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## CONVENTION IN DETROIT

### JWV Hails Action Of Calif. Repub. Assembly

National Commander Theodore Brooks of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. today hailed the action of the California Republican Assembly in condemning Robert H. Welch, Jr., founder and president of the ultra-right John Birch Society, as rendering, in the words of the Republican resolution, "immeasurable harm to the cause of individual liberty."

The leader of the nation's oldest active war veterans group expressed regret, however, that the Republican workers had not voted "to expel from the Assembly's membership, once and for all, every member of the dangerous John Birch fraternity."

The California Republican Assembly condemned Mr. Welch on March 4th, during a convention in Berkley, California, at the same time they endorsed former Vice-President Richard M. Nixon

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### VFW Cmdr. Statement

For the purpose of keeping our readers informed with regard to the results of liaison with the other veterans groups, we are reprinting the following public statement recently made by the Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Robert E. Hansen. This statement was carried in the New York Times of February 5th, 1962.

"It is time that the Veterans of Foreign Wars stop and take a serious look at the resurgence of Pseudo-Americanism harmful to our national posture . . . There is no organization in the country that has been more militant in this fight against communism. Our record is continuing and dates back to 1926 when we passed our first resolution calling for the abolishment of communism in this country.

"We passed a resolution at our last National Convention which covers this subject and that resolution reads as follows:

"Some organizations in the United States are resorting to insidious, gossip-mongering, name-calling methods, using innocent, loyal people as their targets. Such acts are un-American and threatening to our national security. We fight communism but in so doing we must not be swept into any hysterical adoption of unclean totalitarian methods, such as lies, threats, force, appeals to prejudice and to baser emotions. The V.F.W. condemns any organization using totalitarian methods.

"I hope that during our meetings the next three days our leaders will reiterate this position and return to their homes and let their local communities know how we feel."

### Convention Site Selected: Motor City To Go All Out!

Detroit has become the hub of feverish activity these days as JWV members begin to prepare themselves for the up and coming 67th Annual Convention, to be held in the motor city, from August 26 to September 2.

Plans are rapidly taking shape for what promises to be one of the best conventions in the long history of the JWV. Under the leadership of Convention Corporation President Lawrence Gubow and Executive Vice President Irving S. Cane, a hard working committee is busily getting things ready for an expected record attendance.

The beautiful and spacious Sheraton-

Cadillac Hotel will serve as JWV headquarters, while the luxurious Statler-Hilton will serve the same purpose for JWVA. The complete Sheraton-Cadillac, thoroughly air-conditioned throughout, will accommodate all of JWV's daily business sessions and other events.

The Convention Corporation has indicated 1962's convention activities will include special tours to the automobile plants, Greenfield Village and Canada; an emphasis on the family, by a thoroughly planned children's program; a Chicago White Sox Night Baseball game, a boat ride and many other surprises, all to be announced in future issues of the Jewish Veteran.

The highlight of the convention will be the National Commanders Banquet. Negotiations are under way for a prominent guest speaker, who will probably be one of the most famous ever to speak at a national JWV Convention.

Next month's issue of the Jewish Veteran will carry more complete details as to the biggest and best convention yet . . . the 67th Annual JWV Convention!

### New Members Join As '62 Drive Progresses

First tabulation of results, to date, of JWV's 1962 Bond Bonanza Membership Campaign revealed the addition of 4000 new members to the rolls, with the anticipated reporting of thousands of more new members in the months to come.

One of the more successful drives of the current campaign, "Eager Beaver" Sunday recently sponsored by the Department of the District of Columbia resulted in over 200 new and retained members being signed up. Henrietta Zoltrow, a member of the John & Bernard Wilner Post 381, received a \$25 savings bond from the 4th Regional Commander, Al Schwartz, for bringing in the most new and retained members during the drive.

Posts, throughout the country, were reporting the planning of special membership events. The Morris R. Guten Post 487, Milwaukee, Wisc., will hold a paid up membership social at a local brewery, at the same time, honoring their Past Commanders and Morey Blyweiss. Included among a number of Post bulletins which emphasized the details of the 1962 Bond Bonanza drive were the Wheaton Post 707, Md.'s bulletin, the JWV Call and Lt. Seymour M. Kirschenbaum Post 282, Chicago, Ill., bulletin, The Kirschenbaum Tattler. Wheaton Post has appointed Gil Sturman as Chairman of its special Bond Prizes Committee.

Subsequent issues of the Jewish Veteran and special membership bulletins will continue to inform JWV members of the progress of the campaign.

### Cmdr. Brooks Criticizes Ultra Right Thinking

A charge of "Communist-type thinking" was levelled today against members of ultra-right wing organizations in this country by National Commander Theodore Brooks of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America.

The leader of the nation's oldest active war veterans group characterized the followers of the radical right as "Kremlin-type mentalities decked out in red, white and blue clothing" who "by Communist-type thinking seek to undermine our freedoms and our faith in an open society through breeding distrust, suspicion and hysteria every time they open their mouths.

