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## JWV OPERATION—BOND BONANZA DRIVE ON!

### JWV Asks Support of \$52 Billion Budget

The National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans this week received assurances from the Department of Defense officials that the high cost of defense was "essential for our survival as a nation."

National Commander Theodore Brooks of New York visited the Defense Department at the request of the JWV membership, to seek information regarding the high cost of defense. He will report his findings to members within the next few days.

Commander Brooks met with Assistant Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, General Clyde D. Eddleman; Under Secretary of the Navy Paul B. Fay, Jr. and Under Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Joseph V. Charyk.

Commander Brooks reported that JWV members throughout the country had expressed concern over the high Defense Budget—\$52,000,000,000 for the next fiscal year—and had asked that a study committee be set up within the organization to determine JWV's position on the expenditure.

After discussions with Defense officials, Commander Brooks expressed satisfaction with the need for such a high expenditure and pointed out that he would ask the JWV membership to support the budget in its legislative activities.

"This is no time to pinch pennies for defense," he said. "What good will our immense national wealth be if we do not take every precaution to assure our people that we will continue to be masters of our own fate—within the concept of our present democratic freedoms.

"Monetary sacrifice is a small price to pay," he said, "for the preservation of this freedom. We have learned a great deal from these discussions, primarily the fact that our country is now in a position to defend itself in a small limited war as well as in an all-out conflict complete with every element of nuclear weaponry. This is the reality of our existence and will undoubtedly continue in the years to come.

Commander Brooks also met with Under Secretary of State for Near Eastern and Southeast Asia Affairs Phillips Talbot to discuss United States interests in that area of the world. He will shortly report his findings on this subject to the JWV membership.

### Schaffer Elected

Harry H. Schaffer, a former National Commander and lifetime Pittsburgh resident, has been elected President of the National Shrine to the Jewish War Dead.

### 1962 Membership Drive—

### JWV Sets Sights On Record Membership

JWV's exciting Membership Campaign "Operation—Bond Bonanza" is on! It's the biggest all-out effort . . . tied in with the biggest incentive contest ever. Scores of U. S. Savings Bonds are going to be given away . . . and everybody . . . Posts, County, Counsels, Departments and Members can win!

THE MORE NEW MEMBERS A POST (or Echelon) SIGNS THE BETTER ARE ITS CHANCES! Posts are urged to start all-out membership drives today. You get results . . . we pay off! Just look at this BONANZA OF BONDS (and other Prizes).

1. Twenty (20) \$25 U.S. Savings Bonds to Post To Be Awarded On The Basis of a drawing. Posts equaling their 1961 membership receive one (1) chance . . . Posts surpassing their 1961 membership receive chances equal to their net gain plus one.

2. Five (5) \$25 U.S. Savings Bonds to County Councils or Districts To Be Awarded On The Basis of a drawing. Councils equaling their 1961 membership receive one (1) chance . . . Councils surpassing their figure receive chances equal to their net gain plus one.

3. Five (5) \$25 U.S. Savings Bonds to Departments to be awarded on the basis of a drawing. Departments equaling their 1961 membership receive one chance . . . Departments surpassing

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### Editorial

## Eyes Right

The homes of two ministers who had participated in a panel discussion on the dangers of right wing movements are bombed in Los Angeles. Synagogues are bombed in Chicago and Cincinnati.

Rockwell is booed and jeered as he brazenly addresses a crowd in Pennsylvania.

And so the headlines read in many parts of the country. Cemeteries desecrated. Swastikas painted on walls. Threatening letters to Jews.

Was it always this way? Is there something new and more terrible in the air? What is happening?

Undoubtedly these questions rise in an ever-increasing crescendo in the Jewish consciousness. For there truly is something in the air, illusive but evident to those who make a study of the psychology of our times.

There is a drama unfolding in our country, indeed, in the entire world, a drama that cannot augur well for Jewry, a drama that bears watching. Tension, fear and uncertainty have never been Jewry's allies.

On the Right there are signs of consolidation as powerful groups emerge with a political maturity and a warchest of considerable means as they strive to win adherents among men of good will, plagued by the frustrations of modern life.

Armed with a philosophy and a popular cause these groups from the far right play upon the natural fear of being swallowed by communism and seek to abolish the social system as we know it today.

They fight social security, income taxes, and all forms of State-sponsored welfare, equating every type of social legislation ever enacted as a form of communism. And they do not hesitate to label our most idealized statesmen as conscious agents of the communist conspiracy.

In their methods and ideology one sees a spectre rise from the ashes of McCarthyism which is far more formidable, for it does not merely condemn but offers panaceas as well, easy solutions that have popular appeal even among the well-meaning and certainly among the naive.

