

STRIP EX-NAZI OF CITIZENSHIP

CLEVELAND (WNS) -- The citizenship of John Demjanjuk, the 60-year-old Ukrainian-born automobile worker, was ruled to be "revoked, vacated and cancelled" because he lied about his Nazi activity in World War II when he applied for naturalization in 1958. The judgement was handed down in writing by Federal Judge Frank Battisti to clear the way for authorities to initiate deportation proceedings against Demjanjuk.

A parade of witnesses, many of them concentration camp survivors living in Germany, Israel and Uruguay, identified the defendant as a guard at the Treblinka and Sobibor camps in Poland in 1942-43 who was known to inmates as "Ivan the Terrible," because of his gratuitous cruelty and atrocities. He was charged with torturing thousands of Jewish and other prisoners and herding them into gas chambers. Demjanjuk maintained that he was a German prisoner-of-war at the time. The trial opened in Federal Court here last February 10.

IMMIGRANTS ON INCREASE

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The number of immigrants arriving from France and the United States increased in May compared to the same month last year. Rafael Kotlowitz, head of the Jewish Agency's immigration and absorption department reported recently.

But the number of Jews arriving from the Soviet Union continued to drop sharply.

Aliya from France showed a dramatic 83 percent rise with the arrival of 88 immigrants in May compared to 48 in May, 1980. The number of immigrants from the U.S. in May was 149, up from 119 in May, 1980. A total of 880 immigrants from all countries arrived in Israel in May and 882 in April. Only 974 Soviet Jews immigrated to Israel during the first five months of this year compared to 5,365 in the same period last year. Dropout rate has now reached 83 percent.

A THREAT TO WORLD PEACE

Israel has performed a noble service to the international community let alone herself in preventing the development of an atomic weapon by Iraq by destroying its nuclear facility outside of Baghdad, Premier Menachem Begin's defiant stance to international condemnation which may in fact result in her increasing isolation is yet another strong statement to the worldwide community that Israel will continue pre-emptive strikes where her national security is threatened, world public opinion to the contrary.

The international condemnation and outrage focuses primarily on Israel's rocking the boat in the Middle East. But taking a look at her methods used in the attack, the actions deserve praise in themselves. The strike upon the Iraqi nuclear facility outside Baghdad was done on a Sunday when presumably most if not all, of the foreign workers were not at the plant site.

French technicians called back to France, noted the direct hits by Israeli aircraft and the careful avoidance of civilian installations. Furthermore, the attack was done before the reactor was scheduled to go on line or become "hot," which avoided possible catastrophic death tolls to the innocent population of Baghdad, not to mention the drift of nuclear radiation in the area and its subsequent effects.

Iraq, on the other hand, full of cheap crude oil, develops and literally demands of France, not the originally designed and proposed reactor but one that needs weapons' grade uranium. It has been purchasing raw uranium not suitable for use within the reactor but rather essential for the reactor to breed plutonium for weapons. It appears clear that the intention of the Iraqis was to enter the nuclear club. An atomic weapon in the possession of Iraqi leader Haddam Hussein, who himself said following the Iranian attack on the installation that they have nothing to fear because the intended target is the Zionist entity, would have been a danger to Israel and other countries in the Middle East. The fact that Iraq is a signer of a nuclear non-proliferation agreement does not and can not guarantee the safety of the Israeli people and it was therefore absolutely necessary for Begin to order the strike now, before the reactor started to operate.

As the smoke clears and leaders within the international hierarchy regress from their naive stance that a piece of paper will prevent nuclear proliferation, and realize that the threat of an atomic bomb in the hands of a regime like that of Iraq is a clear and present danger, then some, if not all, will agree with Premier Begin that the bombing was in the interest of world peace and stability.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS PLEDGE NEVER TO FORGET

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A massive four day gathering of more than 10,000 survivors from all over the world ended in front of the Western Wall with a testament that they would never forget the Nazi genocide.

The statement included the following vow: "In the name of dead parents and children...never to let the memory of the six million be erased.. We take this oath to be handed down from father to son, from mother to daughter, from generation to generation

...remember what the German killers and their accomplices did to the Jewish people. . . Remember what an indifferent world did to us. Remember the kindnesses of the Righteous Gentiles. We shall also remember the miracle of the rebirth in the land of our ancestors of the State of Israel."

The testament was read in six languages -- Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, English, French and Russian -- by six survivors, residents of Israel, Australia, the United States and France.

FLUSHING, NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball team, fresh from its European Club Cup championship victory, defeated the United States Maccabiah team, 91 to 83 in an exhibition match here at Queens College.

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