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JWV Challenges Khalid Abdul Muhammad On "Donahue"

by Howard Metzger, Assistant National Director of Communications

Edward D. Blatt, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV), warned quiescent America that it must pay serious attention to a race war dramatically declared by followers of Khalid Abdul Muhammad at the end of a taping of the "Donahue" program.

"Phil Donahue," Commander Blatt said, "despite his good intentions to expose Muhammad's bigotry, came out second best, by avoiding answering questions through the use of slogans and innuendo."

In response to an invitation tendered by the producer of the "Donahue" program, Commander Blatt, accompanied by JWV Past National Commanders (PNC) Albert

Schlossberg, Warren S. Dolny, Robert M. Zweiman and National Action Chairman Mel Hurwitz, attended the May 11th taping at NBC Studios in New York City.

"Despite Donahue's attempts, in his usual skilled manner to use Muhammad's own hate-filled words to unmask the bigotry, Jew and Catholic-hatred of the black leader, Muhammad was able to ignore Donahue's queries and instead, use them as a launching pad for more bombastic racist proclamations in his obvious quest to replace Louis Farrakhan as the primary hate-monger for profit," PNC Zweiman said.

PNC Dolny, commenting on the effectiveness of Muhammad's ability to whip up a lynch-mob mentality in

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Thinking Out Loud

Richard M. Nixon, Alev Hashalom

by Albert Schlossberg, PNC, National Editor

For good or for bad, long after Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton become "Jerry, Jimmy and Bill Who?", Richard M. Nixon's name will be recognized. Although most eulogies flooding every segment will include reference to Watergate, historians have indicated that Nixon's many important accomplishments will be his lasting legacy to our country.

I knew President Nixon. It's not a long story. Just before Thanksgiving in 1970, I received confirmation that Mr. Nixon "would be pleased to have me call upon him in the White House".

You must be asking, "How does a Jewish kid who grew up in Roxbury get invited to a private meeting with the President of the United States?"

It's simple. In August of that year, I'd been elected to serve as National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV). It was

customary for the organization's national commander to make a pro-forma visit to the President, as do new Ambassadors and other dignitaries.

On the appointed morning, JWV's executive director and I passed through the gate, walked up the path to the White House and were ushered into a reception room. Minutes later, we were in the Oval Office.

President Nixon rose from his seat at his desk, extended his hand to me and said, "Good morning Commander Schlossberg, welcome to the White House".

The amenities of greetings over, the President asked, "In which branch of the armed forces did you serve, Commander?"

"In the Navy," I replied.

He smiled, and said, "Me too."

The official purpose of our meeting that morning was to present to the

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Allied soldiers storm Normandy Beach during D-Day.

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President Nixon and PNC Albert Schlossberg - 1970.

JWV's Allied Veterans' Mission

The Ninth Annual Allied Veterans' Mission to Israel was a tremendous success. A report can be found in this issue on page 5.

FORUM

Letters To
The Editor

Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam

Dear Editor,

On reviewing JWV's news release regarding Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam, I was pleased to note National Commander Blatt's remarks which called on colleges and universities to combat anti-Semitism by refusing to sponsor leaders of the Nation of Islam to speak on their campuses, and not to use Jewish student money to sponsor these anti-Semitic individuals.

It is with deep respect that as a post commander, my comrades and I feel such a recommendation could have gone one step further.

Surely, I need not remind you of the many Jewish individuals, companies, corporations and trusts who support the institutions of higher learning. I believe it is fair to surmise that substantial financial support is being furnished to some of those very same institutions which, in fact, are playing host to the likes of Louis Farrakhan, Khalid Abdul Mohammad, Tony Martin and Leonard Jeffries, while other hate-mongers wait in the wings in order to spew their venomous anti-Semitism and white racism diatribe.

I believe that JWV should urge those respective individuals and groups to withhold any funding earmarked for such institutions of higher learning.

