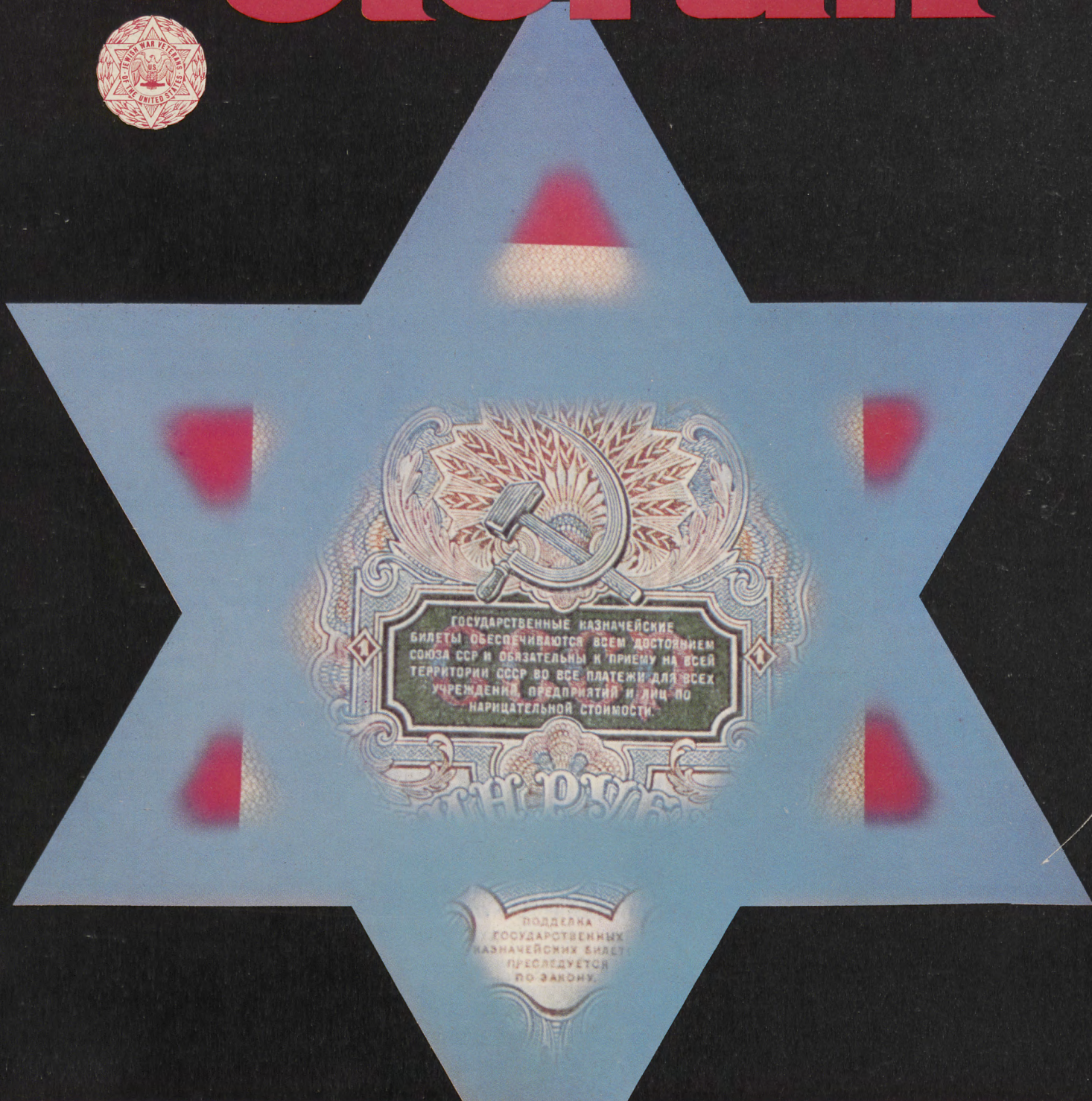
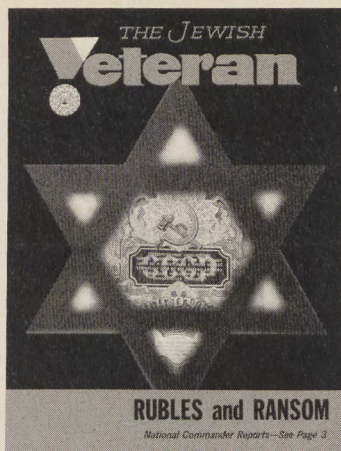


THE JEWISH Veteran



RUBLES and RANSOM

National Commander Reports—See Page 3



This symbolic picture created by Fred Ward, one of the nation's most prominent photographers, depicts the Star of David and the Russian ruble in confrontation. Which one will win out?

The Jewish Veteran

"The Patriotic Voice of American Jewry"

Organized 1896

Official Bulletin of

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States
of America

NORMAN TILLES

National Commander

66 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201

NATHAN RIEF

National Editor

FELIX M. PUTTERMAN

National Executive Director

1712 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.,

Washington, D. C. 20009

Phone: 202-265-6280

WARREN ADLER

Managing Editor

ROBERT L. TERPSTRA

Executive Editor

ROLLY GIBBS

Administrative Editor

JIMMY MIDGETT

Art Director

JEROME N. NISMAN

Advertising Director

EDITORIAL OFFICES

5225 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.,

Washington, D. C. 20015

Phone: 202-362-2257

The Jewish War Veteran is published seven times a year: January-February, March-April, May-June, July-August, September, October-November and December by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America at Washington, D. C. Second-class postage paid at Washington, D. C. Subscription price in the United States is \$2.00 per year, payable in advance. Advertising information and rates available from the Advertising Director or any of the advertising representatives. JWV National Headquarters, 1712 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20009.

