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## NC BACK FROM ISRAEL MEET



National Commander Charles Feuereisen is shown at Kennedy International Airport as he flew off to Israel to attend the world-wide Prime Ministers Conference of Jewish Leaders from every Jewish organization all around the globe. The meeting occurred at a time of world crisis in the Middle-East and is the first such Conference of its kind to ever be held where such leaders were called together and met in the very area that was making headlines in every newspaper in the world.

### Prime Ministers Conference Held At a Time of Grave World Crisis

National Commander Charles Feuereisen left the United States at a time of grave world crisis to attend the Prime Ministers Conference that was held in Israel early this month.

For the first time in history the leaders of every Jewish organization in the world came together for an epoch-making meeting that was not only held at a time when the world was facing a grave crisis but was held right where the action was making headlines.

At this most critical time in world events world leaders came from all over the globe to participate in a conference that covered briefings on such top-flight subjects ranging from the finances of Israel to political and security aspects plus education and the importance of public relations matters in today's news conscious world.

The Conference, which began on January 8th, found the delegates being welcomed in person by the President of Israel, Zalmon Shazar. The meeting got officially under way the same

day at the Knesset with a message from Israel's Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and then a briefing followed on the political and security aspects of Israel.

The following days saw other important briefings, one on public relations matters . . . a subject important to Israel at this time of grave peril, so that the country may present the true facts of life in the Middle-East and the crisis' that evolve there. This is the medium through which Israel can best present her role in the Middle East struggle so the world will learn this democracy's true aim and understand that aim is a striving for peace.

National Commander Charles Feuereisen felt that the privilege of attending this great Conference . . . of being right on the spot where a grave crisis was taking place, was an experience that he will long remember.

The Commander was fully aware of the grave responsibility of representing the Jewish War Veterans at this world meeting

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### JWV's Urban Crisis Committee To Institute Vital Programs

National Commander Charles Feuereisen and the National Executive Committee of JWV has asked top-flight men in the organization to serve on this important newly formed Committee.

Former New Jersey State Senator Matthew Feldman of Teaneck, has been appointed Chairman of the Committee (see Page 3), and Samuel Scheiner, CRC Director of Minneapolis will serve as Co-Chairman.

The Urban Crisis Committee was formed by JWV because it believes this is the most pressing problem confronting the country today, and it felt that JWV has a vital contribution to make toward its solution.

The Committee will be instituting projects and programs that will utilize JWV's unique status as a Jewish, Veterans Or-

ganization. One of the programs will involve JWV's Veterans Service Offices rendering special assistance to returned Negro veterans . . . among whom will be the future leaders of their communities.

Since in many cities there are confrontations between the black community and the Jewish community, often caused by the geographic and economic factors, this new committee of JWV will cooperate in a local capacity with programs designed to evaluate and ameliorate such confrontations.

The proposed projects and programs of the Urban Crisis Committee will be designed to involve every Post and all members of the JWV at every level as the organization seeks to help in solving the most pressing national problem.

### JWV Decries French Arms Embargo Against Israel

The Jewish War Veterans went on record with a strong protest against the complete arms embargo imposed by the French government against Israel.

The protest was hand carried to the French Ambassador, the Honorable Charles Lucet, at the French Embassy in Washington, D.C., as soon as this latest crisis in the worsening Middle-East situation was made public.

The protest, signed by National Commander Charles Feuereisen, deplored this latest act by the French government as "un-neutral, war-provoking and self-defeating." All these

things made so much worse by the fact that France is a self-proclaimed friend and ally of Israel.

The fact that France sells jet fighters to one Arab country, offers them to other Arab countries at the same time she refuses to honor her contractual obligation to deliver the same jets to Israel, is a most un-neutral breach of agreement between nations.

