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'DEATH CAMPS' IN EGYPT

National Commander Samuel Samuels, speaking for the Jewish War Veterans, has expressed JWV's utter horror and complete condemnation of Egypt's Nazi-like Concentration Camps where Jews are held as "hostages" under the most appalling conditions. It is the avowed intention of Egypt to hold these hapless victims in dire straits until Israel withdraws from the territories it has occupied since the Arab-Israeli War in June of 1967.

It was learned from authoritative sources that these Jewish prisoners are held without any charges ever being brought against them, and without them ever being brought to trial.

Many of these hapless souls have been so brutalized by the nightmare conditions of their imprisonment that they have been driven to suicide. Many others have attempted to follow this same line of self-destruction because death itself is preferable to the unspeakable living conditions in these camps of horror.

Jews are also being held in Syria and Iraq, according to reliable sources, under circumstances and conditions similar to those of the unspeakable Concentration Camps in Egypt.

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CONVENTION ACTION-PACKED



National Commander Samuel Samuels is winding up his year in the top office of JWV in sterling fashion with the Honorable John A. Volpe, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, presenting him with the traditional Paul Revere tray that proudly bears the imposing seal of that great Commonwealth. The Commander is pleased!

Ambassador John A. Gronouski Convention Keynote Speaker

In this, one of the most momentous years in our country's history, a year filled with happenings that have made headlines, the 73rd Annual National Convention of the Jewish War Veterans gives every indication of being headline material itself!

The guest speakers and the guest panelists whom the Convention will be privileged to hear during the week of August 18th are truly outstanding. Their very presence promises to make this Convention one that will go down in JWV history!

The Convention is looking forward to hearing Israeli Ambassador to the United States, General Yitzhak Rabin speak at the National Commanders Banquet.

It is equally honored to have John A. Gronouski, this country's last Ambassador to Poland, and a former Member of the President's Cabinet as Postmaster General, be its keynote speaker at the opening session of the Convention on Wednesday, August 21st.

Because of his recent Ambassadorship to Poland, Mr. Gronouski



Ambassador Gronouski

possesses on-the-spot knowledge of that country's rising anti-Semitism.

Major General Carl C. Turner, the Provost Marshal General of the United States Army will speak to the Convention on "The Military Role in Riot Control."

General Turner has had a brilliant military career and is well known for his outstanding work with International Police Circles. He had the eyes of the nation upon him when he turned back the Rockwell funeral cortege at the gates of the Military Ceme-

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Anti-Jewish Book Distribution Links Arabs & Gerald L. K. Smith

Bulk shipments of the ancient notorious anti-Semitic booklet called "The International Jew" by the late Henry Ford the elder, are being printed in Lebanon, sent to the United States, and distributed here to American anti-Semites by official Arab delegations.

National Action Committee Chairman Jerome D. Cohen obtained actual copies of the 77-page hate pamphlet direct from a shipment. They not only contained a preface by the noted American anti-Semite, Gerald L. K. Smith, National Director of the Christian Nationalist Crusade, but were also addressed to Gerald L. K. Smith

in California.

The booklet based on the infamous old forgery, "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," which alleges a world Jewish conspiracy and blames all the ills of the world on the Jews, was later disavowed by the elder Henry Ford.

New York Department Commander Stanley N. Zwaik, who released the story, stated that one N. Nakhalek picked up a case of

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SEE PAGE 5 FOR AD ON EXCITING TOURS TO FAR AWAY PLACES

Convention Will Be "Outstanding" Says Chairman I. Murov

For the "second time around", Judge Ike Murov holds the reins of JWV's Chairmanship of the



Judge Murov

organization.

Along with his hard-working staff, Judge Murov, and Ethel Novak, JWVA chairman, has been busy these many months with all the numerous tasks that mean a well run convention.

NC Samuels Chairs Opening of 24th Annual NCRAC Plenum

The National Commander of JWV, Samuel Samuels had the distinction to chair the opening of the 34th Annual NCRAC Plenum which was held in San Francisco, California in July.

The meeting was the scene of a lively debate with discussion centering on the decline, since the Six Day War, in American public opinion for Israel's support.

The JWV delegation also achieved a great triumph at the NCRAC Plenum by winning a floor battle in securing revision of the 24th Annual NCRAC proposed statement on violence in the cities. The excised lan-

guage would have the NCRAC agencies condoning violence by those individuals engaged in civil disobedience.

