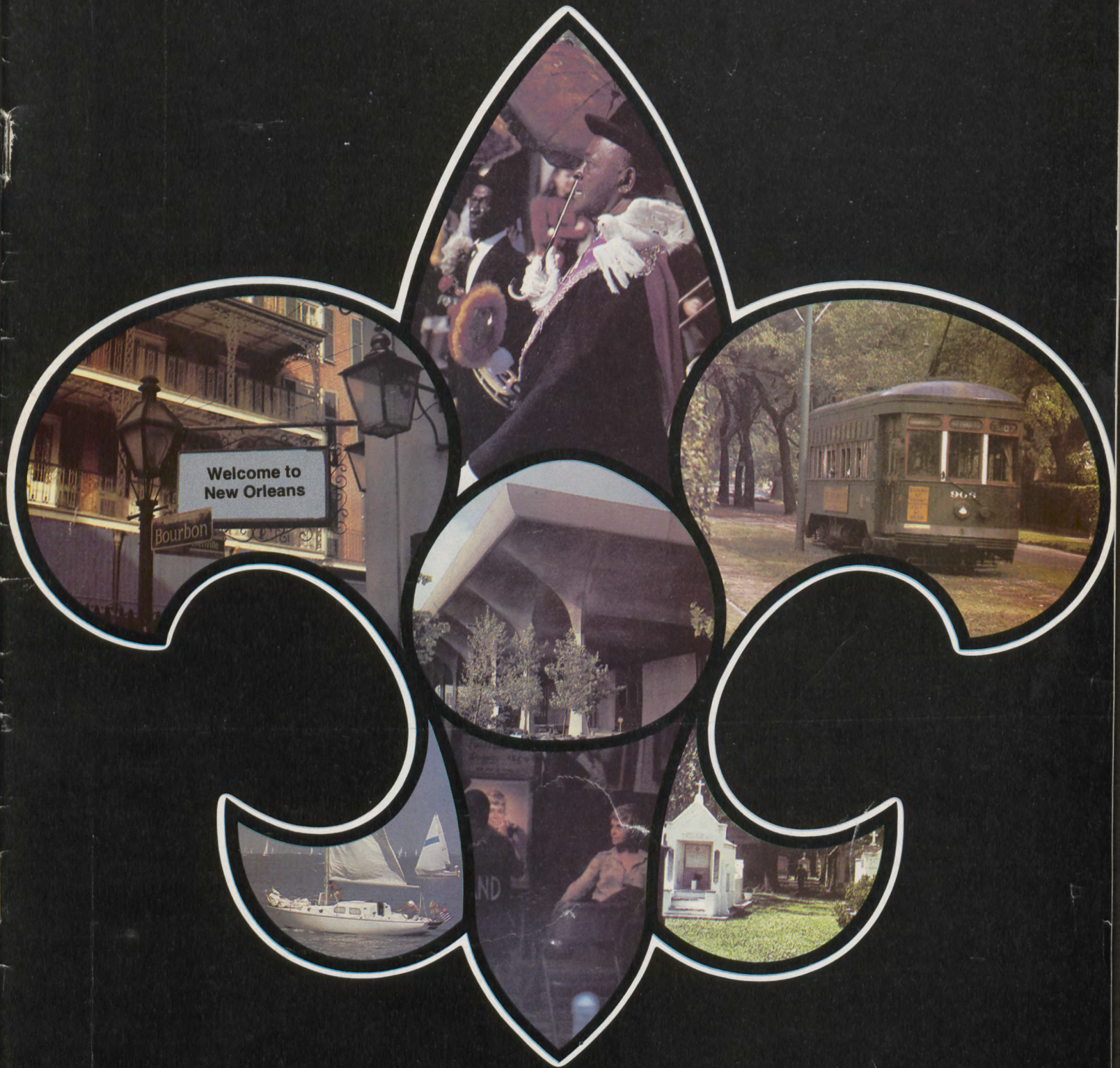


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**You'll Love New Orleans and
She'll Love You Right Back**

LETTERS



Max Goldstone—age 86

Dear Comrade,

I have just read your JWV magazine of the March/April issue of "Passovers Revisited" by Irving L. Sackett and Seymour S. Weisman. When I read this article it brought back some sweet memories on the "Passover" I spent in France on this day on April 15, 1919, which was sponsored by the Jewish Welfare Board. The similarity of this Passover occasion has prompted me to call it to your attention for publication in *The Jewish Veteran* magazine in your next issue.

I have enclosed all the photos and letter to my cousin, Pearl Goldstone, and other papers which I wish to be returned to me after possible publication. I served in the Seventh Division, 64th Infantry, American Expeditionary Forces, which was in the front line trenches when the Armistice was signed on November 11, 1918. I am now 86 years old, so please excuse my poor penmanship due my arthritic condition.

Respectfully yours,
Max Goldstone
Chicago, IL

Germany—April 20, 1919

Dear Cousin Pearl,

Your two welcome letters dated March 20th and April 2nd has reached me yesterday. Pleased to hear that you are all well. Yes, I expected that by this time I

would be in England, but I have been vastly disappointed as it seems that no furloughs are given out to men in our company, but I may be surprised and get to go before I sail for home.