And lurking in the background behind each of these movements is the phantom of anti-semitism, coiled and ready to spring, when the time is right. Thus Robert Welch, the gauleiter of the John Birch society protests blandly that neither he nor his organization is anti-semitic while the head of a New York chapter of the Society is the notorious anti-semitic Joseph Kamp.

If a Jew fears the right his reasons are valid. For the Jew is conditioned to know his enemy. He can distinguish him by a word, an action seemingly harmless, that is pregnant with hatred.

Quick to react to an overt act, the Jew is sometimes late in reacting

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To the members of JWV and JWVA:

I am overwhelmed with the many messages of condolences which were received. Please, accept my sincere thanks for your thoughtful and kind expressions. Since it would be impossible for me to acknowledge in person the hundreds of messages I have received, I hope that you will forgive me if I can not personally thank you.

Theodore Brooks  
National Commander

Your messages, expressing prayers for my recovery, were so immense that I can not begin to thank everyone. These expressions were very helpful in sustaining my morale. I hope that I will be able to meet the many people individually and thank them personally for their thoughtfulness.

Paul Ginsberg  
Past National Commander

# The Commander Reports

By  
**Ted Brooks**  
*National Commander*

## High Cost of Defense

The other day I had the fortunate experience of visiting with top officials of the Defense Department to learn at first hand the high cost of maintaining our freedom. A budget of \$52,000,000,000 is a staggering sum by any measure. To say that it is merely expensive is to badly understate the facts.

Think of what we could do with this money if we did not have to pour it into armaments, many of which become obsolete before production schedules are fulfilled, indeed, before they come off the drawing boards.

But to dismiss the budget as a fantastic but necessary waste is a danger unto itself. It is the best insurance policy we have in America.

Naturally there is much waste in maintaining such a ponderous enterprise. Part of the waste is undoubtedly to be found in duplication of effort, undue stockpiling, rivalry among the services and a host of other reasons.

There is no question that such a budget demands the highest scrutiny by competent analysts. But there is a danger in using this scrutiny to justify a political end that is far more dangerous than any waste or inefficiency.

America is locked in the greatest struggle in its history. It is, pure and simple, a struggle for survival. Every dollar that goes into our arsenal is a savings account for ourselves and our children. We are faced with a ruthless and cynical foe, with a proven record of swallowing the weak and with a respect only for strength.

We must do everything in our power to assure that the Defense Budget is not whittled down by small minds. After my conversations with Defense Department officials I am more determined than ever to put JWV foursquare behind the budget, and to so testify before the

House and Senate Committees that will consider the program.

## Muzzling of Military

The Stennis Committee hearings on the question of muzzling of the military strikes me as an utterly unnecessary charade at the taxpayers expense.

Think of what chaos would result if every military man injected his own personal political views into the conduct of his military life. This is precisely what happened in the case of General Walker.

Indeed, subsequent events have shown how correct the administration's position was. Gen. Walker, now a candidate for the Governor of Texas, freely and proudly admits that he is a member of the John Birch Society, whose head Robert Welch, has characterized such men as Eisenhower, Truman and Chief Justice Warren, among others, as knowing tools of the communist conspiracy.

We can look for strange doings in the Texas campaign, as Gen. Walker, backed undoubtedly by Birch monies, proceeds to broadcast the fanatical right position. And it will be well reported in the nations press. Frankly, I am hopeful, but not overly optimistic that the good people of Texas will give this man a thorough trouncing. It would be incredible to me if he comes anywhere near mustering sufficient votes to pose a threat to the Governorship. But the fact remains that with the forum of the campaign and a well funded operation he could make considerable inroads into the unthinking masses.

Gen. Walker will not be the only candidate in the United States to stump on an extreme right position. JWV is currently drawing up a "Blueprint for Action" so that our Posts will be able to effectively find ways to counteract the propaganda generated by these campaigns.

# Capitol Corridors



by **Felix Putterman**  
*National Legislative Director*

The hardy corps of retirees and others with time on their hands, who along with lobbyists and others with a vested interest make up the cadre of Washington hearings spectators, may have drooled in vain during the past few months while the Stennis hearings were in the planning stage. What was anticipated by many Washington observers to be the big show of this new session of the Congress may be just that only if your particular dish of tea is talk, talk and some more talk. Not that what is being said is not important.