THE JEWISH Veteran

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1972

contents

volume 28

number 6

3 COMMANDER-AT-LARGE

National Commander Tilles tells of his recent trip to Europe to stimulate the flow of Soviet Jews westward and to raise public opposition to the Soviet "education tax."

By Norman Tilles

5 FOUR MORE YEARS

What will it mean for Israel and Jewish causes? JWV staff editors consider the next four years under the Nixon Administration with regard to issues of Jewish concern.

7 WHEN FRIENDS WERE NEEDED . . .

The Danes were there. In commemoration of the role the Danes played in saving the lives of thousands of Jews during the Nazi invasion, Cdr. Tilles presents a plaque to the chairman of the Danish Freedom Fighters.

8 HOME-GROWN VERMIN

A cold reminder that the American Nazi Party is still lurking in our midst. Illustrated with photographs taken by a JWV member during a Nazi rally.

10 BALANCING CONTRADICTIONS

A reprint of the masterful presentation by the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland at the NJARC plenum at Los Angeles last summer.

By Sidney Z. Vincent

16 THERE ARE NO INTERNAL AFFAIRS LEFT ON OUR CROWDED EARTH

Senator Jackson projects a strong appeal in favor of the East-West Trade Relations Act of 1971, one of the most widely sponsored pieces of legislation to emerge this year.

By Senator Henry Jackson

27 CAPITOL CORRIDORS

The National Executive Director reviews the European Security Council and the full conference to take place next summer to discuss mutual balanced force reductions in Europe.

By Felix M. Putterman

DEPARTMENTS

20 VETERANS SERVICE OFFICES by Stanley Rosenberg

22 JWV INSURANCE by Malcolm A. Tarlov

23 LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

26 NOSTALGIA

28 CHAPLAINS CORNER by Rabbi Samuel Silver

29 TAPS

30 GRASS ROOTS by Benjamin H. Chasin

31 EDITORIAL

commander-at-large

By Norman D. Tilles, *National Commander*

Our visit to Europe to stimulate the flow of Soviet Jews westward and to raise public opposition to the Soviet "education tax" met with considerable success. It also gave me some moving moments and personal insights I would like to share with others in the JWV.

The trip started with an address to the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Servicewomen in Birmingham, England.

My wife and I then visited the London home of Greville Janner, a Member of Parliament and one of the leading activists in England in the battle for the release of the Soviet Jews. In a room off his living room, Janner had set up a communications center from which conference calls could be made.

The first call we made was to Esther Markish, the widow of the writer Perits Markish, executed in 1952 by a Soviet firing squad on the orders of Joseph Stalin. Her son David was with her.

The contrast was striking: Here we were, sitting in a very lovely suburban London home and suddenly the room was filled with voices from within the Soviet Union. The voice of Esther Markish produced emotions I hadn't felt for many years. I could see my wife felt the same.

As Janner spoke, it was apparent that his conversation was directed not only at Esther and David, but also the Soviet government which was certainly monitoring the call. He constantly reiterated the great human cry in England and other parts of the world for the repeal of the Soviet educational tax and for the release of those Jews who wanted to emigrate from Russia.

Esther and David and, later, others spoke with a calm courage. They were guarded—yet candid. Through

conversations like these, the Western world heard whatever news was coming out of Russia regarding Soviet Jews and their quest to leave.

When my turn to speak came, I told them of the efforts of the JWV and other organizations in the United States on behalf of the Soviet Jews, saying we would not rest until the tax was repealed.



Norman D. Tilles

We spoke to other Jews within the Soviet Union that night, receiving information and giving hope. I was enormously impressed by their courage, angered by their plight and spurred by the efforts on both sides to bring justice and freedom to those beleaguered people.

Leaving London, we met in Paris with Bill Cooper and Serge Wourgaft of the World Veterans Federation, which includes in its membership almost all the European veterans and resistance organizations. We had a most constructive and productive meeting and benefited substantially from their reactions and advice in our effort to encourage veterans and resistance leaders on the Continent

to react strongly to the Soviet-imposed ransom on educated Jewish emigrants, many of whom served in the military and partisan forces during World War II. Moreover, we were able to explore their position on the European Security Conference, a subject raised earlier this year by the Russians with PNC Jerry Cohen during his Soviet visit.

From there, we flew to the Hague where we had a stimulating and supportive meeting with a leading Dutch World War II underground figure, C. C. Van Den Heuvel, who, in addition to his veterans activity, is an outstanding researcher and publicist in the field of international relations. He gave us tangible indications of Dutch activity coinciding with our own interests, including copies of publications circulated throughout Europe. From him, I was able to acquire new insights into the Security Conference, its possible advantages and pitfalls.

On the day of our arrival in Copenhagen, we were summoned to the Resistance Museum where I was privileged to make a presentation to the Curator before a distinguished gathering of World War II resistance leaders and the local press. From there, we were taken to a luncheon in our honor in a restaurant housing the Royal Yacht Club, alongside the beautiful Copenhagen Harbor. In the exchange of toasts and presentations, warm assurances were given that our concerns were theirs as well. To believe otherwise would fly in the face of the magnificent experience we Jews have had with the Danish people.

We next flew to Vienna to visit Schonau, the Austrian castle at which Russian emigres are processed for transportation to their destination—Israel or wherever. The castle is about 45 minutes from Vienna. As

(Continued on page 4)