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THE ARCHBISHOP AND THE COMMANDER—enjoyed their meeting when His Grace Archbishop Terrence Cooke, of the New York Diocese of the Catholic Hierarchy, met with National Commander Charles Feureisen. Commander Feureisen's entourage included National Chief of Staff Stanley J. Wides; Herman Jaffe, Life Member of the Jewish War Veterans; and Joseph Carney who is National Liaison Officer to Catholic War Veterans, in this historic meeting that took place at the Archbishop's New York residence.

"California Here JWV Comes in '69" To Los Angeles

Winter is a wonderful time to plan what you'll enjoy doing next August . . . and those plans should definitely include your attending the 74th Annual National Convention of The Jewish War Veterans in that beautiful "city of the angels" in Southern California.

The 74th JWV Annual National Convention will be held at the beautiful Hotel Ambassador in Los Angeles. This is a hotel noted for its supreme luxury and the comfort it offers its guests . . . the entertainment that unfolds for them when they are its guests.

In and around Los Angeles there is a wealth of things to do, places to go and future issues of The Veteran will expound on all the things you can dream of doing come convention time in August in sunny California.

Start planning now because this year reservations will be acceptable by the hotel early, early!

Make your slogan for the winter, "See you at the Convention in California next summer!"

The coming Convention will also feature exciting package plans for you and your family. There'll be something for everyone at the exciting 74th Convention.

JWV Salutes Roy Wilkins

NOVEMBER 26, 1968
WASHINGTON, D.C.

ROY WILKINS
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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

WE COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE AND WISDOM IN SPEAKING OUT AGAINST THE VOICES OF EXTREMISM, APARTHEID, RACISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM AND FOR YOUR FORTHRIGHT AND EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP IN THE STRUGGLE FOR FULL EQUALITY AND DIGNITY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

YOURS IS THE VOICE OF REASON, CONSCIENCE AND FORTHRIGHTNESS, LONG REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL THAT IS BEST IN OUR COUNTRY. THEREFORE, IT IS ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE THAT YOUR WORDS UNDERScore THE REASSURING FACT THAT THE EXTREMISTS WITHIN THE NEGRO COMMUNITY ARE COMPARATIVELY FEW, UNUSUAL AND UNREPRESENTATIVE.

WE PLEDGE THE CONTINUING SYMPATHETIC SUPPORT OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE USA IN YOUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF NEGRO ASPIRATIONS.

CHARLES FEUREISEN
NATIONAL COMMANDER

MONROE R. SHEINBERG
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Urban Affairs Top of Agenda At NEC Meeting in New York

The National Executive Committee meeting in New York on Friday, November 15th at the Statler-Hilton grappled with many important issues and problems referred to the NEC for action by the National Policy Committee.

Heading the list was the pressing Urban Affairs problem that confronts every city across the land. This subject received top priority at the meeting and firm recommendations were adopted concerning it, as well as many other timely and pressing problems.

Some of the recommendations and adoptions were as follows:

. . . URBAN AFFAIRS.

It was recommended and adopted that the Jewish War Veterans should appoint a National Urban Affairs Committee for top consideration and involvement in the various aspects of the Urban crisis' octopus that has spread its tentacles across the country. This would eventually mean the involvement of every JWV Post

and all members in this vast and encompassing Urban Affairs problem.

. . . POLISH ANTI-SEMITISM. It was recommended and adopted that in the way of action final stern public warnings to the Polish government should take the form of letters of protest to Poland's Ambassador to the United States. It was also determined that very strong press releases should be issued on this subject. These protests would come before action might have to be taken that could include world-wide economic sanctions against the government of Poland.

. . . JAPANESE BUSINESS FIRMS refusing to do business with Israel. The Policy Committee recommended and it was adopted by the NEC that a personal conference will be arranged between representatives of JWV and Japan's Ambassador to the United States, the Honorable TaKeso Shimoda. The meeting would take place in

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JWV Sees Soviets Exploiting Transition Period in U.S.A.

In a sharply worded warning, National Commander Charles Feureisen warned today that the Soviet Union is exploiting the transition to the Nixon Administration by escalating efforts to penetrate the Mediterranean and the Middle East.

Commander Feureisen commended the Nixon-Johnson agreement for consultation and joint decision on foreign policy in the Middle East but said that Moscow must be cautioned not to miscalculate. He cited "the threats voiced in recent official Soviet organs against the continued presence of the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean and the demands for American evacuation from our areas of commitment."

He pointed out that despite current NATO Naval maneuvers in the Mediterranean which could be interpreted as a sign of our determination not to allow that sea to become a "Red Lake" that the Kremlin was making "Ominous moves."

