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JWV Thanks President for Help in Rescuing Ethiopian Jews

by Howard Metzger, Associate Editor

In a letter to President Bush thanking him for his efforts in bringing about the rescue of thousands of Ethiopian Jews, Alfred Schwartz, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV) stated, "The safe arrival of Ethiopian Jews in Israel...is a testament to the special relationship this country (United States) has with its long time ally, Israel."

In comments addressed to the President, National Commander Schwartz reiterated JWV's gratitude for his unyielding efforts in bringing about the safe release of many members of Ethiopia's ancient Jewish community. "The coordinated efforts between the United States and Israel in this life-saving endeavor", Schwartz stated, "has further strengthened the unique bonds between our two nations."

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JWV National Commander Urges End to Arab Boycott

by Michelle Spivak Kelley, National Director of Communications

"As the National Commander of the major veterans' group representing America's Jews in the military, I wish to express my outrage at the continuation of the discriminatory Arab boycott," stated an angry Alfred Schwartz, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV). "I join with the

membership of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. in calling for an immediate end to this unjust anti-free trade policy."

In 1946, Arab nations established the boycott. Its purpose was to completely eliminate the exchange of Jewish and Arab goods. In the years

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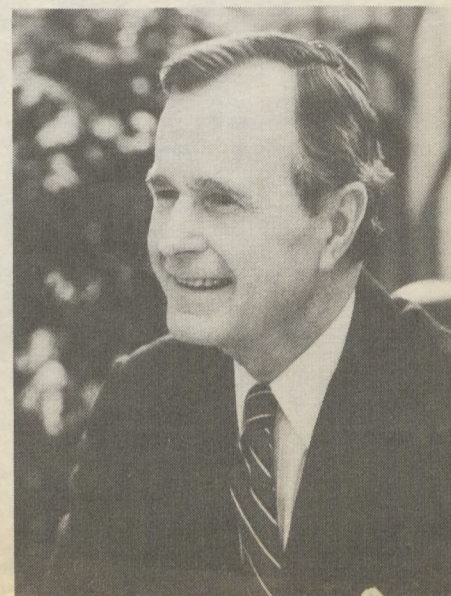
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President Bush Praises Jewish Soldiers in Operation Desert Storm

"During Operation Desert Storm, as in previous conflicts, American Jews readily answered their country's call to duty," stated President Bush, in a letter delivered to the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV).

In preparation for the National Victory Celebration, which took place in Washington, D.C. on June 8, the President took time to send a personal message to the Jewish War Veterans, thanking the organization for its unyielding support during the conflict and reaffirming the fact that Jewish men and women served their country with pride during the Persian Gulf War. "With a firm sense of purpose - and without hesitation or question as to their place of service - our Jewish service members joined in defense of the universal cause of freedom and justice," the President asserted.

Responding to President Bush's letter, JWV National Commander Alfred Schwartz stated, "This forceful letter by President Bush clearly indicates a recognition and appreciation of Jewish servicemen and women who served in Operation



Desert Storm." According to JWV sources, an estimated 5,000 Jewish men and women served in the Gulf conflict. "JWV believes that an evaluation of the dramatic events in the Persian Gulf War will educate any doubter as to the depth of Jewish patriotism," the National Commander said.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 5, 1991

I am pleased to send greetings to the Jewish War Veterans of the United States as our Nation prepares to honor the courageous members of its Armed Forces.

As recent events have so clearly reminded us, peace and freedom are ideals worth fighting for, and there are times when we have no choice but to defend them by force of arms. The success of our troops in the Persian Gulf -- Americans of all races, creeds, and walks of life who were united in the effort to liberate Kuwait -- has underscored our debt to each of America's veterans.

During Operation Desert Storm, as in previous conflicts, American Jews readily answered their country's call to duty. With a firm sense of purpose -- and without hesitation or question as to their place of service -- our Jewish service members joined in defense of the universal cause of freedom and justice. They can be proud of their contributions. Our Nation is certainly proud of each of them.

Barbara joins me in sending all Jewish War Veterans our best wishes.

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FORUM

Letters To The Editor

Dear JWV,

I received the recent issue of *The Jewish Veteran* in today's mail call. Please note, just as other newspapers and magazines have done, you have failed to recognize a major force during the recent Desert Shield/Desert Storm campaign. These are members of the armed forces stationed in the Republic of Korea.

Since last August, we have been on alert against the Pyongyang government in North Korea. Already a twelve-month hardship tour, many soldiers have had their tours extended an average of six extra months.

