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Bibles Bound For The "Storm" JWV Provides Bibles to Jewish Troops in Saudi Arabia

by Michelle Spivak Kelley
National Director of Communications and Programs

They were last printed by the U.S. Armed Forces over twenty-years ago and none are available today. That is why the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV) has arranged and has paid for a special printing of pocket-sized Jewish bibles to be sent to Jewish G.I.'s serving in Saudi Arabia.

U.S. Army sources alerted JWV to

the need, explaining that there have been only two printings of the *Holy Scriptures for Jewish Personnel in the Armed Forces* by the U.S. Army since World War II. Non-Jewish troops are not suffering from a shortage of bibles as they have been receiving bibles through various Christian service organizations.

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Colonel Herb Rosenbleeth Named National Executive Director of JWV

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National Commander Alfred Schwartz of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV) and Florence Goldberg Levine, President of the JWV National Memorial, Inc. (NMI) Museum, Archives, Library, announce the appointment of Colonel Herb Rosenbleeth, USA (Ret.) as National Executive Director of JWV and NMI. Col. Rosenbleeth's selection was unanimously approved at the February meeting of the National Executive Committee.

According to National Commander Schwartz, "Colonel Rosenbleeth's expertise and authority have brought significant recognition to JWV since he joined us as National Legislative Director three years ago." Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Edward J. Derwinski describes Herb as "one of the most respected leaders of any of the national veterans' service organizations."

Following a key assignment in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Col. Rosenbleeth joined JWV, representing the organization on Capitol Hill, at the VA and Pentagon, and with national Jewish organizations. He testifies on behalf of JWV before congressional committees and repre-



New National Executive Director
Colonel Herb Rosenbleeth, USA (Ret.)

sents JWV at hearings on issues involving human rights, national defense, arms sales and foreign relations.

Col. Rosenbleeth's military career began with five years enlisted U.S. Marine Corps Reserve service. He was discharged as a lance corporal. He then spent twenty-six years in world-wide U.S. Army commissioned service. He first served as a platoon leader in the Second Armor

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JWV Disturbed at Recent Action in the Baltic States

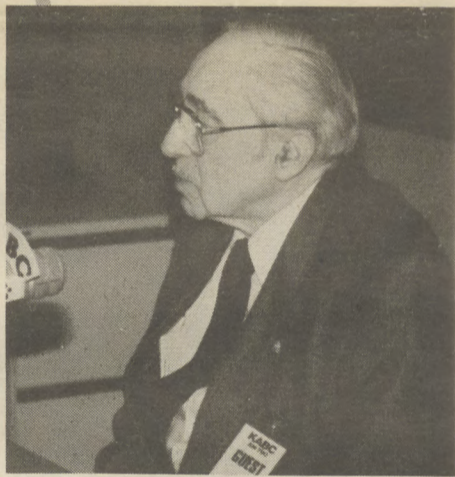
Calls Upon Soviet Leadership to Desist in Crackdown

by Howard Metzger Associate Editor

Recognizing the serious curtailing of newly found freedoms in the Baltic states, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV), called upon the Soviet government to end their oppressive measures in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

"After years of promising change, these recent developments in the Soviet republics are most disturbing," stated JWV National Commander Alfred Schwartz. "President Gorbachev, and his program of perestroika, is in tremendous jeopardy and would be reduced to an

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National Commander Alfred Schwartz
"The world cannot accept a return to the repressive Soviet regimes of the past."

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President Bush with National Commander Alfred Schwartz.

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FORUM

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I write on behalf of those fighting for democracy in the Soviet Union who have no chance of speaking out in the West. Mikhail Gorbachev is promoting an agreement between the Kremlin and the republics known as the Union Treaty. The West should not be deceived as to the significance of this treaty. Far from being, as Gorbachev pretends, a consensual union of equals, the Union Treaty is actually a last-ditch effort to save the Soviet empire and communism.

