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Commander Meets Nixon Discusses Soviet Jewry



NATIONAL COMMANDER MAKES PRESENTATION TO NIXON. During a special meeting with President Nixon, National Commander Albert Schlossberg made the presentation of a 75th Year Commemorative Plaque to the President, extending also an invitation to be principal speaker at the international banquet honoring the 75th Anniversary of JWV March 13, 1971.

Contest Response Enthusiastic

The 75th Diamond Jubilee Membership Contest got off to a tremendous start with Posts throughout the country responding enthusiastically to the three winning categories of Retention, Recruitment and Reclamation.

According to Benjamin Chasin, PNC, Asst. Executive Director, and Rose Bailor, Membership Director, there is an opportunity for everyone. Six Post categories have been established with even the Posts who have under fifty members as part of the contest.

The Retention winner will be the member most responsible for retaining 100% of the 1970 Post members for the year 1971. He will win a wristwatch.

There will be five recruitment
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Synagogue Security Corps Established By Commander

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. has announced the establishment of a JWV Synagogue Corps to provide security for Jews who still live in the inner cities of major urban areas.

According to Albert Schlossberg of Milton, Massachusetts, JWV National Commander, formation of the new Corps was prompted by "the increasing number of attacks on Jews and Synagogue properties in those areas of the inner city where there are no longer young and middle-class Jewish families."

"Today in most inner cities of large urban areas, all that is left of the Jewish community are aged orthodox Jews whose life revolves around their Synagogue and who have neither the funds nor the inclination to leave life-

time homes. These people have often been subject to brutal attacks by hoodlums who prey on their weakness. Often, their Synagogues are vandalized and their homes terrorized," Commander Schlossberg pointed out.

Part of the responsibilities of the Corps, according to the JWV Commander, will be to attend Saturday and holiday services and "by their presence afford a feeling of security to the older people who make up these congregations."

JWV Posts will be urged to adopt a Synagogue and set up a duty roster for their membership. In addition, members will be prepared to assist in any manner that "will contribute to the well-being and security of the people in the inner city."

President's Concern Noted By Commander At White House

National Commander Albert Schlossberg met last month with President Nixon in a special meeting at the White House.

According to the Commander, the meeting was extremely cordial and wide-ranging, including discussions on the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union, aid to Israel, and the prisoners of war situation in North Vietnam.

Committee Announces Gala Affair

A gala international banquet commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. and honoring veterans from all over the world will be held Saturday, March 13, 1971 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City, it was announced by Banquet Chairman Judge Lawrence Gubow.

All members of J.W.V. are encouraged to attend the dinner, and invitations are being extended to the heads of all major national veterans organizations as well as leading dignitaries. The guest speaker will be announced at a later date.

A special feature of the black tie affair will be the premiere of "Patriots For Peace," a specially produced film depicting JWV's 75 years of service to the nation.

Dietary laws will be observed. Members are urged to make reservations now, as tables will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. RSVP's may be made by returning the coupon on page 2 to: JWV Dinner Committee, Suite 605, 1457 Broadway, New York, New York 10036. Dinner reservations are \$25 per person. Checks should be made payable to Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.

The Commander outlined the details of the terrible problems of Jews in the Soviet Union, especially those who have indicated their desire to emigrate to Israel. The President was reported to be deeply concerned and indicated that he had discussed this personally with representatives of the Soviet Union on other occasions and promised to bring the matter up again through diplomatic channels.

He noted to the Commander that the Soviet constitution supposedly treats all of its nationalities equally, but that apparently the practice was far afield from the intent.

On the matter of aid to Israel, he cited the supplemental military aid bill now before the Congress and hoped that we would help him secure speedy passage. He praised the Israelis for their gallant stand in the face of Soviet intimidation but was optimistic on the future for peace as long as either side refrains from shooting.

Since the Commander's visit took place on the same day that the abortive raid on the p.o.w. camps was held, the subject of prisoners of war was very much on the mind. He told the Commander that he would do everything in his power to free the prisoners of war and considers the treatment the North Vietnamese are giving our prisoners of war as inhuman. He was particu-

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Our Seventy-Fifth Year

