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news around the Jewish world

AUSTRIAN Chancellor Bruno Kreisky has announced that other nations will have to share the burden as a "transit station" for the expected 60,000 Soviet Jews emigrating annually. He said that "This is not a question of money, but a security question". . . . Commandant Benigno Mario Ardanas, chief of police in Rio Negro, **ARGENTINA**, resigned after appending a venomous attack on Jews to an "order of the day" he recently issued to his subordinates. The statement said, "We must fight against Freemasons, Communists and Jews . . . They are subordinate to the 'Israelite Command' called the Great Sanhedrin which seeks world domination. . . . They try to promote the use of drugs and eroticism to weaken the people."

Along with **GOLDA MEIR**'s arrival in the U.S., and her public appearances, a record-breaking \$27,650,000 in Israel Bonds were sold. . . . **SOVIET** naval vessels occupied with minesweeping operations in the Gulf of Suez have completed their work and left the area. . . . A survey by the Seaboard Region of the United Synagogue of America indicates that **WOMEN** are making significant gains in efforts for equality in Conservative synagogues in the region. 50 percent of the congregations now count women in the minyan, and some 60 percent give aliyot to women and permit them to read from the Torah. . . . **ARCHBISHOP HILLARION CAPUCCI** will serve his full 12-year sentence for smuggling arms to terrorists in Israel. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency says a "highly-placed source" told them there would be "no negotiations" The newspapers of **GREECE** continue to make Henry Kissinger the target of anti-Semitic remarks. Recently the papers in Athens carried a quote from Bishop Chrysostomos of Piraeus, the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan, stating: "The German Jew Secretary of State of America is making suspicious trips throughout the world for the purpose of destroying Cyprus." The papers also depict Israel as the chief motivating force of U.S. foreign policy in the Mediterranean region. . . . A dozen young Arabs will be trained as policemen in **WEST GERMANY**. The three year course will be under the aegis of police authorities in Baden-Wuerttemberg. . . . The town of Orillia, Ontario, **CANADA**, now has a Jewish Mayor; 56 year old Frank Dolcort, a local retail clothier of the town with eight Jewish families of a total 22,000 citizens.

BRAZILIAN industrialist Dr. Israel Klabin has declared that the Arab decision to blacklist his paper mill, the largest

in Brazil, is "an intolerable interference into the business of a Brazilian firm." However, the mill has never done business with Arab nations. . . . About 3000 former **NAZIS** will go on trial by 1980 for crimes involving murder. Since the war, 77,820 cases have been opened against alleged Nazi criminals; some 6,375 persons have been sentenced. . . . According to a **FRENCH** news magazine, 10 percent of that nation's population believes that the State of Israel may disappear in 1975. However, only three percent favor such a development.

The Executive Director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Alan Rose, reports that on a recent visit to **CUBA** he found that Jews are treated with every consideration by the government, and that there was no change in the status of the 1700 Cuban Jews because of Cuba's severance of relations with Israel. . . . The **AUSTRIAN** Ministry of Interior recently outlawed the right-wing "Working Group for Politics" because it had invited a German anti-Semitic lawyer for a series of lectures.

Scotland Yard in **LONDON** is investigating machinegun attacks on two Jewish-owned West End hotels where seven women and one man were slightly injured by bullets and flying glass. Detectives were reportedly looking into possible anti-Semitic or anti-Israel aspects of the attacks. . . . **DAVID ROCKEFELLER**, chairman of the board of Chase Manhattan Bank, rejected a request by Israel for a long-term loan. Rockefeller also did not accept an Israeli request that the bank open a branch there. Rockefeller was in the Middle East to investigate possibilities for increasing the bank's activities in Arab countries, and reportedly his reservations over opening a branch in Israel originated in fear of negative reactions in Arab oil-producing countries in which the bank is active.

