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## Waldor Reports On Vietnam Sees Humphrey, McNamara

### JWV Calls for Strengthening of Export Act

The strengthening of anti-boycott provision of the Export Control Act was asked this month by JWV National Commander Milton A. Waldor, who cited the recent "surrender by the American President Lines to an Egyptian threat to bar the S.S. President Roosevelt from the Suez Canal transit if the ship docked in an Israeli seaport."

Commander Waldor, said the newly-reconvened Congress should remedy inadequacies in the anti-boycott measure enacted in the last session of Congress. He said that "if an airtight, mandatory law had been passed, the shipping company could defy the Arab boycott threat and merely cite the legal requirements of the Export Control Act. Instead, the company has violated the spirit of the law and capitulated to Arab blackmail which exploited the basic weakness in the 'voluntary' law."

The JWV leader said "it is bitterly ironic that the State Department is currently reporting a more moderate policy on the part of the Egyptian Government in order to justify recommendations that American aid to Egypt be resumed." He said that "a government that so brazenly dictates to American ships what ports of call they may enter should be stricken from all aid lists. Such a country should be subjected to the strongest American diplomatic protests and intercessions at the United Nations."

Commander Waldor said that "if the United States permits Egypt to get away with this blackmail, our national pride has certainly deteriorated since we fought the Barbary pirates and the U.S. Marines stormed the 'shores of Tripoli' to assert our right to freedom of the seas."

He said the JWV would ask the appropriate members and committees of Congress to amend the Export Control Act to outlaw the collaboration by the shipping line with the Arab boycott.



Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey is shown above receiving National Commander Milton A. Waldor of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. who told the Vice President about his recent trip to Vietnam, as head of a JWV delegation, and commended the peace efforts of the Administration. Mr Waldor told Mr. Humphrey that the veterans appreciated the role of the Vice President in seeking peace and hoped that the peace offensive would continue. He said, however, that if this undertaking fails, America must live up to its commitments. Mr. Waldor noted that civic actions in South Vietnam appear to the veterans to be equally as important as fighting operations.



National Commander Milton A. Waldor of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. reports to Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and reassures the Secretary of the veterans' support of United States policies. Mr. McNamara voiced the Defense Department's appreciation for the JWV role in the Vietnamese crisis.

### Administration Leaders Note JWV's Support

JWV's role supporting United States Government peace efforts and determination to continue to resist Communist aggression, required because U.S. settlement efforts are rejected by North Viet Nam, was favorably noted by top Administration leaders when National Commander Milton A. Waldor and National Executive Director Monroe R. Sheinberg reported to Washington on their recent visit to Viet Nam.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey received the JWV leaders and expressed gratitude for JWV's assistance in America's struggle to contain Communist aggression in Southeast Asia. The JWV leaders also reported on their trip to Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, Deputy Defense Secretary Cyrus R. Vance, and other authorities.

The reception accorded the JWV by the highest authorities indicated the recognition accorded by the Government to the organization's activity in the current crisis.

Commander Waldor informed the officials that JWV commends Government peace overtures and feels that the door to negotiations should remain open. But the JWV is also convinced that President Johnson's determination to resist Communist aggression, and our national security by military means, if the Hanoi regime continues the war, is the proper policy. JWV leaders made clear to officials that the veterans share the Government's determination to implement commitments against aggression.

An important conclusion drawn from the JWV visit to Viet Nam was that the civic action program is equal in importance to actual military operations. JWV is supporting the Government's civic action activities through homefront projects by departments and posts. JWV will seek increased membership and more active participation in backing requirements in Viet Nam. (See page 9 for details on JWV's "Adopt a Village" Project).

JWV has made it clear that the organization has always

cherished the right of lawful dissent but that this right does not free dissenters from criticism on the merits or defects of positions they take.

Indeed, according to Commander Waldor, JWV cannot remain silent when some dissenters do more harm than good by their comments on the Viet Nam question. They misrepresent American public opinion and undermine the chances for a peace settlement, by misleading Hanoi concerning the determination of America to resist Communist aggression in Viet Nam.

The attack on JWV by Rabbis Maurice N. Eisendrath and Jacob J. Weinstein based on distortions of JWV's policy, was firmly answered and rebuffed. (See page 3 for JWV Statement) JWV's support of American efforts to negotiate peace was spelled out, along with our conviction that military measures would remain the only alternative if the Communists reject peace and continue their aggression against South Viet Nam.

JWV's reply to the rabbis was widely published along with our challenge to the rabbis to state their position if peace negotiations continue to be rejected by the Communists. Commander Waldor asked in view of polls showing overwhelming American support for our Government's policy in Viet Nam: "Who is more representa-

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