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## JEWISH WAR VETS SEE RED THREAT BEHIND CRISIS IN THE MID-EAST

### JWV Plans Historic Confab Nation's Capital - August 13 - 20

The Jewish War Veterans 72nd Annual National Convention which will meet in Washington, D. C. on August 13th-20th, will assemble at a time of heightened crisis over the war in Vietnam, crisis in the Near East, domestic problems fomented by extremist elements, and is expected to generate unprecedented statements of international significance, according to Judge Isaac J. Murov, JWV's National Convention Chairman.

### JWV Hits BOAC Cancelling Certain Landings in Israel

The surrender of the British Overseas Airways Corporation to anti-Israel Arab boycott pressure, revealed by the cancellation of certain BOAC landings in Israel, should be a matter of grave concern to Americans contemplating foreign travel, National Commander Malcolm A. Tarlov of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America said last month.

Commander Tarlov referred to reports that BOAC, because of Arab boycott intervention, cancelled two weekly Far Eastern flights from London which made landings in Israel. BOAC appeased Pakistan after that country said it would prohibit overflights by planes going directly from Israel to India without an intermediary stop. The Pakistani move was "an obvious extension of the anti-Israel Arab boycott," said the JWV Commander.

"Pakistan's arrogant dictation to BOAC comes at a time when Pakistan, which has benefitted from tremendous American aid, has established commercial aviation links with Communist China. The denial by Pakistan of overflight rights to planes stopping off in Israel is a violation of the British-Pakistan Air Travel Agreement and the Chicago Convention on Air Rights," said Commander Tarlov.

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### Urges United States To Reaffirm and Implement Long-Standing Commitments to Defend Israel

In the crisis in the Middle East, JWV has taken forthright action in an attempt to assist in stemming the tide toward the world conflagration implicit in a war in the Middle East.

Acting at the on-set of the crisis National Commander Malcolm A. Tarlov publicly urged the United States Government to reaffirm unequivocally its long-standing commitment to guarantee and defend territorial integrity of nations in the Middle East, including Israel. Two days after the statement calling for U. N. action had been released world-wide, President Johnson issued his now famous reaffirmation of the Tripartite Agreement.

Commander Tarlov, after JWV participation in a State Department conference on world problems, pointed out the complete and utter dependence of Nasser on Red military and financial support. Referring to a statement by a high State Department official, JWV leaders have emphasized the grim and little-recognized fact that Soviet Russia could terminate the war in the Middle East "in thirty seconds" by an

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The magnificent Washington Hilton Hotel will be headquarters for this JWV convention. Located on cosmopolitan Connecticut Avenue, near everything exciting in the Nation's Capital, the Washington Hilton features outside rooms, luxury appointments and air conditioning. You'll also enjoy the hotel's Olympic size swimming pool.

Restaurants on the premises include the Four Oaks, the Colonials, the Gibson Bar, and Bar 50. Room service will be available

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PNC Milton A. Waldor, who was honored on May 21st by the Century Club on the occasion of its 1st Anniversary, is shown here at the Waldorf-Astoria reception with some of the distinguished guests who came to do him honor. L to R: PNC Waldor; Louis Lefkowitz, Attorney General of the State of New York; JWV National Commander Malcolm A. Tarlov; and Mel Allen, well known sports commentator.

### Scores Gather To Honor Waldor At Century Club

A brilliant reception at the Waldorf-Astoria on Sunday, May 21st in New York City, marked the 1st Anniversary of the Century Club. They honored one of the Club's most illustrious members—immediate Past National Commander Milton A. Waldor for his work.

More than one hundred members from all over the United States attended the affair which also had as guests Louis Lefkowitz, Attorney General of the State of New York, and Mel Allen famed sports commentator.

The JWV's Century Club was formed in 1966 for the purpose of inspiring support among top echelon JWV leadership throughout the country for the organi-

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'72nd ANNUAL JWV CONVENTION—Wash. Hilton Hotel, Aug. 13-20, 1967'

## Editorially Speaking

### The "Just" and the "Unjust" War—Whose Decision?

Of late, some Theological students and other draft-eligible men have claimed it is their right to evaluate the war in Vietnam. They contend that the conflict is not, according to their individual standards, a "just" war, thus they claim to be entitled to be considered conscientious objectors and are thus exempt from the obligation to bear arms for their country.

