dachau.

... JWV puts 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 asks Morocco to cease persecution of Jewish citizens of that country.

... The United States District Court dismisses the case of American Nazi Party member John Patler against Jewish War Veterans. Patler had served JWV with notice of a suit 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.

... JWV joins with seven other organizations to co-sponsor a major exhibit of historical memorabilia in commemoration of the Civil War Centennial at the Jewish Museum in New York.

#### February

... JWV urges President Kennedy to release insurance reserves for World War I policy holders in the form of an immediate dividend.

... Joseph F. Barr, National Executive Director, frames appropriate resolution of action for the Alpha Omega Fraternity (dental profession) against Russel McGuire, publisher of the American Mercury.

#### March

... JWV challenges a letter by the Virginia State Corporation Commission, which had defended the issuance of a charter to the American Nazi Party and had equated, in effect, the Nazis with the B'nai B'rith.

... French Ambassador Herve Alphand informs JWV that France will safeguard the rights of Algeria's Jewish population.

#### April

... General J. S. Gleason, Jr., Veterans Administration Administrator, informs JWV that President Kennedy has accepted its suggestion and will issue a dividend to World War I policy holders.

#### May

... Joseph F. Barr, a member of the Advisory Council of the U.S. Civil War Centennial Commission, announces that he will not attend the ceremonies at Charleston, S. Caro., commemorating the firing on Fort Sumter, because of racial discrimination.

#### June

... Sam Shaikewitz, Past National Commander, is one of seven leaders of

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### Late News Bulletin

As this issue went to press, Joseph F. Barr, the National Executive Director of the Jewish War Veterans, was conferring with officials of the Justice Department and the Dept. of Illinois, JWV, regarding the bombing of the Chevra Kadisha Machzikai Hadas synagogue in Chicago.

The bombing, which occurred on the last day of 1961, was reported as having been perpetrated by two men who forced open the rear door of the synagogue. The report stated there were two bombs, each containing three sticks of dynamite.

On January 1, 1962, an unexploded bomb was found in the debris. While the Jewish Telegraphic Agency estimated damage of \$10,000, the Justice Department and the Department of Illinois, JWV both estimated that damages would be closer to \$35,000. During the conference with the Justice Department, it was further revealed that the unexploded bomb had been triggered, but did not detonate due to dampness of the area.

The blast followed the receipt by a synagogue official of several letters which threatened the house of worship would be blown up. It is reported that the building had been smeared with swastikas twice during the past six weeks. Edward Fleischman, Past National Executive Committeeman, indicated that smearings had occurred during the construction of the synagogue. The Justice Department promised to keep JWV informed of progress in its investigation.

# The Commander Reports

By  
**Ted Brooks**  
National Commander

## Trouble on the Right Flank

If, as it has been said, the price of liberty is eternal vigilance then we're being short-changed somewhere. Ominous rumblings from the extreme right are heard in the land. Crisis has to some degree united and polarized Rightists and galvanized them into a circumscribed entity quite different from the discordant cries of splinter fanatics ten years ago.

Coalition and fat cat financing has somehow given the Rightists a new lease on life. The John Birch Society and their unwitting spokesmen in Congress make the situation all the more serious.

At the grassroots level Birchers include respectable citizens who look upon the Birch doctrines as sympathetic with their own. The danger signs are up and it is time to mount a massive counter-attack.

It is inconceivable to me that the American people could accept the doctrines espoused by these groups. To thinking men such doctrines are anathema. Isolationism, anti-federalism, doing away with social security, and social legislation seem fantastic against the backdrop of present day events.

And yet the doctrines persist and with it all the shibboleths and dialectics of the fanatic Rightists proclaiming the Jews as the hidden government of the internationalists who with the communists are conspiring to take away our freedoms.

Think of our country in the hands of these fanatics. They would limit the power of the President to make treaties, and the power of the State Department to issue visas and passports. They would put an end to foreign aid and the par-

ticipation of the United States in the United Nations, UNESCO, NATO, GATT, ILO, and any remaining Point Four Programs of Technical Assistance.

They would withdraw recognition from the USSR, Israel, and most Iron Curtain countries and close the door to any communication with these countries. They would ask the UN to meet elsewhere and destroy the building. They would further reduce the immigration quotas allowed under the McCarran-Walter Law and establish a kind of provisional citizenship for Negroes, Zionists, liberals and all those whose families were naturalized less than two generations ago.

The battle lines are clearly drawn for we of JWV. Our old enemy grows stronger. What we destroyed as McCarthyism has come back to us in new forms, proving that we didn't kill the plant at the root.

It would be foolhardy of me to point out all the good that JWV and organizations which stand for those principles which guide us have accomplished in the first half of this century. For the work goes on and on and on.

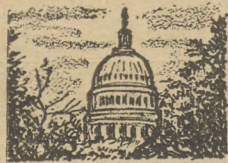
The fight continues. Indeed, more muscle and sinew is needed on our part, for we are losing rather than gaining ground these days.

There can be no slowdown in our efforts. In fact, we must increase our activities. This takes more funds, more members, more inspired leadership on all levels.

I appeal to all of you to join with us in the crusade against tyranny from the right and from the left. We must heed the danger signals and act in the best interests of our cause . . . for our cause is a just one.

