

The Jewish Veteran

"The Patriotic Voice of American Jewry"

VOL. 19, NO. 4

Published By The Jewish War Veterans
Of The United States of America

82

May, 1962

DETROIT PREPARES FOR BIGGEST CONVENTION!

JWV Criticizes School Of Anti-Communism

News that Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, President of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, is opening a "Greater New York School of Anti-Communism" brought a scathing comment from National Commander Theodore Brooks of the Jewish War Veterans.

Commander Brooks said, "Dr. Schwarz may garb himself as a lamb and claim that his organization is only an innocent educational institution, but wide awake Americans who have followed his activities know better. Dr. Schwarz and the schools he organized are part and parcel of the ultra-right wing forces in this country whose ultimate aim is political power. If we take what the faculty of Dr. Schwarz's schools say at face value, in the name of anti-Communism, their ultimate purpose is the erosion and, in the end, the denial of the liberties guaranteed by the First, the Fifth, and the Fourteenth Amendments to the Federal Constitution.

Commander Brooks noted that Dr. Schwarz, in a recent advertisement in the New York Times, "repudiated" allegations of anti-Semitism, pointing out that his father was born of Jewish parents and that he, himself, became committed to Christian doctrine at the age of 17.

"Dr. Schwarz," declared Commander Brooks, "is obviously not a Jew. Whether he is a Christian is not for me to say, but this I do say—the schools and the faculty supposedly engaged in exposing the evils of communism do little more than attempt to whip audiences into hysteria and suspicion of neighbors, elected leaders who have questioned the ultra-right and its motivations and the democracy we have developed. They smear all elements in American life in their diatribes, particularly business leaders, members of the judiciary, members of Congress and of the Executive department, and even the President, accusing them of being servants and followers of communist dogma because they will not follow the line he and other members of the ultra-right advocate."

Commander Brooks expressed skepticism over the slogan of the proposed New York School as set forth in its advertisement, "What Communism is, not who it is."

"It would seem a little late," Commander Brooks said, "to put forth claims of fair-mindedness when the whole tenor of Dr. Schwarz's schools has been to carry on where McCarthyism left off, making irresponsible denunciations of innocent individuals and aligning themselves with the John Birch Society and other illiberal forces. Dr. Schwarz now asks for an opportunity in what he calls the 'American tradition of

(Continued on Page 10)

Convention To Stress Fun For Entire Family

Plans are nearing completion for the 1962 National Convention of the Jewish War Veterans, it was announced by Harry Harrison of Atlanta, Ga., national convention chairman, and Lawrence Gubow, Convention Corp. president.

It is anticipated that 3000 to 4000 people will converge on Detroit, August 26 to September 2 for the 67th annual Convention. Irving Cane, Convention Corp. Vice President indicates that a deluge of reservations have already come in and urges members to send in theirs as quickly as possible.

JWV headquarters will be in the Sheraton Cadillac Hotel, while JWVA activity will center about the Statler Hilton Hotel.

According to plans, the encampment will feature several nationally prominent speakers, including one of cabinet rank. Last year the major address in Baltimore was delivered by General Curtis E. LeMay, Chief of the Staff of the United States Air Force. Local and state officials have also indicated that they would be present at the Convention.

Most of the business sessions will take up many of the problems, facing us today, i.e., the Radical Right, Arab-Israel relations, etc., and noted authorities on the subject will address the delegates.

Included in the host of extras offered by specially low-priced packaged deals are the following, all free of charge:

Early Bird Night and refreshments.

"Las Vegas Nite."

Detroit-Chicago night Baseball game (1st 500 plan registrants only).

Special movie and/or dance.

National President's Luncheon (for all women registrants who are not members of Posts).

National Commander's Banquet (for Post members).

Moonlight Cruise to Bob-Lo Island, Canada.

Tour No. 1—Canada and Detroit Area.

Tour No. 2—Ford Motor Co.; Greenfield Village and JWV Memorial Home.

Tour No. 3—Detroit Arsenal and Chrysler Missile Plant.

Visit to Michigan State Fair.

Free chance to win a 1962 Automobile.

1962 National Convention Souvenir Book.

(Continued on Page 6)

JWV Urges United States Deal Fairly With Israel

The National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America hailed the State of Israel at the start of its fifteenth year of existence as a modern democracy and urged the United States and the United Nations "to deal considerately and fairly with our loyal ally, beleaguered by the threats and ill wishes of its Arab neighbors."

Commander Theodore Brooks suggested that President Kennedy "take the initiative in encouraging a constructive program, bringing to bear the influence of the United States toward a goal of realizing permanent peace between Israel and the Arab nations."

Commander Brooks deplored the recent United Nations Resolution which he said "failed to take into consideration, in a dispute between Israel and Syria, the glaring reality of Syria's position and attitude."