SEN. JOHN SPARKMAN (D-Ala.), the new chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has stated that he favors the creation of a state on the West Bank for displaced Palestinians, but not to be run by the P.L.O. . . . Black Civil Rights leader, the **REV. JESSE JACKSON**, told representatives of the Washington, D.C. Jewish community recently that "everybody must be concerned" about the Soviet Jewry situation. "The time to resolve that social crisis is now—not tomorrow, not contingent upon trade, not contingent upon detente," he said.

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 San Diego: Members of one of the
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letters to the editor

Sir:

Could you provide me with the Commander's name and mailing address of Post No. 180 J.W.V. of Israel.

We are interested in their project, "Clothes to Israel," and would like to contact them for details.

Irving Stein
Sr. Vice-Commander
Shandler-Berman Post 305, PA

Editor's Note:

We have received several requests for information on this project. A news item we carried in the October-November issue of The Veteran noted that during August, Post 180 of the J.W.V. of the U.S.A. in Israel voted to accept a "partnership" role in a project initiated jointly by J.W.V. Post 615 and B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 1642 in the Los Angeles area. Those two organizations have formed a committee to collect and ship to Israel good, clean, useable used clothing for children and adults. They invited Post 180 to accept responsibility for distributing the clothing, once duty-free shipments arrive in Israel.

For further information, you may write:

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ORTHODOX JEWISH CHAPLAIN SUES AIF FORCE OVER BEARD DISPUTE

An orthodox Jewish chaplain has filed a lawsuit against the United States Air Force for refusing to permit him to serve as a Base Chaplain unless he shaved off his beard. The lawsuit was instituted on December 18, 1974 in Federal District Court in Washington, D.C.

Asserting that he wore his beard for religious reasons, Rabbi Michell Geller, a practicing rabbi in Norwich, Conn., claims a violation of his right to the free exercise of his religion as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended in 1972.

Rabbi Geller served on active duty with the Air Force between 1951 and 1953. Thereafter, until October, 1974 he was in the Air Force Reserve, where he served as a Jewish chaplain. During this time he advanced to the rank of Lt. Colonel. Rabbi Geller's commitment as a Ready Reserve Officer required him to serve a two-week tour of duty each summer, and to serve for two days every other month. For his service, Rabbi Geller received compensation advancement towards higher ranks in the Air Force and the right to a larger pension.

In 1973, after years of service while wearing a beard, Rabbi Geller was advised for the first time that his beard violated an Air Force regulation and that he was obliged to shave it off. Though exceptions are made for medical reasons, the Air Force refused to make an exception for religious reasons. Rabbi Geller was separated from the Air Force.

The complaint in the lawsuit asks the Court to declare that the action of the Air Force was unlawful, enjoin the further implementation of the separation order, and grant Rabbi Geller the full number of credits and back pay he would have earned but for the Air Force's position.

by
Judge Paul Ribner
National Commander



commander - at-large

“ The only real threat to our security is timidity and uncertainty on the part of our government. ”

In a short time, this nation will celebrate 200 years of independence. Our country has achieved its growth and strength because of the spirit and courage of its inhabitants. A small group of people, comparatively, in the original colonies started our march to a position as the most powerful nation in the world by fighting their way into nationhood against England, one of the strongest powers in the world at that

time. This fight succeeded against great odds and despite the misgivings and fears of many of the colonists. Through the years, the United States has expanded from its initial borders, has survived military and economic crises, and has developed the highest standard of living known to the world. These and other achievements were possible because of a citizenry and leadership who had courage and who followed high principles of justice and morality.

