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NPC AND NEC MEETING LOOK AT U.S. VIETNAM POSITION



AT THE PENTAGON—on a recent visit to the heads of our military, National Commander Bernard B. Dorenfeld met with the Chief of Staff, General William Westmoreland. The Commander also met with other high Pentagon officials in his whirlwind visit to Washington.

JWV Policy-Making Bodies Deliberate at Nov. Meeting

The National Policy Committee and the National Executive Committee of The Jewish War Veterans will meet in Washington, D. C. on November 14th and 15th. One of the top features on the agenda will be reconsidering the United States' position in Vietnam.

Cognizant of the growing concern in the nation today . . . meeting at the same time a gigantic Moratorium protest march will be launched in the nation's capital . . . these two policy-making bodies of JWV, will deliberate with great care over the position The Jewish War Veterans will take in regard to the Moratorium and the Vietnam conflict.

The Jewish War Veterans, concerned with the military security of the United States, in reacting to the Moratorium will review its policy on Vietnam and make recommendations to all Posts and Departments of the organization for implementation.

Much thought will be given to the impact of the ever-present communist threat to the security of the free world . . . much thought will be given to the American interests in Southeast Asia . . . and much thought will be given to the effect that any precipitous retreat in Vietnam might have upon the well being of the United States.

All of these factors will be con-

sidered in the lengthy discussions that will occupy a great portion of this very important JWV meeting in Washington, D. C.

Leadership of The Jewish War Veterans at this meeting will represent every Department and Region of the organization, and thus be able to achieve a broader spectrum of across-the-country opinion that will be part of the serious deliberation on a subject foremost in the mind of every American today.

The Jewish War Veterans is vitally concerned with the results that a decision in Vietnam might have on the United States' attitude toward conflicts in other

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Across U.S. JWV Observes Veterans Day Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient is Honored by JWV

Veterans Day, November 11th, found The Jewish War Veterans taking part in solemn services and ceremonies that marked its salute to veterans, living and dead, for their service to their country.

National Commander Bernard B. Dorenfeld took part in a Veterans Day Ceremony in his home town of Cleveland, Ohio, which named him "Honored Veteran" for the occasion. The brilliant affair was sponsored by the Joint Veterans Commission, the same organization which honored the Commander in 1967 by naming

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Captain Jack Jacobs, United States Army, who was just recently given his country's highest award—the Congressional Medal of Honor, was honored by The Jewish War Veterans during an impressive ceremony in Woodbridge, New Jersey on Veterans Day.

The Jewish War Veterans was proud to present to Captain Jacobs its Gold Medal of Merit Award for his extraordinary heroism under fire while serving his country in Vietnam.

Captain Jacobs is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Jacobs of Fords, New Jersey, and his own residence is in Woodbridge, where his wife and two small children

now live. It was most appropriate that the JWV Department of New Jersey would honor the Captain with a Life Membership in The Jewish War Veterans upon this same auspicious occasion.

The dignified ceremony took place at the dedication of the proposed Veterans Memorial in Woodbridge, where the Captain was an honor student upon graduating from the town's high school. The affair was sponsored by the Veterans Alliance and saw many prominent civic, government, military, and religious figures as guests.

The Jewish War Veterans presentations were made by Past

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AT THE WHITE HOUSE—President Richard M. Nixon bestows the Congressional Medal of Honor upon Captain Jack Jacobs of New Jersey for bravery "above and beyond the call of duty" in Vietnam.

Editorially Speaking

Lest We Create "The Forgotten Soldier"

On November 11th, Americans will pause to salute the veterans of this country, living and dead, who have served their country in war and in peace.

Such ceremonies will range from the official one at Arlington Cemetery in the Nation's Capital to veterans parading down Main Street in small towns and big cities.

A very special salute this year should go to the veterans of the conflict in Vietnam . . . to those who still fight there, to those who have fought there, and especially to the more than 45,000 who have bravely died there.

These are men involved in what the gentlemen of the 4th estate choose to call "the most unpopular war in America's history." These are men facing an implacable enemy on one side and bewildering headlines from home on the other side. These are men who might very well feel their identity is being swallowed up in the tumult and shouting over the war itself.

JWV feels it should be made crystal-clear to these young veterans that America is always in debt to any soldier who puts his life on the line in any war—popular or otherwise.

Because this is a Democracy, we are free to decry or defend this country's involvement in Vietnam, but every American should take the time off from defending his particular stand on that question to salute the Vietnam veteran.

America has an Unknown Soldier who came into being after World War I. It would be tragic indeed if the Vietnam War brought into being the Forgotten Soldier, the product of his own country's dissension.

OFF KEY MUSICAL CHAIRS PLAYED AT U.N.

The seating of Syria on the Security Council of the United Nations should have shocked the civilized nations of the world, and Syria hastened to add to the shock, barely one week after winning that seat on the Council, by sending a three-hundred-man invasion force into a neighboring Arab state—Lebanon.