JWV has recently expressed amazement and disbelief at other diplomatic attacks on Israel as in the instance of the action she

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**Congratulations!**  
Former Dept. of Md.  
Commander Mandel  
Elected Governor

*Marvin Mandel, a former Maryland Dept. Commander, became the new Governor of Md. on January 7th by an overwhelming majority. Every member of the Jewish War Veterans joins NC Feuereisen in wishing him well.*

## BULLETIN! JWV URGES FRENCH BOYCOTT

## Editorially Speaking

### TOWARD PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

After all of the diplomatic doubletalk has been cut away objective observers of the Middle East dilemma agree on one salient point—the real threat to peace in the Middle East comes from the Arabs, armed and supported by Russia.

Israel and the U.S.A. agree that a negotiated peace between the Arabs and Israel is most desirable. But, realistically, unless conditions and attitudes change quickly, and drastically, such a peace is unlikely.

Unless and until the Arabs are convinced, (and Soviet Russia is the party most likely to accomplish such a task), that terrorist attacks and provocative sword-rattling are futile and self-destructive, peace will continue to be nothing more than a desert mirage.

Governor Scranton's remarks to the contrary, President-elect Nixon's pre-election statements on the Middle East were clear and to the point, the U.S.A. cannot allow Israel to be overpowered by a combination of Arab manpower and Soviet armed might. Israel's ability to respond to aggression and attack by intransigent Arab provocateurs must be maintained.

The U.S. should maintain good relations with the Arabs but not at the expense of sacrificing the stability and security of Israel. Peace in the Middle East is a goal that should always be kept in mind, but **until the Arabs show a desire and will to peace, a willingness to sit down face to face with Israel and recognize the reality of Israel, peace will continue to be the non-existent pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.**

### Hail to the Chief

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America takes great pride in saluting the 37th President of the United States, Richard M. Nixon. The new President is well known to our organization and was the principal speaker when JWV dedicated the National Shrine to the Jewish War Dead more than a decade ago.

It is with deep sincerity that JWV doffs its cap to him and his new Administration and wishes them well.

JWV, as always, pledges its full support and loyalty to our Government and to its Leader.

### Brotherhood in Action

A hundred or more youngsters in Far Rockaway, in Queens, N.Y., showed recently that although it wasn't officially Brotherhood Week that the spirit of Brotherhood swept through this community and brought them together . . . black and white, Protestant, Catholic and Jewish to help save books that were damaged when a Synagogue in their city was destroyed by fire.

Together, they worked for long painstaking hours in an effort to salvage some of the books, many of them centuries old.

Interviews with many of these young people showed one word appearing over and over again as they were asked their reason for doing this work. "I want to help," said one. "I thought they needed help," said another. The word "help" again and again. Perhaps, this is the real keyword to what Brotherhood really means—to help one another regardless of race, creed or color. The spirit of Brotherhood transcends all three.

### JWV'S "Light of Hope Day" Used By the AJCSJ

The Jewish War Veterans "Light of Hope Day" idea for Chanukah this year won overwhelming acceptance, not only from the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, but also from twenty-five of its constituents . . . as well as the NCRAC Membership.

The program was advanced by JWV's Executive Director Monroe R. Sheinberg, and was a program for the first and/or last day of Chanukah to dramatize the concern felt for Soviet Jewry and to give Americans of all beliefs the opportunity to symbolically join and support a call to conscience on the plight of Soviet Jewry today.

The program was outlined by Mr. Sheinberg in a letter to Rabbi Israel Miller, Chairman of AJCSJ entailed the lighting of house lights during the first and/or last day of Chanukah and above all an urgent appeal to all Americans to turn on their automobile lights during those days.

Lewis H. Weinstein, Chairman with the AJCSJ in his letter to Mr. Sheinberg said it very well about the "Light of Hope Day" theme advanced by JWV for Chanukah: "Knowing how hard it is to come by good ideas, let me express my appreciation for forwarding your suggestion to us and I now have the perfect opportunity to wish you and yours a joyous Chanukah."

### Chairman Murov & Committee Busy With Planning

While Judge Isaac Murov and his Convention Committee are busy with all those plans to make it the greatest meeting ever, you will want to be busy planning what you want to do and see when you are in sunny California this coming August attending the JWV 74th Annual National Convention.