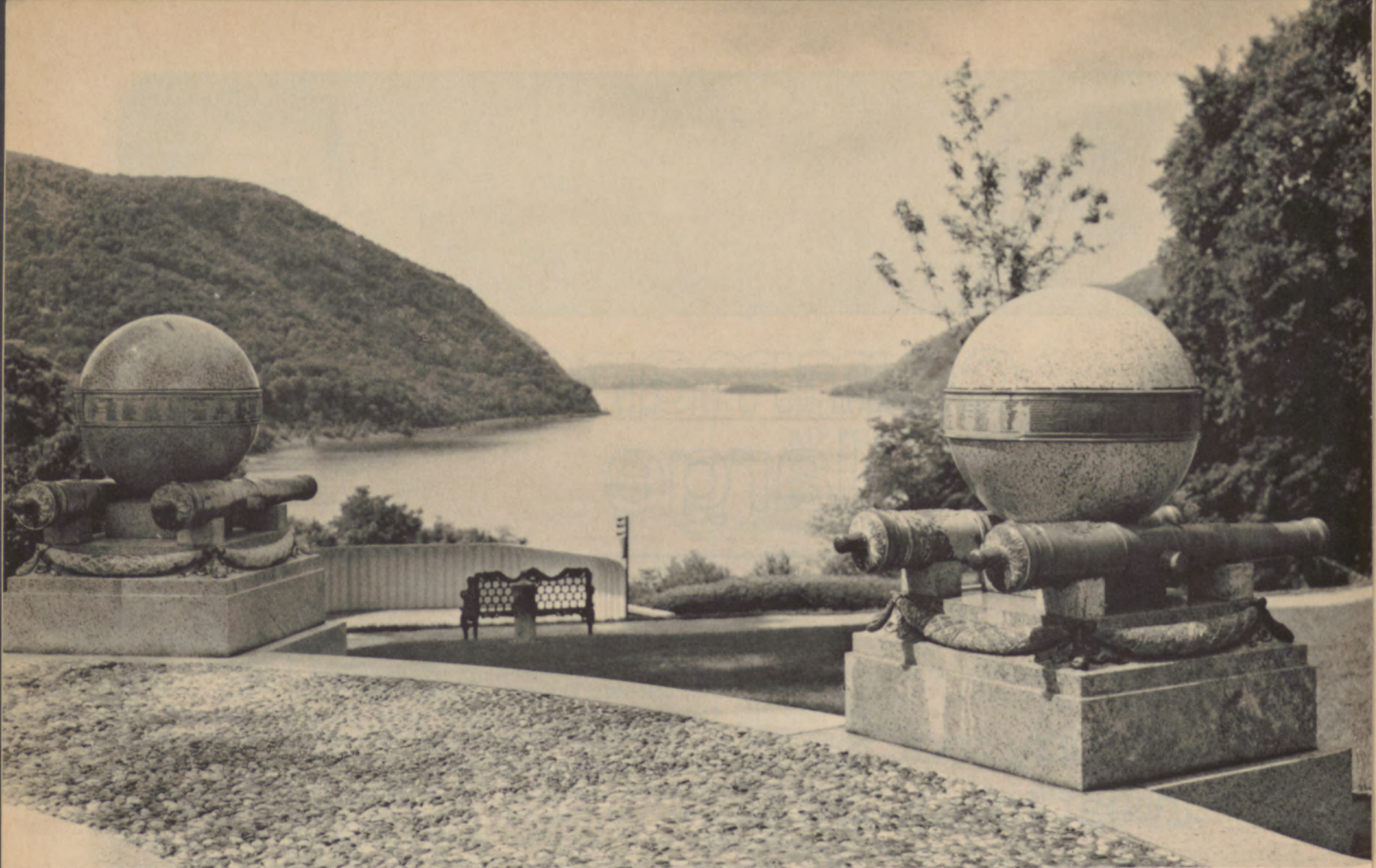
We are, today, a rich and powerful country, with a vigorous and industrious population, great natural resources, and an industrial, economic and technological capability never before seen in the world. The inflation and recession in the U.S. are severe problems but will be taken care of in due course.

