



Natl. Cmdr. Urges Stronger Laws To Stop Hate Bombings

pointing out that almost 50 bombing attacks in Birmingham, Ala., have gone unprosecuted since World War II and Federal intervention is narrowly limited under the Civil Rights Act of 1964. National Commander Daniel Neil Heller urged Attorney General Kennedy to consider and urge legislation to strengthen Federal anti-bombing laws. He noted that Federal authority in such cases is confined to prosecution only those cases where it can be proven that explosives have been transported across state lines for that purpose or fugitives have fled across boundaries to avoid prosecution of such offenses. Heller said that restricts Federal authority "to an absurd degree." He said "since Birmingham is a mining center where dynamite and other explosives are easily available, there is little chance of proving that the dynamite used in the church on September 15 was shipped across a state line for that purpose." Heller commented that in Alabama "it is notorious that crimes in which Negroes were victims have so often and so flagrantly gone unpunished. He told the Attorney General that the Jewish War Veterans were "ready to support the most vigorous measures to ensure the freedom and safety for all the people of the South."

JWV Criticizes Public Law Administration As Aid to UAR Arms Build Up & Aggression

PNC Abraham Kraditor, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, recently criticized the administration of Public Law 480, under which Nasser has been helped to destroy the possibility of peace in the Middle East by his arms buildup. PNC Kraditor made clear that the United States, through Public Law 480, is subsidizing the United Arab Republic in militarism and aggression. The Foreign Affairs Committee chairman applauded Senator Ernest Gruening, of Alaska, who in a detailed and lengthy report on the study of United States foreign aid program, said in clear language what JWV has been saying about food under Public Law 480 making possible UAR diversion of land to the growth of cotton, which is traded to Russia and the Communist satellites for arms, missiles and West German technical assistance in guided and nuclear weapons.

Senator Gruening, in his report, released on October 7, 1963, states that AID dollars to Nasser permits him to "have his cake and eat it, too" by diverting these funds into an arms buildup. Excerpts from the report state: "Two points must be stressed in connection with this arms buildup by Nasser:

- 1. He is doing it with U.S. AID dollars just as surely as though the AID dollars were going directly to Russia for the purchase of jet fighters or directly into the pockets of the German Nazis masterminding the design and construction of these weapons. There are some with blinders who say this is a misstatement—that AID dollars go for Public Law 480 food and fiber and for worthwhile development projects. To the extent that we relieve Nasser's normal budget of the cost of food, fiber and development projects we permit Nasser to have his cake and eat it, too. He can divert that much into his arms budget for an arms buildup and let the United States pick up the check for the

food, fiber, and development projects." Senator Gruening continued, "There may also be some who would say that if the United States did not sell Nasser the food and fiber the Russians would be glad to do so. This does not jibe with the facts. The Russians are not giving anything to Nasser. They are bartering arms for cotton. They are loaning him

money to build the Aswan Dam. And, finally, Russia's agricultural economy is not good enough to take on the added burden of feeding 22 million Egyptians. The report points out that the United States has been forced to give Israel and Jordan assistance so they may be prepared to defend themselves against Nasser's open threat.

Across the Natl. Commander's Desk

Telegram—September 19, 1963 To you and all members of your organization: May the solemnity and spirituality of Yom Kippur strengthen all friendship. Best wishes for the New Year.

Daniel F. Foley, National Commander, American Legion

Letter—September 27, 1963 ... The partnership between the Jewish War Veterans and the Boy Scouts

of America has been greatly enriched during recent years, and we look forward to a continuation of this cooperative arrangement on behalf of tomorrow's leaders.

James A. Hess, Director Boy Scouts of America

Letter—September 30, 1963 (from the White House) Your letter to the President commending him on his decision to authorize the (Continued on Page 3)

JWV Hospital Indemnity Plan Open For Enrollment Again

The JWV Hospital Indemnity Plan is open for enrollment once again. Members, who are age 62 or under, may enroll on a non-medical basis November 15. The enrollment period coincides with early bird collection of dues and offers an excellent opportunity for retaining old and obtaining new members.

