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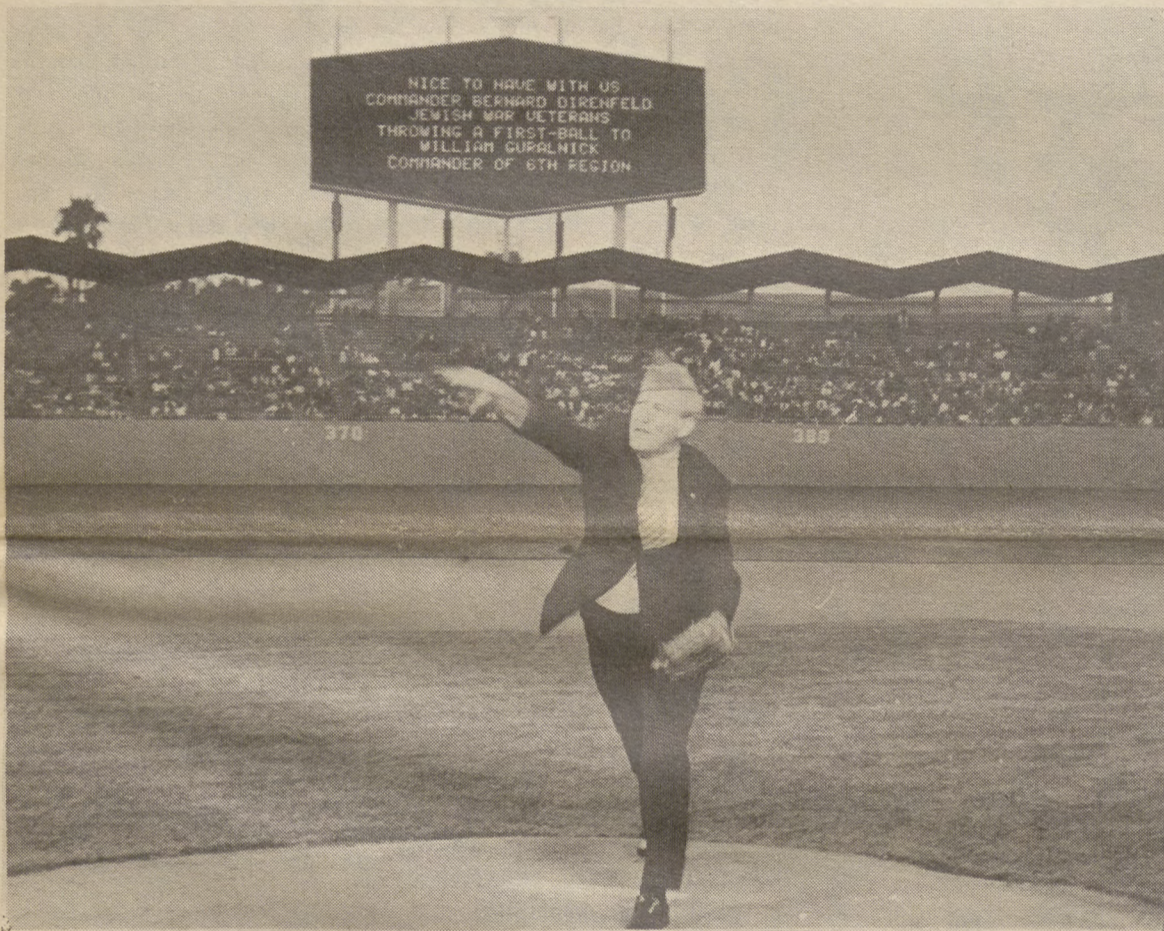


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Delegates Set to Arrive At 75th Annual Confab



NATIONAL COMMANDER THROWS A STRIKE. National Commander Bernard Direnfeld threw out the first ball at a recent game at Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles, California. Commander Direnfeld was the pitcher, Regional Commander William Guralnick (6th Region) was the batter and Dr. Robert Shor, Commander Department of California, was the catcher. As Vince Sculley, radio announcer at Dodger Stadium, told his audience of millions of listeners, "Commander Direnfeld showed rare form in his pitching." 17,000 Dodger fans gave JWV Commander Direnfeld a "big hand" for his baseball prowess.

