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## HELLER SEEKS KREMLIN MEETING WITH PREMIER

### German Envoy Deplores Rocket Scientists Use In UAR

WASHINGTON—West German Ambassador Heinrich Kneppstein met with leaders of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. at the German Embassy last month and told them that his government deplores the continued presence of German military rocket scientists in the United Arab Republic but was unable to take effective steps to remove them because of civil liberty considerations.

National Commander Daniel Neal Heller of the JWV drew attention to the issue pending before the West German Parliament to punish German scientists who refuse to cease irresponsibilities in Egypt.

Ambassador Kneppstein said that even if all laws were passed, the West German Supreme Court would rule it unconstitutional. He maintained that West Germany was now so liberal in its policy that it could not control the activities of citizens who decided to build rockets for President Nasser.

He said that West Germany had done nothing in its legal power to end German involvement in Egyptian military operations, the Ambassador said. He said that government employment and penalties are being used.

Heller later made known that he would pursue the issue further. He had heard reports that Bonn was planning the shipment of strategic materials to the Nasser regime. At some of these materials are being used with the rocket and jet research facilities in Egypt. He said he was convinced that West Germany could take constitutional means to curb German involvement in Nasser's activities.

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### Asks Veteran To Veteran Talks On Soviet Jewry

NEW YORK—National Commander Daniel Neal Heller, of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., may fly to Moscow in the near future to discuss the Soviet Jewish situation with Nikita Khrushchev.

Mr. Heller, a Miami, Florida, attorney, revealed his plans in a talk before the Shaare Zadek Synagogue, New York's third oldest synagogue, on November 9th. He reported that the Jewish War Veterans, meeting at their National Convention in Washington, had mandated him to attempt to make the visit.

In response to his mandate, he said that he had discussed the projected visit with the Soviet Embassy in Washington and had reason to believe that the matter is being brought before the Soviet Premier.

Mr. Heller said that he has based his attempt to see Khrushchev on the fact that both had been veterans fighting a common foe during the Nazi holocaust and that JWV was not "purely a religious organization."

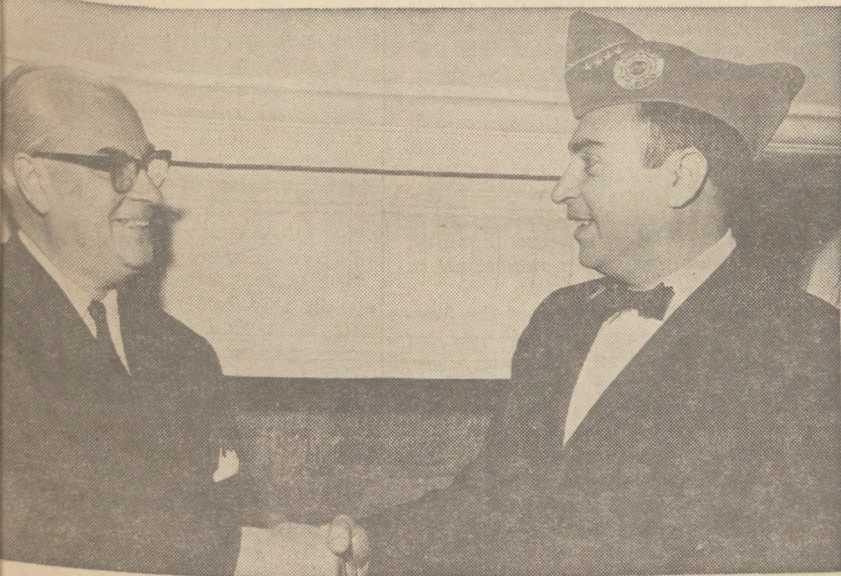
Mr. Heller pointed out that reports of Soviet anti-Semitism were greatly disturbing the American Jewish community and delegates to the Jewish War Veterans National Convention had brought the issue up as a number one priority requiring action by the National Commander.

"The fate of our co-religionists throughout the world," Mr. Heller said, "has always been the primary interest of JWV. Who else, but our organization, the oldest active war veterans organization in the United States, could approach a Head of State and former ally on the question of disturbing reports of anti-Semitism."

