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## GOLD MEDAL TO HOOVER

### Urges Israeli Pounds Be Paid For Missiles

National Commander Morton London has asked the Department of State, in the light of developments in India and Cuba, to facilitate Israel's acquisition of Hawk defensive anti-aircraft missiles by permitting Israel to pay in local currency—Israeli pounds—just as India has now been permitted to pay for arms in rupees.

Nat. Cmdr. London, who returned last month from Israel, cited the menace to Israel by the continuing flow of Soviet jet bombers and missiles to three Arab states surrounding Israel, the United Arab Republic, Syria, and Iraq. He noted that UAR pilots and missile technicians are being trained by the Sino-Soviet bloc, a fact that figured in America's decision to sell the defensive Hawk missile to Israel.

According to Mr. London, "The United States cannot expect Israel to be less apprehensive about a Soviet jet and missile build-up on her borders than our own nation is about the aggressive Soviet weapons provided to Fidel Castro." He said that "the UAR openly proclaims that they are preparing for the destruction of Israel and are obviously being aided, trained, and equipped by the Soviet Union and its satellites."

In a letter to the Secretary of State, Mr. London pointed out that "it is incredible to expect tiny Israel to defend herself against the world Communist onslaught, as manifested by the Soviet offensive weapons now poised on her borders, without a more realistic approach to financing Israel's purchase of

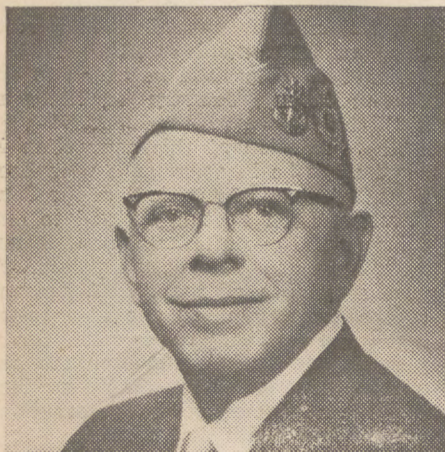
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### Harrison Elected Shrine President

Harry Harrison, Atlanta, Ga., was elected, as the President of the National Shrine For The Jewish War Dead, succeeding Harry Schaffer, Past National Commander from Pittsburgh, Pa. The new President has been a member of the Board of the Shrine since its inception in 1955. He is also a member of the National Executive Committee of JWV, and its National Convention Chairman.

Elected as vice president were Sol

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HARRY HARRISON

### JWV's Highest Award Presented to FBI Head

The highest award of the Jewish War Veterans, the Gold Medal of Merit, was presented to FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover.

An honorary membership in the oldest active war veterans organization in the U.S. also was given to Hoover in an impressive ceremony in his office.

Neither the award nor honorary membership has been presented by the veterans group in several years. Other recipients in past years have included Dean Acheson, Bernard Baruch, General Omar Bradley and Dore Schary.

Joseph F. Barr, executive director of the Jewish War Veterans, made the presentation. He was accompanied by eight other staff and Dept. of D. C. officers.

"This is a tribute which is long overdue," Barr asserted. He pointed out that FBI Director Hoover had been selected by unanimous vote of the delegates to this year's convention of the organization in Detroit.

Displaying the handsome medal, Barr read from the inscribed plaque which acclaimed it as follows:

"The recognition of outstanding and meritorious service in the battle for civil rights and liberties. His integrity and devotion to justice will be remembered forever."

Barr added that Hoover has the gratitude of all members of the Jewish War Veterans for his continuous dedication

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JWV presents the Gold Medal of Merit to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and also awards him an honorary membership. L. to r.: George H. Fishman; Charles B. Krieger, Director of Administration; Col. Alfred Cohan, Dept. Commander; Louis Schrier, Director of Membership and Programming; Joseph F. Barr, National Executive Director; Mr. Hoover; Benjamin Aronsohn, Past Dept. Commander; Robert L. Mittman; Felix Putterman, Legislative Director; and Sam Rose, Chief of Contact Service, VA.

### Fighting the Hate Monger

If there is one thing to be learned from the rise of George Lincoln Rockwell, it is that the quarantine system employed for years by a number of Jewish agencies is not applicable in every case.

The quarantine method of treating the vicious Nazi hate-monger George Rockwell has been ineffective. It is ineffective because Rockwell peddles a product that is so outrageous, hateful and offensive, that by its very nature, by its blatant barbarism, it stirs the kind of controversy that newspapers enjoy.

Nazism by itself, with all its sordid and recent memories, is a subject of great fascination to the press, who, like most of us, certainly must ask "Can it Happen Here?"

As the only Jewish organization in America that has slugged it out toe-to-toe with Rockwell, JWV has learned that the glare of exposure, while it might create a temporary notoriety for an evil man and an evil philosophy, has its salutary effect as well.

How many potential George Lincoln Rockwells are there in your city, who live in an aura of respectability, remain silent because they know that any attempt to climb out of their holes would be met by aggressive and forthright action, which would strip them of their guise of respectability?

