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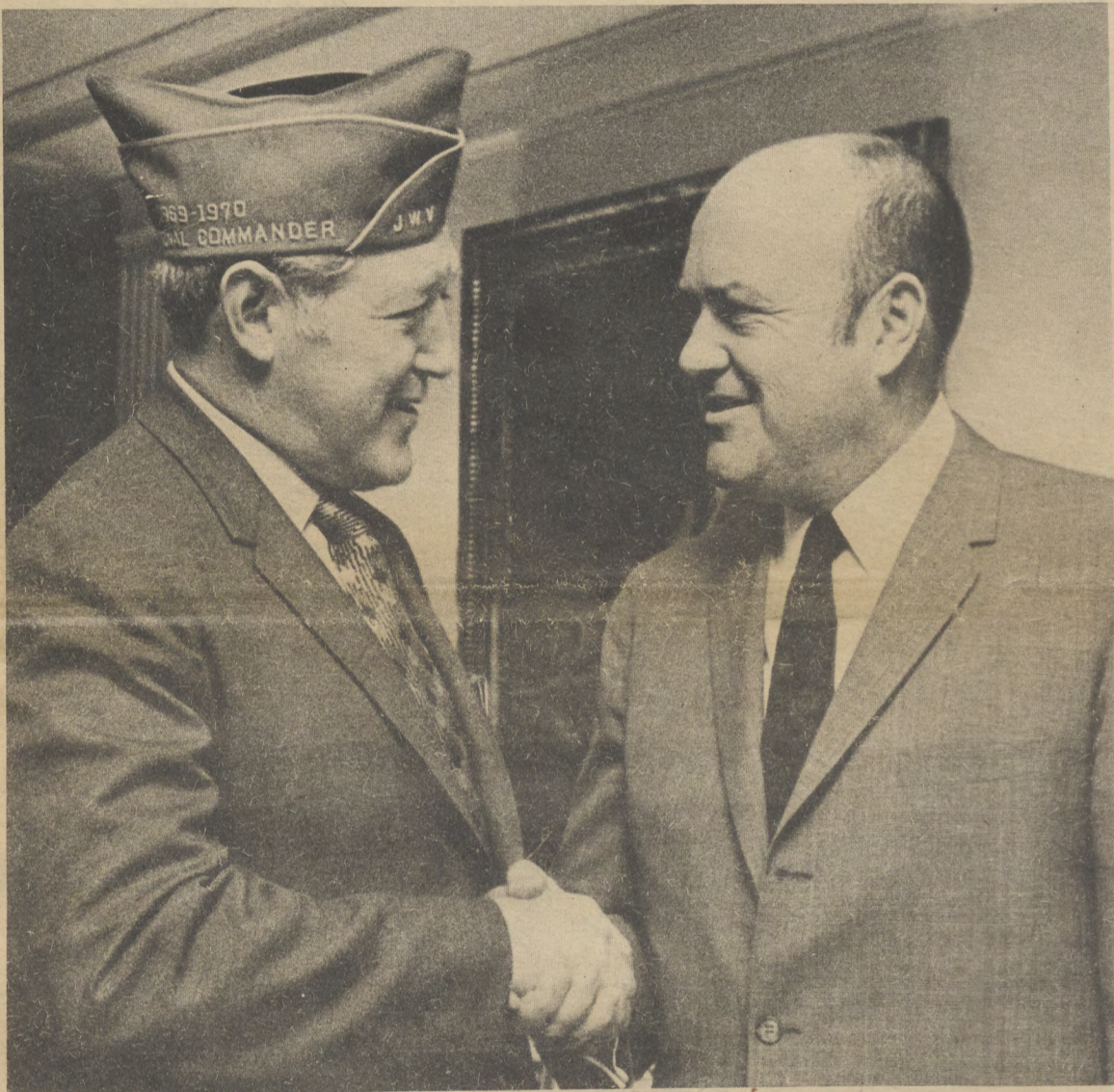


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JWV DEMANDS MARINE PROBE OF ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENT



On a recent tour of Washington, JWV Commander Bernard Dierenfeld met with Defense Secretary Melvin Laird. The two discussed the Vietnam situation at length, a subject on which Commander Dierenfeld reported to the NEC. (Story on page 4)

A report on alleged instances of anti-Semitic baiting of Jewish recruits at the Parris Island, S.C., U.S. Marine Recruit Training Center has been requested by National Commander Bernard B. Dierenfeld.