Why, then, should our people or our leaders shrink back in fear from the challenges confronting us? Why should we tolerate for one instant any threat of economic blackmail, political or military pressure from any source? The only real threat to our security is timidity and uncertainty on the part of our government. We should reject the attempts of anyone, either at home or abroad, who, by false propaganda would have us abandon our principles. We must refuse to accept as fact that which is not fact but is constantly repeated in a subtle attempt to have us accept it as truth. For example, why do certain leaders act as though they believe that we must engage in appeasement of oil-producing countries or submit to economic blackmail in order to redress the financial imbalance rapidly occurring or secure oil for the Western World.

There is absolutely no reason whatever for us to tolerate a boycott or blacklisting of any nation friendly to us or of any entity doing business with that nation. The facts of life are simply that the oil-producing nations must come to us for goods, food, technological assistance and armaments. They need the western nations, and resolute action by the latter will force price reductions in the price of oil. The point is that we are a strong nation and should flex all of our muscles, economic, political or military. If certain of our leaders of today had been around in 1776, we might still be 13 colonies paying taxes to the British Crown. Our government should crack down on any business or banking institution which carries out discriminatory practices because of pressure from the oil producers.

Another non-fact which is used as an excuse for following the path of expediency is that the Soviet Union will quickly rush into a confrontation with us if we move to protect our interests in the Middle East or in the Persian Gulf area. Both Russia and the U.S. will not oppose the other if the other's life is in danger and life-protecting measures are being undertaken. The point is that the two super-powers have a greater freedom of action than is sometimes believed.

I have stated before on these pages and it might bear repeating that the options open to us for our economic benefit might well depend upon our military strength. We should let our Congressmen know that an adequate military budget is a sine qua non for the nation's well-being in the long run.



U.S. Military Academy, West Point. View from Trophy Point.

JEWISH SERVICES FOR WEST POINT CADETS

JWVers Active at the Academy

The recent holiday of Chanuka accompanied by the lighting of the menorah, the retelling of the familiar story of the Macabees and their courageous accomplishments, brings to mind the modern day Macabees in America and Israel.

His history is traced back to the inception of the United States Military Academy, when in 1802, a young man was graduated from that institution by the name of Simon M. Levy; one of the first of two graduates in the class of 1802, nearly one hundred seventy five years ago.

The tradition of Jews at the Academy continued from that day forth, and today, there are approximately fifty cadets of the Jewish faith in attendance, of which eleven are first classmen who will be graduating this June, the largest group in the history of the Academy.

As reported in the Savannah Advertiser, "In August of 1806, Colonel Jonathan Williams, commanding the United States Corps of Engineers at West Point, founded the United States Military Philosophical Society. The President of the United States and the Secretary of War were patrons of the association along with then Senators Mitchel, Bayard and White. Among the original members, besides Col. Williams, are Decius Wadsworth, William A. Baron, Jared Mansfield, James Wilson, Alexander Macomb, Joseph G. Swift, Walter K. Armistead, Simon M. Levy and Joseph G. Totten."

The military career of Simon M. Levy was a short one, for on September 30, 1805, he resigned from the Army due to ill health and died in 1807 at his home in Georgia.

As we all know, the recent decision of the United States

Supreme Court held that the mandatory attendance at religious services of all cadets at Military Academies could no longer be enforced and ordered that practice to cease immediately. With that prospect in mind, the Jewish Chapel Squad at West Point determined that instead of holding services on Sunday morning, as they had when attendance was compulsory, they would prefer their services, attended on a voluntary basis now, on the traditional Friday evening. Since that decision nearly one half of the total number of Jewish Cadets participate in services and welcome the Sabbath weekly.