"Syria," Commander Brooks pointed out, "has been persistent in carrying out acts of provocation against Israel as a matter of policy. There has been no attempt to hide its support of Arab plans to impair Israel's integrity, if possible, to wipe out the Jewish state. The United Nations Security Council

in condemning Israel last month for protecting its property along the Sea of Galilee confused acts of aggression with acts of self-defense.

"It is difficult to condone support by the United States of that Resolution," Commander Brooks said. "President Kennedy and, indeed, leaders of both the Republican and Democratic parties have declared frequently that their aims are to achieve peace in the Middle East. How can this aim be furthered by passing resolutions which in effect give the nod to the Arabs to commit further acts of aggression? The position of the United States in this instance was particularly puzzling because the United States is the moral leader of the free world. Is it moral to endorse a world attitude that would permit belligerence to be a philosophy governing relations

(Continued on Page 12)



JWV Representatives meet with Congressman Abraham J. Multer at hearings of H.R. 8563, which will have an important bearing on JWV's Members Life Insurance Plans. L. to r.: Walter Goodman, Vice Pres. of All American Casualty Insurance Co.; Joseph F. Barr, National Executive Director; Theodore Brooks, Nat. Cndr.; Congressman Multer; Malcolm A. Tarlow, Chairman of Insurance Committee.

Harold Seidenberg, Past National Commander in 1930-31, is ill, confined to the Pratt Diagnostic Center, 171 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Mass. Get well messages can be sent to him in care of the Center.

THE JEWISH VETERAN

Organized 1896

Official Monthly Publication of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

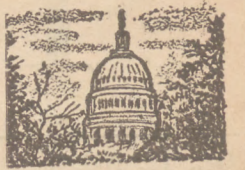
Henry ShieldsNational Editor
Louis SchrierEditor-in-Chief

Publication Office1339 Green Court, N.W. Washington, D.C.

Editorial Offices1712 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C.

The Jewish Veteran is published monthly September through June and bi-monthly July and August by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America at 1339 Green Court, N.W., Washington, D. C. Second-class postage paid at Washington, D. C. Subscription price in the United States \$2.00 per year, payable in advance.

Capitol Corridors



by Felix Putterman
National Legislative Director

Washington pundits may be divided into three categories. First there are the prophets who predict, project or extrapolate, the latter limited, of course, to statisticians. Then there are the Monday morning quarterbacks who have mastered hindsight and the second guess. Finally the largest group are the analysts who weigh all the facts by their own "loaded" standards only to come up with the purest, most objective answers.

A distasteful subject currently being considered here is the future of the Radical Right. Has it reached its crest yet? What is its long run effect on our country? Will it soon run out of hot air, or is it still to gather its full head of steam? What is its real significance in this, an election year? Are we going to spend the next few troublesome years trying to concentrate on the serious tasks at hand while the infantile "sick" ultras set up a screaming din?

Already there is some disagreement between the practitioners as against those who regard the Bircher and company as a sort of pimple on the backside of Uncle Sam recurring uncomfortably about once or twice in an average lifetime. By contrast there are diagnosticians who consider the present super-patriotic primitives to be a pain in the same general area only of a more serious nature like a critical spinal affliction requiring complicated long term treatment.

If you agree that the Cold War and its effect on the entire world is substantially responsible for the emergence of the Radical Right to its present condition of notoriety, and if you recognize that its most significant step forward, or backward, depending on your own feelings, coincided with the Cuban demise then you can expect to be blighted with the presence of Birchers, sons of Birchers and the rest of the hate-your-neighbor-ilk for too long a time to come. For as much as the Congo, Laos and Berlin, our domestic home-grown crackpots must be recognized as still another identification by some Americans with the difficult and challenging requirements of United States foreign policy.

Since foreign policy is concerned with the life and death of our country, it will provide the central focus of the lives of all Americans until lasting peace or catastrophic war has arrived. Hardly a soul in Washington expects quick or immediate action on either score. Almost without exception serious observers look to a long frustrating, puzzling and demanding period of forbearance and patience in the fashion-

ing of an American posture for a world full of tension and trying challenge.

For the first time in our history, foreign policy, its conduct and consequence is becoming the central issue in the domestic political picture. In the Presidential campaign of 1960, the image of the United States abroad became an issue for consideration by the voters. Some hold that President Kennedy may very well have been elected on this esoteric issue. By contrast only four years before, Governor Stevenson failed to reach the electorate in his fruitless effort to make foreign affairs an election issue. Disagreement on foreign policy goals may in time create new issues between political parties in future National elections.

Just how important foreign policy issues are in the total effort of the President and the Congress to operate an effective government can be judged by the nature of the most important legislative problems under consideration as well as the identity of the executive departments concerned with these matters.

