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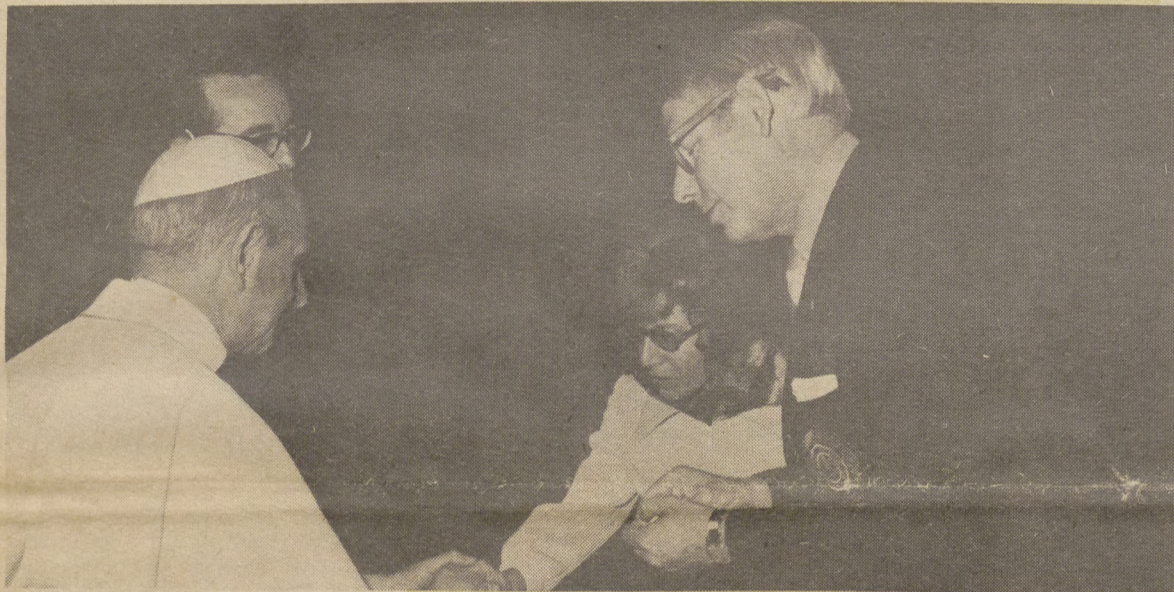


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JWV Commander Tours Europe Meets with Pope in Rome



NATIONAL COMMANDER GRANTED AUDIENCE WITH POPE. In his recent tour of Europe with American Legion National Commander Alfred P. Chamie, National Commander Albert Schlossberg was granted an audience with Pope Paul VI in Rome, on May 13. Their discussion revealed complete accord in concern for the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union and the desire for peace in the Middle East and throughout the world.

Discussed Mid-East Peace and Plight of Soviet Jew

National Commander Albert Schlossberg, traveling with Alfred P. Chamie, National Commander of the American Legion, PNC Eldon James, and Norman Kahn, Aide to Commander Chamie, is scheduled to discuss Jewish diplomatic and political problems with Israeli leaders, and he will be briefed on the present military situation by General Bar Lev, Commander-in-Chief of the Israeli Army.

Annual Convention Going Full Steam

The National Convention Committee, spearheaded by PNC Bernard Drenfeld, Chairman, and PNC Bernard Abrams, Co-Chairman, is moving into the final phase of their plans for the 76th Annual Convention, August 8-15th, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

These plans include top-flight speakers, interesting and informative forums, vital committee meetings and, of course, wonderful "package" tours for members and their families.

Reservations are beginning to reach Headquarters and the convention hotel, the Radisson Hotel in Minneapolis, indicating that JWV's 76th annual convention may be the most impressive in its history!

As a convention center, Minneapolis ranks among the finest in the nation. Twice recipient of All-American City Awards, it is a city where progress is reflected by far far reaching urban renewal projects, newly developed harbor facilities, approximately one acre of park area for every 80 residents—even as new steel, glass and concrete push skyward. This busy, friendly "City of Lakes" offers JWV convention delegates and their families one of the most enjoyable JWV conventions ever!

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The briefing will include a tour of the Golan Heights, affording the Commander an opportunity to observe first-hand the strategic Shar Mel Sheik, and a visit to the army base at Tel Aviv.

A meeting with Prime Minister Golda Meir has been arranged, and Schlossberg has indicated the discussion will center around the delicate diplomatic and political problems plaguing the Israeli nation. Commander Schlossberg will also have a private discussion with Defense Minister Abba Eban to further explore the Israeli military crisis.

Representing the entire JWV membership in his capacity as National Commander, Schlossberg is making official visits to Paris, Rome, Florence, London and Israel. He will return to the United States May 30.

The Commander's European tour began officially in Rome, where he was granted an audience with Pope Paul VI. A report from Commander Schlossberg said that his Holiness expressed deep concern for the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union. They also discussed the critical military situation in the Middle East and the hope for peace throughout the entire

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Commander Recommends Re-Orientation For Vets

National Commander Albert Schlossberg, citing the inadequacies of Army discharge practices in meeting the needs of returning servicemen, has recommended that the services institute a three-month re-orientation program prior to discharge to prepare servicemen to enter civilian life in the context of today's world.

While recognizing that the Veterans Administration is the agency to which the discharged Vietnam Veteran should look for assistance and guidance, Commander Schlossberg pointed out that "the Army plays an important role in preparing these veterans for civilian life, and should assume a more responsible position in making the veteran aware of the services and benefits available to him through the V.A."

"Unless we do this," the Commander warned, "we are courting the worst potential veterans problems this country has ever undergone. Sooner or later, the returning Vietnam veteran will demand answers, and we must be fully prepared for the impending dialogue."

"The transition from service to civilian life in today's circumstances is a wrenching experience. The returning serviceman comes home without fanfare and glory, from a war that has become distasteful to a majority of Americans, a war that cannot be won.

"He finds the country divided, the jobs scarce, the world that he knew changing rapidly. He wonders about his service role, questioning whether it was all worth it. Among those of his peer group

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Our Seventy-Fifth Year