Many years ago, Aaron "Cappy" Bernstein, a J.W.V. er from Brooklyn, New York, and himself a West Point graduate, urged the Department of New York to take an interest in the welfare of the Jewish Cadets at the Point. Through his efforts, the Department now presents an annual donation to the Jewish Chapel Squad which assists them in promoting their programs, such as conducting a Sunday school for the children of military personnel assigned to the Academy to appearing at Synagogues throughout the region as speakers as well as appearing with the Jewish Chapel Choir itself.

facilities conducted by the Jewish Cadets and then J.W.V. hosted a picnic for the officers and their families, as well as the Cadets. In addition to this visit, various J.W.V. units have already sponsored seven Oneg Shabbats with at least six more scheduled at this time.



Jewish service and social



Abraham Kraditor—Brooklyn Post #2 Post Commander Irving Sackett presenting Kiddush cups to the Jewish Chapel Squad. Receiving the presentation on behalf of the Squad is Major Peter Gleichenhaus, advisor and lay leader of the Chapel Squad and himself a West Point Graduate.



Kiddush at West Point sponsored by the Brooklyn Post #2 (Abraham Kraditor—Brooklyn Post #2) at the presentation of kiddush cups to the Chapel Squad.

The present lay advisor to the Chapel Squad, himself a West Pointer, is a former Bronxite, Major Peter Gleichenhaus, Class of 1961. (Editor's Note: Major Gleichenhaus had the pleasure of seeing his younger brother Charles graduate from West Point in June of 1974.)

It has been through the efforts of Major Gleichenhaus, who has a deep concern for the welfare of the Jewish Cadet at West Point, that the Jewish War Veterans, Department of New York, spearheaded by the National Editor, has initiated a continuous program of servicing the Chapel Squad. To date a J.W.V. Day at West Point has been sponsored during which members of the Jewish War Veterans received a tour of the

On the thirteenth of December, the sixth day of Chanuka, a Chanuka Party was hosted by the Mt. Vernon Post and the Auxiliary of the P.F.C. Fred Hecht Post, at which time the Chanuka menorah presented by the Jewish War Veterans was lit. The gentleman upon whom this honor was bestowed is an Israeli Navy Officer, and present Naval Attache in Washington, D.C., Captain Moshe Tabak. Captain Tabak, the guest speaker that evening, was the commanding officer in charge of the task force which absconded with the five gunboats from a quiet French port on the Christmas Eve following the Six Day War. Captain Tabak, born in Tel Aviv in 1932, is a modern day Macabean in his own right.

The Veteran Service Column

by STANLEY ROSENBERG
National Service Officer

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED PENSION AMENDMENTS— INCREASE DIC, PARENTS PAYMENTS

Public Law 93-527 (S. 4040) approved December 21, 1974, effective January 1, 1975, authorizes:

1. Pension rates (New Law) as follows:

ANNUAL INCOME	MONTHLY RATE					
	Income not more than	Veteran Alone*	Veteran 1 Dep.*	Veteran 2 Dep.*	Veteran 3 Dep. or more*	Widow(er) Alone*
\$ 300	\$160	\$172	\$177	\$182	\$108	\$128
400	157	172	177	182	107	128
500	154	172	177	182	106	128
600	150	170	175	180	105	128
700	146	168	173	178	102	128
800	142	165	170	175	99	127
900	138	162	167	172	96	126
1,000	133	159	164	169	92	125
1,100	128	156	161	166	88	124
1,200	123	153	158	163	84	122
1,300	118	150	155	160	80	120
1,400	113	147	152	157	76	118
1,500	108	144	149	154	72	116
1,600	102	141	146	151	68	114
1,700	96	138	143	148	64	112
1,800	90	135	140	145	60	110
1,900	84	131	136	141	56	108
2,000	77	127	132	137	52	106
2,100	70	123	128	133	48	104
2,200	63	119	124	129	43	101
2,300	56	115	120	125	38	98
2,400	48	111	116	121	33	95
2,500	40	107	112	117	28	92
2,600	32	103	108	113	23	89
2,700	24	99	104	109	18	86
2,800	16	95	100	105	13	83
2,900	8	91	96	101	8	80
3,000	5	87	92	97	5	77
3,100		82	87	92		73
3,200		77	82	87		69
3,300		72	77	82		65
3,400		67	72	77		61
3,500		62	67	72		57
3,600		56	61	66		53
3,700		50	55	60		49
3,800		44	49	54		49
3,900		37	42	47		49
4,000		30	35	40		49
4,100		22	27	32		49
4,200		14	19	24		49

NOTE: In no event shall the monthly rate of pension be less than \$5.00.

