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HOUSTON — (UPI) —

The national commander of the Jewish War Veterans sent a telegram to President Nixon early today, blasting the White House's apparent refusal to send an administration official to address the group's 77th annual convention.

"As a politically non-partisan organization, the Jewish War Veterans deems the White House position in refusing to dispatch such a speaker demeaning," said the telegram signed by National Commander Jerome D. Cohen.

"We have sought such speakers from the administration since 1969 without avail. Are we to assume that the Jewish War Veterans organization, the oldest active war veterans group in the United States, is remote from your political interests?"

A spokesman said the group has been trying for six months to obtain an administration spokesman capable of articulating the Nixon administration's position on public issues.

Cohen said he had advised the White House that Democratic vice presidential candidate Sargent Shriver would address the convention Friday, and would like an administration spokesman to present the administration's side.