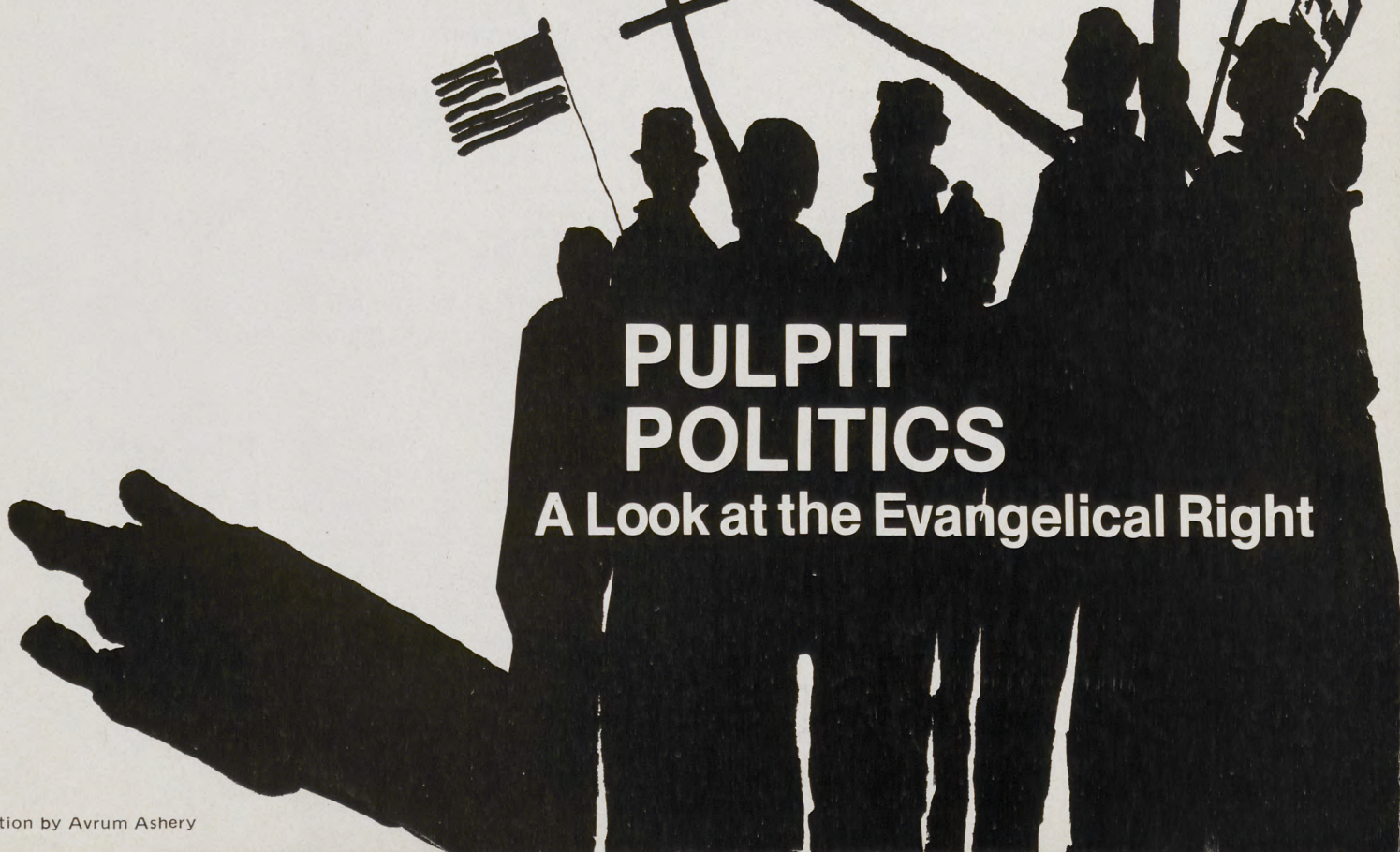
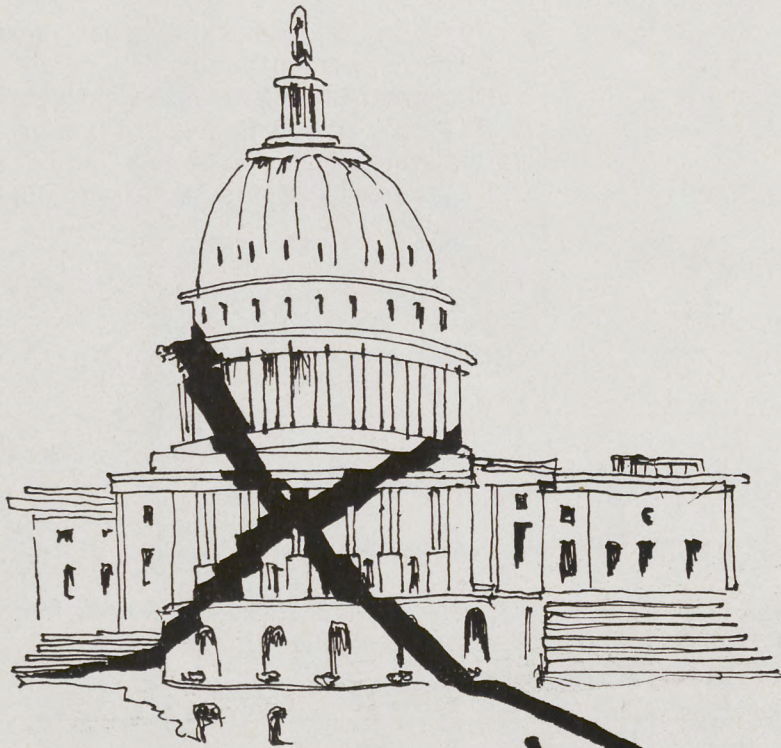


