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JWV Opens Mass Campaign Warning World of Bonn Acts



JWV National Commander Ralph Plofsky received a commission as "Admiral in the Georgia Navy," from the honorable Carl Sanders, Governor of the State of Georgia, at ceremonies held in the State House last month. L. to R: Commander Plofsky and Governor Sanders. Looking on are Elliott Goldberg, Past Commander of the Department of Georgia-South Carolina; and Maurice Rich, Department Senior Vice Commander.

EDITORIAL

The issue of Soviet anti-Semitism once again has hit the public eye with the picketing of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C., sparked by the Philadelphia Jewish Community Council and participated in by Jewish War Veterans echelons from both Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia.

Here is an issue which the Jewish War Veterans has pursued with great diligence for many years. We have actively sought both through the U.S. State Department and through high officials in the Soviet diplomatic corps to find some means to persuade the Soviets to lighten the burden of the three million Jews living behind the Iron Curtain and to relax its immigration policies in order to allow emigration.

As leaders in this battle, we have, of course, come up against the intractable and blindly stubborn position of Soviet officialdom who blandly deny that they persecute or discriminate against Soviet Jewry, while the evidence is overwhelming that to be a Jew in the Soviet Union is to face religious and cultural extinction.

The picketing of the Soviet Embassy by our brothers and comrades from Philadelphia and our own members, planned to extend for weeks, is an indication of the firm resolve of American Jewry to persevere until justice and freedom are achieved.

We have learned the grim lesson of the futility of

'Tired of Snow . . . and Cold?'

Would you like a little sun and warmth and rest? Have you had enough of shoveling snow and furnace breakdowns and automobile service calls? Here is your chance to get away from it all and to do it as National Commander Ralph Plofsky's guest.

An advertisement on page 8 in this issue of "The Jewish Veteran" announces the National Commander's Cruise which starts on April 25th. Hundreds of our members and their wives will accompany the National Commander on this exciting excursion, but YOU can be his guest. In fact, TWO OF OUR MEMBERS can be his guests. Here's how.

During the period from March 1 to April 15, the JWV member who brings in the greatest number of new members will win a cabin for two on the cruise. Now is the time to ask those brothers, uncles, nephews, friends, busi-

Hard Hitting Statements Elicit Positive Response

An overwhelming groundswell of positive response has come to the Jewish War Veterans, from coast-to-coast, as a direct result of its campaign of full page advertisements and hard-hitting statements on West Germany's actions on three major issues.

ness associates and everyone else eligible to join with us in our cause. But that is not all.

Perhaps you are not in a position to get a massive number of new members. In that case,

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"THE NATIONAL
COMMANDER'S CRUISE"
TO BERMUDA,
APRIL 25-MAY 1,
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we have you in mind in the contest for the other cabin. For each new member you bring in, your name will be placed in a drawing, the winner of which will be Mr. Plofsky's guest. Thus, if you get one new mem-

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1. The decision by Bonn to apply the German statute of limitations to prohibit prosecution for Nazi crimes of mass murders. This would mean that presently undiscovered Nazi criminals would be irrevocably free after May 8th, when the statute terminates.

2. The utter failure of the Germans to recall their nationals, most of them Nazi, from the U.A.R., where they are engaged in developing sophisticated weapons in the fields of aviation and rocketry, a threat to world peace.

3. The callous disregard of its treaty obligations with Israel in connection with military aid which is arbitrarily "cancelled" at the demand of the Egyptian dictator, Nasser.

JWV Calls for 'Explanation' on Nazi Prosecutor of Nazi Crimes

JWV National Commander Ralph Plofsky last month told West German Ambassador Heinrich Knappstein that the confession of past Nazi affiliations by Erwin Schuele, Director of the West German Center for Prosecution of Nazi Crimes, calls for an "explanation and corrective action."

"Corrective action can only take the form of immediate steps to abolish the statute of limitations pertaining to Nazi crimes," Commander Plofsky said in the letter to the West German Ambassador.

The JWV Chief recalled that he and other JWV leaders had been assured by the West German Ambassador that American Jewry need have no concern over the possible escape of Nazi criminals from prosecution because Schuele would file charges against all culpable Nazis before May 8th, when the statute of limitation becomes effective.

"Today we have learned from press association reports from Stuttgart that Mr. Schuele, who is supposed to be tracking down and exposing the Nazis, has confessed to having been a Nazi Party member himself," Commander Plofsky said.

"There is every reason to believe that he brought about prosecution of some relatively minor criminals but protecting others," the JWV chief wrote.

Commander Plofsky alleged that Schuele has been "using his position to camouflage the phony campaign to expose and prosecute Nazi criminals."

Referring to U.S. Army records in Berlin, which show Schuele to have been on the official list of Nazi Party members, Commander Plofsky said, "Mr. Schuele apparently failed to investigate himself, throwing doubt on all representations at every level by the West German

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In a campaign of international ramifications, JWV, after much soul-searching and discussions with West German Ambassador Heinrich Knappstein, the State Department officials and other Jewish organizations, the National Policy Committee of JWV felt that there was no other alternative than to issue its now famous "Message for the Conscience to the World." It appeared in the New York Times on Thursday, February 18 and the Washington Post, Friday, February 19th.

The response, both here and abroad, was immediate. The West Germans quickly sought discussions with United States State Department officials.

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