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## "Godless" Label Is Decried Before Judiciary Committee

### Presidential Consular Act Is Applauded

National Commander Daniel Neal Heller, on behalf of the Jewish War Veterans, has applauded President Johnson's efforts in reaching a consular treaty agreement with the Soviet Union. Heller wired the President the J WV's approval when the announcement was made late last month.

The consular convention, requiring Senate ratification, is designed to promote trade and protect citizens traveling in each others country. The pact requires that whenever one nation arrests a citizen of the other, it must notify the other nation within three days and permit a visit from the prisoner's countrymen within four days. It is the first bi-lateral treaty between the United States and the U.S.S.R.

Commander Heller's telegram read: "On behalf of the Jewish War Veterans let me applaud your efforts in reaching a consular treaty agreement with the Soviet Union. The ratification by the Senate of this accord should demonstrate to the world that the promise of peace is no empty dream but a real possibility. The promotion of understanding between our country and the Soviet Union can only open new vistas for peaceful relations and give direction to that which we all pray for—peace."



National Commander Daniel Neal Heller, center, is shown giving testimony in support of the Supreme Court's decision banning prayer in public schools, before the House Judiciary Committee. With Mr. Heller is Monroe R. Sheinberg, left, J WV National Executive Director; and Felix Putterman, right, J WV National Legislative Director.

### Heller Says J WV Is For Prayer Ban

In testimony before the House Judiciary Committee last month, Commander Daniel Neal Heller scored those who have tried to pin the "godless" label on anyone approving the Supreme Court decision again prayer in public schools.

Commander Heller, speaking for the J WV in support of the Court's decision, said: "We resent inferences and implications that those who oppose contrivances to force meaningless religion-by-rote in public schools are either godless, atheistic, agnostic or something less than godfearing patriotic Americans."

Commander Heller pointed out that the Jewish War Veterans had adopted overwhelmingly the resolution in support of the Supreme Court decision. He noted that the decision was entirely consistent with the doctrine of separation of church and state as it has developed in American constitutional experience.

"There are those," he continued, "who hammer away at the court, maliciously attributing to its words and meaning concocted to sow confusion and suspicion. Without casting aspersions, we feel that many fine

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## Commander Asks Secretary Rusk For Facts on Nazi Scientists

Commander Daniel Neal Heller has called upon Secretary of State Dean Rusk to apprise the J WV on the facts surrounding the use of Nazi scientists by the United Arab Republic. Heller, in a letter to Rusk, asked if it were true that these Nazi scientists were working on atomic weapons along with Russian scientists.

Noting that "very disturbing reports" had come to the attention of the J WV, Commander

Heller asked the Secretary of State if it were true that the United States government has not asked, or even suggested, that the West German Government recall the scientists working for Egypt. "If so, Heller went on, "does our government intend to make such a request of the West German Government?"

Commander Heller went on to point out to the Secretary that the J WV had heard that some

of the Nazi scientists were officially employed by NATO licensed armament firms such as the Messerschmitt Company. He further noted that reports had been received that Nazi scientists were working on secret military projects and research along with Russian counterparts,

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## FBI Director Is Congratulated On His 40th Anniversary

National Commander Daniel N. Heller sent the following telegrams to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and President Johnson in noting the FBI Chief's 40th anniversary with the department. To Mr. Hoover: "Congratulations upon your reappointment as director of the FBI. Best wishes too on your upcoming 40th anniversary of dedication and unselfish service to the bureau. All Americans are grateful for your devoted public service. May you be granted good health in the future."

To President Johnson: "We

commend and thank you on behalf of an appreciative citizenry for your reappointment of J. Edgar Hoover as director of the FBI. The confidence of the American public, his ability, in-

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### A Historic First

Commander Heller and Mrs. Heller were White House guests recently in what turned out to be the first time in the history of military receptions at which all National Commanders were invited.

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