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A Look at the Evangelical Right

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This issue's cover is the work of Avrum I. Ashery, a brilliant young artist and graphic designer whose work is sought by collectors and organizations here and abroad. He has created logos for numerous groups, including the President's Commission on the Holocaust, the Washington Committee on Soviet Jewry, the Rabbinical Assembly, the United Jewish Appeal of Washington, the International Monitoring Committee for the 1980 Olympics and the Chabad Movement of Maryland. He has designed graphics for B'nai Brith International and the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. and recently won the Administrator's Award of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration for his design work. His favorite graphic is this one



symbolizing Jewish participation in America's Bicentennial. He was honored for it in an impressive ceremony in the White House Rose Garden. Currently the assistant art director at the National Institute of Mental Health, he lives with his wife Dr. Rebecca Ashery and their two children in Potomac, Maryland.

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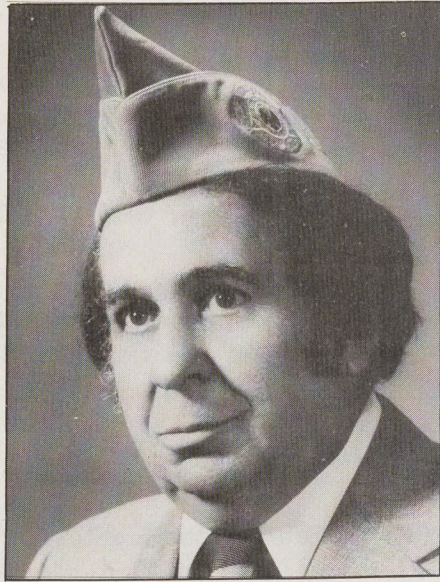
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View from the Top

By Irvin Steinberg, National Commander

As I write this, I have been your National Commander for just about five months. During that time, I have made several trips around this great country of ours, and one trip to Europe. In the course of my travels, I have met many interesting people, learned a good deal, and saw things I thought I would never see.

Because you are my friends and comrades of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., and because you have honored me by electing me National Commander of this honorable organization, I would like to share certain aspects of the European trip with you.

