

# Witness tells of search for war criminals

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The U.S. government must seek out and prosecute all Nazi war criminals hiding in the United States because they are an affront to the honor of American citizenship, an expert in Nazi history told about 40 people in Greenlaw Hall Thursday night.

Dr. Charles Wright Sydnor Jr., President of Emory and Henry College, author, and expert witness for the government in numerous cases against suspected Nazi war criminals, spoke about "Denaturalization and Deportation of Nazi War Criminals in the U.S.," a lecture sponsored by the Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense and the Department of History.

Public apathy and a lack of government interest have been a

major obstacle in pursuing Nazi war criminals, Sydnor said.

The invention of the computer made the search for war criminals much more efficient, Sydnor said. Computers were used to compare wanted lists of the Allied governments and files of SS Officer Corps with U.S. immigration records.

After cases of mistaken identities were eliminated, the amount of suspects still amounted to "an embarrassingly high stack of cards," he said.

"At present, there are still 200 open files being investigated by OSI (Office of Special Investigation). My suspicion is that at least half of those will warrant (legal) action," he said.

One of the files is that of accused Nazi war criminal Karl Linas of Estonia, who fled to the United

States after being condemned to death in absentia by the Soviet Union, he said.

Attorney General Edwin Meese made a mistake in deporting Linas to Panama, instead of extraditing him to the Soviet Union, he said.

"The (Reagan) administration seems ideologically incapable of accepting that the Soviet legal system, while it may be different, does function," he said.

The U.S. problem of Nazi war criminals began in December 1945, when President Harry S. Truman gave people displaced by the fighting priority in immigration, he said.

"After the war, a problem (that had to be dealt with) was what to do about the millions of people swept away, uprooted by the war in Europe," Sydnor said.

Congress also helped people made homeless by the war, by passing the Displaced Persons Act to speedily integrate them into the United States, he said.

"The DP (displaced persons) Act adopted certain exclusionary rules ... specifically against persons who could be identified or were judged to be war criminals," Sydnor said. "Also to be excluded were those who advocated or assisted in the persecution of any person on the basis of race, religion, or national origin."

Under the Immigration Nationality Act, a related bill passed in 1952, citizenship could be denied or revoked if applicants falsified their records, Sydnor said.

"These facts stood in law," he said, "but in practical applications they did little to keep out war criminals."

## Shultz returns to U.S., briefs Reagan on Soviet proposal

From Associated Press reports

PEASE AIR FORCE BASE, N.H. — Predicting a prompt decision by the NATO allies, Secretary of State George P. Shultz flew home Thursday to brief President Reagan on a Soviet proposal to unilaterally remove an entire category of nuclear missiles from Europe.

The proposal concerns the elimination of about 50 shorter-range Soviet nuclear missiles in East Germany and Czechoslovakia, and could also involve the dismantling of about 85 other Scaleboard and Spider missiles in the Soviet Union.

Federal judge denies request

WASHINGTON — A federal judge refused Thursday to order retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard V. Secord to release records of foreign bank accounts Senate investigators believe are tied to the Iran-contra arms deals.

U.S. District Judge Aubrey E. Robinson, Jr. denied a request by the Senate panel investigating the Iran-contra affair that he order Secord to sign a directive releasing records of foreign accounts in Switzerland, Panama and the Cayman Islands.

Robinson ruled that forcing Secord to sign the document would violate his constitutional

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protection against self-incrimination.

Shoplifting manual discovered

NEWARK, N.J. — A "charismatic" shoplifting mastermind organized about 75 New York City boys into a gang of thieves and gave them a manual that targets expensive designer clothing at suburban malls in four states, authorities said Thursday.

In three out of 150 shoplifting arrests made since January, authorities have found boys carrying a four-page manual that explains how to shoplift.

Young giraffe injured

ASHEBORO, N.C. — The first giraffe to survive birth at the N.C. Zoological Park, on exhibit for the first time Tuesday, fell and broke two legs, zoo officials said.

The legs were set during three hours of surgery and prognosis for recovery is hopeful, zoo spokesman Rod Hackney said.

After several hours on exhibit, the 5-month-old female wandered away from her mother, then panicked and slipped on a rock slope while running, Hackney said.

## Commission discontinues cigarette tests

By SHARON KEBSCHULL  
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The Federal Trade Commission will discontinue testing cigarettes for tar and nicotine levels in order to save \$200,000 per year, commission officials announced Wednesday.

The officials said its testing duplicated the information cigarette companies provide annually.

The American Lung Association criticized the idea, saying the FTC will be using results from a vested interest.

The association hopes the FTC will continue to monitor the companies' results for accuracy and to keep the public informed, said Karen Monaco, spokeswoman for the Lung Association. When the FTC began publishing the results of the tests in 1971, it served to inform the public of the differences in tar and nicotine levels, and the need for this information continues today, she said.

Carlton Blalock, executive vice president of the Tobacco Grower's Association of North Carolina, said

he didn't think the FTC's decision would be of much significance to tobacco companies. The companies have been running the same tests and using the same techniques as the FTC, and their reports are published annually, he said.

The FTC's decision is an indication of its confidence in the industry's integrity and ability to continue to properly test cigarettes, according to a prepared statement issued by RJ Reynolds Tobacco. RJR will not be affected by the decision because it

has been using the FTC's method of testing and the results have generally concurred.

The American Cancer Association regrets that the FTC is stopping the tests and hopes the FTC will reconsider its decision, said Lois Callahan, spokeswoman for the association.

"Certainly \$200,000 annually in terms of potential lives saved is not a lot of money," she said. "There is no question that stronger regulations are needed rather than leaving it up to the tobacco companies."

## Seat belt law may be repealed

By MEG CRADDOCK  
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A bill to repeal the 1985 mandatory seat belt law has been introduced in the N.C. House of Representatives.

Rep. Richard Wright, D-Columbus, who introduced the bill, also introduced a measure to schedule a referendum on the issue for the 1988 presidential primary.

Wright said he is not against the use of seat belts, but the N.C. General Assembly has no right to mandate the use of them. There should be ways to encourage people to wear their seat belts other than passing legislation, Wright said.

"We should have a good public relations campaign to encourage people to wear their seat belts rather than penalizing them \$25

for not wearing their seat belt," he said.

The move to repeal the law is very popular across the state, said Kim Steffon, president of North Carolinians for Seat Belt Choice. If the law is not repealed, many people will lose faith in the government, Steffon said.

North Carolina would not lose any of its federal highway funds if the law were repealed, she said.

"Not one penny of federal highway funding is at stake here, and we have that in writing. That is a false rumor started by those in favor of the law," she said.

Repealing the law would also not affect the similar child restraint law, Steffon said.

Many members of Steffon's group are actually in favor of wearing seat belts and believe that

they do save lives, but they do not feel that the legislature has the right to force anyone to wear a seat belt, Steffon said.

Studies have shown that up to now the law has been very effective in saving lives, and therefore should not be repealed, said B. J. Campbell, director of the Highway Safety Research Center.

"It has worked in other countries, it has worked in other states, and I think it will work in North Carolina. As a citizen who's interested in saving lives I would hope it would not be repealed," he said.

The law does not infringe on a citizen's personal rights, because the state has an interest in the safety of its citizens, said Eugene Gressman, a professor in the UNC Law School.

## Nuclear plant to reach full power

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The 900-megawatt Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant is expected to reach full power and begin commercial operations by late April or early May, Carolina Power and Light Co. Vice Chairman William Graham, Jr., said Thursday.

The plant, located in Wake County, was licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in January.

Since then, the plant has been ahead of schedule in its progression toward full power, Graham said. It is operating at just over 75 percent power.

Graham said it is impossible to give a specific date when the plant will reach full power because mechanical adjustments may have to be made as power increases.

To pay for some of the \$3.8 billion plant costs, CP&L has applied to the N.C. Utilities Commission for a 13.1

percent rate increase, Graham said.

Before the rate increase can go into effect, the plant must operate without interruption at full power for 100 hours. The rate increase would raise the average residential customer's monthly bill by about \$10.

The commission will begin hearings on the increase on June 9.

There is a chance that the commission will not approve a full 13.1 percent increase.

"In past cases, we have not been that successful," Graham said.

He said three years ago CP&L got about half of the increase it had requested.

A consumer advocacy branch of the commission has been studying

the plant's expenses and will make a recommendation to the commission in June.

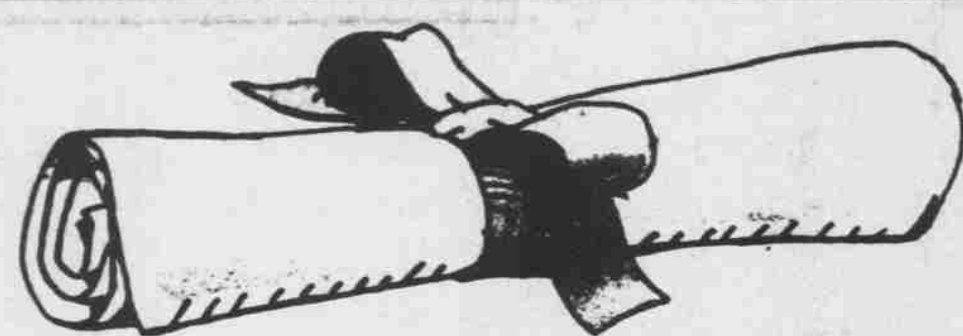
"The way it looks right now, we think we can come up with something less than what the company (CP&L) has requested," said Dennis Nightingale, director of the electric division public staff of the commission.

CP&L will be seeking another rate increase of about 13 percent some time this fall.

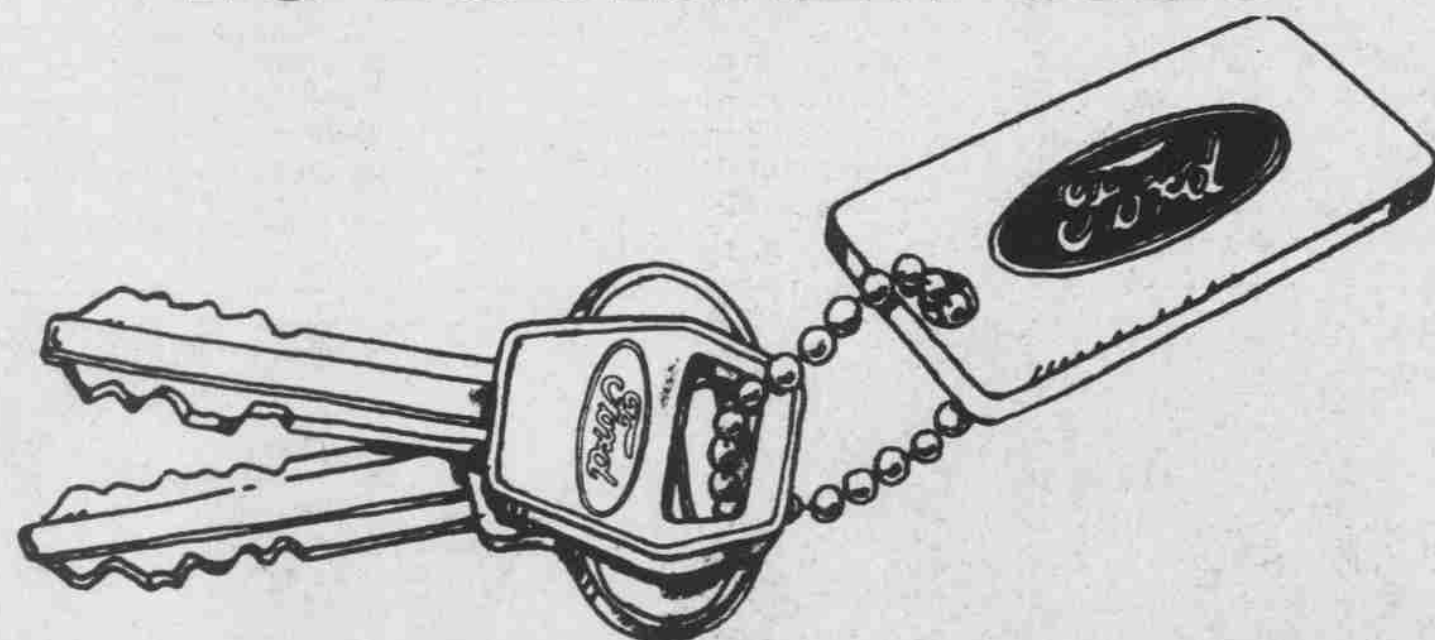
Graham said after the two increases, the company does not expect another one for 10 years. If inflation grows, though, there is the chance that a rate increase would be sought.



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