†For each additional child in excess of one, the rate will be increased by \$20.

*The formulas for computing within the \$100 bracket are:

- a. Veteran—alone—If annual income is \$300 or less, the monthly rate of pension shall be \$160. For each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$300 up to and including \$500, the monthly rate shall be reduced 3 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$500 up to and including \$900, the monthly rate shall be reduced 4 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$900 up to and including \$1,500, the monthly rate shall be reduced 5 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,500 up to and including \$1,900, the monthly rate shall be reduced 6 cents; and for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,900 up to and including \$2,300, the monthly rate shall be reduced 7 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$2,300 up to and including \$3,000, the monthly rate shall be reduced 8 cents.
- b. Veteran—with dependent—If annual income is \$500 or less, the monthly rate of pension shall be \$172 for a veteran and one dependent, \$177 for a veteran and two dependents and \$182 for three or more dependents. For each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$500 up to and including \$700, the monthly rate shall be reduced 2 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$700 up to and including \$1,800, the monthly rate shall be reduced 3 cents; and for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,800 up to and including \$3,000, the monthly rate shall be reduced 4 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$3,000 up to and including \$3,500, the monthly rate shall be reduced 5 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$3,500 up to and including \$3,800, the monthly rate shall be reduced 6 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$3,800 up to and including \$4,000, the monthly rate shall be reduced 7 cents; and for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$4,000 up to and including \$4,200, the monthly rate shall be reduced 8 cents.
- c. Widow—alone—If annual income is \$300 or less, the monthly rate of pension shall be \$108. For each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$300 up to and including \$600, the monthly rate shall be reduced 1 cent; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$600 up to and including \$900, the monthly rate shall be reduced 3 cents; and for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$900 up to and including \$2,100, the monthly rate shall be reduced 4 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$2,100 up to and including \$3,000, the monthly rate shall be reduced 5 cents.
- d. Widow—with one child—If annual income is \$700 or less, the monthly rate of pension shall be \$128. For each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$700 up to and including \$1,100, the monthly rate shall be reduced 1 cent; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,100 up to and including \$2,100 the monthly rate shall be reduced 2 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$2,100 up to and including \$3,000, the monthly rate shall be reduced 3 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$3,000 up to and including \$4,200, the monthly rate shall be reduced 4 cents.

NOTE: With income from \$3700 to \$4200, the widow receives no less than a child would receive.

2. New DIC rates payable to parents are:

Income not more than	Only 1 Parent*	2 Parents not Together*	2 Parents Together or Remarried With Spouses*
\$ 800	\$123	\$86	\$83
900	120	84	83
1,000	117	82	83
1,100	113	80	82
1,200	109	76	80
1,300	105	72	78
1,400	100	68	76
1,500	95	64	74
1,600	90	60	72
1,700	84	56	70
1,800	78	52	68
1,900	71	48	66
2,000	64	44	64
2,100	56	40	62
2,200	48	35	60
2,300	40	30	58
2,400	32	25	56
2,500	24	20	54
2,600	16	14	51
2,700	8	8	48
2,800	4	4	45
2,900	4	4	42
3,000	4	4	39

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around the circuit



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B.