Sincerely,

Sherman Levinson, Commander
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Ocean, NJ

Dear Editor,

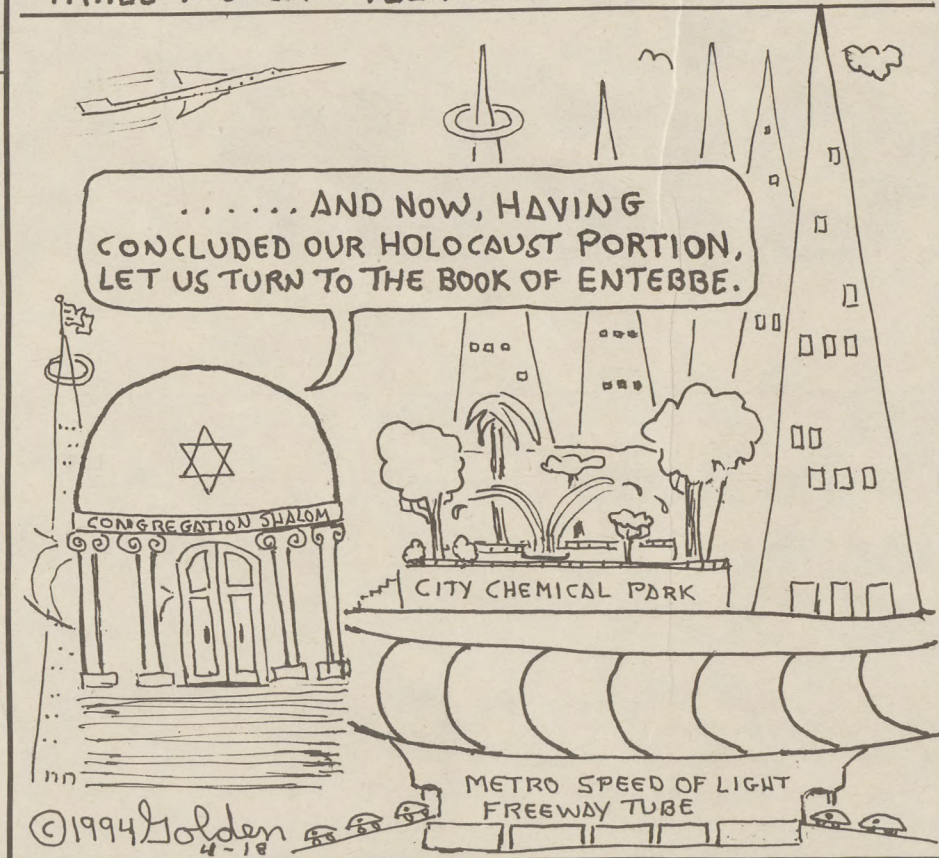
There is a serious and important distinction to be made between granting someone his First Amendment right to free speech and subsidizing him in his attacks upon you. Many people seem to have trouble recognizing this critical difference.

The recent uproar over Louis Farrakhan and his puppet, Khalid Abdul Muhammad, is a case in point. No one can deny the right of these odious individuals to hold and express whatever biased and bigoted opinions they wish. Our Constitution guarantees them that right. If bigots wish to expound their views from soap boxes, on street corners, in parks, or on college campuses, let them be free to do so. Such freedom is the very cornerstone of our democratic principles.

On the other hand, that same Constitution protects you and me from being forced to subsidize these unwarranted attacks upon us through fees paid by institutions financed by our tax dollars. Demagogues are being paid huge fees by so-called "institutions" of higher learning to defame, defy and threaten Jews, Catholics, whites and minorities.

Moreover, appearances which are paid for by tax money, officially issued invitations, or agency sponsorship all

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elevate these appearances to the level of governmentally approved and encouraged positions. Under such circumstances, you are being forced to contribute to and support what would seem to be officially sanctioned attacks on yourself. Nothing could be further from the intent of the framers

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**JACQUELINE
KENNEDY
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1929-1994

*We send our deepest
sympathies to her family,
children and grand-
children. Our nation
has lost an unforgettable
symbol of America.*

of the Constitution and the founding fathers of this nation.

We have no choice, as free men and women, but to continue to resist all acts of bigotry, all threats, and any possible repression with our every breath, every thought and act. To do less is to betray our heritage and to surrender without a fight to the forces of evil.