"It might be instructive," Commander Brooks declared, "to tabulate the similarities of attitude on the part of the radical left and the radical right. The Communists try in their propaganda around the world to smear and hold up to discredit this nation's administration and policies. So do the John Birchers and other extremists at the right end of the political spectrum. The Communists have sought in the last few years to undermine and smear the

United Nations. So have the ultra-right-wingers. The Communists hold in contempt and have done all they can to slow down our administration's efforts to arrive at peaceful solutions of world problems in a climate of moderation and national negotiation. The same impatience with moderate approaches has been displayed by the John Birchers and other extremists on their side. The Communists display a cynical disregard of objective truth. So do the leaders of the far right.

"Every time a spokesman for the radical right makes another attack on our government," Commander Brooks said, "or sneers at the efforts of our elected leaders to achieve peaceful settlements abroad or improve the lot of our citizens at home through constructive action, there must be rejoicing in

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### Warns Extremist Groups Use Soviet Logic In Opposing Foreign Aid, UN

National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, Theodore Brooks warned that "some allegedly patriotic groups" will play the communist game by opposing the foreign aid requests of the President.

In a letter to Dr. Thomas E. Morgan, Chairman of the House For-organization, Commander Brooks, pointed out that "the arguments advanced by some of these self-labeled anti-communists fit within the framework of Soviet logic in stressing the alleged futility of making freedom work. There is a strange similarity in their opposition to the United Nations, to foreign aid, etc. I submit that the spectacle of such groups, extreme right and extreme left, having such a common objective cannot in the end, if their myopic opposition has any success, fail but to have disastrous consequences on our own people and our own government."

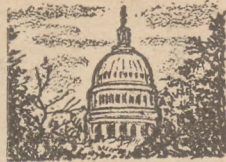
Commander Brooks wrote the Congressman that "for many years, beginning with the time of the concept of the Marshall Plan, the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. have consistently supported the foreign aid program of the United States. Delegates to our con-

ventions have taken this position because of their convictions that it is the duty of the free world to help the underdeveloped and weaker nations. That help lies in the contribution we made through the foreign aid program to strengthen these nations, militarily and economically. The record achieved by the foreign aid program, in our judgment, more than adequately supports this position.

"The need today for this aid," Commander Brooks wrote, "again military and economic, is certainly no less than it has been in the past. Indeed, there is perhaps a greater need today because of the very success of this program. If we let go, there can be no question but that the communists will take over in many areas. It is for these reasons that

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# Capitol Corridors



by Felix Putterman  
National Legislative Director

Spring is usually the most enjoyable season of the year in the Nation's capital. In most American cities the opening of a new beautiful stadium for the great American pastime, major league baseball, would afford a pleasant seasonal diversion from the mundane weary problems of everyday existence—not so in the Washington of 1962. The knotty complexities making up a world full of pressures and even the housekeeping amenities that comprise domestic questions of import demand the full attention of lawmakers as well as observers.

With a watchful eye on Geneva, the United Nations in New York and the open running sore in Southeast Asia, the capital has been holding its collective breath while fearfully watching the House of Representatives careen around a hairpin turn in anticipation of its running entirely off the rails of responsibility and self control.

If, as some people claim, the House is a true reflection of what people back home are thinking and saying, President Kennedy has an even greater task at hand than the backbreaking one his sympathetic critics have outlined. Less courageous men would quail at the prospects for his program in the remainder of this Congressional Session as well as at the hard imperatives of the coming fall elections.

A week does not pass but what some powerful Member of the House chooses to throw down the gauntlet to the White House. It begins to appear as though each senior Congressional powerhouse has a pet issue for expressing differences with the President.

Since a goodly portion of the President's legislative program was headed for the House Ways and Means Committee it was expected that Chairman Wilbur Mills of Arkansas would require the full "treatment" from the White House including perhaps discarding all but the most essential items until a more favorable atmosphere prevailed in the House. The ever cautious Mills has been a little sticky but not quite as formidable as the venerable Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Carl Vinson of Georgia, on the subject of the B-70 authorization.

Chairman Vinson's committee — and make no mistake, it is HIS committee — by unanimous vote had "directed," "mandated," and "required" the Administration to spend more money for the B-70 than Department of Defense had asked for. In effect, in face of the reluctance of Secretary McNamara to spend \$491,000,000 on manned aircraft that could not become available in significant numbers until we would have had in inventory large numbers of long range missiles, this posed an almost insoluble constitutional problem as to the prerogatives of the Executive and the

Congress for control of the military departments.

