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Albert Schlossberg Elected JWV National Commander



ASCENT OF A NEW COMMANDER. After a raucous, hale and hearty debate lasting on into the night, Albert Schlossberg, National Editor claimed victory over Jerry Cohen, NEC, Abe Cohen-Lehman Post 50, New York. The above—a touching moment when we say goodbye to our very able Past National Commander Bernard Direnfeld, and congratulations to our New National Commander.

Atlanta Convention Termed Success by Delegates

The Jewish War Veterans wrapped up its 75th Annual National Convention in Atlanta with a hard-fought, hard-won election with Albert Schlossberg of Milton, Massachusetts edging out Jerry Cohen of Staten Island, New York.

Harry Markovitz of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania was elected National Judge Advocate. He was unopposed.

Observers agree that the Atlanta convention was one of the most exciting held in recent years. Part of this was attributable to the election campaign, but for the most, it was the sheer exhilaration of the important work accomplished and the clash of ideas that resounded through the halls when important decisions had to be made.

Perhaps the hardest fought battle was the one which centered around the resolution concerning Viet Nam. For the last five years, this resolution has always engendered a spirited debate with the so-called doves always managing to fall short of the needed votes to carry the resolution as they see it. This convention was no exception. It was marked, however, by an unusual circumstance for this resolution in that it was reported out of the Resolutions Committee with a call for "immediate withdrawal." After much debate, the resolution was changed so that the last paragraph read as follows:

"Sensitive to the state of national disunity and fearful of its possible disastrous social and political consequences, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA re-emphasizes as its policy of de-Americanization of the Viet Nam conflict and for the rapid withdrawal of American troops as expeditiously as same may be effectuated, consistent with protecting our men in that area. We are confident that such measures are clearly within the national inter-

Lindbergh Memoirs Assailed

The National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans today termed references to Jews made by Charles Lindbergh in his impending published journals "obvious anti-semitic bias reminiscent of the most vicious smears perpetrated by the Hitler propaganda machine."

According to Albert Schlossberg of Milton, Mass., recently elected JWV Commander, the Lindbergh journals in which the ex-aviator professes his belief that "the Jews," the Roosevelt Administration and British sympathizers combined to encourage the United States to enter World War II "will serve to put a patina of respectability on a vicious long-discredited canard."

We remember Mr. Lindbergh during the days before World War II when as a leader of the America First Movement, he first surfaced with his anti-semitic leanings and tried to tell the world that Hitler was a great statesman."

"Apparently," the Commander said, "Mr. Lindbergh hasn't changed his mind. In the introduction to the journals, he points out that the United States lost World War II which he charac-

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Commander Schlossberg Cites Jefferson In Hi-Jack Wire to President Nixon

President Richard M. Nixon
White House, Washington, D.C.

"Once again the barbary states are engaged in acts of piracy against the U.S.A. This time it is piracy in the airlines rather than on the high seas."

"President Jefferson proved by his refusal to pay ransom and by his subsequent action against Tripoli and Algeria that civilization will only survive if the rules of international law are supported by all governments."

"As National Commander of the oldest active war veterans organization in the U.S., the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., I urge you to call upon Great Britain, West Germany and Switzerland to refuse to knuckle under to the threats of the international kidnapers who have perpetrated these latest acts of inhumanity in the highways of the skies. By their open and swaggering piracy of the U.S. and Swiss airplanes and by their demands that the governments involved release convicted pirates to strike again, as evidenced by the fact that Leila Khalad, the female who attempted to hi-jack the El Al airliner, had previously hi-jacked another airplane and had never been punished, the pirates are setting a pattern that will slowly bring international air traffic to a halt. If America starts down the slippery slope of capitulation to gangster forces on an international level we will admit that we condone the end of civilization as we know it--a society where man is ruled by law not by the desperate acts of inflamed assassins who would blow up the world if it suited their warped ideology."

"The U.S. must have the courage to let the pirates and the world know that we will not permit this lunatic fringe to take over control of the skyways of the world. President Jefferson did it in his time; surely, Mr. President, you will match his courage in your time."

(Signed) Albert Schlossberg
National Commander, JWV

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