The republics' Supreme Soviets will be asked to ratify this treaty in a process that will be anything but free and democratic. Already, Gorbachev has used his sweeping presidential powers to suppress popular demonstrations against the treaty. The Union Treaty will not be an expression of the popular will, but a repressive solution forced upon the republics and the democratic movements.

The interests of the people of the Soviet Union would be better served by the establishment of independent, democratic states. The West must decide whether it supports the oppressed or the oppressors. The Union Treaty will not bring progress for the oppressed, but its opposite.

Sincerely,
Gary Kasparov
Democracy and Independence
Coordinating Center for The Union
for National Self-Determination
Paris

EDITOR'S NOTE: The author is the current World Chess Champion and representative of the Russian Democratic Party.

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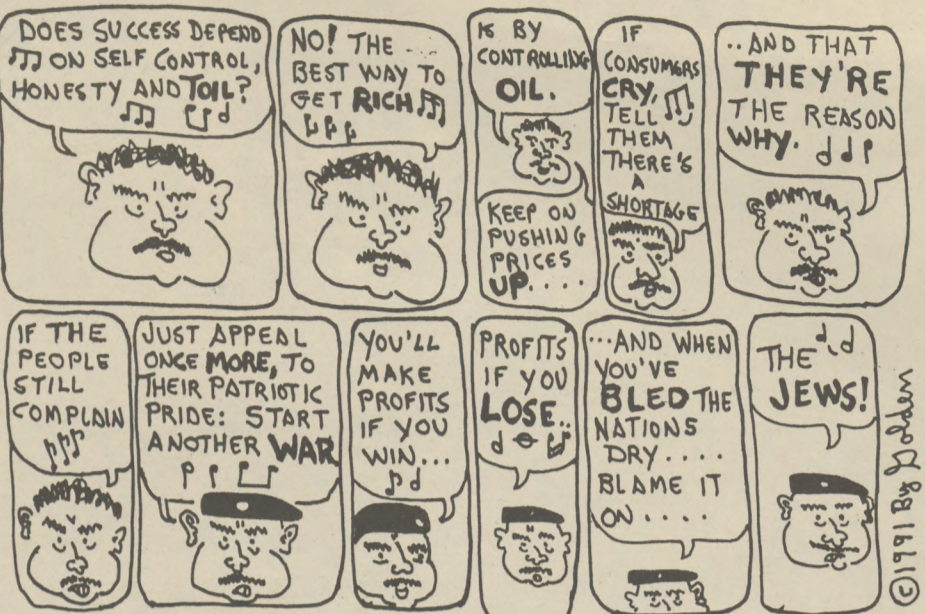
In the Summer 1990 issue of *The Jewish Veteran*, Associate Editor Howard Metzger wrote a piece entitled "A New Redemption".

In that article, Mr. Metzger asked rhetorically, "Who were the Moses' of this exodus?" He was referring to those responsible for the mass emigration of Soviet Jews out of the USSR to Israel.

Mr. Metzger reasons that it was the entire world Jewish community, not "one man". I tend to disagree. There was only one man who planted the seed of Jewish awareness to the plight of Soviet Jews, who awoke world Jewry out of their lethargy, and educated them on the plight of our Soviet brethren. He was the catalyst for what we are seeing today. His name—Rabbi Meir Kahane.

Sincerely,
Harry W. Weber
Netanya, ISRAEL

SADDAM'S SONG: *



* LYRIC BASED UPON THE WRITINGS OF KURT TUHOLESKY, BERLIN - 1928.

Dear Editor,

Your "Where We Stand" in the Winter, 1990 issue of *The Jewish Veteran* was particularly enlightening and historically accurate. It can also serve as the basis to answer unreasonable criticism of Israel.

I welcome Al Schlossberg back as National Editor and have enjoyed reading his well reasoned and informed editorials for many years.

