

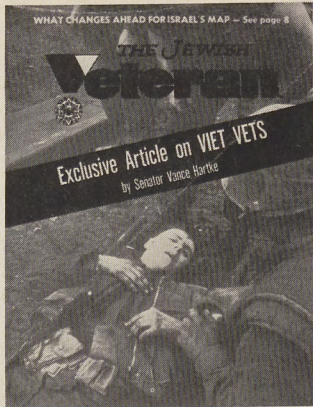
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As you can readily recognize, we initiated a change in format for the "Jewish Veteran" from a newspaper to a magazine. The publication of this magazine presented many formidable challenges. Our goal is to provide a more readable and effective communications medium within the Jewish War Veterans.

To further implement and improve our communications with the membership, we intend to send a newsletter to all Post members periodically with the highlights of our policy statements and programmatic activities. In addition to that, we are organizing a Jewish War Veterans Press Association to assist us in publicizing the Jewish War Veterans activities in the local communities.

To stimulate more effective programming in the Departments, the National Executive Committee has approved a Program Incentive Plan whereby funds from the national organization will be allocated to the individual departments. This concept is similar to the Nixon Revenue Sharing Plan. My goal is to stimulate broader participation of the grassroots in JWV's on-going operations.

A survey is presently being made of all of our Service Offices throughout the country for evaluation of our need and possible expansion. Continuity of program is being maintained and the Jewish War Veterans Housing Commission is in high gear. The feasibility of a Jewish War Veterans Federal Credit Union is being investigated and a committee has been established to that end. A plan whereby the youth of JWV members may spend their summers in Israel is being formulated. Standard operating procedures are being prepared for our

various committees in order that we have an effective program.

In terms of program, our concern over the impending military imbalance in the Middle East resulting from the recent Russian commitment for more Egyptian arms motivated our accelerated efforts to secure from our government a pledge to renew shipments of Phantom jets to Israel without strings or pressure.

Our Resolution at the National Convention requesting the closing



down of the war in Vietnam received wide press coverage. While the troops will not be out of Vietnam by December 31, substantial troop withdrawal has already taken place. We shall continue to press for total withdrawal along with the release of all prisoners of war.

We are vitally concerned with the problems of returning veterans from Vietnam. Material has been sent to Posts explaining our program to assist the returning veteran and what has to be done by the local echelons to implement these program suggestions. When Congress re-convenes in January, you will receive guidelines re-

garding new legislation which we are supporting to lend further aid and comfort to the returning veteran.

We are equally interested in the welfare of those in service and recognize a special obligation to the men and women of Jewish faith who are wearing the uniform. Recent studies have indicated that there are proportionately more Jewish officers and enlisted men in the military than the Jewish percentage in the population in the United States. At a recent meeting with the representatives of National Jewish Welfare Board and Association of Jewish Chaplains, we have worked out a joint program.

With the constant out-manoeuvring of the United States on the diplomatic front, we conclude that when we come to the conference table we must deal from strength. Therefore, we have a special concern with our presence in NATO and the deteriorations of our naval forces, particularly the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. Conferences are, therefore, contemplated with the cooperation of our Defense Department at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Naples, and a briefing by the Admirals of the Sixth Fleet aboard the Flagship of the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, at which time we will present our views and recommendations. A more complete report will be rendered directly upon my return from the Sixth Fleet to the State of Israel, where we will have our meeting of the National Executive Committee in February.

Most important, permit me to invite your suggestions for other areas which should engage JWV interest. As in the past, our success depends upon collective action of the total membership.