After two weeks of hearings, it is abundantly clear that the Chairman of the Special Preparedness Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee meant exactly what he said in opening the first session on Tuesday, January 23rd. It was his stated hope that from testimony of the many witnesses the subcommittee will be able to recommend new legislation to the Senate—if such need is manifested. Moreover, he eliminated promptly any possibility of the hearings taking on aspects of a carnival or three-ring circus. Nor for that matter will it become a star chamber proceeding. Senator Stennis barred from the actual proceedings the use of television cameras and tape recorders. Moreover, still photographers are permitted exactly one minute in which to take "action" pictures of each testifying witness. The Committee Counsel,

Mr. Kendall, who leads off the questioning after formal statements are presented, is a model of Southern style decorum. There have been no fireworks, no histrionics and no baited traps.

The cavernous hearing room in which four tremendous chandeliers are almost lost hanging from forty-foot ceilings has for the most part been filled to capacity during the morning sessions. Understandably, the press corps has turned out en masse for this one. Since there are two "angles," the military and the legislative, daily newspapers and the news services are covering the story with either or both their Pentagon reporter or the regular Senate correspondent. Press interest is so high that the working press has spilled over into the spectator seats. The interest to specific groups is reflected in the composition of these who sit and listen. Washington's many military retirees have turned out in force as have many ardent admirers of General Walker who grimace and mutter at each endorsement of Administration policy whether explicit or implicit by a witness or questioning committee member.

While many elements of drama exist in the frame of personalities, politics, and the symbols of national power on display, before the subcommittee, it is highly unlikely that there will be any front page clashes.

Senator Strom Thurmond, prime moving  
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## Editorial

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to what is covert and beneath the surface, like a huge iceberg. Make no mistake about it the growing power on the right is a huge iceberg, three quarters submerged and a hazard to every cause which the Jew holds dear . . . for essentially the preachments of these groups, the very bedrock of their philosophy is the ultimate and final destruction of democracy.

**No better reason can be found for the Jewish War Veterans to embark upon a program of vigorous counter-action, the same inspired counter-attack that it used so successfully against the communists and fellow travelers in the twenties, thirties, forties and fifties and continue to use in the sixties.**

The enemy has shown his face to us and we must act. Within the next few weeks Posts throughout the country will receive a "Blueprint for Action" against the extreme right. This blueprint will spell the methods we will use to fight back, in the community, in other veterans groups, in the legislature, in the schools, in religious bodies, in organizations, everywhere in which the enemy is active.

**The bell tolls for us once again. And we at JWV hear its peal. It is time to act.**

JWV is in complete agreement with the President's proposal to create a Department of Urban Affairs, headed by an individual of full cabinet rank. We so stated this approval by resolution passed at our last convention.

We feel that a Department of Urban Affairs is both necessary and proper. The great urban areas of our country are in distress. Beset by problems created by nearly two centuries of unplanned growth, our cities are blighted and many are beset by a maze of problems that cannot be unraveled without adequate guidance and control.

We do feel, however, that the President's naming of a head of this  
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# ALERT!

Swastikas were daubed on forty-one tombstones in a Passaic County, N. J. Jewish cemetery.

The New York Times published a letter to the Editor from an Arlington, Va., resident, who described Rockwell's men as "hoodlums armed with blackjacks and brass knuckles" who have defaced signs and molested neighbors, and have "contaminated" the minds of 8 and 10 year old children at several schools in the area.

From the Paramus (N.J.) Sunday Post, an editorial comments that "we seem once again to be moving into a climate all too reminiscent of the McCarthy era. The super-patriots are on the march, the flag-wavers, the American Firsters, the anti-United Nations. They use . . . or should we say misuse?—words that we all cherish—freedom, liberty, Christian, Our American Heritage. . . . The most recent in the steadily growing list of super patriot groups is the Bergen County Citizens for Freedom. Its members . . . it admits a total of ten . . . disclaim any affiliation with extremist groups to the far right and so far as formal affiliation goes this may be true. But since they organized specifically to promote the spread of the controversial and undeniably "far rightest" documentary film, "Operation Abolition," the fact that they are affiliated in spirit if not in formal alliance with the far right is unescapable. America needs, as perhaps, she has never needed before, true patriots, wise, far-seeing, aware of a changing expanding world. She does not need the super-patriots. If anything can destroy our freedom and our true American way, these are the organizations that can do it."

In Brooklyn, fire believed to have been started by juvenile delinquents with anti-Semitic intentions damaged several classrooms of a Jewish parochial school. Firemen found scrawled on blackboards the message: "You dirty Jews . . . you'll never find out who did this." They were no pupils in the building at the time.

Extensive anti-Semitic and other anti-democratic vandalism in Argentina was reported by the American Jewish Committee. Several Argentine organizations were cited as being "neo-Fascist" and strongly anti-United States.

In Goettingen, Germany, members of the Right-wing All-German party selected a man once a prominent Nazi to lead them in 1962, Hermann Ahrens.  
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