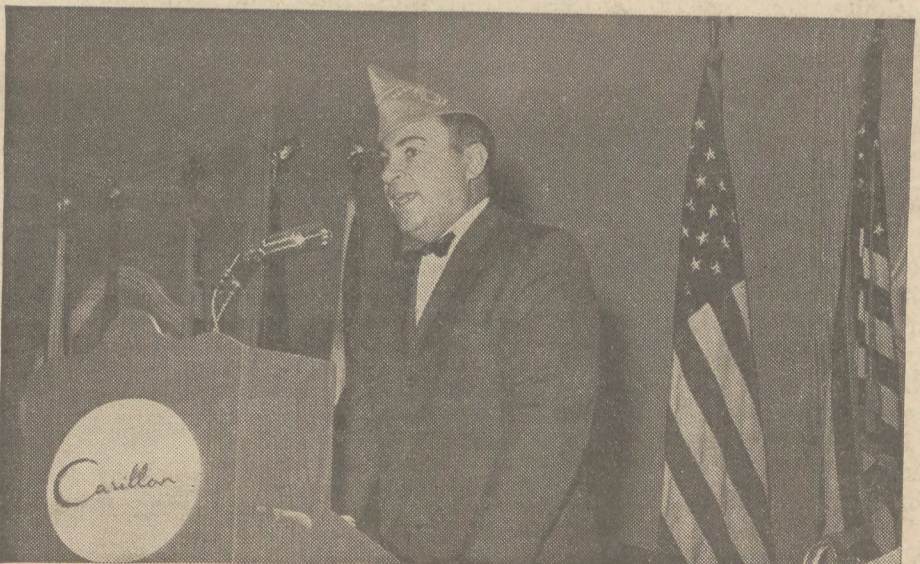
Malcolm A. Tarlov, Chairman of the National Insurance Committee, announcing the enrollment dates, said that "experience has proven that the post membership committees actually use this Plan, memberships have increased in a tremendous increase. Through the Hospital Indemnity Plan, we are providing a real service to our members, an answer to the age old query, "What does JWV do for me." Due to unfavorable experience which has affected all of the policies, the automatic acceptance during enrollment period must now be limited to members age 62 and under. However, those over 62 may be accepted based on the information furnished in the application. Complete mailing is currently going to all members. Posts are requested to be set up immediately, by devoting time to the meeting agenda to an explanation of the program. Additional brochures are available on request.

Rules Actions of Convention Legal: Passes Amendments

The Jewish War Veterans convened, as a Constitutional Convention, in Washington, D. C., August 5 and 6 and ruled that the actions of the Constitutional Convention of January 11 to 13 in New York were legal. Approved amendments provide for increased representation on the National Executive Committee, recognition of the Sons of Jewish War Veterans, and the bonding of individuals who have authority to approve disbursement vouchers.

Each of the Regions can now elect, at the National Convention, one Delegate-at-Large for each 1500 members, instead of 3000 members. Additional representation to the National Executive Committee was increased by passage of an amendment granting vote and voice on that committee to the National Adjutant, National Quartermaster, National Inspector, the National Public Affairs Officer and the National Editor, all of whom are appointed by the National Commander.

The recognition of the Sons of the Jewish War Veterans by constitutional amendment now makes it possible for posts to organize units of the junior organization, which would be limited to any male persons of the Jewish faith, who is not less than 8 years old and who is a lineal descendant of an active or associate member or a person eligible to active or associate membership. (Continued on Page 8)



National Commander Daniel Neal Heller addresses the Disabled American Veterans National Convention, held recently in Miami Beach, Fla.

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'Thinking Out Loud'

by National Editor ALBERT SCHLOSSBERG

The recent church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama pushed to the front of my mind a thought that has been nagging at my inner-consciousness for quite some time. We, the Jewish War Veterans, as an organization are anti-Communist—with good reason, as Jews, for the Communists have been and still are as anti-semitic as any nation or government in the world history—we are equally anti-fascist, but with all of this we stand up on our collective "two feet" and speak out as an organization in the current struggle for human rights.

Now then, to the thought that has been "bugging me." Why have our fellow Veterans organizations, with a few exceptions, pussy-footed around on this problem? The AMVETS took a position at their recent National Convention. The resolution that they passed was a good one, but if I had not scoured the October issue of the National AMVET I never would have seen the eleven line item that told that AMVET unanimously endorsed resolutions supporting the March on Washington, the Supreme Court decisions and the Kennedy Administration's Civil Rights Program.

For the record, before I continue to blow off steam, I am a member in good standing of Milton Post 114 American Legion. The Department of Massachusetts, American Legion, was in the forefront of the drive to desegregate the "40 and 8." I always have and will continue to urge the members of the Jewish War Veterans to join the American Legion and the other Veterans Organizations.

Why did the largest, and one of the most influential veterans organization in the world, the American Legion, apparently turn the blind side of its face to the most frustrating problem on the American scene, the ongoing battle to assure our fellow Americans of the Negro race the same rights and privileges that we of the white race take so for granted.