Commander Samuels in his prepared statement observed that while labor, veterans, and the major political parties have not receded visibly from backing Israel's goal of direct negotiations with Arab nations. Opposition to Israel has developed among some militant negroes, the New Left, and from some religious leaders of the Protestant Church establishment who have both a financial and psychological investment in Arab lands of

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FLASH! Senator Thomas Dodd and NRA President Harold Glassen Will Be on Convention Panel to "Discuss" Gun Control Laws

Editorially Speaking

The War Goes On

From June, 1967, to June, 1968, 578 Israelis, soldiers and civilians, have been killed by Arab attacks, across the border, inside Israel. Shellings, mine explosions, ambushes, armed attacks and sabotage raids have spelled out the grim toll of Jordanian aggression and violations of the cease fire.

Israel's Six-Day War total was 759 killed.

Worse, these deadly border raids have been actively instigated and supported by Jordanian authorities and military forces. Egypt, too, aids by affording the terrorists military training and propaganda encouragement.

Obviously, the American people should evaluate and understand the forces (Communist, as well as intransigent Arab) behind this deadly roadblock to peace in the Middle East.

Israel stands ready to meet with the Arabs and establish peace. Meanwhile, Arab-instigated border warfare must be dealt with by Israeli measures to maintain the security of its territory and its people.

Americans should use empathy and ask themselves: "Would we take what Israelis take, without defending ourselves?"

The Russian Rabbi

Clearly, the motives of the Soviet government in allowing Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin, of Moscow, to visit the United States and the American Jewish community were mixed.

Rabbi Levin would not have been permitted to come here if the Communist officials were not fully confident about his message. For transparent reasons (the Jews of Russia are hostages for the Rabbi's "safe" statements in America), the Communist leaders have deemed it necessary or at least advisable to try to rebut or diminish the persistent protests of American and world Jewry over Soviet policies of bloodless genocide against Russian Jews.

Since, for its own reasons, Soviet Russia approved a dialogue between Russian and American Jewry, we should have offered a follow-up along the same lines: a dialogue between American and Russian veterans, who once fought as allies against Hitler and the Axis dictatorships.

JWV tried that three years ago; PNC Milton A. Waldor tried to visit Russia, either officially or as a tourist, and was denied a visa, on the eve of his arranged trip.

JWV urged: accept this visit as an encouraging sign, but don't relax our efforts on behalf of Soviet Jews!



KENNETH J. HODSON, MAJOR GENERAL, USA, THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL praised the JWV in a recent letter to Marshall G. Kaplan, Chairman of the Armed Forces Committee. The praise was for JWV's response to the invitation to comment on HR 12705 . . . a bill which would make certain changes in the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The changes would streamline the various procedures and prove of great benefit to those tried by Court Martials. The Judge Advocate General wrote, "I am sure that the complete support of the Jewish War Veterans materially aided in securing the passage of this much needed bill through the House."

'Death Camps' Egyptian Style

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Egyptian authorities have consistently refused to permit the International Red Cross to make an inspection of the camps in question. It has also consistently refused to allow a United Nations' representative to inquire into the situation of these Jewish prisoners and the camps where they are confined.

The latter refusal is in sharp contrast to the fact that Israel permitted United Nations Representative, Nils Goran-Gussing of Sweden, to investigate Arab complaints of supposed Israeli oppression in the zones occupied by Israel. This very thorough investigation by this U.N. Representative was covered in a comprehensive report and in the summation said, "Life was normal, and the Arab population of East Jerusalem was mingling freely with the Jewish inhabitants of Jerusalem."

Mr. Gussing concluded his report by pointing out, "There was no evidence of Israel oppression of Arabs."

If reported conditions of these Concentration Camps are not as reported why does Egyptian officials refuse to allow two such reputable bodies as the International Red Cross and the United Nations to send representatives into the camps and give their unbiased reports?

Israel Has Asked UN

Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Josef Tekoah, has renewed his country's request to the United Nations that a new Envoy of that body, who will be studying conditions of civilian population in the occupied territories, should also be free to look into the conditions of Jews in Egypt, Syria and Iraq.

Arabs Refuse Inspection

As Ambassador Tekoah said, "The refusal of these three States to permit any investigation of the status of Jews gives rise to the feeling that there is cause to be gravely concerned for their welfare."

