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# PLANS COMPLETED FOR SELL-OUT CONVENTION

## Cmdr. Brooks Informs President Of Outrages

President Kennedy was, this month, informed in person of anti-Semitic outrages in Argentina and Uruguay by National Commander Theodore Brooks, as well as of other matters of interest to the membership of the Jewish War Veterans.

Commander Brooks, accompanied by Felix Putterman, National Legislative Director, stated that the President's interest made him hopeful that steps would be taken by the United States Government.

He provided President Kennedy with details of recent outbreaks in Argentina and Uruguay and stressed that Latin states seeking assistance from the Alliance for Progress should adhere to principles respecting human rights.

The National Commander also called attention to a number of situations wherein the reaction of the United States to the problems in the Middle East did not seem consistent with what had been U.S. policy in this area.

He also handed to the President a number of resolutions adopted by the 1961 Convention including those on an increase of compensation for service connected disabilities and another on the renewal of the right to apply for World War I and II life insurance.

Commander Brooks stated that he was well satisfied with the sympathetic attention by the President to the various issues discussed.

## Last Chance To Join JWV Israel Pilgrimage

Several days remain during which members and their families may make reservations for the historic JWV Pilgrimage to Israel, to take place September 4 to 26.

Those enrolled will participate in an historical rendezvous with Jewish war veterans from all over the world, meet high Israeli government officials and veterans and see London, Paris and Rome for a fraction of what it normally would cost.

The Jewish War Veterans have planned this pilgrimage for only 120 people as a luxury tour from beginning to end. It is conceived as a most important historical event, but in addition, no effort has been spared to insure the comfort and complete enjoyment of every person in the group.

For more information on how to join the pilgrimage, members should write to Dr. Seymour S. Weismann, 1457 Broadway, New York 36, Room 605.

## Top Speakers Scheduled For Convention Sessions

A host of outstanding speakers, including Senator Philip A. Hart, G. Mennen Williams, Brig. Gen. S. L. A. Marshall and Lewis Weinstein, will appear at the JWV National Convention, to be held in Detroit, Mich., from August 26 to September 2.

In addition to these speakers, Lawrence Gubow and Irving Cane, National Convention Corporation President and Vice President announced that negotiations are almost completed for a prominent national figure of cabinet status as main speaker to the National Commanders' Banquet.

G. Mennen Williams, former Governor of Michigan and present Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, will speak to the delegates on Thursday morning. The afternoon's session will be addressed by Lewis Weinstein, Chairman of the National Community Relations Council.

Senator Philip A. Hart (D-Mich) will speak at the National Executive Committee and Federation luncheon on Tuesday. Senator Hart, who is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Refugees and Escapees, will include in his speech his views on immigration. General S.L.A. Marshall, USAR, military critic of the Detroit News and author of the books, Sinai Victory and Pork Chop Hill, will speak on Friday morning.

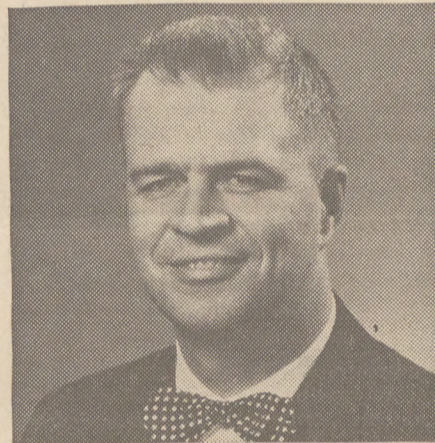
There will be more than the usual quota of social activities planned for delegates and their families. Socially speaking, the Convention will be kicked off Sunday, August 26 with a festive Early Bird Night, featuring three acts of entertainment, dancing to an orchestra and many other "get acquainted" surprises. Everyone attending Las Vegas Nite on Monday will receive free play money which will enable them to play for prizes.

Other features of the Convention, whose theme is "Bring the Family" include a supervised children's program of swimming, zoo trips, tours, picnics, baby-

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Senator Philip A. Hart



G. Mennen Williams

## JWV Opposes Grant Of Charter To ANP

(The Jewish War Veterans today voiced its "unalterable opposition" to granting the American Nazi Party a corporate charter under any name that "has the remotest connection to the stench of Nazism.")

(J.W.V.'s National Commander, Theodore Brooks, urged the Virginia State Corporation Commission to reject Lincoln Rockwell's charter application under the name of "ANP Inc.," not only as a violation of the recent act passed by the Virginia General Assembly but also on the grounds urged by J.W.V. when the Commission issued the original charter.)

("Certainly," Commander Brooks said, "the State must not dignify the degeneracy and distortion that motivate this tiny group of trouble-makers who

make a mockery of democracy and openly espouse hatred and genocide.")

(He pointed out to the Corporation Commission and to then Governor Almond that granting a corporate charter to the American Nazi Party was a sin against humanity and urged that the State pass a law that would allow it to revoke the charter. Such a law was passed early this year.)

