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## JWV Battles the Birchers Massive Drive Underway



### JWV Advocates Tighter Rule On Firearms

Federal regulations tightening control of firearms to keep weapons from the hands of so-called "private armies" were advocated by National Commander Ralph Plofsky of the Jewish War Veterans.

Noting a bill supported by J.W.V., submitted to the California state legislature because of the arsenals assembled by such groups as the Ku Klux Klan, Minute Men, American Nazi Party, and others, Commander Plofsky said the time has come for Federal action. He said that California's legislative move is to be commended but that "to be meaningful nationally, such legislation should be enacted by Congress."

Commander Plofsky said the California bill would define "private armies" as organizations of neither Federal nor state government, but that "engage in instruction or training in guerrilla warfare."

He recalled a resolution adopted by his organization at

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### Nation-Wide Campaign Outlined by Action Group

The Jewish War Veterans responding to the showdown with Communism in Southeast Asia, is taking measures to protect the fabric of democracy at home from the John Birch Society in a sweeping drive against elements National Commander Plofsky termed "the termites who are eating away at our national foundations."

### Pope Paul Asked For Clarification Of Lenten Sermon

Clarification of a Lenten sermon by Pope Paul VI, which might be interpreted as accusing the Jewish people of abusing and killing Jesus Christ, was requested this month by leaders of the Jewish War Veterans.

Daniel Neal Heller, Past National Commander, and Abraham Kraditor, chairman of JWV's Foreign Affairs Committee, recalled that they had been granted a Papal audience last year when a JWV delegation was welcomed to the Vatican to discuss interfaith amity and cooperation.

Mr. Heller, a Miami attorney and Mr. Kraditor, a New York City attorney, both past national commanders of JWV, said their

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A program of counter-action against Birchism has been drafted by JWV's National Action Committee. It was formulated to stem Birchite efforts to destroy confidence in national institutions and create a fascist atmosphere.

A principal objective will be exposure of the Birch society by the JWV through national and local action. Plans are made for utilization of public forums and discussion meetings; the generation of news and publicity to alert the unwary and uninformed; direct mail of JWV's White Paper on the John Birch Society and other material exposing Birchite infiltration and take-over tactics.

Other steps envisaged are TV and radio expose, bibliographies on John Birch Society recom-

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### JWVA Constitution Changes Spell New Era of Effectiveness

A new era of greater effectiveness through closer coordination was forecast this month by National Commander Ralph Plofsky as the National Executive Committee of the Jewish War Veterans, meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, on April 10th and 11th, approved basic amendments and revisions in the National Ladies Auxiliary constitution, designed to assure greater operational efficiency and coordination between JWV and JWVA.

Citing the NEC action as "one of the great milestones in the history of both organizations," Commander Plofsky indicated that the new move would give the National Ladies Auxiliary a much stronger role in the areas of veterans services

and community relations. He predicted that the new changes would also make possible greater participation of JWVA members in the meaningful programs of the Jewish War Veterans.

The heart of the changes ap-

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### Plofsky Urges Broader Inquiry

A suggestion that President Johnson's "war" against the Ku Klux Klan be broadened to include more vigorous Federal investigations into activities of other "right-wing fanatics" was advanced by JWV National Commander Ralph Plofsky.

Commander Plofsky said his organization welcomed the anti-

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## EDITORIAL

While our nation is increasingly involved in a military confrontation with Communism in Viet Nam and Southeast Asia, the termites of the John Birch Society continue to gnaw at the basis of our democratic society.

Brave men are dying in Viet Nam to preserve freedom. But on the homefront, the radical right—aided by "conservative" allies—threatens our democratic institutions. The Birchers press their efforts to destroy confidence in our established political parties, elected leaders, judicial system, heads of our armed forces, educators, clergy, and labor leaders—from Washington to the smallest hamlet in the country.

**Birchism is akin to fascism. "Communism" and allegations of a "Communist conspiracy" are the smear-weapons of the Birch society. Instead of rallying with the national leadership to combat the very real and grim threats of Communist aggression in the world, the Birchers prefer to infiltrate, seeking power, through unsupported charges of a Communist conspiracy.**

An example of the fact-denying extremism of Robert Welch, the authoritarian dictator of the John Birch Society is the following statement of Welch's which speaks for itself . . . "If you are worried about an external war, don't. Nothing is more remote."

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### Nazi Candidate Deplored By JWV

National Commander Ralph Plofsky of the Jewish War Veterans said that George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi Party, was "no more qualified for permission to run as Governor of Virginia than would be the head of the Cosa Nostra, Mafia or any other terrorist organization."

Commander Plofsky said "the Nazi movement stands indicted by the conscience of mankind for its notorious crimes against humanity. Nazism cannot possibly be reconciled with a lawful

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A resolution, voicing grief at the death of Albert Cardinal Meyer of the Archdiocese of Chicago and memorializing the humanitarian achievements of the late cardinal, has been adopted by the Jewish War Veterans.