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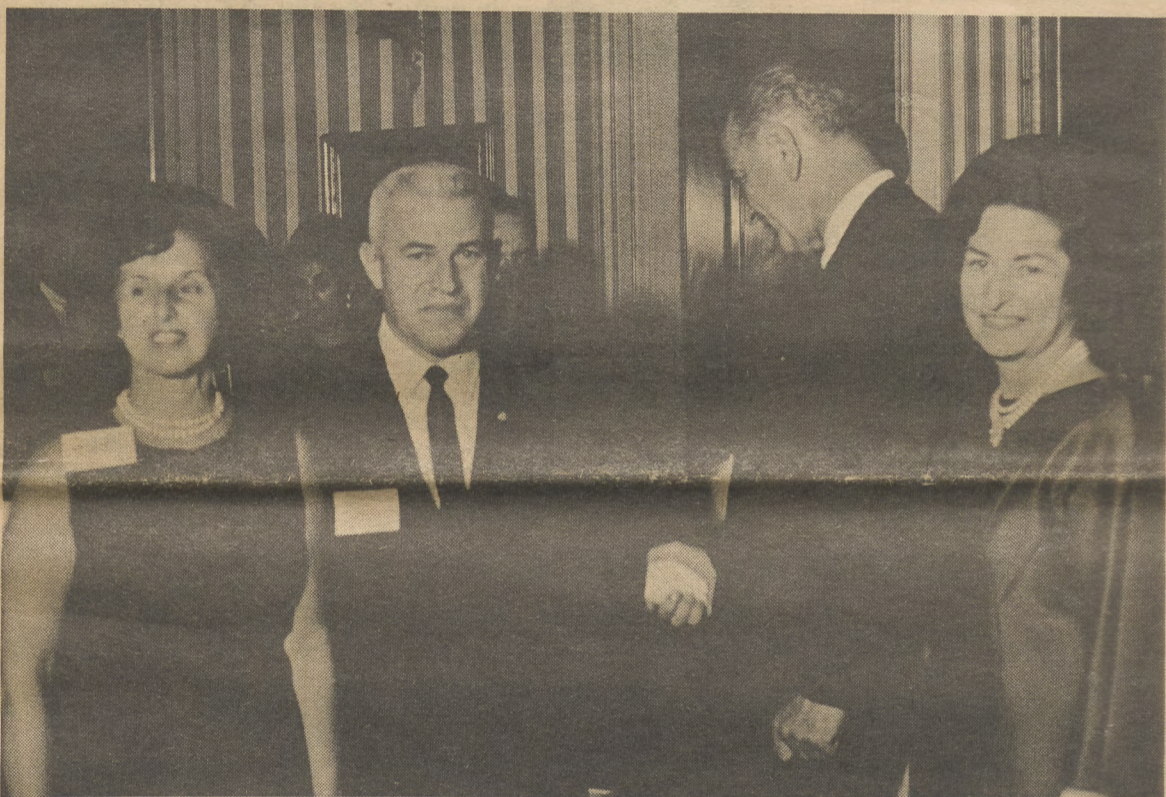
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JWV Commander Hits Germans On Nazi War Criminals Escaping Trial



Jewish War Veterans National Commander and Mrs. Ralph Plofsky were guests of President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson at a reception for the leaders of the major veterans organizations held at the White House last month.

JWV Asks Justice To Act Swiftly On Front Group

The Department of Justice "should move swiftly against a front-group representing Arab nations which has injected itself into the American election scene and published a purge list of candidates of both parties," JWV National Commander Ralph Plofsky said late last month.

He referred to the so-called "Citizens Committee on American Policy in the Near East," alias "CITCOM," which issued a purge list of American Members of Congress in the latest edition of a publication entitled "U.S.A. IN THE ARAB WORLD."

The Arabs urged defeat of certain Republican and Democratic Senators and twenty Members of the House of Representatives, on grounds that they represent "the Zionist-
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Germans Dismiss American Concern

West German Ambassador Heinrich Knappstein in a letter to National Commander Ralph Plofsky of the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A. has, in effect, dismissed the concern of many Americans over the expiration on May 8, 1965, of the statute of limitations permitting an estimated 10,000 Nazi war criminals to escape trial.

Mr. Plofsky had written the German envoy on October 1st, that "there were no limitations to the barbarism of the Hitlerian sadists" and that the ends of justice required that there be "no coldly technical cut-off date after which these fiends will be free from prosecution for their heinous crimes." He warned that unless the West German Government acted, many vicious SS and Gestapo men will be free to openly emerge "to poison the atmosphere."

Ambassador Knappstein replied that "careful investigations of the competent German authorities have come to the conclusion that, contrary to the views expressed by your letter, the vast majority of the crimes of the Nazi era has been or is in the process of being brought to trial within the deadline."

The Ambassador said also that "limitation of prosecution of crimes in Germany has a long tradition and is based on the Criminal Code of 1871. An exemption of a special group from this provision—as you will surely realize—raise very difficult constitutional and legal problems."

Commenting on the Ambassador's reply, Mr. Plofsky said: "I deeply regret that Ambassador Knappstein ignored our request that he communicate our concern on this matter to his government in Bonn.

Neither the Bonn Government nor the German Ambassador in the United States can or should ignore the impact in America and the world of the memory
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EDITORIAL

Do the West Germans feel that they have, at last, balanced the scales of justice on the question of the murdered six million?

There is ample evidence that their public relations experts have indicated to them that they have done quite enough to buy back their respectability among nations.

Do they really think that they have erased forever the stain of guilt that we once thought would haunt them 'til the end of time?

Their reparation payments to the Israeli Government; their excellently-framed democratic constitution; their great efforts to root out any vestige of Nazi thinking from their educational system and many other fine acts are surely evidence of their original good faith.

But a country that can succumb to state-directed genocide must bear watching, by civilized nations, for signs of relapse.

We of the Jewish War Veterans have been troubled recently by a number of circumstances that somehow are not in keeping with their efforts to show the world that they are true to their original post-war promise.

Their failure, for example, to take any action which would force German nationals working on offensive weapons systems in Egypt to return to their homeland is certainly ample evidence of a beginning relapse . . . for the ex-Nazi scientists working in Egypt are creating weapons designed primarily to destroy Israel.

There are many ways in which the West German Government could "persuade" their nationals to return to the homeland. Thus far, there has been some lip service but no action.
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JWV Insurance Kick-Off Date November 15th

The Jewish War Veterans Insurance Program will have its annual Open Enrollment period from November 15th, 1964 thru January 1st, 1965. This offers an opportunity for our new members and those of our old members who have not as yet taken advantage of this Plan to do so if the eligibility requirements are met. These requirements during this period are minimal. The eligibility rules are contained in the brochures which are currently being mailed to all members and to many prospective members of our organization.

The Life Insurance Plan being offered to our members has had four years of proven success both as a service to our members and an opportunity for Membership Chairmen to increase Post and Auxiliary enrollments. In excess of 10,000 members of the JWV and JWVA
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