However, Congress has decreed that the guidelines for "conscientious objector" status are starkly clear. **THOSE OPPOSED TO "PARTICIPATION IN WAR IN ANY FORM", OPPOSITION TO ALL WAR, ON RELIGIOUS TRADITION, MAY SUBSTITUTE NONCOMBATANT SERVICE INSTEAD OF BEARING ARMS.** Lou Ayres, in World War II, is an example of such an individual who fulfilled his responsibility without violating his religious beliefs.

Granted, that many, if not most, of the Theological students, who claim exemption on the grounds that the Vietnam War is contrary to their religious traditions, are sincere, their logic is fallacious. Anarchy would be the end-result if every citizen of the United States had the power to judge for himself the "justice" of any conflict in which the United States were engaged, and his participation in such a war. The foreign policy of the United States is not determined on an individual basis by individual citizens. As a Constitutional Democracy we participate in conflict only after due consideration and decision by our duly elected officials. Mob rule or individual judgment is contrary to the continuation of our American way of government.

These "selective" conscientious objectors say that America should not demand that a man choose between violating his conscience and violating the law which would result in imprisonment.

Apparently, they would prefer that a man have the right to choose between violating his conscience and subverting our country, its security and our democratic way of life. For it is transparently clear that if any group of "selective" conscientious objectors could with impunity label any war or foreign policy action of the United States, duly decided upon by duly constituted government officials and bodies, as "unjust" and, therefore, unworthy of support, certainly other citizens would swiftly and inevitably claim the same right and take the same destructive action.

To all other than true "conscientious objectors", though war is evil, there are greater evils: the passive acceptance of totalitarian slavery, or death. Defense of self, family, and country ("Give Me Liberty or Give me Death") is still in the spirit of American tradition.

Therefore, it is clearly not "immoral" for America, acting through its elected officials and bodies, to decide to defend South Vietnam's right of self-determination as well as America's security.

On the right and limitations of dissent, "Freedom House" has said it very well:

**"In a democratic society, dissent is not sacred; only the right to dissent is. The content of the dissent is as subject to public discussion and attack as any other doctrine. Nor does the right to dissent mean that society is obligated to do more than allow the dissent to be voiced. There is no duty to listen, or to accept the validity of the dissent. An inherent attitude of the free society is the right to choose and reject. And the dissenter certainly has no right to impose his view on others through the use of physical force—in the name of the freedom to dissent."**

The "selective" conscientious objectors, whether they be theological students, religious leaders, or young men unwilling to serve in the armed forces of the United States because they do not agree with the policy of America in Vietnam, would be best advised to comply with the law, and exercise their complete freedom of dissent in the direction and for the purpose of utilizing the democratic channels of public opinion and political and governmental processes in order to attempt to achieve an official reconsideration of American policy in Vietnam.

**Loyalty to democracy, to religion and morality would thus be served equally with loyalty to the United States of America.**

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## Mid-East Crisis

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unequivocal cessation of its aid and support to Egypt and Syria.

JWV leaders have concluded the war threat in the Middle East is Russian-inspired, Russian-supported, deadly dangerous because of Russia's involvement, and able to be terminated at a moment's notice by unilateral decision of Soviet Russia. This is a basic fact of world politics that should be pointed out by public opinion within the United Nations and within the free nations of the world.

The United Nations is supposed to be a world body designed to maintain the peace and provide a forum for settling crisis problems. Historically it has been able to do so only in the case of small nations, upon whom it could, backed by world opinion, impose the decisions arrived at within the U. N. While both the United Arab Republic and Syria are small nations, as is Israel, within such definition, the intrusion of Russia into the problem behind the scenes in support of Egypt and Syria bodes ill for the United Nation's potential for peace keeping.