Just the other day I received in the mail a copy of the National Legislative Bulletin (No. 15—September 20, 1963) of the American Legion. I eagerly poured over the bulletin to see what action had been taken at the recent Legion National Convention.

Then I saw it. On page two these words caught my eye. "reaffirms position on equal rights of citizens as expressed in '62 national convention Resolution 105; again asks Congress to investigate American Civil Liberties Union." I quickly picked up my copy of the report of the 1962 Legion Convention and turned to page 84 to find that Resolution No. 105 was a "Definition of Americanism." I waded through a page and one half of small type to finally find a sentence that said, "The essence of Americanism is therefore, class, religious, and racial tolerance."

Sure enough, a few days later, I received my copy of the Legion magazine. I failed to find a single mention of the subject that was front page news in every corner of the United States and of the world, the Negroes' struggle for justice.

This month, as in many past months, as I have received and read my copy of the American Legion Magazine, I have been disturbed by the

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The Commander Reports

By Daniel Neal Heller National Commander

My first month in office has produced some concrete results. You have read elsewhere in the Veteran the Yom Kippur message from the National Commander of the American Legion. This is a "first" and I hope the forerunner of even greater cooperation between the major veteran organizations.

We participated in the Civil Rights march in Washington in August. I was disappointed that we were not chosen to send a representative to the White House nor were we given the opportunity to address the audience.

Among the interesting people I spent time with this month were Cardinal Spellman, Senator Kenneth Keating, Congressman William Jennings Bryan Dorn, General Grunther, Congressman Edwin E. Willis, Chairman, House Un-American Activities Committee.

I attended the United Jewish Appeal Third Annual Young Leadership Conference in New York City as a Cabinet Member. Senator Hubert H. Humphrey from Minnesota was also present which afforded me an opportunity to discuss with him several urgent matters which

concern JWV. I also received tailed up-to-the minute report status of fellow Jews throughout world from Gottlieb Hammer, tive Director of the Jewish Agency, Moses Leavitt, Executive Vice man, Joint Distribution Commit

As a member of the Executive mittee of the National Commun lations Advisory Council (NCR participated in the discussions York of the Joint Program of Jewish Community Relations. Our ing national Jewish leaders wer ent.

My rather frank stand in the issue of the Veteran on the of personal appearances of the Commander has produced results, admit I was hesitant to be so out for fear that I might be misund and thereby offend. Just the o result has been obtained for w am most grateful. I have recee flood of invitations which say, uncertain terms: (1) You will principal speaker and the digt the office of National Command be respected and (2) We will beat the local drums and get p for JWV which will put us on th

Regrettably, I cannot accept invitation because of conflicts. I have to try to plan my trip geographical considerations in m

I am delighted to report th Saturday morning, November 9th address the congregants of the oldest synagogue in New York (S

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Capitol Corridors

by Felix Putterman National Legislative Director



The leaves are changing color. Small boys with large footballs usurped the side streets and filled the playgrounds. Their gum cisters are wearing knee length hose. Although morning traffic is h the fellow up front seems to be moving faster. Autumn has come to ington.

Summer 1963 has had it. This one began with Christine Keel ended with Joe Valachi on stage. It was the time of the big Marc Treaty—and Birmingham. To some it was a hectic summer of cha disorder, much commotion and little accomplishment. To others, tragedy and joy, great hopes and dire expectations.

If the world is your beat like the President, it was the summer exasperating General DeGaulle, a chastened (thank God) Khrushchev ominous Mao, an essentially deneutralized Nehru, and an addicted still getting his kicks from cynical Soviet pushers, from overtolerat prescriptions and a passel of transplanted Nazi degenerates.

The summer heat that loosened the loudly flapping tongue of a store Dragon Lady, Mme. Nhu, has spent itself in one last beautiful ington welcome for Emperor Haile Selassie, living witness and st the of moments best forgotten in the past five decades of world hist

This summer's purging of prayer from America's public schoo also the time for urging prayer on behalf of the late Pope John successor Paul. In the morality of equal treatment for all humans came clear to the clergy that the state was several lengths ahead ganized religion. This summer, "moral fervor" stepped from the p sermon to the three dimensional real world of commitment and par tion.

Summer's end finds a somewhat ruffled President Kennedy of the winter, and the beginning of an election year projects an unsettl ture into the President's view. For if there is smoother sailing on th turbulent waters of Soviet-American relations, the same does no true for the future of the Western Alliance.

DeGaulle is engaged in a pretense much like your three ye daughter stumbling around in her mother's high heeled shoes. Th ish domestic political situation, a fragile house of cards, makes Ma even more fickle or indecisive. Adenauer is playing his last scen

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