Aggressive action also has more tangible rewards. It removed Rockwell from the historic Mall of our Nation's Capital, where his rantings disturbed the peace on quiet Sunday afternoons. It prevented, temporarily perhaps, but nevertheless, prevented him from speaking in the Nation's largest city, New York.

Wherever he moves, whether it be Chicago or Miami or to small towns in Pennsylvania, or Minnesota, Jews everywhere take comfort in the fact that there are Jewish War Veterans standing ready to tell the

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### Apply Now For JWV Insurance

The JWV Members Life Insurance program has been reopened for the remainder of 1962. The enrollment period will continue through the month of December 1962 and will close December 31, 1962.

JWV members, as well as members of the Ladies Auxiliary, who wish to enroll will find a full page advertisement and application elsewhere in this issue of the Jewish Veteran. Full details concerning the provisions of the two plans, the JWV Level Benefit Plan and JWV's Low Cost Basic Plan, as well as instructions for making application can be found in the advertisement.

JWV members who wish to take advantage of this opportunity to enroll should fill out the application complete and mail it with a check for the premium. Only paid up members of JWV and its Auxiliaries are eligible to obtain this group life membership, so as to enable everyone, regardless of condition of health, to enroll without a medical examination.

Among the thousands of persons enrolled under the plans are many disabled veterans, whose Posts, by achieving a 50% enrollment have made it possible for them to be covered. All Posts should avail themselves of this opportunity to do a great service to their disabled comrades.

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The Commander Reports

By Morton L. London National Commander

In contrast to an apparent trend of decreasing membership, characterizing many mass membership organizations, J.W.V. this year reported the addition of several thousand more members over last year . . . an achievement indicative of the acceptance and endorsement of our method of dealing with the forces of bigotry.

If anyone is to be congratulated, it should be our Posts, which have been remarkably vigilant in bringing to our attention those festering pots of racial and religious hatred which have sprung up in their community. It is their devotion to duty, which has resulted in our membership growth.

There are at least two or three reports made to us by alert Posts every week. They, in keeping with National Policy, attempt to keep us informed of any significant developments of the cropping up of any anti-Jewish incidents.

In one day alone, we were notified of three such occurrences. Leonard Zuckerman, Commander of one of the newest JWV units, the P.F.C. Irving Zuckerman Post 758 of Monroe, N. Y., revealed to us the existence of a Nazi nest in their neighboring community of Milford, Pa. American Nazi party literature was being disseminated and its philosophy of race hatred was being preached by three Milford businessmen. To the credit of the Milford community, it did not need prodding by any of the national defense organizations, it took the bull by the horns and organized an eight-man citizens committee to combat the pernicious influence of the ANP.

On another front, G. L. Rockwell was scheduled to speak at Jefferson Hall, in Milwaukee, Wisc. A Past Dept. Commander of JWV's Dept. of Wisconsin called attention to what these groups preached, and this scheduled meeting was cancelled. Attempts to schedule other meetings have reached the same end.

In still another community, the local JWV has been cooperating with the Regional office of the appropriate federal agency in a 24 hour surveillance of the activities of a small unit of the ANP which has been formed there.

And so it is . . . throughout the nation, JWV posts have remained alert and vigilant and ready when necessary to act. It is this factor, more than any other, which has resulted in a fast growing and vigilant membership.

Harrison Elected Shrine President

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Gold, New York; Morris Tulipman, Detroit, Michigan and one member of the Ladies Auxiliary, to be designated. Other officers include Sol M. Alpher, Secretary; PNC and JWV Exec. Dir. Joseph F. Barr, Treasurer and Walter Yaniger, Assistant Treasurer. New three year trustees are Bernard Abrams, and PNC Ben Kaufman, N. J.; Tom Borman and Irving Cane, Michigan; PNC William Carmen and William Leon, Mass.; PNC Benjamin Chasen, PNC Abraham Kraditor and Lester Duberstein, N. Y.; PNC I. L. Feuer, Ohio; PNC Paul Ginsberg, Ga.; Joseph Axelman and Walter Yaniger, Md.; PNC Milton Richman, Conn; Paul Robin, R. I.; PNC Sam Schalkewitz, Mo. and Norman Spetner, Mo. In addition, the Ladies Auxiliary will be represented by three members, who will be elected in January.

Plans are being drawn up for a publicity campaign which will make JWV Posts more familiar with the purpose of the Shrine. Samuel Schmuckler, who was appointed as National Shrine Officer for JWV, in cooperation with Louis Schrier, National Membership and Programming Director, is currently preparing a manual or brochure, which will be distributed to Posts and other echelons. Included in the material will be background information and the ways and means for raising funds earmarked for the Shrine by Posts.

Mr Harrison is also active in other organizations, including the Hebrew Academy of Atlanta of which he is the treasurer, the Mason, Elks, Moose and American Legion. He is the President and Chairman of the Gate City Table Co., Inc. and also chairman of a number of other dinette manufacturers.

Capitol Corridors



by Felix Putterman National Legislative Director

Perhaps the most meaningful consequence of the 1962 elections may very well be the long needed modernization of Congressional Rules. This would enable the House of Representatives and the Senate to consider new effective civil rights and, possibly, school and legislative proposals. The majority of the men and women who will make up the next Congress, the 88th, can be persuaded to translate into action their prior expressed desires for changes in the rules of the Senate and the House. We may then reach that historic point in time when the filibuster faucet can be turned off and the Rules Committee returned to its traditional traffic cop duties.

Time and again by resolution of our national conventions, JWV has pronounced its support for more civil rights legislation, as well as its advocacy for changes in Congressional rules that would permit elected representatives to act in accord with their platforms and campaign promises. In concerted action with approximately sixty other organizations JWV has joined in an all out drive to change Rule 22 in the Senate in order to limit reckless use of the filibuster and to permit any Committee of the House of Representatives, after a rule has been refused by the Rules Committee for 21 or more days, to call up legislation for debate and vote on the floor of the House.

The Senate

Under the existing rules of the Congress, it is necessary for two-thirds of the Senators present and voting to close debate and get to a vote. On civil rights bills the opposition has always been able to muster more than a third of the votes needed to carry on longwinded filibusters ultimately defeating or hopelessly watering down sorely needed legislation. Because of this, Democratic Senators Humphrey and Hart and Republican Senators Javits, Kuchel, Case and Scott have announced that on the opening day of the new Congress, on January 9, they will move to obtain a new Rule 22 providing that a majority of the Senate can close debate and get to a vote.

Some Senators have indicated their willingness to adopt a new Rule 22 providing for cloture by vote of three-fifths of those present and voting rather than two-thirds as at present. This would mean, in an average cloture vote total of about 96, an additional 7 votes beyond the 51 necessary to simple majority action. On the basis of experience and in anticipation of the customary behavior of many Senators with little or no interest in civil rights, it is important to point out that this difference between majority cloture and three-fifths cloture spells the difference between cloture and no cloture and thus between civil rights and no civil rights legislation. It is possible that many Senators inclined toward the less effective three-fifths method may be moved toward the majority cloture view by the example of President Kennedy's vote for majority cloture when he served in the Senate.

From the Senate experience with the filibuster in the last Congress on the Communications Satellite Bill and the failure to pass the Literacy Test Bill, it has become perfectly clear that there are a number of Senators who will vote for cloture to help economic interests but not minority groups; that the "free speech in the Senate" banner often raised during past civil rights talkfests by Southern Senators remained hidden deep in the Southern trenches while their liberal brethren were cut off; and finally, that in addition to majority cloture, a successful civil rights effort re-

quires a coordination of response by the Administration, the Senate leadership, and interested organizations.

The House of Representatives

After a bill is approved by a regular legitimate committee of the House, it goes to the Rules Committee for a rule. If the Rules Committee refuses to give its approval, there is no real way of getting a bill to the floor except by the almost impossible method of a discharge petition requiring 218 signatures. A change in the rules of the House to permit a regular legislative committee to call up a bill on the floor of the House if the Rules Committee has failed to act in 21 days, would insure House consideration of much meaningful though controversial legislation.

This so-called "21-day rule" is not new, having been adopted at the opening of the 81st Congress and having been in effect during that Congress. Unfortunately, it was dropped by the 82nd Congress. Then Congressman Kennedy supported the 21-day rule.

Last year the House leadership tried to get at the Rules Committee a different way. They expanded the size of the Rules Committee from 12 to 15 members. The idea was to put enough liberals or moderates on the Rules Committee to get bills through the Committee and to the floor. Whatever this may have done or may have done or may do to facilitate economic and other legislation, it is worthless as far as meaningful civil rights or Federal Aid to Education legislation is concerned. All 15 members of last year's Rules Committee were returned to Congress in the 1962 elections. Of these, 5 are Northern Democrats, 5 are Southern Democrats and 5 are Republicans, many of whom have refused rules on civil rights legislation in the past. What this means is that a strong civil rights bill would almost certainly lose in the Rules Committee.

The time is now!

Members of Congress should be advised of your interest in rule changes before they return to the pandemonium and fast shuffle that characterizes the opening days of any new session of Congress. If your Congressman really believes in civil rights, he will vote for the 21-day rule on the opening day of the 88th Congress. Both of your Senators should be advised of your interest in majority cloture to cut off windy filibusters, a mid-Victorian extravagance this country can hardly afford in the Space Age. It's almost too late already.

Constit. Conven. To be Held in Jan.

Pursuant to action adopted at the National Convention in Detroit, Michigan, a Constitutional Convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. will be held in New York City at the Statler Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 32nd Street, on January 11th, 12th and 13th, 1963.

The Convention will be called to order on Friday, January 11, 1963, at 2:30 p.m.

Representation at this convention is required to be in accordance with Sections 3, 4 and 5 of Article V of the Constitution. Each Post is entitled to one delegate and one alternate for each ten members or major fraction thereof. A voting member of the N.E.C. present at the convention has one vote to be cast when his Post Vote is called for.

Posts and N.E.C. members are requested to reply immediately to National Headquarters so that reservations may be made with the hotel.

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