A. Commander Irving Weiner, Department of New York led a visitation group to review the operation of the VA Hospital in the Capitol District—Albany, New York. *Left to right:* Maurice Gherman, Chairman—National Action Committee; Miriam Jaffee, V.A.V.S.—Representative; Melvin M. Hurwitz, Sr. Vice-Commander—Department of New York; James Fleenor, Assistant Director of Hospital; Irving Weiner, Commander—Department of New York; Milton Bindell, Commander—Capitol District Council; Abe Schwartz, Commander—Richmond Hill Post #75

B. National Officers of the JWV present citation to National Commander Judge Paul Ribner at a ceremony in the Judge's City Hall Courtroom (Philadelphia). *Left to right:* Milton Lax, National Housing Commission; Herb Altschuler, National Executive Committeeman; Willie Herbst, National Inspector; Sid Newman, Chairman Commission on Aging Veteran; Jerri Tatum, National Executive Committeeperson; National Commander Judge Ribner; and Ed Blatt, National Chief of Staff.

When submitting pictures or articles for the Jewish Veteran please give the full name, title and mailing address of all non-members. When the picture or article appears, the National Commander would like to mail them a copy of the magazine with an appropriate letter and this can only be accomplished if we have the proper information. Commander Judge Ribner has assigned Charles Krieger of the national staff to take charge of this project.

C.

A Delegation from the National Capitol Post 1777, Department of the District of Columbia, are shown presenting a donation to Dr. Erwin Friedman, Director of the National Children's Center. Their contribution will furnish an office in the Center's new building and will be permanently dedicated in the name of the Post. Shown making the presentation are left to right: Mrs. Mel Tilkin, Harvey Tilkin, PDC, Chairman, Dr. Friedman, Robert Sommer, and Ed Neufeld.

D.

The Harrisburg (PA) Post 97 sponsors a gift program at the Lebanon Veterans Hospital. Christmas and Chanukah gifts are provided for the needy veteran patients to send their families and friends. Harry Kessler (Commander, Post 97) began the program 25 years ago. In the picture, left to right, are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cherlin (Post 239); Mr. and Mrs. Kessler; and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Theodore (Post 239).

E.

Presentation to Neumann Goldman Post #69 by National Executive Committeeman George Geller of a certificate for a grove purchased from the Jewish National Fund in the J.W.V. Forest in Israel. *Left to right:* Aux. Sr. V.P. Doris Schwartz, Aux. Pres. Gloria Haber, N.E.C. George Geller (rep. J.N.F.), Post Commander Marvin Kessler, P.C.C. Max Yeres (Chairman) and Sr. V.C. Morris Bengis.

F.

A 16 MM, Bell and Howell, Sound Movie Projector was donated to "The Ark" at 3509 W. Lawrence by the Kirschenbaum-Silver Post #282 and its Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans of United States. The Ark is a community organization aiding local residents in medical, social and legal services. Representing Kirschenbaum-Silver Post and Auxiliary was Max H. Bornstein, Post Commander; Sol Schatz, 3rd Junior Vice Commander of Dept. of Illinois; Janet Schatz, Auxiliary President; Ada Perlin, Ada Tener, and Sabina Wolff, Auxiliary Members. Representing the Ark was Arnold Levy, President; David Wolper, Executive Director and Ruben Turk, Coordinator of Volunteers.

G.

On December 29th at the annual dinner in the Palmer House of Chicago 250 members of the Dept of Illinois J.W.V. honored Calvin D. Kanter of Post #800 for his devotion to the State of Israel and his support of the Bond program. Present at the dinner to honor Calvin were the following commanders of allied war Veterans groups. *Left to right:* Tina Brill Stein—Past National President, J.W.V.A.; Ted Fijalkowski—Commander Dept. of Ill. Polish League of American Veterans. Bonds in the amount of \$100,000 were subscribed and paid for at the time of the dinner. Chairman of the dinner was Harry B. Levine Post #153. Co-chairman were Richard Feldman, Dept. Sr. Vice-Commander, David Hymes, Dept. 1st Jr. Vice-Commander; George Shore, Dept. 2nd Jr. Vice-Commander, Master of ceremonies was Jack Klewans, N.E.C. of Illinois.