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'AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE WITH YOU' SAMUELS TELLS GI'S IN VIETNAM



JWV National Commander Samuel Samuels called on Secretary of Defense, Robert S. McNamara, at the Pentagon, just before the Commander took off to visit our troops in Vietnam. After the Secretary's briefing, Commander Samuels presented him with a statue of the Hebrew Prophet, Isaiah and commended Mr. McNamara's "prophetic vision and inspired leadership in perfecting America's defenses."

NC Discounts Significance Of the Acts of Extremists

National Commander Samuel Samuels returned late last month from a 10-day tour of South Vietnam satisfied that the American investment in that country is necessary for the future of the Democratic process.

He traveled the length and breadth of that war-torn country assuring those troops that he was able to greet personally and through radio and television that America was behind them despite the massive publicity being given to extremist protest movements in the United States.

Noting that there was great concern on the part of American troops on the question of homefront support, he told them that the protest movement did not represent the vast majority of the American people.

"Indeed," he pointed out on his return, "the troops, the men who have to slug it out with the Vietcong, have a greater awareness of their mission and the consequences of their actions, than many here in the States. They know why they are there, and what must be done. This trip to Vietnam merely buttressed my belief in the rightness of our actions."

Reaching the big base at Camranh Bay, one day after President Johnson's visit, Commander Samuels noted the tremendous impact that the President had made on the troops.

"They felt that his visit had inspired them. You could feel the enthusiasm and energy everywhere you went."

Accompanying Commander

Samuels on the Vietnam trip was West Coast Regional Director Hyman Haves.

The Commander was particularly gratified by the high morale of the troops who represented a generation that is "sometimes unwisely labeled confused and unstable."

"Not these boys," he said. "They were not in the least confused. There is no question in my mind that we are winning the war militarily and in large part this is due to the esprit of the troops."

Highlights of the trip included meetings with Gen. Creighton Abrams, Commander-in-Chief, who spent nearly an hour with Commander Samuels exchanging views. He also met with Amba-

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JWV Samuels Blasts de Gaulle For His Anti-Semitic Remarks

National Commander Samuel Samuels, speaking for the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., made known that his organization feels the President of France, Charles de Gaulle, has "made mockery of the sacrifices of thousands of American Soldiers, who died to help liberate France in two World Wars."

Commander Samuels said that de Gaulle's attack on Jewish

people and the State of Israel "could not conceivably reflect the true French spirit because it negates the cherished concept of liberty, equality, and fraternity for all mankind."

Responsible French opinion will repudiate the bigotry of de Gaulle just as France repudiated the collaborationists and "the men of Vichy."

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NC Samuels Named "Man of The Year" by Shomrim Society

The National Shomrim Society honored JWV's National Commander, Samuel Samuels, by giving him its "Man of the Year" Award at the Shomrim's recent National Convention held at the Concord Hotel, Kiamesha, New York.

The affair was attended by top-flight dignitaries of the So-

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JWV Asks Action to Stem Rise of New Extremists in Germany

Legal measures to suppress a new right-wing extremist "guard society—reminiscent of the Nazi S. S. Stormtroopers" were urged on the Federal Republic of Germany today by National Commander Samuel Samuels, speaking for the organization he heads, the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.

Commander Samuels said that "veterans of World War Two,

Jewish and non-Jewish, find it intolerable that Bonn has thus far done nothing to dissolve the new "S.G.M.", a group of bully-boys mustered into a paramilitary force by Adolf von Thadden's Nazi-like 'National Democratic Party'."

The JWV leader said that the new "private army" is led by former S. S. men "experienced in

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73rd ANNUAL JWV CONVENTION IN FLORIDA, AUG. 18-25, 1968