In summing up this deplorable situation, Commander Samuels gravely states the concern of the entire JWV organization for the victims held in these "death camps."

"JWV calls upon our Secretary of State, Dean Rusk," said the Commander, "and also upon our Representative at the United Nations, to be unrelenting and undeterred in pressing for corrective action of conditions of these Concentration Camps. Such action must be taken in the name of humanity."

"Certainly, the Jewish War Veterans, believe the United States should not even think of reestablishing diplomatic relations with any country that practices such barbarity."

Thinking Out Loud



By Albert Schlossberg
National Editor

IF THE SHOE FITS—DR. MEHDI

Propagandists are really a queer breed. Their bag of tricks contains many things, but logic is usually missing. I tried to make sense out of the statement of Dr. M. T. Mehdi, (head of the Arab propaganda organization in the U. S.) when he issued a statement on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, "The Arab-Israel conflict should be taken out of the American political campaign", but I should have known better. Somehow, I can't let his "chutzpah" go unanswered.

Correctly, the tragic death of Senator F. Kennedy should not be grist for the political mills—and I know of no candidate, Republican or Democrat, who has indicated that he intends to so use it. But hold on there, Dr. Mehdi. The turmoil of the Middle East is a very proper subject for discussion by candidates seeking the highest office in the United States, the Presidency. Beyond the United Nations concern and the United States support of the U.N. position, the U. S. has its own self interest at stake in any strife in the Mid-East. The concern of the United States and its commitment to peace in the Israel-Arab area has been passed on from President Truman to Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson. When candidates speak out on issues that effect the balance of power in the Middle East they are speaking to Americans about American interests and issues.

Just in case Dr. Mehdi is uninformed, Americans of all persuasions have jealously guarded their inherent right to question any and all candidates for public office on issues that affect the well being of our country. Isn't this what so much of the noise has been about of late? The pundits of the anti-Vietnam position, as they constantly remind us of their right to be heard, are an example of this tradition. The Jewish War Veterans agree with them on their right to be heard. We say, "We will defend your right to speak out whether we concur with your position or not."

Does Dr. Mehdi really expect the candidates and all Americans to close their eyes to the tinder box that is smoldering in the Middle East just because a Jordanian has been charged with this heinous crime? Since the good Doctor is so willing to pontificate perhaps he could provide the answers to a few related matters.

Press reports credited Dr. Mehdi with the following remarks ". . . the act of the accused

gunman, Palestinian-born Sirhan Sirhan, reflected the frustrations of many Arabs with American politicians who have sold the Arab people of Palestine to the Zionist Jewish voters."

How did Dr. Mehdi know so quickly that the accused gunman was Sirhan. For a considerable period of time the prisoner refused to talk to anybody or to identify himself. Only after the gun used in the shooting was traced to Sirhan's brother was he identified.

When Sirhan participated in the meetings of the Arab propaganda organization did he hear words of peace and brotherhood or were his latent frustrations inflamed by vitriolic outbursts by Dr. Mehdi's cohorts. Did he go to the meetings so that like the spy, he could "come in from the cold"?

Sirhan's father, when notified of the shooting and his son's involvement, denounced his offspring and said that his son had been a source of trouble to him for many years. What caused his change of heart? Why is he now anxious to come to the U. S. to help his "persecuted child"?

Should we remind Dr. Mehdi that the very word "assassin" is closely linked to ancient Muslim culture. Are not the El Fetah the modern-day counterparts of the hashshashin or assassins of earlier Arab history?

Yes, Dr. Mehdi, Americans will continue to discuss the affairs of the world as they seek to sort the wheat from the chaff in their efforts to select the man who will head their government as President of the United States. They will talk about Vietnam; they will search for the answers to the urban crisis; they will examine and re-examine their role in Europe, in the Far East, in Africa and in Latin America. They will question the candidates about their positions on the problems of the farmers, the merchants, the fishermen and the bankers. They'll discuss the young and the old, the healthy and the sick. They will delve into areas that seem trivial and that are urgent, and surely among all of the issues and answers will be the festering sore of the Arab refusal to sit down with the Israelis and discuss a way to bring an end to war and hatred.

We appreciate your concern, Dr. Mehdi, but if the spotlight of American politics is too powerful for you or the clients you represent, you'll just have to bear with it, for if the shoe of trouble fits, you'll just have to wear it.