

SS OFFICER WHO MURDERED 400 ACQUITTED

BONN (WNS) -- A Kiel court has acquitted a former SS officer, who admitted he ordered the murder of more than 400 men, women and children in Brest-Litovsk in 1942.

The court said that Erner Poehls had acted "in a war situation" out of a "sense of duty and that 'cruelty' or a 'criminal lack of compassion' had not been proven.

The Allgemeine Juedische Wochenzeitung, a Jewish weekly, called the verdict "scandalous" and said the court did not want to condemn Poehls, who joined the SS in 1933 "and was decorated" by SS chief Heinrich Himmler. The weekly said the acquittal "extended in a horrifying manner the chain of misjudgements in favor of Nazi regime execu-

tioners." The court was shown letters, hand written by Poehls to his commanding officer, complaining that Russian villagers had been spared during mass shootings and asked permission to shoot them. Evidence indicated that the permission was granted.

ARCHAEOLOGISTS EXCAVATE SAMSON SITE

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- An archaeological team, made up of 40 staff members and volunteers from the United States and Israel, has uncovered the Philistine city of Timnah where Samson courted Delilah and slew a lion.

The team has just completed its first season of exca-

vatons at Tel Batash in the Sorek Valley, seven kilometers west of Beth Shemesh. The expedition is sponsored by the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Mississippi College and Louisiana College in cooperation with Hebrew University's Institute of Archaeology. The team is headed by George L. Kelm, expedition director, and Amihai Mazar, archaeological field director.

The excavation revealed a Canaanite city which was destroyed by fire at the end of the Bronze Age, around 1200 BCE. There are remains of a large public building and a defensive city wall. Among the finds were a Canaanite cylinder seal, bronze tools and weapons and typical Canaanite pottery vessels.

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CLAUDE M. RAND
...To Join UNLV Staff

The local sales manager for Trans World Airlines will join the UNLV faculty this September as a full-time professor.

Claude M. Rand, a 22-year veteran of TWA, will become an instructor of hotel marketing and convention management in UNLV's College of Hotel Administration.

Since 1945 he has been involved in the marketing and sales fields throughout the world, including Boston, Mass.; Geneva, Switzerland; and Hong Kong.

Rand has been active as an officer and director for International SKAL, the Hotel Management Association, various chambers of commerce, the American Clubs of Geneva and Hong Kong and the Nevada World Trade Assn.

In addition to his duties with TWA, Rand is president of World Business Associates, a marketing and consulting firm with international coverage.

Rand was among the 100 national figures attending the 32nd annual meeting of the Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education held last week at Caesars Palace. Jerome Vallen, dean of the UNLV hotel college, was program chairman for the four-day event.

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