Sincerely,
Robert Charnovitz
Rodger C. Snyder Post 117
Baltimore, MD

Dear Editor,

I found the Winter, 1990 issue of *The Jewish Veteran* to be not only interesting, but very informative. The article honoring I. Bernard Rotberg gave me an idea that I think warrants consideration.

I believe the *Veteran* is a vital link between the national organization and the membership. The newspaper is the most important liaison because it keeps the general membership informed as to what is happening and stimulates an interest in potential membership.

What you wrote about our Comrade, Bernie Rotberg, should be followed by other profiles from time to time of other famous leaders within our organization.

Sincerely,
PPC Louis Weinstein
Lt. Robert P. Grover Post 10
Matawan, NJ

Dear Sirs,

In the recent issue of *The Jewish Veteran* (Winter, 1990), there were

EDITORIAL POLICY

The Editorial Board reserves the right to edit submissions for publication in *The Jewish Veteran*.

two excellent reports written by Howard Metzger and Albert Schlossberg on the recent events in Israel and the UN, and subsequent world reaction.

Both of these articles should be circulated. Having spent three weeks in Israel, I am very concerned about all the negative reporting and the effects this has been having on Israel.

Congratulations again on these articles. They really should receive much greater exposure.

Sincerely,
Sarah Morenstein
Garr-Greenstein Post 39
Margate, NJ

Dear Editor,

In the Fall 1990 issue of *The Jewish Veteran*, Malcolm Hoenlein is quoted as saying that Israel is the guarantor of Jordan and King Hussein's survival. If this is the case, then why doesn't King Hussein show his appreciation by signing a peace treaty with Israel. This is especially true with today's war in the Gulf, so obviously enhancing Israel's stock in the Middle East.

However, Hoenlein must realize that his statements are too good to be true. King Hussein is allying himself with Iraq, the PLO, and the Palestinians. Does Mr. Hoenlein truly believe that Israel is Jordan's savior?

I wish Mr. Hoenlein would tell us what he really knows about Jordan's relationship with Israel.

Sincerely,
Henry Gall, M.D.
Irving Cohen Post 544
Valdosta, GA

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Dear Editor,

No doubt about it, peace will always be a better alternative to resolving conflict than war. However, I am sick and tired of hearing that George Bush has backed us into war. Let's not forget who we are

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Where We Stand

by Albert Schlossberg, National Editor

When Adolf Hitler and his Nazi goons first launched their evil campaign to eradicate the Jewish people, and spread that message of contemplated genocide across the globe, world leaders calmly insisted that there was nothing to worry about. They said, it's just rhetoric! That refusal to challenge declared Jew-hatred cost 20 million lives, including those of six million Jews!

Now, while the Butcher of Baghdad, Saddam Hussein, repeatedly reiterates his primary goal—complete eradication of Israel—too many Americans and international politicians, diplomats and pundits insist that he really doesn't mean it.

Echoing Neville Chamberlain's fateful "Peace in our time!", American media has paraded mirror image, so-called Mideast and foreign affairs experts across television screens and front pages, almost universally proclaiming that "We could have a peaceful solution to Iraq's takeover of Kuwait if Israel would only agree to return the territories to the Palestinians."

The more subtle amongst them couch their message in language which will "require Israel to participate in an international conference on the Palestinian question."

The name of that game is "Blame the Jews!" So it was in King Herod's time! So it was in Spain, in Isabella's time! So it was under the Czar and the Commissars in Russia and the USSR! So it was when the Fourth Reich succeeded the Weimar Republic in Germany! And now, in Europe, in far-flung corners of the world, and even in America, that cry, "Blame Israel (the Jews)!" is growing in intensity, supported by a weird mix of ideologies who press for peace at any price!

But this time there is a difference. This time the Jews of the world will not allow themselves to become late 20th century scapegoats! Nor will the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, representing Jewish American men and women who willingly risked their lives in defense of our country, permit such an insidious message, peace-at-the-price-of-the-Jews, go unchallenged. This time, Jews will not be scapegoats! ■

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50th Anniversary of Attack on Pearl Harbor

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