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SOVIETS CONFIRM COMMANDER'S BID TO SEE KHRUSHCHEV

USIA Thanks Jewish War Veterans For Help On Refuting Charges

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Donald M. Wilson, acting Director of the United States Information Agency, has expressed appreciation to National Commander Daniel Neal Heller for facilitating the refutation of charges that the Agency arbitrarily censored a scene depicting a Rabbi, from a film to be shown in Arab countries.

In a letter to Mr. Heller, the U.S.I.A. head said: "The allegation apparently arises out of a misunderstanding between Rod Serling and Bill Froug, who were engaged by us to do the TV program, and our TV officials. During the very first story conference on the program, prior to any film footage, written script or outline, a reference was made to placement problems in the Middle East in connection with a suggestion of possible inclusion of footage of a Rabbi."

"But", said Mr. Wilson, "the matter quickly became academic when Rod Serling, himself, changed the concept of the program--entirely for artistic reasons. The remark was in no sense based on agency policy -- nor was it meant as a prohibition on such conclusion."

Mr. Wilson enumerated a list of U.S.I.A. materials exhibited in the Arab states which depicted Rabbis, Jewish religious services, and well-known American personalities of the Jewish faith.

Among them were such personages as Philip Klutznick, former National President of B'nai Brith; and Supreme Court



Donald M. Wilson, acting Director of the United States Information Agency, discusses views on censorship allegation with Daniel Neal Heller, National Commander. (See story above).

Justice Arthur Goldberg.

Mr. Wilson said that, for instance, material sent to Arabs or Music in America, photographs and biographical material were included on Leonard Bernstein,

Benny Goodman, Irving Berlin, and other Jewish artists. He said that this policy should prove that the U.S.I.A. "reports to the Middle East on the merits of the given

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Promises Early Reply on Proposed Meeting

WASHINGTON, D.C. - First Secretary Anatoli G. Myshkov of the Soviet Embassy has officially informed National Commander Daniel Neal Heller of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. that the Embassy has forwarded to Moscow Mr. Heller's request for a meeting with Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

In a letter to the Jewish War Veterans, the Soviet diplomat confirmed that action has been taken to bring about the Heller-Khrushchev meeting. He promised to convey Moscow's reply as soon as it is received.

Mr. Heller, a Miami, Florida attorney, had previously discussed the possibility of visiting Moscow with Soviet authorities prior to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Russians were aware of Mr. Heller's interest in the status of the Soviet Jewish population.

The idea of a face-to-face confrontation of Mr. Heller and the Soviet Premier on this issue and related matters emerged coincidentally with the thaw in American-Soviet relations.

The Soviet Government is aware of the widespread concern in the United States over the reports of increased anti-Semitic

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Asks Probe Arab Boycott Of US Firms

WASHINGTON - The State Department was asked by National Commander Daniel Neal Heller to report on steps taken by the United States to deal with the boycott imposed by 18 Moslem nations against 84 American business companies and 10 leading movie stars.

In a letter to Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Mr. Heller called on the United States Government to demand that foreign nations receiving U.S. economic assistance end all blacklisting of American citizens and U.S. firms.

He said that "Neither the United Arab Republic nor any other Arab state can justify the barring of Americans and American interests merely because they exercise their right to visit or deal with the State of Israel".

The Studebaker Packard Company, which was recently forced to lay off thousands of American

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The Commander Reports By Daniel Neal Heller National Commander

In its anxiety to exploit public indignation arising from the assassination of President Kennedy and to foment anxiety to serve its own ends, the John Birch Society has published advertisements seeking to portray itself as the American alternative to the Communist menace.

For the John Birch Society to shed crocodile tears over the death of our martyred President is blatant hypocrisy. It is a desecration of John F. Kennedy's memory for this is the very group which likened President Kennedy to a traitor, and subjected him to scornful abuse fully as scurrilous as the vilification that emanated from Communist Cuba and Communist China.

The John Birch Society also denounced such personages as President Eisenhower, and the late Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, arrogating to itself a totalitarian role as supreme arbiter of the loyalty of other Americans.

It is a tragic fact that Lee Harvey Oswald was a self-confessed "Marxist." But the political fanaticism of Oswald does not give license to those of the opposite political extreme -- fascism -- to appoint themselves saviors of our republic.

In attempts to seduce the American people, the John Birch Society has portrayed a terrifying menace of Communism which, apparently, only this self-appointed group of right-wing totalitarians are equipped and willing to combat, a direct insult to the loyalty of 191,000,000 Americans.

The John Birch Society directly quoted J. Edgar Hoover on the unrelenting "war with the Communists."

But the Birchers failed to quote Mr. Hoover's remarks after the President's assassination about the threats from the radical right as well as the left. Mr. Hoover said "the merchants of hate attempt to drape themselves in a cloak of patriotism, but their real objective is to profiteer and capitalize upon ignorance, prejudice and bigotry, while destroying the very ideals which they claim to uphold."

The Nazis in Germany and the Fascists in Italy offered themselves as alternatives to the Communist menace. But the cure proved even worse than the sickness.

The American people, true to our heritage, will face all threats, from left or right, without the services of the Oswalds of the right.



The Jewish War Veterans paid tribute to the memory of President Kennedy recently when National Commander Daniel Neal Heller laid a wreath on his grave. Commander Heller was accompanied by Past Natl. Commanders Abraham Kraditor, New York; Isadore Feuer, Ohio and Sam Shaikowitz, Missouri. (Additional photo on page 4.)