Sincerely,

Louis Segaloff, PDC
Friedman-Paul Post 201
Tucson, AZ

Dear Editor,

Why do blacks keep lying about the Jews in talks, books and lyrics in certain songs?

The main purveyors of these lies and distortions are Louis Farrakhan,

Khalid Abdul Muhammad, Tony Martin and others. Two books that may be cited are *The Secret Relationship Between Blacks and Jews*, it has no author, but is published by the Nation of Islam; and, *The Jewish Onslaught* by Tony Martin, Chairman of the African-American Studies Department at Wellesley College in Massachusetts.

The most blatant lie permeated is that the Atlantic slave trade was "dominated" by Jewish merchants. Farrakhan claims that 75 percent of the slaves were owned by Jewish slaveholders. In 1860, there were about 15,000 Southern Jews. So, according to Farrakhan, Jews owned 3 million slaves! Actually, Jews owned substantially less than 1 percent.

There is a concerted campaign by some leaders in the African-American community to insult Jews as a people, and Americans of the Jewish faith. Professor Martin and Dr. Leonard Jeffries, Chairman of the African-American Studies Department at the City College of New York, preach hatred, in and out of the classroom, of Jews, as well as whites. However, there are many other prominent African-American activists, spiritual leaders, politicians, recording artists, radio hosts, movie directors and producers, who continue to vilify the Jewish faith. Muhammad, by the way, is not the only Nation of Islam leader to visit colleges. Unfortunately, in a certain number of college newspapers, many black editors have published anti-Semitic newspapers.

Sincerely,

Stephen Wright
New York, NY

Dear Editor,

Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam has an open forum in New York and New Jersey tax payer funded universities and other public buildings. He and his spokesmen give speeches

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Where
We
Stand

by Albert Schlossberg, National Editor

Approaching the 100th anniversary of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., we remind ourselves that our organization was created by patriotic Jewish Americans who refused to allow calumnious charges of draft-dodging and cowardice to be heaped upon them and their co-religionists, American Jews who had served our country in the bloody Civil War.

Despite the reality of "warrior Jews" (dating back to the heroic, mighty King David), Jews have been characterized and caricatured as cowering parasites seeking to profit from, but not fight in, the defense of their countries.

In the United States, for almost one hundred years since its founding, the Jewish War Veterans has stood up to bigots, demonstrated the patriotism and courage of Jewish American men and women, and acted as a living icon of the American, Jewish warrior.

Along with American Jews, in Europe, Africa, Australia and the British mandate of Palestine, our people have been pictured as camp-followers, cowards, lacking in patriotism. A most effective counterpoint to such slander took place in the Middle East, first in 1948, and then powerfully in 1967 in the Six Day War, when Jews clearly demonstrated their willingness and skills as mighty warriors in King David's image.

Arab, Jew-hating terrorism, from which the PLO took "credit", first began in earnest in 1968 with the takeover of an El Al flight from Rome to Tel Aviv, and quickly escalated to repeated hijacking of non-Israeli aircraft, particularly flights on which Jews constituted a significant share of the passenger load. But, unlike other victims of the PLO airline terror campaign, Israel's military stood up and defeated the Arab terrorists, demonstrated by the rescue of 97 passengers of a Belgian Sabena airliner which had been forced back to Lod Airport in Tel Aviv. Then, Israeli commandos stormed the plane, shot to death two Arab gunmen, and ended that siege.

In 1976, Israel's refusal to bow to PLO terrorism was severely challenged. Shimon Peres was Israel's Minister of Defense. Yitzchak Rabin was Prime Minister. Rabin, hailed as an heroic army general. Peres, more well known for his political and diplomatic assets. On June 27, 1976, Air France flight 139, from Tel Aviv to Paris, via Athens, was taken over by four PLO terrorists who had boarded the flight in Athens. Two of the hijackers were Arabs. The other two were Germans from the infamous Baader-Meinhof gang. 12 crew and 276 passengers were aboard.

After a terror-filled flight the aircraft set down at Entebbe airport in Uganda where the hijackers force was augmented by Ugandan Army personnel and additional PFLP terrorists. Demonstrating the PLO's virulent hatred of Jews, all non-Jewish hostages

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