Direnfeld Speaks Out on Student Unrest

National Commander Bernard Direnfeld of Cleveland, Ohio, has warned that the two greatest dangers that we face in this country in terms of student unrest are "polarization and abdication."

In a statement made upon his arrival for a tour recently of JWV posts throughout California, the Commander pointed out that "to reject the legitimate idealism and aspirations of our young people because they somehow offend our concept of change and progress is both dangerous and offensive."

"On the other hand," he said, "we must not give in to students on all points simply because we

know this action will keep them quiet. We have got to find the middle ground and it should be large enough so that all of us, whatever age and political persuasion, can meet."

He said that he believed that the President, with whom he has met several times in the last few months, is focusing on the problem and is optimistic that the new commission to study campus violence is broad enough to provide meaningful input into the Presidential decision making process.

"Leadership in connection with student unrest must come from the top officials of our government. If this leadership is dere-

lict, or over-reacts, we are sure to face more turmoil in the future.

He criticized "polarizers" who "in the heat of events, get carried away by hot rhetoric that only exacerbates the situation. What we need is firm action based upon understanding, not intemperate words."

"Our young people are our hope for the future. Perhaps their idealism has been handed down to them too distilled; perhaps we neglected to teach our children the practicalities of living so essential to the sheer logistics of coping with life. If we push these well-intentioned

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Thousands of delegates from all parts of the United States are scheduled to arrive at Atlanta, Georgia for what is sure to be the greatest convention ever held by the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.

Numerous attractions have been arranged for the delegates, including many side trips that will make this a family outing par excellence.

According to National Convention Chairman Isaac J. Murov, convention excitement was reaching feverish pitch. A hotly contested election was contributing to the excitement. Announced candidates going into the convention were Albert Schlossberg, National Editor, and Jerry D. Cohen, National Executive Committee member from Staten Island, New York.

The site of the convention will be the Regency-Hyatt House, a nationally famous hostelry of unusual architecture that is the pride of Atlanta. In addition to the resort type atmosphere of the hotel, a number of side trips have been arranged to add to the delegate's enjoyment. Side trips are being planned, for example, to Six Flags Over Georgia, a family entertainment center not unlike Disneyland; to Georgia's Stone Mountain, a 3,800 acre park; to Carling's Brewery, a famous Atlanta institution; to the Atlanta Braves baseball game; to Lake Spivey, a water wonderland great for picnicking and family fun.

Delegates will also enjoy other historic Atlanta landmarks like the Cyclorama in Grant Park and Atlanta's famous underground shopping center.

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 Bylaws, Awards, and the Convention Committee. That evening, too, an Early Bird Ice-Breaker party is scheduled so that delegates may socialize and renew old acquaintances.

On Monday the 17th, the National Policy Committee will meet, and on Tuesday the National Executive Committee. Also on Tuesday, there will be a joint JWV-JWVA, VAVS Workshop. On Wednesday morning, a Commander's Workshop will be held, and at noon, a luncheon in honor of the Mayor. At 2 P.M. will be the

official opening session of the 75th national convention. Additional sessions of the convention will be held on Thursday, August 20, with the highlight of that day being the banquet in honor of the National Commander. This is one of the few times in the history of JWV that the Commander's Banquet will fall on a Thursday.

Sessions of the convention will continue through Friday, August 21, to be followed by regional elections, religious services, and an Oneg Shabbat. After the Oneg Shabbat, the annual reception for Century Club members will take place. On Saturday, August 22, the National Shrine will hold its meeting and a number of committees will be in session.

Also on Saturday evening, the nominations and elections of both the National Judge Advocate and National Commander will be held, followed by acceptance speeches and a meeting of the new National Executive Committee.

JWV has not held a convention in Atlanta since 1951. Atlanta is one of the most active JWV areas where local posts have maintained excellent relations with press and broadcast media. Atlanta itself is one of the most dynamic cities in America, and undoubtedly JWV delegates will pick up its beat and find themselves enthralled by the wonder of this modern, bustling city.

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