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Mr. President: Tell Us All The Facts

by Representative Lawrence J. Smith, Member of Congress

At his September 12 news conference, President Bush staked out an extreme position that may damage chances for peace and America's relations with Israel. Warning that the U.S. was "up against some powerful political forces," the President pledged to use his veto power to stop Congress from moving ahead on loan guarantees to help Israel absorb a million new refugees.

In so doing, the President gave cover for Arabs who would like to avoid genuine peacemaking with Israel. By delaying the guarantees, and demanding a halt to settlement

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Jewish Vets Speak Out On Racial Strife in New York

by Michelle Spivak Kelley
Nat. Dir. of Communications and Programs

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV) expressed its deep concern at the outbreak of racial violence in Brooklyn, New York, following the accidental death of a young Black child.

JWV National Commander Albert L. Cohen of New Jersey declared, "As an organization actively involved in fighting bigotry and anti-Semitism, JWV abhors interracial strife and condemns those who seek to escalate this incident by fanning the flames of hatred."

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NC Cohen, r, joins Action Co-Chmn. Melvin Hurwitz and Terence Allen for wreath laying at grave of Martin Luther King, Jr. in Atlanta.

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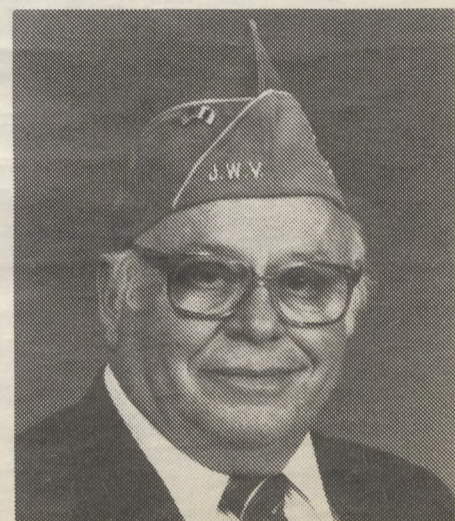
Albert L. Cohen Elected National Commander of JWV

by Howard Metzger, Associate Editor

Albert L. Cohen of West Orange, NJ, was unanimously elected National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV) on August 24, 1991 at the organization's 96th Annual National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Upon his election, the National Commander vowed to continue the goals of JWV, including combatting anti-Semitism and racism, supporting America's veterans, and eradicating the scourge of drugs among the elderly and youth in our country.

Born in Newark, New Jersey in 1923, National Commander Cohen entered the Army in 1943. After basic training at Glider school, Cohen was assigned to the 21st Weather Squadron. He served as a



weather observer in the U.S. Army in England, France and Germany until his discharge in 1946.

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National Commander Supports Extension of Unemployment Compensation

by Michelle Spivak Kelley
National Director of Communications and Programs

Responding to a Presidential threat to veto legislation extending unemployment compensation, the National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV), Albert L. Cohen, put pen to paper and wrote the White House. Cohen called on President George Bush to approve the unemployment compensation bill, for those "good and hard-working Americans, many of whom are veterans, [who] have been left without gainful employment due to a recession which has caused business closures and layoffs."

Commander Cohen reminded the President that his own economic advisors are warning the public of a slow upturn. "This slow upturn," the Commander wrote, "has proven devastating to once productive individuals who are pounding the pavement only to find positions have been 'phased-out' or 'merged', where once there was opportunity."

The Commander was particularly concerned with the increasing number of veterans who are finding themselves out of work. "These skilled men and women seek to con-

tinue their contribution to this nation. They deserve a chance to do so. Their need deserves to be recognized."

The Commander said the President is wasting billions of dollars bailing out the Savings and Loan industry, yet does not seem willing to help those citizens who were once employed, and wish to be again. "Can we not show the same degree of compassion to persons who, by no fault of their own, are without jobs?", the Commander questioned.

In a strong rebuttal, the JWV leader took exception to the argument that extending unemployment benefits will increase the deficit, thereby harming America's domestic stability. "To raise the deficit as an issue related to the ordinary working citizen while having submerged it in covering up for incompetence and thievery in the Savings and Loan industry is a heartless approach," wrote Cohen. ■

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FORUM

Letters To The Editor

Dear Sirs,

I received the beautiful plaque bestowed upon me as the National Member of the Month for May, 1991. I am grateful to be recognized for the work I do on behalf of the hospitalized veterans in the Miami Medical Center,

I shall continue to bring a bit of sunshine to the drab lives of those who are shut-ins. This is what I love to do, and it is the best that I, and my Post, will endeavor to do.

Yours in comradeship,

Fred Weiner
Delray Post 266
Delray Beach, FL

Dear Editor,

As the outgoing State Commander of the Massachusetts Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), I feel it is imperative to maintain my connections with new found friends, both in the JWV and in Israel.

Under the sponsorship of JWV, I was privileged to go on the Allied Veterans' mission to Israel last December. Any previous notions I had regarding Israelis were quickly dissipated as I toured the areas of the West Bank and Jerusalem. I observed the courage, ingenuity, and patriotism of the people of Israel. I came away with a greater understanding of this nation and its citizens, who have been under constant attack since 1948.

Many thanks to the JWV for the kindness and hospitality they have shown me during my stewardship.