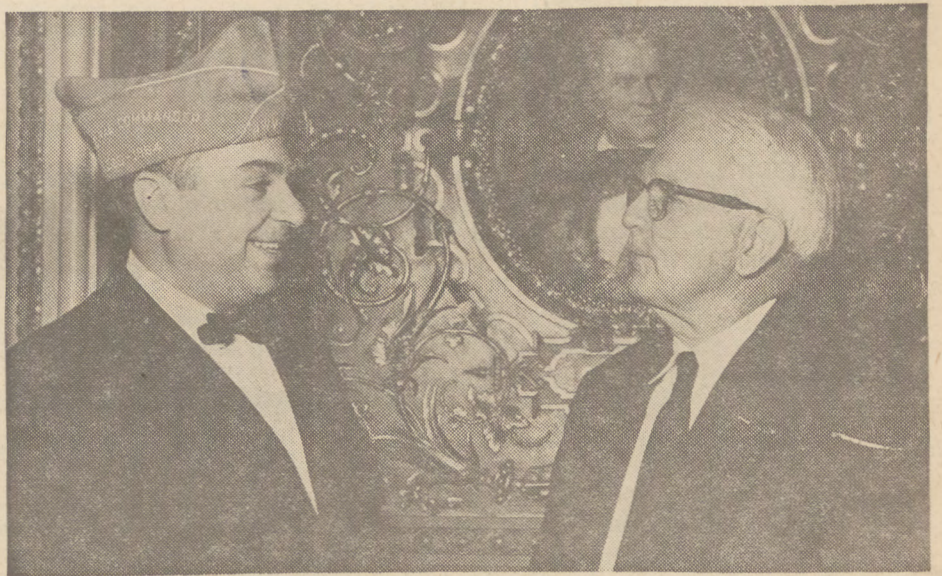
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SUPREME COURT JUSTICE Arthur Goldberg welcomes Commander Daniel Neal Heller to Washington. Commander Heller spent busy days in Washington last month formulating plans for furthering JWV programs.



GERMAN AMBASSADOR Heinrich Kneppstein (left) greets Commander Dan Heller in Washington. Commander Heller met with the Ambassador to deplore continued use of German nationals in the military rocket race.



SENATOR SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, right, of Florida, meets a constituent, Commander Dan Heller, as the JWV head visits Washington on what may be the first stop on the long and uncertain journey to Moscow for a face-to-face meeting with Soviet Premier Khrushchev to discuss conditions of Russian Jewry.

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'Thinking Out Loud'

by National Editor ALBERT SCHLOSSBERG

So often when the Rockwells, the Moselys and others of the lunatic-fringe flail out with their vitriolic garbage they point the filthy finger of accusation at, in their word, the "Communist-Jew." They gloat over headlines in our nation's press that seem to imply, because of the names involved, that persons charged with being spies and traitors are almost exclusively Jewish.

Whenever this has happened we have pointed out with justifiable indignation that just because the names of the accused spies sounded Jewish this did not, ipso facto, make them Jewish.

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States is living testimony to the fact that throughout the history of this great land the Jewish citizens have responded to the call to arms (in greater proportion than our percentage of population) and have been a credit to our people and our country.

All of this is very good. We can continue to discount the ravings of the "schitzo-ceramics" and carry the flag of the Jewish War Veterans high but I have come to the conclusion that it is well nigh time that we once and for all bury this lie and the best way to do it is to turn the cards face up on the table with respect to the position of Jews in Soviet Russia. LET US PLACE ON THE RECORD THE ABSOLUTE FACT THAT THE RUSSIANS (COMMUNISTS), ALWAYS HAVE BEEN, AND STILL ARE, DETERMINED TO ERADICATE THE JEW AS A PEOPLE AND TO WIPE OUT JUDAISM AS A RELIGION. Just the other day it was my privilege to hear an address by the Honorable Arie Eliav, former first secretary to the Israel Embassy in Moscow. I had read and heard some of the facts before. I had been under the impression that things were rough for Jews in Russia but before Mr. Eliav was a quarter through his remarks I was convinced that in spite of the protestations of the United States Department of State to the contrary it was time for our government, the United States of America, to take a forthright position in the forum of world opinion, the United Nations, on the cold, calculating scheme of the Communists to wipe out the Jewish community in Russia.

I asked Mr. Eliav a direct question, "In your expert opinion would a presentation by the government of the United States in protest of the treatment of the Jews in Russia be detrimental to the best interest of the Russian Jews?" Mr. Eliav's answer, in simple words, "Absolutely not, nothing could be further from reality."

What are the facts of Jewish life (if you call it life) in Soviet Russia today? Here are a few quotes from Mr. Eliav's presentation . . .

A FACT . . . Although the Jews make up only 1 1/2% of the total Soviet population, 60% of the Russians accused and executed for "crimes against the government" are Jews.

A FACT . . . Although there are some 3,000,000 Jews in Russia today, except for three or four synagogues in the larger cities (retained as a "show-piece" for tourists and visitors to Russia) all synagogues have been wiped out.

A FACT . . . So that they will not be able to leave the Soviet Union Jews are not permitted to serve in the Russian Navy.

