

JEWISH VICE PRESIDENT

NEW ORLEANS, LA. -- A prominent American Jewish historian and rabbi predicted that, on the basis of historic trends, the United States will have a Jewish Vice-Presidential candidate within the next 25 years.

Speaking at the 1976 Biennial Convention of JWB (the National Jewish Welfare Board) at the Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans, Rear Admiral Bertram W. Korn, Chaplain Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve, said, "Two Jews serving as U.S. Senators in the period before the Civil War, followed by two Jews serving at the same time on the U.S. Supreme Court prior to World War II and two Jews serving simultaneously in the President's Cabinet during the Kennedy Administration, foreshadow the ultimate political achievement of equality of Jews. None of these offices was achieved because the man was a Jew, but because each had ability and talent the nation needed desperately. Unless some severe political upheaval occurs in the near future, one of our parties, probably the Republicans, will nominate a Jew for the office of Vice - President."

Admiral Korn is the first Jewish chaplain in America's 200-year history to reach two-star rank in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. He is author and editor of eleven books and is visiting professor in American Jewish History at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York and at Dropsie University in Philadelphia, where he is Senior Rabbi of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel.

(The two Senators Dr. Korn referred to as having served before the Civil War were David Levy (who later changed his name to Yulee) and Judah P. Benjamin. Levy was elected from Florida in 1845. Benjamin was elected from Louisiana in 1852 and reelected six years later. When war broke out, he sided with the Confederacy and was appointed to the Cabinet. Louis D. Brandeis, the first Jew to be named to the U.S. Supreme Court, was appointed to the Court by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916, and served until his retirement in 1939. Benjamin Cardozo was named to the Court by



MRS. MATHILDA BRAILOVE, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL UJA'S WOMEN'S DIVISION AND INDEFATIGABLE CHAMPION OF ISRAEL, WAS HONORED BY THE UNITED JEWISH FEDERATION OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY, WHEN STANLEY L. SLOANE, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF UJA, PRESENTED HER WITH A WORK OF ART, COMMEMORATING THE "MATHILDA BRAILOVE SCHOOL" TO BE BUILT IN BEERSHEBA, ISRAEL.

President Herbert Hoover in 1932. He died in 1938. Felix Frankfurter was appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the Court in 1939. Arthur Goldberg and Abraham Ribicoff were Cabinet members in the Kennedy Administration.)

Speaking on "A Bicentennial View of American Jewish Life," Dr. Korn praised the courageous improvisation with which American Jewry dealt with the enormous practical problems of alleviating want and suffering.

"No other American religious or ethnic community gave more generously to help its own new people," he said. "No other religious or ethnic community in the world has given more to help its refugees and victims abroad."

Passover Message

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As the Jewish people prepares to celebrate the Festival of Freedom it is keenly aware that genuine freedom hardly exists.

Individual freedom is today a very illusory experience. Man is beset by fear, by hunger and by anxiety as to what tomorrow will bring.

Many of the almost four billion people that inhabit the earth are denied the blessings of freedom. At least one-third of the human family is starving. Vast multitudes are exposed to the cruelty of terrorists and to the brutality of white and black oppressors.

The United Nations does little for the cause of universal freedom. Indeed, by its conduct and discriminatory resolutions it further muddles the state of the world and deepens the perplexed condition of man.

Statesmen have failed us. Political leaders have disappointed us. Diplomats have frustrated our hopes. Perhaps we must look for redemption and salvation elsewhere.

The great faiths of the world have an historic challenge before them. They and they alone can cultivate amity and understanding in a hate-ridden-world. They can set an example that may lead to brotherhood and unity among the nations of the earth.

Perhaps during this bicentennial year of American independence we should adopt a new slogan for the world -- "One humanity under God with liberty and justice for all."

NEW YORK -- On Sunday, May 23, the Synagogue Council of America -- the national coordinating body of the three branches of American Judaism -- will hold an historic day-long event in Newport, Rhode Island to mark both the Bicentennial of the American Revolution and its own Jubilee anniversary. President Ford will attend.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- A basic American strategy for peace in the Middle East will begin to emerge "a year or so down the road," Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger told the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

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