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JWV Reverses Viet Stand Cohen Elected Commander

Humphrey Urges Changes In Present Israel Stand

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, in his speech before convention delegates, sharply criticized Administration pressure on Israel to reopen the Suez Canal prior to the establishment of peace and stability in the area.

In a speech interrupted many times by applause, Senator Humphrey said "the reopening of the Suez and the restoration of its ability to function fully and freely as an instrument of international trade is a desirable goal."

"But the hard facts are that the United States, Israel and the West do not need the Suez, not nearly as much as Egypt needs it for revenue and as the Soviet Union needs it to accomplish its military and economic goals."

Senator Humphrey said reopening of the Suez Canal would permit "Soviet domination of the Red Sea to lead to domination in the Indian Ocean and thus accelerate that Soviet ambition and its realization . . ."

"What Catherine the Great failed to do, Brezhnev is now succeeding in doing—and with our help. What we are doing with our shortsighted diplomacy is legitimizing Soviet presence in Egypt, in the Mediterranean, in the Red Sea and in the Indian Ocean."

Calling present U.S. policies in the Middle East "inadequate to meet our responsibilities," the Senator outlined elements of a new policy aimed at achieving Middle East peace and stability:

- Direct negotiations between Israel and Egypt for withdrawal of Israeli troops from the banks of the Suez.

- The renewal and instigation

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Bomb Scare National Scares No One Offers Praise For 76th Hosts

Senator Hubert Humphrey was unphased by a bomb scare that had Radisson Hotel and JWV officials scurrying around while the Senator was speaking.

It seems that when Senator Humphrey was ten minutes into his speech, an operator at the Radisson Hotel received a bomb threat against the Senator's life. Hotel officials reported this to JWV officials and called the police department. Commander Schlossberg informed the Senator about the bomb threat. Senator Humphrey urged that JWV pay no attention to it. Nevertheless, after the Senator spoke, the meeting was abruptly adjourned while bomb squad police officials searched the building.

Senator Humphrey left the Hotel, but not until spending ten minutes with well-wishers in the Radisson lobby.

Hartke Outlines Vet Program

In his remarks to convention delegates, Senator Vance Hartke, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, explained the priorities and problems concerning the newly formed Committee:

"As you know, this is the first year in which the Senate of the United States has had a separate

Veterans' Affairs Committee. In establishing our priorities and working up legislative proposals, we have, of course, turned to veterans organizations as a prime source of ideas. The Jewish War Veterans has provided us with the inspiration and support necessary to attack the

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Delegates Change Red China Policy

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., at their 76th Annual National Convention in Minneapolis, dramatically reversed its Vietnam position by a voice vote that was overwhelmingly in favor of a resolution submitted by the Resolutions Committee that urged the President to withdraw all American troops from Vietnam by the end of the year.

National Election Unanimous

Jerry Cohen was elected National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans.

Jerry's platform was based upon his concern for the individual JWV member and Post, as well as the prime necessity of giving them as quickly as possible, the information and tools with which to work. He intends to establish a better rapport between National and Post, County, Department and Region, and he wants the lower echelons to participate in revenue sharing with the national organization.

Herman Moses was elected National Judge Advocate, the second highest office in the JWV organization. A Past State and Regional Commander, he is presently serving as Commander of the Combined Veterans Association of Illinois.

A life-long resident of Chicago, Mr. Moses has a J.D. degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law and is admitted to practice in the Illinois and U.S. Courts. He is an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago.

The move represented the culmination of seven years of active pursuit by what once was referred to as "Doves," led by Morton London, Past National Commander. PNC London did not participate in the debate on the final resolution, averring that he had "his say in the more than five years previous to the new policy."

There were those who opposed the resolution, including PNC Major General Julius Klein, who urged that the resolution not be passed, based upon the fact that President Nixon was doing his best to achieve a complete withdrawal from Vietnam and that we should "stick with him" while he pursued his policy of withdrawal and "not tie his hands by establishing a specific date."

According to Resolutions Committee Chairman Harris "Bob" Stone, the resolution passed through committee with unanimous assent. Actually, the resolution came in the form previously passed by the Department of Massachusetts and backed by PNC Albert Schlossberg.

There was surprisingly little opposition to the resolution, reflecting the fact that "times have changed considerably." The war in Vietnam is proving to be fruitless and not in the national interest.

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