Commander Feureisen cited ten reasons for The Jewish War Veterans concern with the Russian actions. They were:

1. The arrival of 200 Russian

Air Force pilots in Egypt and the beginning of tactical surveillance flights over the Sixth Fleet and the area of NATO maneuvers. Soviet TU-16 jet bombers, bearing Egyptian insignia and flying from bases in Egypt are used.

2. The movement of up to 60 Soviet Naval vessels into the Mediterranean including at least a dozen missile-firing submarines.

3. Dispatch to Egypt of an estimated 3,000 Soviet military advisers and technicians and at least another 1,000 to Syria.

4. Replenishment of Egyptian and Syrian air and armored forces with even better and more sophisticated equipment, more than replacing the Arab losses in the Six-Day War of June, 1967.

5. Reported movement of 15,000 Russian troops to Algeria and increased Soviet Naval activity in the Mers-el-kebir Naval base within easy range of the Straits of Gibraltar.

6. Unrelenting Soviet obstruction to Arab-Israeli peace.

7. Continuing supply of Communist weapons and technical advice to Arab guerrilla groups operating against Israel from Jordan.

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Editorially Speaking

Back on the Right Track

The alarming proliferation of extreme black militancy has, at long last, caused the leadership of the respected NAACP to disavow the trend and attempt to put the Negro-rights movement back on the track.

The Executive Director of the NAACP, Roy Wilkins, a veteran voice of reason in the field, has, in a statement of disavowal, pointed out that new Negro extremism runs counter to the goal of total integration on all levels of society that has been the *raison d'être* of the Negro organizational thrust.

Mr. Wilkins' comment comes at a crucial time in our history as a mammoth white backlash builds powerfully behind ever-increasing confrontations between Black militants and the more liberal elements of the establishment. The New York School strike, with its odious anti-Semitic overtones and unreasoning and unrelenting militant black obstinance, offers further grist for the backlash mill among Jews who have been traditional allies of Negro aspirations.

The Jewish War Veterans has warmly commended Mr. Wilkins for his actions and are hopeful that his words will be translated into active NAACP programs to combat extreme militancy within the Negro community which, in the long run, might inhibit rather than assist greater strides toward Negro objectives.

U THANT: THE WRONG ROAD

Despite diligent examination of the record, JWV has not found that the present Secretary General of the U.N. has been impartial and statesmanlike on Vietnam, criticizing the American but not the Communist positions in that complex and grim issue.

Now, on the Middle East, U Thant is again playing petty, malicious politics in an explosive situation, with his un-called-for comment that continued Israeli occupation of the West Bank is impeding efforts to help the Arab refugees.

U Thant knows full well, but disregards in his trouble-making statement these truths:

That Israel offered to participate with the Arab states in an immediate conference on the refugee problem, even without or before other issues of peace.

That the Arab states, and not Israel, caused and deliberately aggravated the refugee problem.

That time and again Israel as an equal responsibility, even in the face of murderous border raids and economic problems, is giving work at fair pay to West Bank Arab refugees, which is more than any Arab nation has done in twenty years.

U Thant, search your conscience and serve the U.N., not your prejudices!

"Life" Is Stranger Than Fiction!

In an editorial in its November 22, 1968, issue "Life" Magazine comes up with its own simplistic solution for the complex and explosive problems of the Middle East.

"Don't support Israel," says "Life," obviously because the Arabs object, and will sign up with the Russians. Instead, according to "Life," assist the Arabs in economic development, then they will no longer be weak and unstable, and will become peace-loving, responsible countries.

How naively blind to fact and history can you become? America tried such a policy with the Arabs, and attempted to be non-partisan by cooperation with Israel as well.

It was the Arab states that turned to Russia for arms and political support, breaking off relations with the U.S., when America would not yield to Arab blackmail and abandon Israel to genocide.

Today, it's clear to all objective, clear-sighted Americans that support for Israel's life and security is in America's interest, as well as that of the free world and peace in the Middle East. Russia does influence, if not control, Arab states through its military-political support and infiltration. Peace or war in the Middle East is up to the Arab-Communist partnership, since both Israel and the U.S. want only peace, not aggression.

Finally, the history of nations should teach us that weakness and appeasement invites war; strength and determination to resist aggression deters war.

"Life" should open its eyes to the facts of life! Allowing anti-Communist Israel to purchase arms for defense, and warning Russia against aggression in the Middle East, are the first steps to deter war. Thereafter Moscow and Cairo willing, peace and rebuilding could be achieved.

NEC Meeting's Recommendations

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Washington, D. C. At this time the strongest possible protest against such bias would be presented to the Ambassador. The JWV will urge that the Ambassador's government should take immediate steps to stop such practices to preclude consideration of further action to be taken by JWV's Policy Committee.

... SOLDIERS WELFARE COMMITTEE OF ISRAEL. It was adopted as a major national project of JWV. This support will help to provide recreational entertainment and rehabilitation materials needed for the soldiers of Israel.