In a letter to Gen. Leonard Chapman, Jr., Marine Corps Commandant, Commander Dierenfeld said the Jewish War Veterans wanted a full explanation of reports that a Jewish recruit was persecuted by drill instructors "as though he were an inmate in a concentration camp." The Commander referred to allegations by Representative Mario Biaggi, of New York, the Congressman who charged that anti-Semitism was practiced by the Marine Corps at Parris Island.

Commander Dierenfeld said he wrote Gen. Chapman urging an investigation and a report on the incident. He also cited charges that this youth was called a "bagel" and a "Jew boy" and had a Star of David painted on his forehead by drill instructors

and that the recruit was reduced to a mental breakdown and was given a psychiatric discharge.

"It is bad enough to know of recent reports on racism at Parris Island involving black and white personnel. But to hear that Marine non-coms are singling out individuals for abuse on the basis of religion raises wider questions concerning Marine Corps training that must be amended," the Commander wrote.

"The public deserves an explanation especially since Americans of all faiths wish to retain the well-deserved image of the Marines as courageous and honorable men faithful to freedom and human dignity," he pointed out.

Meir-Nixon Letter Is Termed "Relevant"

Israel Prime Minister Golda Meir's support of President Richard M. Nixon's program for peace was termed "highly relevant to the security of both Israel and the United States," JWV National Commander Bernard Dierenfeld said last month.

Mrs. Meir had written to President Nixon after his November 3 speech, commending him for his program and offering the hope that it will result in a just and lasting peace in that part of the world.

Commander Dierenfeld commended Mrs. Meir's message in which she expressed the hope that the President would speedily succeed in bringing about peace in Vietnam. He called attention to her statement that the President's speech of Nov. 3 contained "much that encourages and strengthens the freedom-loving small nations the world over, which are striving to maintain their independent existence, looking to that great democracy,

Nixon Responds To JWV Commander

President Nixon has responded to Commander Dierenfeld as follows:

"I want you to know how much I appreciated your telegram with regard to my November 3 address on Vietnam. The confidence and understanding you have shown will do much to strengthen our efforts to achieve the just and lasting peace that all of us desire."

the United States of America." The Commander stressed that "the spirit of Israel is characterized by the word Shalom, which means peace."

He pointed out "that there are many parallels between Israel's long search for peace and the United States' present commitment to negotiate a meaningful peace in Vietnam."

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Help JWV Write History

We are writing a history of JWV in conjunction with our 75th Anniversary celebration. We need the facts. It is possible that you may have a photo, newspaper clip, letter, certificate or citation which could be important to the history of JWV. The earlier the better.

Just send what you have into National Headquarters and we will examine the material, make copies and return them to you.

Here's your chance, as an individual member, to help. I know you won't disappoint us!

NEC Meeting Creates Guidelines On Moratoriums

Among the highlights of the National Executive Committee Meeting in Washington on November 14th was JWV affirmation of its Vietnam position as adopted at the National Convention in August.

Significantly, the meeting, held on the weekend of the Moratorium, formulated a number of guidelines concerning the JWV policy on upcoming Moratoriums. These guidelines are as follows:

1. Recognizing the right of peaceful dissent, JWV will not participate in anti-Moratorium demonstrations.

2. JWV will participate in parades and demonstrations that are in consonance with JWV Vietnam policy.
3. JWV will not participate in activities if extreme right or left wing groups are included.
4. When there is reasonable doubt concerning the bonafides of participating groups, the National Commander or the National Staff should be consulted.

Also announced at the meeting was the hotel site for the 1970

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