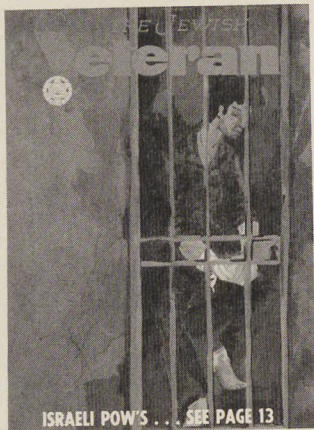


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The recent disclosure of Syrian atrocities against Israeli prisoners heightened the concern for the safety of the remaining men and emphasized the urgency for immediate pressure in seeking a full list of PWs being held by the Syrian Government. JWV has begun a campaign to demand such action, not as a political question but as a consuming issue of humanity. Cover by Penrod Scofield.

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SAM Missile abandoned by Egyptians on West Bank is shown to N. C. Ferdie and Asst. Ex. Dir. Ziff by their driver.

## JWV FIRST GROUP IN THE MIDDLE EAST AFTER YOM KIPPUR WAR

By: Ainslee Ferdie  
*National Commander*

The SAM Missile stood silent and apart on the sands of Egypt. Only minutes before a newer, more modern companion had struck its teeth into an Israeli Phantom Jet striking it to the sun-washed earth. The SAM Missile stood as a symbol on the west bank of Suez on this day in November. One noticed that the lettering was in two languages, Russian and English, a symbolic irony.

The Convocation in Israel had been scheduled more than a year previously. When on Yom Kippur hordes of Arabs thrust across the cease fire

lines with Soviet tanks, missiles and guns, we paused to determine the appropriateness of our Convocation. On October 16th it was decided that the best way that the Jewish War Veterans could demonstrate its support and solidarity for the people of Israel was by our presence there on November 1st and so we went.

Almost one hundred members and relatives ranging in age from six to eighty-six, including 19 members of the National Executive Committee,

went on the trip. We came from every geographical portion of the United States. We arrived delayed but gladdened in spirit to see on the runway at Lod Airport the American C-5's that had brought the means of survival to Israel.

Once in Israel we divided into two groups. The first group under Chairman Judge Isaac Murov commenced in Tel Aviv. The second group, headed by myself and Assistant National Executive Director Irv Ziff went to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem the Diplomat Hotel which had been closed was open for JWV. As the first organized group from anywhere to come to Israel since the outbreak of hostilities we were greeted with welcome as the advance guard of groups from throughout the world

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# A DRAMATIC CONVOY



Land of Goshen: Suez-Ismalia Road. L to R: Action Chrm. Dolny, D.C. M. Abgott, N.C. Ferdie, Col. Richony, NEC Guttenplan, ANED Ziff.

We passed by mine fields that paralleled the Egyptian Second Army until we reached the site where the Israeli forces had broken through and crossed the Suez Canal to the west bank. It was a dramatic moment as we stood upon the pontoon bridges and observed the causeway under construction to our North, a causeway that did not impede the flow of water through the Suez Canal but provided an effective means of transporting men and material back and forth across the canal.

We crossed the Sweetwater Canal that had irrigated the Egyptian farms. The water had been stopped by the Egyptians and now these farmers were moving, their crops dying for lack of water. We saw the deserted hulks of British Army Camps abandoned a quarter of a century ago and in some places the camps so recently occupied by the Egyptians, and proceeding south we looked at

who would again visit ISRAEL!

Later in the week accompanied by Col. Ziff, DC Meyer Abgott, NEC Jack Guttenplan and National Action Chairman Warren Dolny, we covered the long sea road south through Gaza past El Arish and into the Sinai. The road was littered with the signs of war. Empty shell and rocket containers without number presented almost a solid wall for miles through the desert, but the new water pipe was there, too. We saw places where fire bases had operated and here and there the units stood in place still prepared to defend against renewal of hostilities. The equipment of the Israeli soldier was as diverse as the backgrounds of the soldiers themselves. They carried Russian guns and Belgium guns, American guns and Israeli guns. Some Russian built tanks were newly repainted to take the place of other equipment that had been lost in the valiant effort to stop the sneak attack.



National Commander and party inspect construction of new Beersheba Soldiers Rest Home with Gen. Peri.

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