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Best JWV Convention Ever Getting Under Way In Florida

Commander Offers Views Before GOP

SAN FRANCISCO: JWV National Commander Daniel Neal Heller called upon the Republican National Platform Committee this month to write into its platform a plank that would insure United States commitments to protect Israel, especially in the face of stepped-up anti-Israel attitudes expressed by the two competing giants of international communism, Red China and Soviet Russia.

Testifying before the Committee in San Francisco, the JWV leader expressed "alarm and concern" for American security and world peace because competing efforts on the part of Red China and the Soviet Union to woo Arab support are resulting in a dangerous campaign against the survival of Israel, the only real friend the United States has in the Middle East.

"It would be tragic indeed," the JWV leader said, "to see the United States sit back while the two giants of communism fix strong positions against Israel as barter for Arab favor."

Editor's Note: The Republican Platform Committee, in its final report, read: "Respecting the Middle East, and in addition to our reaffirmed pledges of 1960 concerning this area, we will so direct our economic and military assistance as to help maintain stability in this region and prevent an imbalance of arms."

Commenting on the civil rights plank, JWV's leader urged the party to declare "with great emphasis" that the Republican Party is four-square behind the Civil Rights Act. In a situation where one of the top contenders for the nomination as President under the Republican banner has publicly declared that he could not vote for this Act because, in his judgment, it is unconstitutional, it behooves the party all the more to support the law in the spirit of respect for constitutional government."

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JWV National Commander Daniel Neal Heller (right) and American Legion National Commander Daniel F. Foley (left) are shown above with Israel's Deputy Premier Abba Eban, during talks which were held in Israel last month as part of a fact-finding mission. Commander Heller made arrangements with the Israeli Government to extend invitations to Mr. Foley, Walter D. Hyle, Jr., National Commander of the Catholic War Veterans, and Joseph J. Lombardo, Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. All the veteran leaders participated in this important trip.

Huge Crowd Will Attend Gala Event

John S. Gleason, Jr., Administrator of Veterans Affairs, will be the principal speaker at the National Commanders Banquet at the 1964 Convention at the Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood.

Mr. Gleason leads the list of distinguished public figures, out-

We have received a number of inquiries concerning double occupancy rates at the Convention Hotel. Double occupancy means two people sharing one room. The rates quoted are per room, based on double occupancy. Thus, a double room on the European Plan in the Diplomat East, is \$12.00 per room daily or \$6.00 per person.

EDITORIAL

Lessons of History Ignored

As an organization dedicated for more than 60 years to the fight against extremism of both left and right, JWV is shocked and alarmed by the grim battlecry of extremism in defense of liberty, which reverberates ominously throughout the land.

One would think that the butchery of the crusades was enough to convince mankind that extremism is alien to a civilized society.

One would think that the guillotine of the French revolution would have taught this grim lesson.

One would think that the ultimate extremism of Adolph Hitler would have driven home this final truth.

Are we asked to believe that the extremism of private bomb throwings, of private burnings, of private murders, of defiance of law and order, is a virtue and that sober moderation in pursuit of justice is a vice?

We have always believed that what separated man from beast, and moved civilization forward were moderation and reason. Under the philosophy of extremism, when one disagrees with man or nation, one throws a bomb, burns a cross or builds a gas chamber!

We believe the world has had more than its share of extremism. We hope that the rallying cry of extremism is merely a political gimmick and not a serious philosophy. If it is, then all men of good will must mobilize all of the resources of democracy on behalf of moderation in the pursuit of justice.

Report Blasts Anti-Semitism In the Soviet

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND — The International Commission of Jurists has issued a blasting denunciation of Russian Communists for making scapegoats of Soviet Jews for alleged economic crimes behind the Iron Curtain, Comander Heller reported following his recent visit to the United Nations Building here where he observed the Commission and the Seventeen-National Conference Committee on Disarmament at work.

At the time of the Commander's visit the Jurists, a non-governmental body supported by forty-five thousand lawyers in one hundred countries and with no axe to grind, delivered a scorching document denouncing the Russian Communists for making scapegoats of the Soviet Jews.

The Commission found that many of the get-rich-quick depredations have been perpetrated

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standing leaders in politics, government, and the community scheduled to speak at the Convention before more than a thousand delegates and guests.

The Convention, running from August 9 to August 16, is expected to be the most exciting and important in recent JWV history. Policy and action decisions will be taken on such issues as the civil rights bill, church-state relationships, Soviet anti-semitism, Israel, Egypt and the Near East, Germany, Catholic ecumenism and the future of the JWV Veterans Service program.

Workshops and forum discussions will be held on a variety of subjects including membership, public relations, fund raising, welfare funds, publications, and insurance. One of the outstanding events planned for August 14 will be the Mickey Marcus memorial services. Mrs. Emma Marcus, widow of the late Colonel and Ted Berkman, author of the bestseller "Cast A Giant Shadow" on the life of Mickey Marcus, will attend.

Features for the week are:

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