I know how it feels to be unnoticed. Our squadron of FB III's out of RAF Upper Heyford was in Southern Turkey during the Iranian hostage crisis ready to act, when ordered. As ship's company aboard the carrier, USS America, we crossed the Suez Canal twice, and sailed to the North Arabian Sea to provide support of the coastline of Lebanon. During the late bombing of Hanoi, our squadron of FB III's were deployed to Thailand.

It is important that you remember us as well.

Sincerely,

Stephen Duncheskie, CWO 2
A/3 501st AVN Regiment
Republic of Korea
Member, Old Dominion Post 158

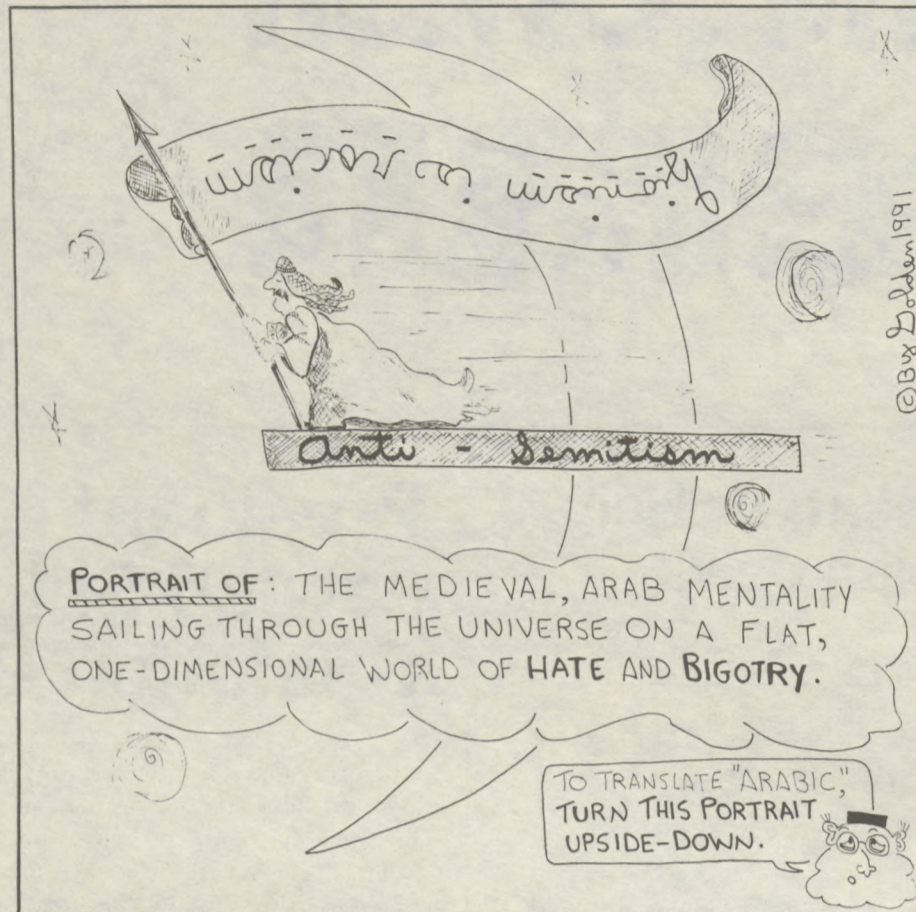
Dear Editor,

Al Schlossberg's eulogy for PNC Sam Samuels in the Summer, 1991 edition of *The Jewish Veteran* touched me deeply. In August of 1968, I was elected to succeed Sam as JWV's National Commander. I knew then, and still realize today, that it was a very difficult challenge.

Sam's accomplishments posed so many challenges to me and my successors. In 1968, Sam led over a thousand Jewish War Veterans on a pilgrimage to Israel. At that time - to the best of my knowledge - that record still stands as the largest single group ever to visit Israel.

PNC Samuels was a commander who truly knew and understood JWV. A dedicated worker and leader in Post, Department, regional and National levels, he was a "graduate student" on the subject. He understood that each echelon of JWV was interconnected, each interdependent on the other. Sam really knew what made JWV "tick". Sam's every action related to JWV was based upon a single question, "Was it good for JWV?"

PNC Samuels never forgot that his productivity in the affairs of the Jewish War Veterans flourished because his roots were planted in



JWV's Massachusetts earth. He was one of seven Massachusetts men who served as national commander of our great organization. From Harold Seidenberg, elected to our highest office in 1930, William Ber- man, Maxwell Cohen, Jackson J. Holtz, William Carmen, Sam Sam- uels and Al Schlossberg, Massachusetts has blessed us with outstanding leaders. I often think how fortunate we were and ask, "How do we get such great men into our organization?"