... WELFARE OF RETURNING VETERANS. It was recommended and adopted that on this subject JWV will take action either by the introduction of legislature or the support of pending legislature that is concerned with the problems that concern more and more returning veterans from service for their country.

... THE NEXT NEC MEETING. It was recommended and adopted that the next NEC Meeting in April, 1969 would accept the invitation from the Department of Ohio and meet in the city of Cleveland. Every effort would be made to have the meeting at a time that would as closely as possible coincide with the Golden Anniversary . . . the 50th . . . of Cleveland JWV Post 14.

FINALE— There was a final decision made that the next out-of-the-country NEC Meeting and Convocation would be held in Israel early in 1970. The month and date will be announced by NEC at a later date.

JWV Sees Soviet Exploitation Of U.S. Transition

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8. Evidence that Arab Guerrillas are receiving training in Red China and North Vietnam.

9. Arab extremist plots against important American political personages, including even the President-Elect.

10. A basic Kremlin policy decision to penetrate the area from the Persian Gulf to Gibraltar, through infiltration of the Arab States, to undermine the southern flank of NATO while the United States remains preoccupied with Vietnam.

Speaking for the Jewish War Veterans, Commander Feuereisen called on both the President and the President-Elect to "warn Moscow that American commitments to the security and stability of the Mediterranean will be implemented."

World peace could depend upon the Middle East situation.

Thinking Out Loud



By Albert Schlossberg
National Editor

Let's Not Let Dick Do It . . .

Now that the quadrennial convulsion is over and the results have been reviewed, cried over, cheered about, digested, diagnosed, prognosed, and are slowly settling into the dust, perhaps the time has come to speak about reality. Richard Milhaus Nixon is the President-elect of the United States. After his inauguration he will be the President of all of the people, not just of the 43 plus percent of the electorate who voted for him. Mr. Nixon faces a hard road ahead and so do we, like it or not.

At home, from all indications, our nation has become polarized into two societies, one black and one white. Neither side can claim credit or take the blame for the schism that exists. Both sides are culpable and if we are to avoid outright revolution we will have to pitch in and help President Nixon ameliorate the differences that have forced us to this untenable position. Blacks will have to recognize that there is a vast difference between community control and community participation. Certainly all citizens have a right to be involved in the decisions that affect the schooling of their children, the safety of their persons, the security of their income and the right to be respected as individuals. But no single group, by any stretch of the imagination can expect that in one bold stroke they can take over a major school system, throw out an entire police force, demand instant success in their chosen job or profession and be respected by the people that they are trying to grind down beneath their heels.

The white community deserves no orchids either. The first thing that whites will have to do is to recognize that there is a bit of the bigot in all of us. We will have to stop blaming all Blacks for the irresponsible actions of a few. We will have to ask ourselves a question, "Are we willing to subject our children to the substandard education that is now being offered to the overwhelming percentage of America's Blacks?" Will the Whites of the U.S.A. admit that more Blacks are the victims of violence in this country than are their fellow citizens who have white skin? When we are in position to hire an employee, do we use a non-discriminatory guideline or are our decisions clouded by the old shibboleths, "shiftless and lazy," "poor working habits,"

and, "Who will do the menial tasks if 'they' don't?" Will we agree that in the police department of any city in the U.S.A. we could probably find individual policemen who should not be on the force because of their personal hang-ups on color, religion, homosexuality or other prejudices.

Unless and until all of us, Black and White, look in our mirrors, face up to our own shortcomings, and make a New Year's resolution to do something about it, nothing will change.

Vietnam is another hurdle that President-elect Nixon will need help on if he is to overcome an obstacle. We have had so much rhetoric on the subject with really nothing having been said. The protestors have been hypocritical in their determination to be selective about the war they will choose to oppose or support. In the main they have solved no problems and have probably contributed more obfuscation to the dilemma that faces us. Many of the leaders of the student revolt have publicly admitted that their only objective was and is to create an atmosphere of confusion. Is it not time for the responsible people in the intellectual community to sort the wheat from the chaff and propose to aid the President with actions that will contribute to his search for peace in Southeast Asia?

And now to that short-fused time bomb in the Middle East, the Israel Arab conflict. Will we recognize that the reality of power politics in this world seems to dictate that only agreement between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. can prevent the flare up that will explode in the land so holy to so many people of the world. Will we recognize that though the United Nations has done admirable service in some of the non-controversial areas of world affairs it has failed miserably in its efforts to eradicate the danger inherent in the Mid-East tinderbox. The leadership of the United Nations has done everything but lead. Time after time, when the opportunity seemed so appropriate, the U.N. has failed to proclaim, as a re-affirmation of the vote that created the State of Israel in 1948, that Israel is here to stay and that the leadership of the U.N. calls upon all of its members to pledge their support to this end. As at the

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