First—definitely a drive down that "fabulous boulevard"—Wilshire with its beautiful boutiques and famous department stores. This is one of the most famed thoroughfares in America. It stretches from downtown Los Angeles to the Pacific Ocean itself at Palisade Cliff Park in Santa Monica.

In Santa Monica every tourist visits the Will Rogers State Park. Once the ranch of the late cowboy humorist, it is just as Will left it.

You won't want to leave the city without browsing through Los Angeles County Museum of Art. The small fry will want to

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## Thinking Out Loud!



By Albert Schlossberg  
National Editor

### Who's Pot—Who's Kettle

Very interesting—the left-wing press. The October issue of Progressive Labor contained an interesting observation, "One lesson to draw from the Chicago experience is that the ruling class holds power primarily through force and violence. The strength of the state is in its armed might. . . ."

"Unquestionably," the article continued, "events in Chicago and Miami can be a big spur to the growing anti-imperialist movement. . . . We must draw the correct class outlook which is the need to build our revolutionary consciousness and our revolutionary party."

Just what do the editors of Progressive Labor consider "force and violence"? Would the second rape of Czechoslovakia, the earlier Soviet mailed fist in Hungary, the decimation of Jewish identity in Russia all qualify or would they be considered just gentle persuasion? Are the East Germans so concerned about the health of their people that they immunize them and quarantine from the dangerous bacteria of freedom by erecting a Berlin Wall and shooting down any citizen who tries to slip in to West Germany?

Is freedom a one-party political system, our way or else? When was the last free election in any Communist country? Would the editors of Progressive Labor be free to write what they wanted to in any Communist country or perhaps they would be fearful of any knock on their editorial office door?

The recent political experience, including Chicago and Miami, had many lessons for all Americans. Not the lessons that our left-wing comrades would like us to take notice of, but lessons never the less. America survived the trauma of Chicago and America is determined to find the solutions for the problems that beset us. In spite of the excessive force used by some, repeat some, Chicago policemen and the excessive provocations of some, repeat some, of the demonstrators, the electoral process recently concluded was certified by the record turnout of voters.

What is the force that Progressive Labor speaks of? Force is a relative thing. When you are stopped for speeding on a super highway the patrolman is using force, protective force, to keep you from killing yourself

and others. Force is a street sign that directs you not to enter, or not to park, or no U turn. Force permits you to have no more than two cocktails when you travel by air. Force requires you to have a prescription when you seek to purchase dangerous drugs at your local pharmacy. Of course these are examples of force, benign force to be sure, but force.

Force can have another face. Force can be the finger at a trigger of an assassin's gun. Force can be a mouth, shouting Jew-bastard or dirty-nigger. Force can be the many things that deny you your freedoms or grind a man down beneath the heel of an oppressor.

Violence is the other side of the coin of malignant force. Violence has never been an American precept. When violence erupts most Americans decry it. Contrary to the TV image the wild, wild West is not an accurate portrayal of American attitudes. Most Americans seek only to live in peace with their fellow man. To respect the rights of others and to have their own rights and freedoms untrammelled. Of course we have had and will probably continue to see examples of violence in America, BUT VIOLENCE IS NOT ENDORSED AND ENCOURAGED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE U.S.A.

Often those who call for revolution point to the Boston Tea Party as an analogy of the type of revolution they wish to start. As a native Bostonian who has climbed the Bunker Hill Monument, who has trod the Freedom Trail from Brimstone Corner to Fanuel Hall and Paul Revere's house, who has looked out of the church steeple where the signal lanterns were hung, "one if by land and two if by sea," I say, IT'S NOT ANALAGOUS.

The fifty or sixty men who disguised themselves as Indians to dump the 342 chests of tea into the bay knew what they were doing. They boarded virtually unguarded ships, injured no persons, and were willing to accept the punishment for their acknowledged crime. Their action was symbolic. It was planned as, executed as, and ultimately became a symbol of the desire of the citizens of Boston to have a voice in their own government. Before this small band of men took their symbolic action other

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