## JWV Criticizes Dismiss Of Medicare For Aged Bill

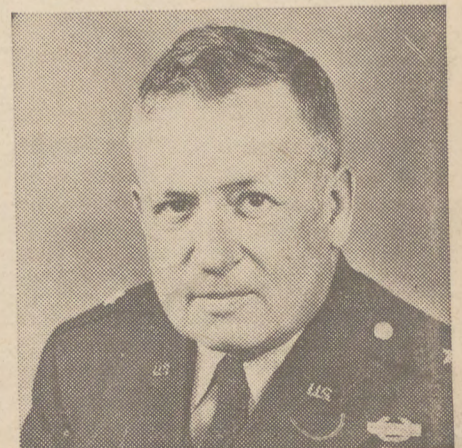
The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. today sharply criticized the stubbornness, obstinacy and total lack of vision" of a handful of Congressmen for "summarily dismissing" the medicare bill to provide medical care for the aged.

In a statement National Commander Theodore Brooks pointed out that "the real losers are the nation's vast army of the aged who looked to the Bill, or at least some sensible compromise, as

a way out of the terrible dilemma of rising medical costs.

"It is tragic indeed," Commander Brooks said, "that the aged of America

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General S. L. A. Marshall

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On Convention Eve

By Theodore Brooks
JWV National Commander

The excitement that comes with another convention and with it, the chance of meeting old friends and comrades, sometimes obscures the real essence of our annual "encampments."

Our constituted purpose for meeting together is to set a policy line for the coming year, to act on resolutions that provide the muscle and sinew that will carry the fight of the Jew "wherever unjustly assailed" for yet another year.

And the fight goes on and on and on. It is interminable. Like the proverbial boy with his finger in the dike, just as we stem one leak, another pops up again.

This year, for example, there is a multitude of issues that require our most earnest consideration.

There is the problem of the Jews of Argentina and Uruguay, suddenly caught up in a whirlpool of pogroms that are apparently immediately traceable to the aftermath of the Eichman trial. An explosive issue, at best, we are faced with the plea of the Jewish community in these countries to use our good offices to find means of stopping these horrible acts against Jewish persons and properties.

There is the ever-present problem of the radical right movement in the United States, which represents itself as a legitimate "conservative" force, when, in reality it is a catch-all for all forms and types of anti-semites and Jew baiters.

There is the greatly annoying and potentially dangerous activities of the crack-pot groups such as George Lincoln Rockwell's American Nazi Party and its counterparts in other lands. These have managed to excite a great deal of furor throughout the world in the last few weeks. The convention will be particularly interested in these groups and one can expect long and heated discussions in considering what action we must take against them.

There is the problem of Israel and the arms buildup in the Middle East, particularly in Nasser's Egypt which threatens to create a serious arms imbalance in that area of the world.

There are the problems of Medicare, NATO, Foreign Aid and Trade which have long absorbed our organization and provided much grist to our National Legislation mill.

And, of course, there are the many problems of the veteran, and the tens of issues that must be considered and acted upon so that JWV can pursue its veterans affairs programs with much vigor and zeal.

Probably one of the most exciting events to be held at our convention will be the election of National Commander and National Judge Advocate. These always provide a sort of "piece de resistance" to members who seek the joys of a good political race to the finish.

Everyone who comes to a convention goes home with that tired wonderful feeling of accomplishment. In Detroit this year local JWV has provided us with all the ingredients of a stand-out affair. They've worked long and hard so that we can enjoy ourselves while National headquarters has been busy planning the business end of the event.

To me the past year has been a glorious one. My greatest thrill was to discover (it is always a discovery) how many truly dedicated people we have within our organization. It is this knowledge that provides me with my greatest satisfaction.

On behalf of my family and myself, I can only express by heartfelt thanks for your cooperation and support. We moved ahead last year . . . just as we have moved ahead in every year since we were founded.

I know that the National Commander elected at our up-coming convention will receive the same enthusiasm and warmth that greeted me when I took over the leaders post. To him, I wish the best of luck. And to all JWV I extend my thanks.

See you at the Convention.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I want to thank you for exposing our greatest enemies in America today, the ultra-right wingers.

The Jews are not alone in this belated exposure; many of the leading Catholic and Protestant groups have recognized the conspiracy that is being organized by using the red-bogey as the necessary bait to destroy democracy.

I have written to Attorney General Kennedy to investigate the financial supporters and degenerate followers of Rockwell. If a conspiracy can be established and genocide is part of their program, they should be thoroughly exposed, tried and imprisoned.

Such beasts can not be allowed to grow any stronger. From a handful of followers in Germany, the Nazis were able to take their nation down the ruinous road to war and destruction. Can we sit by and let this happen?

Please, keep up the fine work and we shall achieve victory for peace and freedom for all.