For approximately a week it was touch and go as to who would be the real winner in a war that has been smoldering for seven years during two Administration — the Armageddon of manned aircraft was becoming a reality. With the coming of Spring on March 21 the climax was reached. "The Swamp Fox," Mr. Vinson made his tactical retreat on the floor of the House in a most graceful manner. The terms of the truce indicated that the Department of Defense would make a survey in greater "depth" on the feasibility of moving into an RS-70 program while the House would change the strong mandatory language in the bill to the more permissive "authorize." A serious constitutional crisis had, once again, been averted.

Whether this uneasy peace represents a victory for the President few with any sense would be willing to say. Massive retaliation by General LeMay and his substantial constituency, in and out of government, could upset the applecart. To many of these sincere and patriotic individuals the phasing out of the manned bomber is a serious strategic mistake as well as an economic catastrophe for communities whose livelihood is tied up in the production of airplanes.

On the other hand the Secretary of Defense has been a spectacular success to date. Responsible for the spending of \$52 billion, Mr. McNamara has performed in a most exemplary manner. Without indulging in sloganeering he has reorganized, vitalized, and stepped up the efficiency of our military establishment to the amazement of many skeptics in both parties. We are spending more bucks but the bangs are much greater in places where we need them most. The missiles program has been made more meaningful by the expanded means for waging conventional warfare.

Moreover, not the least of the Secretary's achievements has been a veritable eighth wonder of the world, namely the development of an Alphonse and Gaston relationship with Chairman Vinson—no mean feat considering the latter's exalted status with professional brass, in large measure earned by ignoring civilian Defense Secretaries.

To the President this has brought a valuable asset that only a cordial and respectful relationship with the leading Congressional expert on defense matters with almost 48 years of experience can bring. Mr. Vinson was Sam Rayburn's strong right arm in the successful fight for expansion of the Rules Committee and can very well make or break the President's Trade Bill on the floor of the House.

"Spring, spring, the bird on the wing." That's the dove of peace on the wing of a simulated RS-70.

our government and every forward-looking proposal of the present administration, as well as the Republican administration which preceded it, an organization whose leader has called ex-President Eisenhower an agent of the Communist party, who has slandered our former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles by questioning his loyalty—surely such an organization deserves the express and unequivocal condemnation of Democrats and Republicans alike," Commander Brooks said.

"Would the California Assembly be content to tolerate within the ranks of its members known members of ultra-leftist subversive groups? Would they hesitate to toss out Communists who infiltrated among them on the grounds that such a step would be divisive, their excuse for letting the Birchers stay?"

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## California

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as Republican nominee for Governor of their state. A resolution on the John Birch Society was passed in a toned-down version after a bitter session.

"It is unfortunate," Commander Brooks declared, "that party workers who are members of the Republican Assembly could not bring themselves to read the John Birchers out of their ranks by a strong majority.

"The thousands who voted to allow this variety of subversive to remain members of the Assembly," the PWV spokesman added, "made a tragic concession to cynicism which will handicap the former Vice President.

"Surely an organization such as the John Birch gang, which has attacked

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# Win The 'Right' Fight

By THEODORE BROOKS

National Commander

The significance of the closed door meeting held recently in Washington under the auspices of the Reverend Billy Hargis, once again illustrates the common denominator that runs, like the red vein down the back of a shirmp, through the radical right wing in America.

**They pretend to think of themselves as different from each other and the more they cling to these "differences" the more they appear to be the same as each other.**

The Hargis meeting collected the same motley crew that appears at every function under the sponsorship of the radical right.

Here the misguided and misbegotten gather together to air their gripes at civilization, America, assorted minority groups and a whole host of "enemies." These "enemies" are lumped together under the generic term "communist" and it becomes more and more apparent that the radical right is looking for a fight, not with communists, but with their fellow Americans.

**The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America has carved for itself a singular role in the fight to break the back of the radical right movement in this country.**

We took on this mantle of responsibility for a variety of reasons; foremost among them being that the radical right is a receptacle for the most virulent anti-Semites in the United States.

Many protest that this is not so. We think that they protest too much.

It is odd that everything our organization stands for, everything progressive, everything that furthers the cause of civilization, everything that improves civil rights, is, in reality, what the radical right is against.

**We do not look upon them as anything to be feared at the moment; but the remnants of McCarthyism have found themselves a new banner, and a new clutch of heroes. They could, providing a new man on horseback appears on the scene, muster the kind of strength that once gave McCarthy his strength.**

Having learned from that era, JWV is attacking before they can gather the strength to make much of their movement.

It is no secret that a wave of conservatism is sweeping through America. Public opinion swings on a pendulum and since the Republican Party has not produced a conservative hero who can win, the radical right honestly believes that this winner can be produced elsewhere.

Our fear is that the radical right, because of their militancy, singleness of purpose and blind obedience could eventually control what started out to be an honest conservative movement.

**Thus, JWV warns conservatives as well as liberals to hold fast and not be swayed by promises of quick success.**

We are locking horns with these groups wherever they appear. We intend to fight the good fight down to the finish line. We have won many a battle in our 60 odd years, but this battle is the big one—and we intend to win this one, too.

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