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WASHINGTON . . . HERE WE COME!

President Kennedy Notes Recent Charges By JWV

President John F. Kennedy has declined to send a customary annual letter to a conference of the American Council For Judaism, held earlier this month. White House authorities reviewed recent extremist activities of the Council, viewed as harmful to Israel-American relations, and also noted recent charges by JWV that the group sought to whitewash Soviet anti-Semitism.

The Jewish War Veterans is urging a campaign against the Soviet anti-Jewish drive and the recently increased anti-Jewish excesses in the Soviet Union. The Department of State recently made an important report to the JWV, citing the growth of anti-Semitism in Russia and the need to rally world public opinion.

Morton L. London, National Commander, said the quotation by the Soviet Embassy and Communist periodicals of "whitewash" material issued by the American Council for Judaism to minimize and obscure the true plight of Russian Jews "can no longer be ignored."

The veteran commander said "It is particularly ironic that an organization which has the word "Judaism" in its name can function so cynically as a cover for Russian anti-Semitism."

He served notice that if the American Council for Judaism "continues its attempts to frustrate the anti-Communist fight of the Jewish War Veterans and other patriotic American organizations on this issue of Soviet anti-Semitism, we will have to consider carefully their motivation."

Post Cmdr. & Brother Deliver Prayers At Opening of Congress

For the first time in the history of the United States, both Houses of Congress, were opened, simultaneously with prayers delivered by two brothers, both rabbis, and one a Commander of a VFW post.

The invocation in the House of Representatives was rendered by Rabbi Earl Applbaum, Chaplain (Maj. U. S. Army Reserve and Commander of the 90th Hirsch Post 90, Queens County, N.Y.) brother, Rabbi Sidney Applbaum, of the Congregation Beth Judah, delivered the opening prayer in the Senate.

The invitation to open the legislative sessions was extended at the suggestion of Sen. Kenneth B. Keating of New York. The appearances of the brothers before both Houses of Congress marked the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel.

The Ambassador of Israel, Abraham Harman, on April 30 acknowledged with many thanks" condolence extended by Morton L. London, National Commander and Joseph F. Barr, National Executive Director, mourning the passing of Ishak Ben-Zvi, Israel's second president, statesman, scholar and Zionist pioneer.

Reservations Pour In For Gala National Convention

Harvey Rosenberg, Convention Corp. Chairman, PNC Bernard Abrams and Ike Murov, National Convention Chairman announced new inducements this week, which will probably result in an avalanche of advance registration, on the premise that the early bird catches the worm.

The new features to be added to the Convention are:

- Accident insurance from the time you leave your home until you return, providing you register in advance. For those who do not register in advance, their coverage will commence at the time that they register at the hotel. This excellent and very necessary protection costs you only \$1.00 per person. Be wise and register now . . . in advance . . . and get full portal to portal coverage!

- All pre-registration are eligible to win many, many beautiful prizes. Register in advance and receive your Harvest Booklet of Prizes to be awarded to those, selected from advance registrations only. It's free . . . and it includes many, many prizes!

- Free to the first 100 delegates who register at the hotel, a ticket to the Twilight Doubleheader of the New York Yankees-Washington Senators. A real inducement to get your reservations and registrations in immediately!

JWV headquarters will be the spacious and beautiful Shoreham Hotel.

The 1963 encampment will include top speakers from the fields of government, politics and the entertainment world. Business sessions will take up many of the problems facing us today.

The program will assure delegates of a fun-filled convention. The full registration plan includes many complementary social activities, including:

- Free parking to all registered delegates staying at the Shoreham Hotel.

- Free Swimming for registered guests of the hotel.

- Sunday Night Ice Breaker, refreshments and entertainment.

- Music Night, a military band concert.

- Tour to Arlington Cemetery, Alexandria or Mt. Vernon.

- Free ticket to Baseball Game, New York vs Washington Senators, free to first 100 delegates to register at hotel.

- National Commanders Banquet.

- Moonlight Cruise on the Potomac.

- Many other special events and features to be announced.

The hotel rates have been reduced to \$9.00 for a single and \$15.00 for a double. Don't wait . . . send in your reservations and registrations immediately!

JWV Announces Rules Of Nat Scholarship Program

The Jewish Veterans, this month, announced that it was awarding two \$200 scholarships in 1963. Eligibility for the JWV National Scholarships will be limited to Post members' children or grandchildren who are entering freshman year in accredited four-year colleges or universities in September 1963.

The program, which was devised by Samuel Samuels, former NEC member and presently, Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Mass., uses as criteria, school grades, college board scores (SAT and ACH), National Merit scores, extra-curricular activities and need, as determined by the Commander or an appropriate committee of the Department, in which the applicant resides.

Application forms can be obtained from your Post, County or District, or Department Commander; or by writing National Headquarters, 1712 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington 9, D.C. Applicants may also use the application form on page 2. The forms must be completely filled out by the applicant and his school and must be on file with the Department Office no later than July 1.