Sam Samuels, along with his dear wife "Babe", became two of my dear- est, personal friends. I will always cherish the memories and the friendship. As PNC Schlossberg said, Sam - the old sailor didn't die. His memory will always live on. I know that I'll miss him very much.

Sincerely,

PNC Charles Feuereisen
Oradell, NJ

Dear Editor,

Sylvan Katz placed an inquiry in the "In Search Of" column of the Spring, 1991 issue of *The Jewish Veteran*.

I had not yet read the publication when I received a call from my sister in Scottsdale, AZ, who had seen the inquiry. Upon talking to her, we concluded that Mr. Katz was looking for my Uncle Art.

I called my Aunt, Uncle Art's widow (he passed away in 1977), and after some discussion, we wrote to Mr. Katz. We told him all we knew about my uncle, and it was deter- mined that he was, in fact, the man he was looking for.

Later, Mr. Katz wrote me a note with a few more details and enclosed a copy of the "Presidential Unit Citation" awarded to the Bat- talion my uncle served in. Mr. Katz concluded by writing, "it is unfortu- nate that I waited so long to trace him."

Just wanted to let you know that

your column does get results.

Yours in comradeship,

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Dear Editor,

I have just been re-reading the Spring, 1991 issue of *The Jewish Vet- eran*, and I want you to know how glad I am that Al Schlossberg is Edi- tor once again. The paper is far more enjoyable than ever before.

I was pleased to read the tributes in memory of PNC Sam Samuels and PNC Murray Rosen. I am prob- ably the only member of JWV that had both these great men as my mentors.

When I moved from Boston, where Sam Samuels had a tremen- dous influence on me, to California, I called Sam and asked where I could locate a JWV post in the San Francisco area. Sam put me in touch with Murray, and he directed me to fellow Bostonian, Bob Rubin, of the San Mateo Post. After a couple of years, Murray helped me when I was elected Northern California Dis- trict Council Commander. He taught me much.

I have both Sam and Murray to thank for my current post, Depart- ment Commander of the

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*JWV mourns the loss of
PNC Bernard B. Dorenfeld
National Commander
1969-1970*

*We extend sympathies to his
family and friends. May his
soul rest in peace.*

EDITORIAL POLICY

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Where We Stand

by Albert Schlossberg, National Editor

Out of the womb of World War II, the United Nations was estab- lished. America's Jewish community hailed its coming into being. Exposi- tion of the brutal tragedy of the Holocaust, surely, most Jews believed, would enable the successor to the failed League of Nations to strike out in bold, courageous new ways to guarantee that mindless Jew- hatred would never again go unchallenged.

That Jewish hope was reinforced when the U.N. voted, in 1948, to partition British-controlled Palestine into two states, one Arab and one Jewish. The historic rebirth of Israel became a reality. However, the demonstrably anti-Jewish reaction of the Arab nations - a war designed to abort the fledgling Jewish nation's rebirth - made it clear to most Jews that although Hitler and his infa- mous Nazi neo-theology had been defeated, it had been replaced by an Arab, insidious unwillingness to accept a Jewish nation in that part of the world.

Sadly, day after day and year after year since 1948, Arab members of the U.N. and their friends in that body have used every opportunity to denigrate Jewish Israel and create an atmosphere in the deliberations of the U.N. which is consistently, blindly critical of Israel.

The apex, most obnoxious and unjust of such Arab manipulations of the U.N., is the now, long- standing resolution which declares Zionism to be racism!

On Memorial Day, as Americans once again engaged in the noble rit- ual of recognition of the sacrifices which its deceased war veterans had rendered to our country, Israel, in less than 24 hours, in a replay of the "Magic Carpet" rescue of Jews from Arab lands, transported to safety the last 15,000 person rem- nant of Ethiopian Jewry from persecution, to a bright, new future in Israel.

The miraculous airlift of the Ethi- opian Jews to Israel, a process which had been greatly assisted by the per- sonal involvement of President Bush, evoked no praise in the corri- dors or meeting rooms of the U.N. No words of congratulation oozed through the lips of the Secretary General or his minions. At Bedlam on the Hudson, the U.N., it was as though the rescue had never taken place.

Although the General Secretary had earlier lofted a weak trial bal- loon, suggesting that perhaps it was time to talk about rescinding the "Zionism is racism" U.N. resolution, it was quite obvious that his words had fallen upon deaf ears.

Once again, as it has done so often in the past, Israel and its peo- ple have demonstrated that the baseless rhetoric of that Jew-hating U.N. resolution will not prevent her

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