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## RUSSIA BARS WALDOR FROM TOUR OF COUNTRY

### Soviet Denial of Visa Based on JWV Position

Soviet Russia has arbitrarily denied a travel visa to Milton A. Waldor, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., only a few days prior to his scheduled departure for Moscow on a long-planned visit, the JWV disclosed.

### Waldor Hits Latest Move Of Birch Society

JWV National Commander Milton A. Waldor warned the nation against being "taken in" by recent Birchite publicity, concerning the so-called "Jewish Society of Americanists," allegedly consisting entirely of Jewish members of the John Birch Society.

In a statement made this month, Commander Waldor pointed out that the apparent purpose of this maneuver by Robert Welch and the John Birch Society is to give the impression, contrary to fact, that there are many Jewish Birchers, and incidentally to attempt (Continued on Page 2)

The Soviet action was believed to be based on policies of the Jewish War Veterans and intended to "punish" the veterans for supporting U.S. policies in Vietnam and for urging Russia to accord Jews and other minorities religious and racial rights.

Commander Waldor took a militant and outspoken position supporting the United States war effort in Vietnam on a recent national speaking tour. He had been invited to go to Vietnam by the Department of Defense and subsequently reported to Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey on what he saw in Vietnam and on JWV's full support for the Administration's policies in Vietnam.

Another reason for the abrupt Soviet action, a sharp departure from the expressed Russian policy of promoting American tourism, was thought to be strong criticism voiced by JWV of Soviet religious and racial policies. The JWV has taken a leading role in protests charging that Moscow denied Jewish persons the same religious and cultural rights afforded other Soviet minorities. Authorization was given by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars to the JWV to testify on their behalf before hearings held last year by the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Soviet religious bias.

The JWV pointed out that the American veteran community, including millions who served with the military forces of Russia against the common enemy in World War II, are likely to feel a sense of outrage at this insult to a hero of that war. Commander Waldor was an oft-decorated U. S. Air Force flier.

Commander Waldor said "I did not realize that the Soviet (Continued on Page 5)



President Lyndon Baines Johnson greets JWV National Commander Milton A. Waldor and presented him with a pen used to sign into law the new GI Bill of Rights. Commander Waldor, along with the National Commanders of the other major veterans organizations, was invited to the White House to witness the ceremonies. (A summary of this new Bill is printed on page 9.)

### Waldor Visits Europe, Israel Sees Pope Paul

As this issue of the "Veteran" goes to press, National Commander Milton A. Waldor left on a tour that will include observation of NATO installations in Western Europe and the defense situation of Israel.

The JWV Commander, accompanied by Mrs. Waldor, will be received in Paris by General Lyman Lemnitzer, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, head of NATO forces.

The discussion will cover the emerging role of NATO in view of recent policy statements by French President DeGaulle. Meetings have also been arranged with French Jewish leaders.

Commander Waldor will pay homage to the dead of two wars at the United States military cemeteries abroad.

A veteran of World War II (Continued on Page 12)

### JWVA Guilty: Court Martial Finds; JWVA Asks Court to Intervene

The following is a brief chronology in summary form of the developments in the proceedings of the J.W.V. against the J.W.V.A.:

1) On February 16, 1966, after hearings and testimony of witnesses, a Court Martial by the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. unanimously voted to revoke the charter of the National Ladies Auxiliary of the J.W.V. after finding the Auxiliary guilty of violation or disobedience of lawful orders issued by proper authority of the J.W.V., and failure to make prompt and proper accounting of property and funds.

2) On February 21, 1966, National Commander Milton A. Waldor approved the decision of the Court Martial.

3) On February 23, 1966, National Commander Waldor issued a directive to all echelons of the

J.W.V.A., implementing the decision of the court martial.

4) On February 25, 1966, suit was instituted by J.W.V.A. against the J.W.V. in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. On that same day a temporary restraining order was obtained from the District Court without notice or hearing enjoining the J.W.V. from interfering with the operations and administration of the JWVA's activities.

5) On March 3, 1966, the J.W.V. and J.W.V.A. agreed to a Consent Order which was approved by the District Court. The Consent Order vacated the restraining order and provided for the following arrangements pending further proceedings in the court.

A) The National Commander of the J.W.V. shall issue a direc-

tive to all who received his directive of February 23, 1966, advising them of the terms of the Consent Order and of the suspension of the provisions of the previous directive pending further notice or order of the U.S. District Court.

B) The J.W.V.A. will turn over to an independent outside certified public accountant selected by both parties all books, records and supporting

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