



The Jewish VETERAN

"THE PATRIOTIC VOICE OF AMERICAN JEWRY"

VOL. 25, NO. 2

Published By The Jewish War Veterans
Of The United States Of America

POSTMASTER: If undeliverable for any reason, please return to sender
1712 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Wash. D.C. 20009, postage guaranteed

FEBRUARY, 1969

JWV MOUNTS FRENCH BOYCOTT



National Commander Charles Feuereisen is shown giving the Jewish War Veterans reasons for the French Boycott to the news media following his meeting with the French Consulate General in New York City. Commander Feuereisen, accompanied by New York Department Commander Stanley N. Zwaik, officially notified the French diplomat at that time that the JWV was instituting a boycott of French goods and services.

Exciting Pre-Convention Tours Will Take You to Exotic Hawaii

By now every member of the Jewish War Veterans has a big red circle around that August Convention date . . . the 17th through the 24th when the 74th JWV Annual National Meeting will take place at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

JWV members and their families are busy with planning all the places they want to see . . . the things they want to do when they go to Los Angeles to the Convention.

Naturally, they are planning on enjoying a wonderful lunch one day at Farmers Market, looking at the heavens from the

Griffith Park Observatory, taking a tour of old Chinatown and enjoying a bit of old Mexico in Olvera Street.

And now we have even more exciting things to add to your Convention plans — **PRE-CONVENTION TOURS FROM LOS ANGELES TO HAWAII** the week before the Convention! See all the details in the tour ad on Page 7 of this Veteran.

These Pre-Convention tours will originate in Los Angeles on August 9th and return to that city on August 18th in time for delegates to attend the opening events of the Convention's first

(Continued on Page 4)

JWV Committee To Coordinate French Boycott

Immediately following the National Policy Committee's authorization of a massive boycott against all French goods and services, a JWV National Boycott Committee was formed. Past National Commander Morton London was named Chairman of this important new Committee. See Page 2 of this Veteran for the full details.

National Policy Committee Authorizes Boycott at Special Emergency Meeting

The Jewish War Veterans in a dramatic decision has mounted a full-scale boycott against all French goods and services, following an emergency meeting of its National Policy Committee. This boycott also eliminates the inclusion of Air France in JWV's extensive international tourist programs.

In Washington the French Ambassador to the United States, the Hon. Charles Lucet, was hand-delivered, by members of the executive staff of National Headquarters, the official boycott announcement from National Commander Charles Feuereisen.

In New York City National Commander Charles Feuereisen, along with Department of New York Commander Stanley N. Zwaik, called upon the French Consulate General to officially notify him of the JWV boycott. (See picture on this Page)

This all-out boycott by the Jewish War Veterans followed close upon the heels of the formal protests and rallies that followed President Charles de Gaulle's January 7th announcement of his country's arms embargo against Israel.

At that time the Jewish War Veterans, calling this latest act of the French government "unneutral, war-provoking and self-defeating," handed a letter of protest to Ambassador Lucet as well as letters of protest to the correspondents who represent leading French newspapers in Washington, D. C.

Baghdad Government Condemned By JWV For Barbaric Hangings

The recent hangings in Iraq of fourteen alleged "spies" brought an immediate and strong protest from the Jewish War Veterans as it wholeheartedly condemned this terrible deed that might well have been a page left over from the days when Jews lived in Germany under the heel of Hitler and his Nazi hordes.

National Commander Charles Feuereisen immediately sent wires of protest to President

At the rallies taking place across the country protesting the latest act of the de Gaulle government against Israel, JWV in conjunction with the Jewish community, was represented in force. One of these very effective rallies took place in Lafayette Park in the nation's capital at the monument to the Marquis de Lafayette, the French soldier, statesman and liberal leader who has always symbolized the great unity between the United States of America and France.

A number of Jewish War Veterans have already mailed back to France their Croix de Guerre medals; their Legion of Honor ribbons; and other decorations of valor they had received from the French government when they were fighting side-by-side with their French comrades in arms. This was done in protest against what these veterans consider the anti-Israel policies of the de Gaulle government.

In making the official announcement of the boycott, National Commander Feuereisen stated JWV's reasons for the boycott: "The Jewish War Veterans considers General de Gaulle's embargo arms to Israel a serious blow to peace in the Middle-East, designed to weaken Israel's security and to aid Russia's subversive aggressive policies in that vital area. Therefore, JWV pursuant to a vote of its National Policy Committee, urges widespread acts of conscience and protest in the form of a boycott of all French goods and services."

