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JWV Urges Pres. Nixon Sell Jet Planes to Israel

Atlanta Response Strong

With convention reservations reaching National Headquarters at a record pace, Isaac J. Murov, National Convention Chairman, reiterated that registrations must be received at National Headquarters to assure that the hotel honors all reservations.

Mr. Murov was reported "greatly pleased" with results to date. He attributed the early response to the selection of a major luxury hotel in Atlanta, the Regency-Hyatt House, as convention headquarters.

"We are learning that our members prefer better accommodations so that they can combine the business of the convention with family vacations," he pointed out.

A stellar program has been arranged for the convention as part of JWV's Diamond Jubilee. Many side trips also have been arranged, such as to Six Flags Over Georgia, a family entertainment center not unlike Disneyland; to Georgia's Stone Mountain, a 3,008-acre park; to Carling's Brewery, a famous Atlanta institution; to the Atlanta Braves baseball game; and to Lake Spivey, a water wonderland great for picnicking and family fun.

The Convention will be held from August 16 to August 23. On August 16, meetings of the National Convention Committees will be scheduled. This includes Resolutions, Constitution and By-laws, Awards, and the Conven-

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An Open Letter To Oil Interests

Gentlemen:

It has been reliably reported that representatives of your consortium visited with the United States Secretary of State and members of his staff with a single purpose, to convince the United States NOT to sell any planes or armaments to Israel.

If this report is correct, we respect your right to plead your case with the United States government, but we take serious issue with the method and the rationale of your approach to the solution of your business problems with the Arab countries.

You said, according to the reports we received, that if the United States sold planes to Israel, the Arab nations would take punitive action against your oil companies. Since when should the United States endorse and aid and abet blackmail, especially when millions of lives are at stake?

It is quite possible that if you persist in this approach, millions of Americans of all religions and persuasions might feel the need for some tangible demonstration that they oppose your actions. It is quite possible that one form of such demonstration might be a trend to implement the free enterprise system to its fullest as it applies to the product that the members of your group market in the United States, especially since under this free enterprise system, so many firms that are not participants in your consortium distribute and market the very same product.

Abraham Kraditor Dies

Abraham Kraditor, whose membership with the Jewish War Veterans spanned 50 years and whose resourcefulness, creativity and energy was responsible for the modernization of the organization, died in New York late last month.

Elected National Commander in 1935, Abe Kraditor was a veteran of two wars. He served with the Army in France during World War I and with the U.S. Navy as

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Abraham Kraditor

National Commander Bernard Direnfeld, in a statement issued early this month, has pointed out that the letter signed by 73 Senators urging additional jets for Israel is a firm indication that the American people have mandated the Administration to act on this request.

The Commander indicated, too, that a recent resolution of the American Legion, along the same lines, was further evidence that the American people wish to buttress Israel as a line of defense against Soviet imperialism. He was referring to a resolution passed by the National Executive Committee of the American Legion on May 6-7, 1970.

"The Soviet's presence in the United Arab Republic simply cannot be tolerated by the United States. It must be countered by some bold deed on the part of the President to indicate America's firmness in meeting this threat. The sale of additional jet planes to Israel would speak loudly and clearly to the Soviet Union that America means to hold the line in that part of the world."

The Commander cited reports that "Soviet airmen are now piloting MIG-21 fighters in the air and Soviet missilemen are manning sophisticated SAM's on the ground. The first 22 SAM-3 sites are already in place near Alexandria, Bultim, Cairo, and the Aswan Dam.

Commander Direnfeld also pointed out that "Another 23 sites are now under construction and another 17 projected, some near the Suez Canal. By September 1, the Russians will have 480 missiles in place, with 15,000 Soviet military personnel. By the end of the year, the figure could be 28,000."

Other ominous facts cited by the Commander were: "The Soviets operate 5 air bases in Egypt

and are expected to continue their buildup until 150 planes and 200 pilots are involved; the Soviets are flying 'defensive' missions 30 miles west of the Suez and who knows how soon this will be modified to permit 'preventive' and 'retaliatory' strikes. Soviet involvement has changed the fundamental strategy of Israeli defense against Egypt's war-of-attrition artillery attacks. The result: Israeli casualties have risen sharply."

"It is time for the end of rhetoric in the Middle East. Israel simply must have the flying artillery it needs to hold the cease-fire lines on the Suez Canal and elsewhere in accordance with the United Nation's resolution calling for the cease-fire, which the U.A.R., Syria, and Jordan have violated time and time again."

"The Soviet Union must be made to understand that in the interests of world peace, it must cease its reckless policies in that part of the world," Commander Direnfeld said.

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CONVENTION
August 16-23
Atlanta, Georgia

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75 Years of Service to U.S.A.