# Capitol Corridors

by **Felix Putterman**  
National Legislative Director



The New Year brings new problems to be compounded with the remaining unfinished business of 1961. The Kennedy Administration has completed its shakedown cruise in the stormy sea of a turbulent world with but one near-disaster in Cuba and the strong possibility of a mutiny in the House of Representatives. The experience acquired during the past year may prove invaluable if only it serves to develop a tougher, more self-disciplined breed of American voter, politician and public servant. Indulgence in the luxury of petty complaints and self-serving actions is completely out of step with the demands each of us will face in the next several years.

Some of the most significant developments of the past year will provide the setting for 1962—a year in which the existence of this planet could be determined by a most aptly named method—Russian Roulette.

The inauguration of a new President brought new faces and new approaches into the Executive Branch. Perhaps most significant was the massive injection into the government by President Kennedy of a bevy of brainpower to focus its attention on the whole range of American problems here and abroad.

The Eighty-Seventh Congress came in like a lamb and went out like a mad lion, especially the House of Representatives. The absence and subsequent passing of Speaker Rayburn unloosed some of the most irresponsible behavior ever observed in the House. The

President's partial victory for his Foreign Air program could be cut down considerably by the likes of Otto Passman in a House with something less than strong leadership. Federal Aid to Education, at least for public elementary and secondary schools was murdered in almost cynical fashion. Veterans bills suffered not from lack of support but rather because the prerogatives of a House Committee Chairman and a Senator were in conflict. The President's Foreign Trade proposals may weather the Second Session but Medical Aid for the Aged will have a hard time indeed albeit that it could bury high Republican hopes for the '62 Congressional elections. The leadership fight among House Democrats may see a Republican version over in the Senate where the successor to the former gray eminence of GOP conservatism, the late Sen. Styles Bridges, is to be chosen. Finally many Members, by virtue of the wounds suffered in redistricting, may feel obliged to reflect the narrow prejudice of constituents rather than serve the greater National purpose in order to prepare for reelection this coming November.

The self exposure by Castro as a Communist merely added a red cherry to the frosting in Cuba. The invasion fiasco was by far the most serious setback suffered by President Kennedy. Its extent can only be measured by what transpires in Latin America. Many observers in Washington are fearful of

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# Eyes Right

An interesting little pamphlet now circulating offers some sobering grist for the mill of those who have labored long and hard in the field of social action. Entitled "The American Right Wing, A Report to the Fund for the Republic" by Ralph E. Ellsworth and Sarah M. Harris, the pamphlet catalogues in depth the lines of thought and reasoning that characterize that amorphous segment of political life that covers what we have come to call the Right and extreme Right.

The report offers no conclusions but raises some frightening questions as to which road America will take in the years ahead.

It ends on a sobering note which to us, whose policies are so diametrically opposed to "extreme-right" thinking, forces a dramatic second look at how well our battle is going.

The authors state, for example, that in a time of deep crisis, such as now, the moderates are more willing to go along with, and be carried by the extremists.

"The question raised by these trends," the Report concludes, "is whether or not they will lead to a pattern set by Italy or Germany, or whether they will, as we did in the 1920's when the spread over the land, return to our previous adherence to moderation and fair play."

Such extreme alternatives, if one were to accept this statement at face value, and the temptation after reading the report is strong, appear incredible at a time when liberal doctrines motivate our administration and domestic prosperity is at high tide.

For despite warnings about the John Birch Society and attempts, by JWV as well as other organizations to label Right-Wingers of this ilk as "crackpots," the rightist are gaining ground all over the lot.

Indeed, it is an established fact that the Birchers and their followers and sympathizers and a myriad of dubious but healthy rightist groups have polarized their strength in recent months, and they're getting stronger. How deeply their influence is being felt is a matter of conjecture, but bear watching by groups such as ours who have the means to fight back.

But in order to fight the menace it is important for all of us to understand where the Rightists stand. First and foremost the Rightist, in varying degrees of extremism, constantly alludes to the identification of an Invisible Government with the Jewish Communist Conspiracy and Satanism.

As Americans of the Jewish faith this equation is the real core of our fear and it is a real fear for everywhere on the American scene Rightist extremism and anti-semitism go hand in hand.

The Rightists, for example, embrace Nasser, largely on the basis of his hostility to Israel, and the Arab League feeds the fires with all manner of seducing literature slanted to appeal to these groups.

Merwin K. Hart in his "Economic Council Letter," which oftentimes is reprinted in the Congressional Record, sums up the modern American Jewish position with the fantastic premise that American Jews are entitled to all rights to which other Americans are entitled but that they, according to Hart, are not entitled (in official groups such as JWV) to work for desegregation, civil rights legislation, changes in the immigration law, the defeat of conservative political candidates, assistance for the state of Israel, separation of Church and State in public education, dilution of Christianity by brotherhood movements of Christians and Jews, or world government . . . especially world government which would include Israel and would be guided by the "ethics" of Israel. He feels that Jews belong to a close international corporation which operated with the communists "to mold the American Republic into something very different from what it has always been."

One might conclude that he is directing his criticism straight to the heart of JWV's policies. But make no mistake about it, he speaks for the Rightist in this regard. It is part of Rightist dialectics whether the issue in question is water fluoridation, anti-social security, or anti-federal aid to education.

We question how the Rightist have gotten so powerful in the past

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