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Greatest JWV Confab Ever Planned for Concord Hotel



In an unprecedented joint private audience with Pope Paul VI at the Vatican on May 3rd, 1965, National Commander Ralph Plofsky of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (center), and National Commander Charles Shelley of the Catholic War Veterans of the U.S.A. (right), His Holiness expressed concern over continuing manifestations of anti-Semitism, especially in the Soviet Union and made known that he is mindful of the plight of continuing instances of anti-Semitism in the world.

Pope Paul Expresses Concern Over Plight of Soviet Jewry

Pope Paul VI has indicated concern to American war veterans over continuing instances of anti-Semitism in the world, especially in the Soviet Union, according to word received from a delegation personally received by the Pope at a Vatican audience.

The Pope granted a private audience on May 3, 1965, to National Commander Ralph Plofsky, of the Jewish War Veterans, and National Commander Charles Shelley, of the Catholic War Veterans, who visited Rome together.

Stressing hopes for "peace with justice" in his remarks to the two veterans leaders, the Pope voiced apprehension over residual prejudice and discrimination affecting mankind. He saw the promotion of freedom for all men in a climate of individual dignity and mutual respect. But efforts were needed

in all nations to achieve that objective, he indicated.

The meeting followed by exactly a year a previous audience granted by the Pope to leaders of the Jewish veterans group. On that occasion, the delegation was headed by former National Commander Daniel Neal Heller and included Abraham Kraditor, Chairman of J.W.V.'s Foreign Affairs Committee. The Pope asked the Jewish delegation to convey his personal greetings and blessings to the Catholic veterans in the United States, upon hearing that the two or

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PNC Joseph F. Barr, former National Executive Director of JWV has just undergone surgery and is resting comfortably. All notes of good wishes should be sent to Mr. Barr c/o George Washington University Hospital, Washington, D.C.

Huge Crowd Expected Make Reservations Now

JWV Director Testifies Before House Committee

The House Foreign Affairs Committee heard testimony by Monroe R. Sheinberg, National Executive Director of the Jewish War Veterans, urging adoption of a resolution condemning Soviet anti-Semitism and informing the Committee that other veterans groups share the JWV's concern over the plight of Russian Jews.

Mr. Sheinberg submitted detailed material published by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States in the "V.F.W. Magazine," exposing anti-Jewish persecution in the Soviet Union. He also informed the Committee that Daniel Foley, testifying before the Republican National

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Plans for JWV's 70th Annual National Convention at the fabulous Concord Hotel, September 12-19, 1965, "have just been completed and promise to be the most exciting and important in JWV history," Past National Commander Bernard Abrams, National Convention Chairman, reported this month.

According to Mr. Abrams, "The Concord Hotel, which is nestled in a natural mountain wonderland in Kiamesha Lake, New York offers JWV and JWVA ever imaginable comfort and convenience and is the ideal setting for combining convention business with pleasure."

Policy and action decisions will be taken on such major issues as the John Birch Society, other extremist groups, anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union and other parts of the world, and civil rights. Workshops will be held on a variety of subjects, including insurance, fund-raising, membership, publications, and public relations.

In order to take advantage of these many outstanding facilities offered at the Concord, all included in special JWV convention rates, JWVs are urged to make their reservations early.

For Full Convention Details
Rates, and Reservation Form
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Here are just some of the features at the Concord:

- Air Conditioned meeting rooms
- Three delicious kosher meals a day
- The ultimate in golf—two magnificent golf courses. The 18-hole, 7100-yard International Golf Course and the 9-hole Challenger, a practice green and driving range—all under the direction of resident pro Jimmy Demaret, three-time winner of the Masters.
- 280-foot crystal clear outdoor Hawaiian swimming pool and three tiers of sundecks which

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EDITORIAL

WE SUPPORT

IN VIET NAM

We are in Viet Nam to prevent a Communist take-over of South Viet Nam by North Viet Nam, with or without the help of Red China. We desire the right of self-determination for the South Vietnamese; we are determined to prevent a house-of-cards falling of the free nations of Southeast Asia to Communist domination.

The J.W.V., at our last National Convention in August 1964, unanimously resolved:

"That the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. supports U. S. commitment to Vietnamese independence and freedom as an integral link in the free world security system, and

"That the Jewish War Veterans endorses the action of President Johnson in ordering the attack on the North Vietnamese 'hive' as the source of the Communist assault boats, and as a necessary and proper response to irresponsible provocation."

That Resolution is just as timely and appropriate today.

It is obvious that President Johnson is taking all reasonable steps, including temporary halt in bombings, to invite peace by negotiation. His efforts seem to be regarded by the Communists as a sign of weakness. They demand nothing less than abject surrender and withdrawal before negotiation. In such case, what would be left to "negotiate"?

A few weeks ago Pope Paul VI, speaking in pri-

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