Richard Nixon and other top government and diplomatic officials expressing in the strongest terms JWV's condemnation and its urging that full American protest and diplomatic pressure be brought to bear against these barbaric executions by Iraq of Iraqi Jews.

Besides the President, the wires were sent to the Secretary General of the U.N. U Thant; to
(Continued on Page 4)

Editorially Speaking

DE GAULLE'S GALL—NOT FRANCE

When France was crumbling under the Nazi onslaught in the summer of 1940 it was the opportunistic Mussolini who invaded Southern France. President Roosevelt termed Mussolini a "posturing jackal" who thrust a dagger into the back of his neighbor. Today we find President de Gaulle emulating Mussolini in the shocking betrayal of Israel that has generated massive action by the JWV.

A distinction must be made between the de Gaulle Government and the French people. Some French deplore de Gaulle's anti-Israel extremism. But since de Gaulle is the personification of the French Government in the sense of "L'Etat, C'est Moi," it was necessary to dramatize the contempt of America for the policies of France. Therefore, our boycott was imposed.

France is well aware of the JWV boycott. Air France flights have been cancelled. Reservations on the S.S. France have been rebooked on other lines. French wines and brandies, perfumes and automobiles are being rejected.

Most touching of all, however, have been the little parcels mailed to the French Embassy and to Paris by Jewish veterans. Those packets contain the Croix de Guerre, the Legion of Honor, and other medals bestowed on our members by a once-grateful and once-great Republic of France.

GENOCIDE—IN BAGHDAD

Iraq has embarked on a state policy of mass murder of Jews unlike anything the world has seen since the Nazis publicly hung Jewish hostages in the streets of Europe.

Since Iraq cancelled all diplomatic ties with the United States during the Six-Day War of June, 1967, there is little that official Washington can do directly. India represents Iraqi interests in Washington but has sanctimoniously refused to intercede even on humanitarian grounds. This is a travesty on the memory of Mahatma Gandhi who sympathized with the plight of European Jewry.

Iraq must be taught that she can intimidate neither Israel nor America by holding the Jews of Baghdad as hostages. This can best be achieved by Israel insisting unswervingly on direct negotiations and a final peace agreement as the only condition for withdrawal of troops from occupied territory. Washington can impress on Iraq the futility of her sadism by expediting the shipment to Israel of Phantom jet fighter-bombers and other arms that would offset the flow of Soviet sophisticated weaponry to Iraq and other Arab States.

The United Nations should proceed against Iraq on grounds of violation of the undertakings on genocide and human rights.

The world's airlines should cease serving Baghdad. This should have been done long ago because Iraqi refuses to allow Americans of Jewish faith to de-plane at the Baghdad airport.

It might be timely for those fighting against racism in the United States to take a look at Iraq where they can see the most notorious racist practices.

Black Anti-Semitism—An Evaluation

Much has been written and telecast about Black anti-semitism in the United States in recent months. JWV is convinced that the rising evil of anti-semitism must be militantly fought. But JWV feels that the issue should be neither exaggerated—nor minimized.

JWV posts are alert to growing tensions arising from upheavals in the Black communities across the nation. In New York City the school issue, a museum exhibition, and the policies of Radio Station WBAI-FM have dramatized a confrontation involving flagrant appeals to anti-semitism by some Negroes. Other cities have reported Black Power collaboration with Arab students against Israel and Black Power incitements against Jewish merchants.

The time has come for a cool assessment.

It is too early to tell whether Time Magazine did a disservice with its cover story broadcasting the Negro-Jewish confrontations. We are somewhat concerned because JWV has facts of growing cooperation between our national service officers and patriotic young Negro veterans. We have helped a growing number of Negroes obtain G.I. benefits and their attitudes have certainly not indicated rampant anti-semitism.

Yet a problem exists and we must assess its implications.

PNC London Is Chairman of JWV Boycott Committee

The Jewish War Veterans, following in the wake of its recently proclaimed massive boycott of all French goods and services, has named a new National Boycott Committee to coordinate all phases of this all-out boycott.

Past National Commander Morton London will serve as Chairman of the Committee; Dr. Seymour Weisman will be Staff Consultant; and the rest of the Committee will consist of Milton Becker who is Chairman of the National Action Committee; Charles K. Krieger who is Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee; and all Department Commanders and Department Action Chairmen.

This will ensure all Departments following the same procedure while striving for the same goal . . . to see that JWV's massive Boycott against the products and services of France is a success!