A FACT . . . Jews are the only minority people in Russia not allowed to have their own press, theatre, schools or other "civil rights."

A FACT . . . Despite a recent relaxation of pressure on other religious groups the clamp of restrictive regulations have been tightened on the Russian Jews. There is not a single seminary in operation in all of Russia today training young Jews for the Rabbinate.

I could go on and on. I could list fact after fact. I am sure that the government of the United States is well aware of the true predicament of the Jews who are under the heel of Soviet oppression. Perhaps it might not be of help to have our government call the attention of the world to the inhumanity of the Soviet Union to the Jews but in my mind, as just one citizen of the United States, I think that I would be proud to see my representatives, be it the President of the United States, the Secretary of State or our Ambassador to the United Nations, call a spade a

The Commander Reports

By Daniel Neal Heller National Commander

It has been your decision that the subject matter of the conditions for Jews in the Soviet Union is of prime concern to us.

Accordingly, and pursuant to your mandate, I have been making preparations and arrangements to go to Russia to discuss this personally with Premier Khrushchev.

The trip has been cleared and approved by the United States Department of State. Consultations have been had and meetings held with top officials of the Soviet Embassy in America.

I believe that both the Russians and ourselves, as veterans of the war against Nazi tyranny and persecutions, have a community of interest in matters of this kind.

I go to Russia without preconceived notions. Instead, I want to form my own opinions, and to be able thereafter to report to you personally.

On another subject matter, I have met with the West German Ambassador to protest, most strongly, the actions of the Nazi scientists in Egypt. Not only are these vicious killers endangering the future existence of the people of the State of Israel, but by the misuse of declassified information, enemies of the United States may well be obtaining military secrets.

May I, respectfully, invite each member, new and old, to join in any one or more of the many fine programs offered by each Post. I need your shoulder to the wheel in our Veteran's Programs, Hospitalization, Americanism, Civil Rights and others. Please help your Post Commander to help you for a bigger and better J.W.V.

Capitol Corridors

by Felix Putterman National Legislative Director



The House of Representatives, for years the butt of "inside" jokes among politicians and close observers of the Washington scene, is being upstaged by the formerly august United States Senate.

In a charade worthy of Laurel and Hardy, both Houses of Congress have outdone themselves by a tragic travesty of the role of coequal partner in the three branch Federal Government. Perhaps never before has the proximity of comedy to tragedy been so perilously or graphically portrayed.

The whimsy about the House existed during some of the regime of the serious almost fierce Sam Rayburn. One could hardly be blamed for expecting more of the same under the leadership of everyone's friend, congenial Speaker John McCormack.

While the House bumbles occasionally with legislative prat falls and flurries of thinly veiled abuse or even, this session, fisticuffs, in this 88th Congress, the Senate is stealing the show by its slow motion yawn-like attitude toward the President's proposals dealing with the most pressing problems of our times. To some Senators, working union plumbers' hours is beginning to appear as a first class political liability, especially for those with reelection in mind for 1964.

Almost exactly a week after the Senate leadership announced 23 days of leave clustered about Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays, the whistles was blown in an exasperated snit by Senator Tom Dodd of Connecticut. When a vote on a proposed amendment to the Foreign Aid bill was postponed from the afternoon of November 6 to the following day, the Senator exploded and blurted out an

impassioned criticism of his colleagues and the Senate leadership of both parties.

In breaking sacrosanct unwritten rules of what some may still call "the world's greatest deliberative body," Dodd unloaded a barrage of Later he tried to smooth the feelings of his targets but the damage was done. In essence the Connecticut Democrat said that something was wrong with the Senate; that the less session was a fiasco and a debacle; that its leadership, both Republican and Democratic was inadequate and that, in plain English out loud, all to hear, the Senate was "becoming a scandal."

Oy vay! By what must be described as a flourish of the tongue the Senator had committed an indiscretion that cannot be forgiven. On the other hand, he could become the public's darling for having broken the windowshade a bit. This would permit closer scrutiny by the press and voters and could allow a bright light of day to penetrate those dark corners where the stall is being staged.

What is the great stall? This currently in operation is being used to prevent Senate consideration of Civil Rights legislation before adjournment. With the fiscal year almost half over at least five major appropriations measures covering funds for operations of the Government today and yesterday back to July 1, are buried deep in the recesses of sub-committees by Southerners.

Senate McClellan, hardly a friend of the Civil Righters, has decided to extend the rerun of the TFX investment

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spade and focus the spotlight of world opinion on the genocide taking place in Russia today.

Let us place on the record, for all to see and hear, that the United States is just as opposed to genocide under Khrushchev in Russia as it was to similar acts under Hitler in Nazi Germany yesterday.