Bernard Kostetsky,
Marcus-Smolowitz Post 218,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you with reference to the June, 1962 edition. On page 8, at the bottom of the page, is a picture of the West Point Jewish Chapel Choir, with a listing of all pictured except the figure in the center of the picture! The man wearing the prayer shawl is Rabbi Seymore H. Brickman, Jewish Chaplain at West Point and Past Chaplain of Irving Zuckerman Post No. 758. Rabbi Brickman, from the Hebrew Community Center of Florida, N. Y., served as the spiritual leader of the Jewish cadets and had the distinction of personally being presented to President Kennedy at the June 6 graduating exercises, where he sat behind the President!

Post 758 would be very happy if you would insert in your next issue some of the above information.

Marvin D. Rosenberg,
Past Commander,
Post 400, Monroe, N. Y.

Dear Editor:

There has been a failure, either because of complete naivete or well-calculated intention, to alert our membership to the menace of the extreme left. This, I maintain, is more dangerous to the perpetuation of a free and democratic society in the United States than the radical right, as vicious and harmful as that group is. In our struggle against the communists and their dupes, sycophants and misleaders, we are battling a shrewd, ruthless, dishonest, carefully calculating group of fanatical and dedicated workers and ever-alert theoretical activists. While the misdeeds in word and action of the rightists are often obvious, the carefully concealed tactics of our comrades on the left are difficult to detect.

It is therefore important to us that from the political history of the past we learn a few lessons for the future. A review, therefore, of some New York politics is in order.

In 1936, an attempt was made to organize a block of New Deal voters, who were opposed to Tammany and the other New York political machines.

The American Labor Party was formed by a combination of three political unrelated groups, each in ideological conflict with the other. The first was led by Sidney Hillman and David Dubinsky, leaders of the two largest clothing unions; the second, by a group of reformers of the La Guardia type. The third, was an infiltrating group of communists, who were using a new label to peddle old merchandise.

However, the role of the communists in this party was not obvious at its inception in 1936.

Although at first liberal union lead-

ers like Isadore Nagler, endorsed this party and even ran for office on the A.L.P. ticket, it is noteworthy, that as early as 1937, many persons were aware that "there was something rotten in Denmark."

As a result, the A.L.P. was then opposed by candidates of the Trade Unionist, Socialist and Anti-Communist Parties.

In 1938, a few candidates of the Liberal, Independent and City Fusion parties were opposing the American Labor Party.

In 1940, Frank Crosswath, a Communist supporter, more recently a Liberal, ran for Congress in the Bronx on the A.L.P. ticket, one of the few candidates unopposed by the Communists.

For some years the American Labor Party was to hold the balance of power in New York State, and regular Democratic Party candidates usually lost when they were not supported by the A.L.P.

Many innocents had their eyes opened when the Ribbentrop-Molotov pact was supported by the A.L.P. (1939) after the party had previously fiercely opposed Hitler. The American Labor Party later negotiated a political twist, and became anti-fascists once more when the U.S.S.R. was invaded by Germany.

Acutely aware of this menace by the Communist-infiltrated and controlled American Labor Party, a dissident group founded the Liberal Party. In 1944, it was on the ballot in New York, fiercely opposing the A.L.P. and the destructive forces which it represented for the next ten years.

The politically alert became aware of the obvious pro-Communist orientation of the A.L.P., and this led to its weakening and ultimate disappearance as an influential force in New York politics.

But, although "the song is ended, the melody lingers on." It was however, a sad song, and the lingering melody is even sadder, for "commies," like generals, never die . . . they just seem to fade away, to strike again another day.

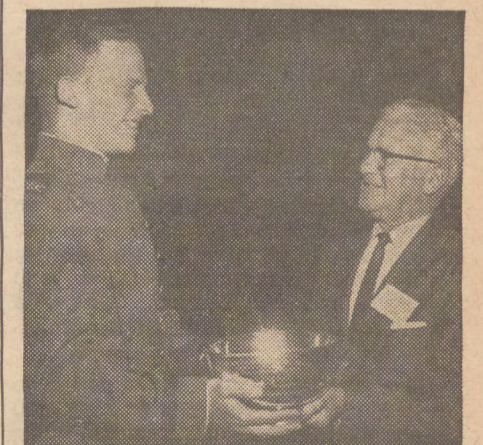
We worry about the "Birches," the Rockwells, the Christian Crusaders and the fascistic malcontents from the military services . . . and there IS much to be concerned with.

We fight anti-Semitism . . . and special privilege as well as special prejudice . . . and bigotry, wherever we find it.

Let us not be like bulls, who look only in one direction.

We have looked carefully at the right. Let us now focus our attention just as carefully to the well-deserving left . . . And then, LET US DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

Rubin C. Slater, DD.,
Surgeon, Bronx County, N.Y.



The Captain Dean G. Crowell Award to the Outstanding Cadet in Physical Education, Richard K. Johnson, a silver Revere bowl, sponsored by JWV, is presented by Harry J. Pells, Commander of Denver Post 342. It is through the Cadet Awards Program that JWV is able to play some part in the development of outstanding leadership.