Constitutional Convention In Washington August 5-6

An action adopted at the meeting of the National Executive Committee in Washington, D. C., on May 11, 1963, a Constitutional Convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. will be held in Washington, D. C., at the Shoreham Hotel on August 5 and 6. The first sessions will convene at 9:30 a.m., Aug. 5.

To be considered and acted upon at this convention will be the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws that were presented at the Constitutional Convention, held from January 11 to the 13, 1963, in New York City.

Under the rules adopted by the NEC, representation of this convention is required to be in accordance with Sections 3, 4 and 5 of Article V of the Con-

stitution. 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.

Proposals for additional provisions or amendments, revisions, etc. of the existing constitution or by-laws should be submitted to the National Adjutant, c/o National Headquarters by June 18, to permit copies being made available to all Posts and other echelons entitled to representation.

The N.E.C. set a registration fee of \$2.50 for each delegate to the Constitutional Convention, which will be collected prior to the opening of the meeting.

CHECK LIST FOR MEMBERS

1. Are you paid for 1963?
2. Has National Headquarters received your per capita dues from your Post Quartermaster? Look at the imprint of your name on the address box (page 8). If the number, '63 appears, it indicates that National has received your per capita. If the number does not appear, it means that your 1963 per capita dues has not been received, as of the date of publication.

3. It is important to make sure that you have paid your 1963 dues and that your Post Quartermaster has submitted your per capita tax because:

Starting with the next issue of The Jewish Veteran, only members who are paid for 1963 will receive the National periodical.

Only members paid for 1963 are eligible to carry the JWV members Life Insurance Plans and the Medical Indemnity Plan. Insurance carried by members who are not paid will be cancelled out!

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In accordance with the provisions of the JWV Group Hospital Indemnity Plan, the Illinois Company has accepted liability as of 12:01 a.m., standard time, May 15, 1963.

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The Commander Reports

By Morton L. London National Commander

The recent National Executive Committee meeting in Washington, D.C. on May 11, was a serious blow to the constitutional stability of our organization. The issue, simply stated, is this: Does the N.E.C. have the power granted to it by the constitution to nullify the mandate of the National Convention and/or a National Constitutional Convention?

If the N.E.C. does possess this power or right, which I seriously doubt, it can then hamstring any actions taken by the superior bodies. Or bluntly stated, a small group of men can thwart the will of the majority representing the direct vote of the grass roots of our organization—the vote of the individual posts.

The Constitutional Convention in January, 1963 was legally called, legally constituted and handled with utmost fairness. Our National Judge Advocate, Daniel Neal Heller, displayed a sense of fair play in his rulings as well as erudite opinions on constitutional interpretations. What a pity, therefore—no, what a disgrace—when the Judge Advocate, who was called on to render legal opinions by an N.E.C. member, was prevented from doing so by the Chairman of the Executive Committee at the May 14th meeting. (See Article V, Sec. 9 of the By Laws.)

So much constructive work might have been done at this meeting, but, many, feeling heartsick over the illegal turn of events, left or chose not to participate further in the deliberations. We are still an organization ruled by laws and not by men.

Shouldn't we be perturbed by what is happening in the Middle East: whether Nasser is building missiles and what our role might be in thwarting him from annihilating Israel? What matters it that bombings and beatings were taking place that very day in Birmingham, Alabama? Who knows that Rockwell spoke to 3,000 students at the University of Colorado within days of the meeting, or that the John Birch Society is getting stronger throughout the country? Do we care about all this? Shouldn't these be the important issues for us? I'm sure most of us would shout "aye"—and I do too!

I suspect the band of diehards, who had only revenge and the upsetting of the liberal, democratic changes voted in the January 1963 Constitutional Convention, granting more grass roots representation of the N.E.C., couldn't have cared less about the serious problems of the day. Their purpose was in being negative and destructive. It is ironic that the five gentlemen who worked

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JEWISH WAR VETERANS of the U.S.A. NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP 1963 APPLICATION FORM

PART I

- 1. Name of Applicant last first middle
2. Address street city state
3. College to which accepted
4. Address city state
5. Name of JWV member to whom related
6. Your relationship to member
7. Post to which member belongs
This applicant meets the qualifications for the JWV Scholarship
signed MEMBER'S signature

PART II

Instructions: After filling in Part I, turn this form over to the appropriate school official for completion.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SCHOOL OFFICIAL

Please attach a transcript of applicant's grades, CEEB and NMSQT scores, if any. Other test scores and extra-curricular activities may be included. Please forward completed forms to Department Commander Jewish War Veterans

Note: The applicant should give you the name and address of the Department Commander.

Capitol Corridors

by Felix Putterman National Legislative Director



If the prospect of nuclear warfare is the single most important problem in the World then, surely, its counterpart in the United States is the entire bundle of brambles in which are tied civil rights, equal opportunity and the challenge posed by the new Negro militancy.