You will see by the town I am now in that we have moved again, this time vacating the Toul sector for good, moving to a point about 15 miles south of Toul. Altho it was a hard march with full field equipment the beautiful scenery along the Mosselle River made us forget our troubles. But, as to this town we live in, Brest may or may not be a pest hole, in a way of mud, insanitary conditions and physical discomforts, but we sure have it here.

I know of little news concerning my chances of going home, but have not yet by any means lost hope of an early homecoming. The worst part of the whole matter is the awful suspense we have to undergo. While waiting more



"I am reading the 'Four Questions' to two comrades—Sam Bass on my right and Morris Harris on my left and me in the center."

definite news, we hear hundreds of rumors. Things would not be so bad and the suspense so great, if it were not for these unfounded rumors.

Last Monday being Passover, all Jewish men in the AEF got a three-day pass to celebrate this holiday. I got my pass and went to Toul, where the Jewish Welfare Board entertained us royally. First we went to a synagogue to hold services, then we had a swell "Sader," eat-



Max Goldstone—age 25

ing Matzahs and many relishing dishes. I also slept in a real feather bed and had the real freedom of a civilian. Altogether, over 600 Jewish boys were there, all from the Seventh Division, and most of them from dear old Chicago.

I am no more in the Second Army, as it is done away with. The Seventh Division now is transferred to the First Army S.O.S.

The weather here is getting warmer and it makes one feel more cheerful in spite of poor surroundings. Well Pearl, I must now close with love to you, mother, father and Eli.

I remain as ever, your faithful cousin.

Pvt. Max Goldstone
Co H. 64 Infantry
Amer. Ex. F.—A.P.O. 793

Thank You, JWV

Dear Mrs. Eichner,

It was a great delight to receive the issue of your JWV magazine and to read the special section wherein the work of the MICHA program for small deaf children is so beautifully presented. We have heard from Mr. Herbert Block all about the untiring efforts and good taste on your part which resulted in making this issue particularly outstanding. Please accept our grateful thanks and appreciation.

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View From the Top

by Harris B. Stone, National Commander

I participated in a most extraordinary endeavor recently—a tour of U.S. energy facilities to see and learn firsthand what was going on. The sponsor of this energy tour was the Zionist Organization of America, ably led by its President, Ivan J. Novick. In five days, we went across these United States in fast moving jets to “kick the tires” of the research, development and production efforts being pursued by industrial and governmental institutions.

Starting in Pittsburgh, PA, we visited a coal-fired plant and synfuel facility. At the NASA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, we were briefed on horizontal wind turbines that produce electricity, improved automobile engines, battery powered automobiles, photovoltaic cells that convert the sun's light to electricity, improved storage batteries and fuel cells. We toured the Zion Nuclear Power Plant near Chicago, Illinois. At the Sandia Laboratory in Albuquerque, New

Mexico, we were briefed on small solar collectors that produce high temperature liquids to generate steam for electric production, power towers that collect heat from the sun, efforts to advance photovoltaic technology, vertical axis wind turbines, and particle beam fusion—a crucial research effort which could revolutionize energy production in the future. At the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory near Idaho Falls, Idaho, we toured the Radioactive Waste Management Complex, the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant that reprocesses spent fuel from Navy nuclear ships and the Loss of Fluid Test Facility which is a test reactor, control room, data analysis center and test observation center to advance and ensure nuclear safety. Also at Albuquerque, we had dinner with members of the Jewish community and had a town meeting with its Mayor and citizens on energy problems.

My observations were that there is no really new technology but a lot of

effort to rapidly reduce what we have to practical applications. There is important research being pursued but its effects will not be experienced until the next century. Coal fuels and processes are being developed, but still have dangerous waste products. Nuclear energy is most advanced and capable of meeting our energy needs; but, improved safeguards, better regulations and education of the public is necessary. The fact is that there is no panacea, it will not be easy and we must proceed to develop alternatives to oil.

It was apparent that the cost of science and technology is high—in the billions, but more money will not necessarily give solutions earlier. The problem is not just technological, but political and sociological. Displacements of industry and people are inevitable, and our democratic pluralistic process will be stressed to the maximum as ways are made for new and different institutional alignments. All this is possible given the will, desire and commitment of all Americans to change, adapt, innovate, invent and once again take the risk to do right, be right, and stand right.

Our group of 19—Chai plus 1—came together as strangers, but departed as close friends. In the give and take of investigation, learning and analysis, these leaders of 4 million citizens saw a need to reorganize their efforts and help determine, plan and proceed with the efforts, sacrifice and commitment needed to once again have the U.S.A. free and independent of any foreign intervention or pressure. While energy is not a Jewish problem, it is a problem for Jews as Americans to help solve.

This is my last opportunity to address you as National Commander. I thank you for the honors you have accorded me and the wonderful opportunities I had to represent our great organization all over the world. I shall always cherish the memories of this fantastic year and most importantly value my many friends—old and new. My respect and admiration goes to all of you. Todah Rabah.



National Commander Harris B. Stone and leaders from the nation's other major Jewish organizations standing in front of the huge solar reflectors at Sandia Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico.