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Nations Request UN War Crimes Files Be Opened To Public

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — Britain and Canada joined Israel and 11 other nations in requesting that the files on Nazi war criminals compiled by the United Nations War Crimes Commission be opened to the public.

The two countries informed UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar of the change in their position. Only four of the 17 former members of the defunct War Crimes Commission still oppose opening the files. They are France, Poland, Czechoslovakia and India. Belgium, China, Luxembourg, New Zealand and Norway joined Israel's request. It had been supported earlier by the U.S., Australia, Denmark, Greece, The Netherlands and Yugoslavia.

Israeli diplomats have noted that while a majority of the former members favors making the files public, final authority rests with the Secretary General. An archive containing 40,000 files on war criminals is stored in a building in midtown Manhattan. Israel has already inspected several thousand files. UN regulations allow member states to do this on a confidential basis.

Sing for Interfaith Unity

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Liturgical music was proposed by a Dominican monk as a means to promote unity, understanding and peace between the different faiths in Jerusalem.

Father Marcel DuBois, head of the Philosophy Department of the Hebrew University, spoke at the 40th annual convention of the Cantors Assembly here. DuBois, a member of the Vatican's Commission on Jews, said every person of good faith, whether Jewish, Christian or Moslem, listens to music. "Every one of us sings according to our own

melody, but when we sing together, it is not a cacophony. We are singing the same music to Jerusalem," DuBois said.

He described Jerusalem as "a laboratory of tolerance" where Jews, Christians and Moslems of every denomination are trying to live together. He thought the division of the churches between the eastern and western parts of the city was a "scandal".

DuBois, a Jerusalem resident since 1962, said more Christians than ever were coming to Jerusalem to read the Bible with Jewish friends to "discover the significance of Jewish history."

Idaho Terror Act Is Challenge To White Racist Violence

NEW YORK (JTA) — A new Terrorist Training Act — barring training for violent crimes or the use of any means capable of causing property damage, bodily harm or death — may make Idaho the most uncompromising state in the country regarding hate crimes. Violators of the law, which took effect July 1, can receive up to 10 years' imprisonment and a \$50,000 fine.

Attorney General Jim Jones called the new act "the toughest, most comprehensive legislation of its kind in the U.S., and it will be strictly enforced. White supremacists and would-be terrorists who want to conduct training to hurt people had best do it outside the borders of Idaho."

The passage followed a series of violent crimes committed in recent years in the northern Idaho mountain town of Coeur d'Alene. The suspected perpetrators were members of the Aryan Nations-Church of Jesus Christ Christian, a neo-Nazi, violently anti-Semitic, anti-Black group that ascribes to the Christian Identity ideology and whose headquarters are in nearby Hayden Lake, Idaho.

CJF Launches Teleconference Network

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) introduced this summer a two-way satellite teleconferencing network intended to enhance communication between federations, between CJF and federations and between CJF and its lay leadership.

CJF is the association of more than 200 North American Jewish federations. The new network could also be used by other organizations, including United Jewish Appeal, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and United Way. Nineteen federations have agreed to participate.

To join the network, a federation must pay a one-time fee of \$2,500, which includes the satellite dish, installation, wiring, labor and the initial year's service and maintenance.

To participate in a session — viewing and making comments — each network member will pay \$200 per hour, or \$500 per hour when the program originates overseas. All participants can hear the remarks of the others.

Speed Painting Record Set

NEW YORK (JTA) — Surrounded by paint buckets, canvas and completed works, Morris Katz recently set a world record by creating 103 saleable paintings during his 12-hour marathon in the lobby of the New York Penta Hotel.

Never ceasing to entertain the crowds and cameras with his banter, Katz, who calls himself the "first kosher ham I ever met," sold 55 paintings at \$50 a piece, raising \$2,750 for the Greater New York Councils, Boy Scouts of America.

This "Guinness Book of World Records" entry actually encompasses two records — painting non-stop for 12

hours, with an allotted five-minute break after each hour, and creating the most saleable works of art in the shortest period of time.

He already holds the world record as most prolific painter of saleable art with upwards of 162,000 paintings in his 41-year career, and a speed record with his 16-by-25-inch canvas of a skier, created in 43 seconds at the Limelight Nightclub in Chicago.

Katz, born in Poland in 1932, escaped the Nazis more than 12 times. Living in a displaced person's camp after the war the 13-year-old Katz began art lessons with a former teacher from the Warsaw Academy. He then apprenticed at the Munich Academy of Art, paid for by his mother with a handful of chocolates. He came to the U.S. in 1949.

At least a few weeks a year, Katz commutes to Jerusalem which he said adds to his "spiritual uplifting."

Between America and Israel, Katz reportedly has raised some \$1 million for charitable organizations.

Austrian Press Shows Anti-Semitic Statements

NEW YORK (JTA) — Numerous anti-Semitic statements have surfaced in the Austrian press along with strong criticism barring Kurt Waldheim.

* Anti-Semitic comments appeared in more than a fifth of the articles dealing with Waldheim. Among them: "Jewish wirepullers," "Jewish greediness," "Jewish man-hunt" and "Jewish impertinence."

* Austria's largest circulation daily, *Neue Kronen Zeitung*, made anti-Semitic references in more than a third

of its stories.

* The press service of the Christian-Conservative Party (OVP) suggested "Jewish backers" or "a worldwide conspiracy" were behind the American action against Waldheim.

Waldheim's alleged complicity in Nazi atrocities when he served as a Wehrmacht intelligence officer in the Balkans during World War II had kept him isolated diplomatically since his election a year ago. His visit to the Pope caused worldwide consternation among Jews and non-Jews alike. He is officially barred from admission into the United States, and so far no Western European country has invited him. Of the Eastern bloc, only Hungary has extended an invitation.

However, Egypt, Libya, Uganda and Iraq have indicated he would be welcome. On June 30, the Foreign Minister of Iran, Ali Akbar Velayati, extended a second invitation on behalf of his country.

Robertson Forsees Strong Jewish Support

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Rev. Marion "Pat" Robertson, the TV evangelist who probably will seek the Republican nomination for the Presidency, said recently that he expects to have support in the Jewish community.

"I would anticipate, especially among Conservative and Orthodox Jews, I would have a tremendous body of support," Robertson said at a National Press Club luncheon. "I'm counting on it from everything I've seen."

His remarks were made in response to a question on whether he was seeking sup-

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