The Boycott will be disseminated to include: **a campaign against flying Air France; against all travel to France; against all purchases of imported French fashions and other wearing apparel; against perfume and jewelry; against French wines, liquors and imported foods; against French cars; in fact against all other goods that come into this country from France.**

Air France flights and travel to Paris and other French cities have already been eliminated from the Jewish War Veterans extensive Tour Programs.

Tell Them to Write

Chairman London urges that JWV "tell all those firms cooperating with the Boycott to inform their French business interests *"by letter"* just why such steps are being taken by their firms. This will have a direct impact upon French imports and will result in a veritable flood of letters to France."

Every member of JWV realizes that to succeed this Boycott must be coordinated on every level . . . in every detail so that its aim is achieved in one smooth, efficient operation across the country.

A complete and comprehensive outline of all the things the Committee will advocate is already in the works. Chairman London and his Committee know they have one great ingredient going to make this project a success . . . the Jewish War Veterans themselves who will work to achieve that very end.



By Albert Schlossberg
National Editor

Racial Conflict—A War of Semantics

ZAP—BAM—POWIE—words of conflict spin off with the force of a sledge-hammer in the course of the struggle for understanding between blacks and whites. This is especially true in the context of the growing schism between Jews and blacks. Perhaps you saw a Brickman cartoon in the Washington Star about a week ago that really keyed in on the problem. In the drawing three men are shown leaving a building while the other two converse. "When is the next meeting?", asks one? "We don't have meetings anymore," responds his downcast friend, "We have confrontations."

Such a confrontation built up in New York recently as a result of the teacher strike. Charges and counter-charges flew around like mosquitos in a jungle swamp. Sting here. Bite there. Attack, attack. Don't solve anything, but heat up the fray.

Examples? How about this, on December 26, Leslie R. Campbell, a subject of controversy himself, a Negro teacher in the New York public school system, read a poem on WBAI-FM, (a publicly supported radio station). Judge for yourself from this excerpt of his recitation.

"Hey Jew boy, with that yarmulka on your head / you pale faced Jew boy, I wish you were dead."

"When the U.N. made Israel a free independent state / little four and five year old boys threw hand grenades; they hated the black Arabs with all their might / and you, Jew boy, said it was all right."

What logic impelled Mr. Campbell to recite this stupid garbage. What contribution towards the solution of the problems of the New York public school system did he expect to accrue from the broadcast? I fail to comprehend his motivation but this was a clear illustration of the failure of the radio station management to exercise prudent control over the output of their facility. Yes, I know, they will probably claim that they can not censor the content, in advance, of any "responsible" participant in a radio program, however, despite the plethora of free-wheeling discussion programs that have emanated from their station, I find no record indicating that they ever permitted a free flow

of the four letter words that are endemic to the conversations usually engaged in by the avante-guard proletariat. Black vitriol is no different from white hatred, the end result of each is unrest and turmoil. In recent editions of The Veteran we commended Mr. Roy Wilkins and the NAACP for the erudition they showed by publicly calling for an end to rabble rousing and race and religion baiting. "Time to Speak Up," the editorial in the November issue of Crisis, the NAACP publication, is well worth reading and circulating. It took courage for Mr. Wilkins and his colleagues to take this stand, and it's our obligation to let them know WE'RE ON THEIR SIDE.

The black student sit-in is over at Brandeis University. The pros and cons of President Abrams' handling of the problem have been and will continue to be debated for some time to come, thus I'll not involve myself in that aspect of the problem—at this time—rather, I'd like to focus on statements that were made during and after the student revolt.

Shortly after Ford Hall was vacated by the sitters-in a leader of the Brandeis University Afro American Organization said, ". . . we have determined the all encompassing level of racism at Brandeis and in so doing have exposed to the nation the inability of one of the most well known liberal colleges in America to deal constructively with racism."

"Racism," the speaker continued, "prevails at Brandeis. Yet the university, which has treated the black people in an inhumane way feels it can still determine how we are to be educated."

Potent words, nicht wahr, if you'll excuse the Freudian slip, but not once in all of the statements, charges and reams of releases that were bombasted out over the sylvan campus of Brandeis University did anyone detail the exact "racist," "inhumane" acts or regulations that were being perpetrated upon the black students of Brandeis. It is reasonably possible that the black students were subjected to what they consider "racist, inhumane" treatment, but it is just as possible that the persecutions they feel have been visited upon them are far from the literal interpretation of the language they

(Continued on Page 4)