On November 12, 1980, Ceil and I flew from New York to London to attend the annual Remembrance Day service and to participate in the parade of the Association of Jewish

Ex-Servicemen and women, where, as guest speaker, I addressed the group and was enthusiastically and warmly received. Later that week, I participated in, and co-chaired a leadership meeting of representatives of Jewish veterans in drafting the initial plans for an international Jewish veterans conference in 1982 or 1983.

On November 18, 1980, we flew to Vienna. Dr. Merrill Rosenberg, the Director of HIAS—Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society—briefed us on the status of Soviet Jews emigrating to the United States. While we were there, we saw a trainload of Soviet Jews arrive! It is difficult to describe the anxiety, hope and anticipation on the faces of the emigres.

While we were in Vienna we were fortunate to have a meeting with U.S.

Ambassador Phillip Mayer Kaiser. He was so cordial and helpful and went to great pains to answer all of our questions and inform us on the latest happenings in Vienna. As a matter of fact, in every European city we visited that was part of our official itinerary, we were met and briefed by American Embassy personnel. When we arrived in Rome on November 20, 1980, we were again briefed by HIAS and this time we were able to speak to Soviet Jews who were eagerly awaiting passage to the United States. I know you will appreciate it when I say I will never forget the conversations I had with these brave people, or the pathos I felt while they were talking to me. Seeing the resolve in their faces and sensing their determination of spirit only served to strengthen my support of human rights. These people, and people like them throughout the world who are seeking freedom that we as Americans often take for granted, cannot be forgotten!

Then, on November 24, 1980, we arrived in Paris. The subject uppermost in my mind was the recent outbreak of anti-Semitic violence in France. We met with representatives of the Jewish community and again with American Embassy personnel, discussing in great detail the results of a recent survey of French public opinion on the extent of domestic anti-Semitism and the revelation that more than half of all Frenchmen believe anti-Semitism in France is "widespread." In addition, we discovered that one Frenchman in eight believes there are "too many" Jews in France. Appalling? To be sure. You have my word we will keep a close and diligent watch on this matter.

Finally, one of the last places we went to in France was Normandy. When I was in the service, I was one of the many American soldiers who took part in the invasion of Normandy along with our allies. I was amazed and surprised to see so many of the wrecked ships, German bunkers, artillery, shell holes and mortar holes just as they appeared in 1944. No repairs have been made,

and today Omaha Beach in Normandy serves as a living monument to the brave soldiers who lost their lives there.

Colonel Gerald M. Steinberg, (no relation) the Director of Engineering and Maintenance of the European office of The American Battle Monuments Commission made extraordinary arrangements for us so that our visit to Normandy would be as comprehensive and as unforgettable as possible. Specifically, we visited the section where my fellow Americans from the 29th Infantry Division who were not as fortunate as I, were buried. While walking through this particular section, I was shocked and dismayed to see a grave bearing the name of Elso J. Solari. Elso and I had enlisted at the same time in Philadelphia so many years ago. Following the invasion at Normandy, I lost track of him and never knew he gave his life in the service of our country until that moment just a few months ago. Seeing his grave served as a grim reminder, in a personal way, of the toll Americans paid. It was a sight and a day I will never forget.

Shortly after that, Ceil and I flew home to America to join our family for the Thanksgiving holiday. It made me realize just how much I had to be thankful for.



ATTENTION WORLD WAR II VETERANS OF THE EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS

The United States Holocaust Memorial Council, a government agency, will host an international conference of allied liberators of German concentration camps in Washington, D.C., late in 1981—date to be determined.

JWV'ers who entered and liberated Nazi concentration camps during 1945 may qualify for an invitation to this international conference which can be expected to draw heavy international press attention.

If you, or someone you know, were present at the liberation of a concentration camp—for example Buchenwald or Dachau—please contact the following persons with details:

Mr. Monroe H. Freedman, Director; and Mr. Miles Lerman, Chairman, Committee on International Relations; United States Holocaust Memorial Council, 425 13th Street, N.W., Suite 832, Washington, D.C. 20004.