The brutality of Birmingham has been felt across the length and breadth of the country, certainly wherever the germ of discrimination exists. Newspaper photographs from Birmingham of man's best friend being something less than friendly as well as pictures of three sturdy Dixie defenders of the law kneeling a protesting Negro woman have had a lasting impact.

In a sober assessment of this century, a British historian has written that the outstanding symbol of our time is the concentration camp. Perhaps an American could paraphrase this by substituting the snarling police dog at the end of the policeman's leash.

In the dreamy slow-motion world of so-called moderates, such outrages were never supposed to happen. In the cold, hard yet passion-hot world of Negro militancy such outrages are real but temporary obstacles in the path to equal rights and full American citizenship in each state of the Union.

Never before has the Nation's Capital been so intimately familiar with a domestic crisis. Even during the darkest days of the Thirties when the depression was most oppressive. Washington's experience with poverty, unemployment and hunger was hardly that of other cities. Its populace was relatively well off. By contrast today, it is involved, committed, and an active participant in the drama of Negro aspirations. The President and the entire Federal establishment are obviously involved.

Metropolitan Washington with a population in excess of a million and half has as its core the District of Columbia, fifty-four percent of which is Negro. The city's progress in integration of public facilities has been notable, while its lack of progress toward providing equal opportunities in housing has been appalling. Its struggle to establish an integrated school system directed to enriching the experiences of its youth has been just that—a struggle.

Since the Congress, rather than D. C. citizens, governs the city, Congressmen and Senators have had a unique and invaluable opportunity to observe and learn from the experience of the District of Columbia. As inhabitants of the Capital, they can hardly scan a local paper without acquiring some sophistication concerning the facts of urban society and the aspirations of one-tenth of our people who, one hundred years after the Emancipation Proclamation, have decided the time is now.

Congressional reaction to the tragedy that still is Birmingham was of interest if only because it was so automatic. Those representing sizeable northern Negro constituencies, as may be expected, view with alarm and condemn the state and local authorities. Depending on party affiliation, the President is either praised for his statesmanship in reluctantly making the Federal powers felt or he is condemned for his alleged lack of concern and failure to bring in the troops immediately. Southerners attack Federal interference in a "local" problem, look for Communist influence, or of late, cross their fingers in the hope that their state and district will not be so sullied. Those from areas relatively untouched by this tension and conflict, make no contribution—nothing, to a

problem which goes to the very vitals of our society.

Birmingham provided another opportunity for the President and the Attorney General to use Executive power without further aggravating it. Up to this point of time there has been a measure of success in the limited use of the President's power. To many, however, the end of this effectiveness is in sight. The use of troops in a city, say the scale of last fall's sortie at Ole Miss, could become a trauma of catastrophic proportions with serious repercussions in almost every major city. In the face of such an appalling prospect, it is clear that the Congress must face up to its obligation to write additional civil rights laws protecting the equal rights of Americans and at the same time providing more effective tools for the Department of Justice for enforcing these laws.

Along with the need for reinforcement of statute books and enlightened leadership from Congressional leaders of both parties, we need more than lip service to equal opportunity in the cities of the states outside the South. Finally, there will only be more tension, more struggle and more tragedy until there appears from the shadows of the South a new courageous and moral leadership that can do more to make meaningful amendments for every American in the United States Army.

3rd Region Civil War Memorial Program Set At Gettysburg

Carl Gelb, Department Commander Pennsylvania and the chairman of the 3rd Region-National Civil War Memorial Program, scheduled for 2 p.m., June at Gettysburg, Pa., announced that Morton L. London, National Commander and Rabbi David Max Eichhorn, Director of Field Operations of the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy of the National Jewish Welfare Board will be featured guest speakers.

Commander London will speak on the early history of JWV; Rabbi Eichhorn's remarks will cover the Jewish Gettysburg. Dr. Eichhorn, who is president of the Alumni Association of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and past president of the Association of Jewish Chaplains of the Armed Forces, is a recognized authority on American Jewish history and a frequent contributor to American Jewish periodicals.

Mayor W. G. Weaver, of the Borough of Gettysburg, will officially welcome members of JWV. Included in the program will be the Gettysburg High School Band, remarks by the Department Commanders of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland, as well as by Seymour Michelson, 3rd Regional Commander. Chairman Gelb will serve as master of ceremonies.

Arrangements have been made to accommodate 200 members and their friends at the site of the program, the Pennsylvania Monument, with standing room for many more. Anyone desiring a reserved ticket may request same by writing to Louis Schrier, Nat. Dir. of Membership Programming, National Headquarters.

The first program of the special commemorative programs was held at the Esquiline Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio, sponsored by the 4th Region. Details of other programs will be released in subsequent issues of the Jewish Veteran.