The peculiar qualifications which Syria possesses to make her eligible for this U.N. seat are: **recruiting and patronizing guerrillas politically; supplying them, urging them on against Israel; giving aid and comfort to airplane pirates; releasing them while still holding two passengers from the ill-fated American owned TWA jet. AND ENCOURAGING AND PERPETRATING ACTS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST A NEIGHBORING SOVEREIGN STATE.**

Ironically, Syria now holds the Council seat once occupied by Algeria, another country which indulged in these same practices. Is piracy and subversion now a pre-requisite for the country now occupying this particular seat in the U.N. Council? Should audacious acts which the United Nations should not countenance, now be required for admission to this seat on the Security Council?

Putting a country like Syria, under its present government, on the Security Council, in the seat once occupied by Algeria, is not innocently playing at musical chairs. Syria is playing a much more deadly game today in the Middle East.

JWV Salutes Legion On Mideast Position

We proudly salute our comrades in The American Legion who at their recent Convention, reaffirmed their position on the Middle East . . . a position that was adopted as a resolution in 1967, but who put more bite into this previous resolution by further resolving:

"That the Government of the United States is urged to take whatever measures are feasible so as to permit the Government of Israel to provide itself with any arms it might require in order to maintain a balance of power against its hostile neighbors, pending such a time as a full and equitable settlement of Middle East problems is reached and agreed to by the nations concerned."

JWV'S Sam Massell Is Elected Mayor Of Atlanta, Ga.

The congratulations of The Jewish War Veterans are being heaped upon Atlanta's Mayor Elect, the Honorable Sam Massell, who is a member of JWV's Atlanta Post 112.



Mayor Elect Sam Massell

The new Mayor Elect is a former Vice Mayor of that southern city and has long been part of its changing political scene.

National Commander Direnfeld, speaking for the JWV, in a wire to Mayor Elect Massell spoke for the entire organization when he said:

"Your election as Mayor of Atlanta is more than a personal victory. It is a ringing endorsement of pluralism."

The Jewish War Veterans is looking forward to meeting the Governor in person when it holds the 75th Annual National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia next August.

Direnfeld Regrets Nixon's Reaction To The G.I. Bill

In a dramatic press release, National Commander Direnfeld expressed the regret of The Jewish War Veterans that President Richard M. Nixon should call the H.R. 11959 Cold War-Vietnam bill allowances, both "excessive and inflationary" and by the implication that he would be forced to veto the measure if it reached his desk.

"The Jewish War Veterans," said Commander Direnfeld, "urges the President to give further consideration to this bill which would substantially raise the too-low educational benefits extended to Vietnam Veterans."

The Commander went on to say that the bill had the major support of both the House and the Senate, and that not one American today would think that economy measures should be borne on the backs of men who have already carried a terrible burden in giving so much of themselves.

"JWV," said Direnfeld, "feels there are other inflation-producing measures under consideration now, including the Tax bill, with

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Thinking Out Loud



By Albert Schlossberg
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The Serviceman, An American Scapegoat

The fickle finger of fate seems to have zeroed in on the family man who wears the uniform of our nation's armed forces. He's expected to fight our wars, guard our seas, protect our skies and even to die for our country. But while he is doing all of this, he can not expect that his family, wife and children, will be able to live in a decent home, be adequately clothed or protected from the danger of malnutrition.

Measured by the government's own standards, over one million of the men now in service who have families dependent upon them live in a state of "poverty." Government statistics clearly indicate that \$80.00 a week is the minimal income required to keep a family above the poverty level. Compare this with the income of an Army private, with a wife and two children, who with all allowances included takes home about \$50.00 a week for himself and his family. When questioned the Department of Defense indicated that about 50,000 service families would fall within the boundaries of financial levels required to make them eligible for assistance under the anti-poverty program proposed by President Nixon. The fly in this ointment however is that military personnel would NOT be eligible for help under the proposed program.

Is poverty a problem for the U.S. servicemen? Judge for yourself by this typical example. A sergeant fighting in Vietnam, with a wife and eight children back home, has to worry about their health and welfare along with the problems he faces with his front-line duties. His total

monthly income, including all allowances is \$595.00. Have you ever tried to support nine people on \$125.00 a week?

If we were talking about an underprivileged ghetto family we'd have a different bag. Unfortunately, a man in a military uniform is not likely to be the winner of any popularity contest in these turbulent times. Too often, in sermons from pulpits, in the quiet of lecture halls, on university quadrangles, and from the safety of this overfed, soft life, our active-duty servicemen are categorized as "murderers," and displayed as the root cause of the problems that beset our country. Oh no, the rhetoric flows, but no vocal tears are shed for the serviceman with a wife and family to support. Never do the doomsayers admit that among the poverty-stricken servicemen are Americans of all colors, all religions and all ethnic backgrounds. All bound together by one common denominator, families living in poverty.

Who among us is not in favor of motherhood and against sin, as are the champions of the plethora of causes we hear so much of today. But concern for the poor among us should not be shut off when it affects our servicemen and their families.

Isaiah's prophecy may one day come to fruition, but until the swords can be safely beaten into ploughshares and the spears into pruning hooks, we have an obligation to do all in our power to protect the families of our servicemen from a life of degradation and poverty. Their compensation must be adequate to support their families.



National Commander Bernard B. Direnfeld visited the Department of Minnesota and was greeted in the Governor's Mansion by the Honorable Harold LeVander, Governor of that State. The Commander is shown here with the Governor and George Davis, Department Commander of Minnesota.