This creates both a vacuum and a challenge to the United States. Firm and unequivocal action by the United States can and will deter Soviet Russia in the Middle East as it has deterred Soviet Russia elsewhere when confronted by American determination and action.

The decision as to war or peace rests only in the hands of Soviet Russia, responsible in a major way for the present crisis.

### BULLETIN

**AT THE TIME OF THIS REPORT, ON THE BRINK OF WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST, JWV NATIONAL COMMANDER MALCOLM A. TARLOV EXPRESSED THE FERVENT HOPE THAT A SHOOTING WAR SHOULD NOT BREAK OUT. "FOR SUCH A WAR WOULD ENDANGER ALL CIVILIZATION."**

## Thinking Out Loud



By Albert Schlossberg  
National Editor

The last rays of the setting sun were sinking into the horizon. Scores of naval personnel, in groups, in pairs, and singly, immersed in private thoughts and conversation and activity as the day drew to a close. It was the usual busy Naval Training Station with all of the war-time sights and sounds and then . . . the first clear notes of the bugler sounding Taps covered the area and hushed the sounds of activity. No formal order was heard, but as one, all present turned to face the colors in a position of hand salute. The United States flag was being lowered. I was there. I felt a pride in my country and I could sense that the men and women there that evening shared my feelings of respect and pride in the flag of the United States, a symbol of democracy.

More than a score of years have passed since that summer sunset at the Sampson Naval Training Station but the experience has remained with me. Countless times since that August twilight I have participated in flag ceremonies but the thrill of participation and a sense of belonging has never diminished. I am proud to be an American. Is this a corn-ball reaction? Is respect for our flag passé? Sometimes I wonder.

"Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

June 14, 1777. The Continental Congress of the pledging United States of America had decided that from that time on just one flag would represent the spirit of democracy, independence and justice. Betsy Ross may or may not have designed and made the first flag, but the colors chosen, so the story tells, were red for courage and hardiness, white for purity and innocence, blue for justice, vigilance and perseverance, and the design may have been copied from a British East India Company banner, but this was the first flag of the United States of America.

The U. S. flag has been changed many times since the "Betsy Ross" flag was unfurled. When the flag had been increased to fifteen stripes, representing fifteen states, Congress decided that a more orderly set of rules for notation of additional states had to be decided upon. By Congressional decree from that time on (April 4, 1818), upon the

admittance of a new state to the Union a new star would be added to the blue field. The stripes would remain constant at thirteen and the change would take place on the 4th of July following the entrance of the new state.

Despite the turmoil and conflict of the Civil War the flag carried into battle by the Grand Army of the Republic bore 34 stars, one for each state, North and South, Union and Confederate, a symbol of the unity that would be re-formed at the conclusion of hostilities.

But the flag of the United States is more than a banner to be carried in battle. It is a symbol of justice as it stands in every courtroom in our nation. It is a standard of excellence as it is posted in every classroom of every school building. It is a token of peace and remembrance as it is unfurled over the graves of our loved ones at cemeteries across the land. It is a sign of religious freedom as it stands with pride on the pulpits of synagogues and churches. And more, it is the catalyst that has made America the bastion of freedom that has survived conflict, economic depression, the ravages of nature and the best efforts of tyrants to destroy and enslave us.

I'm a bit disturbed by some of the actions that have taken place at the demonstrations against the United States policy in Vietnam. The demonstrators were foolish when they burned their draft cards, but it was no cause for great alarm. Perhaps the draft card represented a threat to the pattern of life that they had set for themselves and thus they were taking out their frustrations on a symbol, a paper that they were required by law to carry with them at all times. New draft cards would be issued to them thus there was no great problem and in fact it resembled the actions of impetuous children venting their anger against a rock that they had stumbled over by kicking the rock.

But flag burning is far removed from child's-play. To me desecration of the flag of the United States of America is no different than setting a match to a bible or sacred Torah scroll. When a synagogue is vandalized and the holy artifacts are mutilated we liken the action to the Russian pogroms or the Nazi atrocities and rightly so. We've all seen newsreel scenes of unruly mobs in foreign lands hang-

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