Yours in comradeship,

Frank J. Tucker, PSC
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.A.
Salem, MA

Dear Sirs,

Many thanks for the beautiful plaque you generously provided us for presentation to one of our outstanding cadets. The plaque was presented to Cadet Major Jonathan Wiley by Brigadier General Hardy at the annual awards ceremony.

Cadet Major Wiley was a four year ROTC cadet, a varsity wrestler and football player, and a member of the school National Honor Society. He is presently attending Valley Forge Military Academy. Future plans include admission to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

As always, I am deeply appreciative of your interest and support of the ROTC program at Patch American High School. We hope to continue the fine tradition your organization expects of us, and we hope to continue to present a JWV

NEWS NOTE: LITHUANIA "LIBERATES" NAZI MURDERERS.



"HEIL FREEDOM!"

plaque to one of our outstanding cadets.

Again, thank you so much for your superb support.

Best Wishes,

Jack Goldman
CW4, USA (Ret.)
AJROTC
Patch American High School
APO, New York

Dear Editor,

I read with interest and some surprise, your praise of President Bush on page one of the Fall 1991 issue of *The Jewish Veteran*.

This is the same president who raised a fist at Israel, and in effect, at all of us. A fist threatening dire consequences if Israel and the "powerful political forces at work", did not knuckle under to the demands of this man.

He is prepared to sell Israel down the river for his Arab friends, and your front page article shows your failure to comprehend the political forces at work in Washington against the Jews.

I am not interested in his praise of Jewish soldiers who participated in Operation Desert Storm. It's a mockery. Those who served as we did, need no particular credit.

As far as the rescue of Ethiopian Jews is concerned, we did the job ourselves and nobody else.

I believe an apology is due us.

Very truly yours,

William Posner
Shulman-Cohen-Eisenman Post 335
Brooklyn, NY

Dear Editor,

The report by Amnesty International (critical of Israel and her handling of the problem in the territories), was, as always, full of lies. Atrocities and human rights violations by many totalitarian governments were documented, and in the list of the guilty, a place is always found for Israel.

Two Arabs stabbed a Jew in the

back as he walked to a synagogue in Hebron. Stabbings and other attacks by Arabs against Jews are becoming daily occurrences. However, Amnesty says nothing about these crimes.

Those nations listed in the Amnesty report use terror and torture to quell their opposition. To put Israel in that same category, is despicable hypocrisy. Those who wish the destruction of the Jewish State can only be encouraged by these reports. They know that organizations such as Amnesty International will come to their defense if they are caught in terrorism against Israel.

How can we explain Amnesty International's persistent attacks upon Israel. Could it be that Arab money comes their way, and by making friends with these nations at war with Israel, Amnesty assures that they have the funds necessary to launch these vicious accusations upon Israel?

Sincerely,

Eliezer Marshall
Israel Post 180
Jerusalem

Dear Editor,

Nobody asked me...but...

In the years preceding the Gulf War, Assistant Secretary of State John Kelley was a champion of the idea that Saddam Hussein would become a responsible, civilized, constructive and peace-loving member of the international community. So what if Mr. Kelley made a slight error in judgement? Nobody's perfect.

The silence of Secretary of State Baker when Saudi Arabia denied a visa to Senator Frank Lautenberg

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EDITORIAL POLICY

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Where We Stand

by Albert Schlossberg, National Editor

Although more than fifty years have passed since the world first learned of the horrors inflicted by the Nazis and their collaborators upon men, women and children - simply because the victims were Jewish - the trauma and tragedy of that era has once again been reawakened in the hearts and minds of survivors of that tragic time.

With the dissolution of Communist, Soviet, iron-fisted control over Lithuania, the world wanted to believe that a free Lithuania would quickly initiate its shift toward democracy. It expected actions which would herald a fresh dawn of democracy and justice. How wrong, it seems, we were to hold such expectations.

That flickering, new lamp of justice is in danger of being snuffed out! Quietly, a year ago, Lithuania's government initiated blanket pardons of Lithuania's previously convicted by the Soviets of collaborating in Nazi war crimes.

Encouragingly, then, in May of 1990, Lithuania's president, Vytautas Landsbergis, proclaimed, "For the crimes committed against the Jewish nation in Lithuania, and outside its borders, there is not and can not be any justification or any statute of limitation on criminal prosecution. The genocide executed against the Jewish nation during the Nazi occupation in Lithuania - among the executioners - there were Lithuanian citizens."

We hailed the promise of his words.

Notice well: Of the more than 200,000 Lithuanian Jews murdered in that country in the Holocaust, more than 7,500 died at the hands of Lithuania's 11th and 12th Police Battalions. Those murderers of Lithuanian Jews were not German Nazis, they were eager, Lithuanian collaborators!

Testament, from *Newsweek* magazine, September 16, 1991, "I served as police chief (of the village of Venonoial) at the time of mass executions. Close to 1,300 Jews were arrested in my presence in August, 1941. On August 26, they were executed by shooting by Lithuanian gunmen. The Jews were taken out in groups of 200 people, among whom there were children, adults, old men and women. They were brought to pits and shot."

Hear this: Rabbi Ephraim Oshri of the Slobotka Yeshiva in Vilnius has chilling memories of those days, "... the (Lithuanian) goyim kept quiet during the war, while the Jews were killed."

Mark these words of another eyewitness, now president of the American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors. "We who survived can never forget that the Lithuanian guards stood arm in arm with Nazi soldiers in helping

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