With the exception of Medical Care and Agriculture, the most important bills to be considered by this Congress before adjournment, no matter when, are Foreign Trade, Foreign Aid, UN Bonds, and the Tax Bill especially designed to slow down gold outflow.

Secretary Rusk's State Department is not alone in its concern with foreign policy obligations. If only through collateral problems, his confreres at Defense, Treasury and Commerce are in the foreign policy business up to their necks. The President spends most of his waking hours searching for methods to accelerate change and yet stabilize a stormy world over and to identify forever the United States with free aspiration and achievement in the new nations of the world.

Before this is accomplished we must compete with difficult and aggressive Russians and Chinese; we must humor our allies, Adenauer and De Gaulle; we must be patient with each new African nation; we must identify with and offer succor to the lowliest Indian peasant in Latin America; we must continue to pay and pay and pay. All this takes the guts and patience of a healthy society.

The know-nothings and haters of the Radical Right who have already surrendered because they can't go the long haul will be with us as long as the hard problems of foreign policy confront us.

Unfortunately, there are always suckers for easy answers. Ask Mr. Welch and Dr. Schwarz. Eh, Fidel?

The Fight Goes On

By Theodore Brooks
National Commander

Since it is the fundamental policy of the Jewish Veterans of the U.S.A., as stated in its time-honored preamble, to fight the battle of the Jew, wherever unjustly assailed, I feel compelled as JWV National Commander to speak out against a new definition of the words "Jew" and "Jewish" as they appear in the newly issued "Merriam Webster Third New International Dictionary."

I take serious issue with the dictionary's fourth definition of the noun "Jew" as "A person believed to drive a hard bargain"; with the use of "Jew" as an adjective to stand for "Jewish" . . . and with the use of "Jew" as a verb defined as "to cheat, by sharp business practices."

The definitions are accompanied by the remark "usually taken to be offensive," but what is really offensive is the revival of these objectionable definitions after they had already been dropped in the second edition of the same dictionary.

I don't see how including these words in official compendium of English words and usage can do anything but harm. The publishers take refuge with the statement that they "hold no grief" with the meanings of the words they define, and point out that other proper names designating people by their nationalities or religions are also used pejoratively. I don't believe this is a sufficient answer. People consult the dictionary to find out what is good usage. Why were these definitions dropped from the last edition and then brought to life again? This sort of alleged objectivity and neutrality may satisfy the conscience of the publisher but I consider such a position irresponsible.

As a Jew, I am offended by the needless inclusion of such definitions in a standard reference text. If I were an anti-Semite, I am sure I would be gratified by the definition. But it is not sufficient to point out that such usages are offensive. Of course they are. It would have been a better service to drop them from circulation once and for all and they should be dropped from all future printings.

I have dispatched a letter to the G. C. Merriam Company, publishers of the dictionary, outlining these objectives and I am hopeful that members of the Jewish War Veterans and their friends who see this column will do the same.

It is amazing on how many fronts the battle of the Jew must be fought. We have on the one hand the radical right with its insidious propaganda and the slow crawling cold hand of anti-Semitism which is apparent in most radical right activities. Then there is the George Lincoln Rockwell battle. And still we go on and on.

On one of these fronts there is a serious danger. This is Algeria. Notwithstanding all the statements made by President DeGaulle, Ambassador Alphant, and many others that France will do all in her power to protect the rights and liberty of the Jewish population of Algeria, there is still cause for alarm.

We are, of course, gratified by the terms of the Edian Agreement, which provides that Algerian Jews retain French Nationality for a transitory period of three years after which they can voluntarily choose Algerian citizenship or remain French Nationals.

On the surface this seems like a rational and sensible agreement; but it does not take into effect the long smoldering resentment and friction between Moslems and Jews, not only in Algeria, but in other parts of the world. Would it not have been better for the French to insist upon Algerian immigration for Jews in that country. We are hopeful that the Moslems who will one day rule Algeria will have the decency and compassion to allow immigration to Israel.

For our part, JWV will continue to ask our own government to use whatever good offices they may have with Moslem countries to permit Jewish immigration to Israel for those who want it.

We urge all those who wish to take an even more active part in the organization to attend our National Convention in Detroit. The Detroit group is one of the most active in the country. The city has gone all out to provide us with the kind of convention that will make an impact throughout the country.



Samuel R. Schmuckler, NEC, 5th Region presents the official State of Minnesota flag to the National Shrine For The Jewish War Dead on behalf of Governor Elmer L. Anderson. L. to r.: P.N.C. Myer Dorfman, a Past President of the Shrine; P.N.C. Harry H. Schaffer, President of the Shrine; Schmuckler and Samuel Lechtman, Dept. Commander.