

SENATOR BAKER URGED TO PUSH FOR JOBS BILL

The American Jewish Congress sent a telegram to Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, urging him to seek passage of the current jobs legislation pending in the Senate. The Senate Jobs Bill is now deadlocked over an amendment to repeal withholding of taxes on interest and dividends. The AJCongress warned against continuation of this deadlock, a situation which will increase the country's economic hardship. The text of the telegram read in part: "The American Jewish Congress urges you to continue to assert your leadership role in ensuring that appropriate jobs legislation is approved by the United States Congress and not held hostage to other considerations. Failure to return the unemployed to the workforce will only lead to continued economic hardship

for the victims of the recession." It was signed by Michael A. Pelavin, Co-Chairman of the AJCongress Commission on Urban Affairs. The implementation of jobs programs is of grave concern to the AJCongress. The organization's Executive Committee recently adopted a resolution on employment programs which stresses that: "A comprehensive attack on joblessness must provide jobs for the many skilled Americans who can do much to rebuild the American infrastructure. It must also provide first opportunities for those who have never been given the opportunity to enter the work force, especially minority youth. It must provide opportunities for women whose belated entry into the labor force makes them particularly vulnerable to unemployment."

CABINET PLANS TO CONVERT WEST BANK MILITARY OUTPOSTS INTO SETTLEMENTS

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Cabinet decided secretly at the weekly session to convert eight military encampments on the West Bank into civilian settlements. The decision was leaked to the press. One of the planned new settlements, called Bracha, is situated on Peak of Mt. Grizim, overlooking Nablus, the largest Arab city on the West Bank. The decision confirmed earlier reports that the government intends to build a Jewish city adjacent to Nablus, similar to Kiryat Arba overlooking Hebron.

The other settlements approved by the Cabinet were Tel Hayim, also in the Nablus region, Maale Levona, Ein Kinya, and Ras Karkar, near the large Arab town of Ramallah, and Hermesh and Rogal in northern Samaria. Another 15 settlements are expected to be populated within the next year. The decision by the Cabinet comes at a time when 10 United States and other countries have been urging for a freeze on settlement activity on the West Bank as a step toward bringing Jordan into negotiations or by

The Butcher Is Back in Lyon

BY ROBERT E. SEGAL

It is wonderful news: The United States government has set aside two large buildings not far from the Washington Monument for a Holocaust Museum, estimated to cost \$30 to \$40 million.

Might there be a small space in the Museum, one wonders, to place the words of Klaus Barbie, the unrepentant "butcher of Lyon," who has on his crimson record 4342 executions, 7591 deportations of Jews and 14311 arrests and deportations of members of the French Resistance?

The plaque on the Holocaust Museum wall would read: "I am a convinced Nazi. And if I had to be born a thousand times, I would be a thousand times what I have been."

Hatred dies hard. Barbie thrived on hatred. The Nazi Hauptsturmfuhrer in Lyon, the center of the French Resistance movement during World War II, employed as weapons of torture such instruments as whips, billy clubs, guns, and two-by-four planks. "There was nothing intellectual about his methods," Raymond Aubrac, a Jewish Resistance veteran, said recently. Aubrac should know. He was with Jean Moulin, leader of the Resistance, when Barbie captured that hero and used his tools of torture so fiendishly against Moulin that he died en route to further punishment by other Nazis.

How hard it is for hatred to die is illustrated also by a message scratched on a wall in Boussy - St. Antoin after Barbie's deportation trip from Bolivia to France: "No to the Jews; yes to Barbie!"

U.S. intelligence units, according to the General Accounting Office, used Barbie and other Nazis to gain information about activities of America's World War ally, the USSR. Their protection of Barbie, it is now indicated, helped him to find haven in Bolivia by way of Genoa and Argentina.

In Bolivia, he took the name of Klaus Altmann. Whom did he help there, General Luis Garcia Meza. What was Meza's success story? He crushed Bolivia's civilian government and shielded Barbie from Nazi hunters. Why has Bolivia yielded the "butcher" of Jews? Because the Bolivians now have as their President Herman Siles Suazo, a welcome replacement for a dictator. And because, exercising democratic instinct, he apprehended Barbie and

yielded him to France.

This drama is crowded with heroes, villains, and people who seem not to be villains but have much for which to answer. Vichy collaborators who helped make Barbie's sadistic course easier will tremble if and when they are brought into this demon's court case. President Francois Mitterrand's Cabinet members who themselves were members of the Resistance and negotiated with Bolivia successfully for Barbie's expulsion, were heroes in World War II and are heroes now. Americans who were obliged by U.S. intelligence sources to work with and pay Nazi criminals, including Barbie, deserve credit when they tell all. Conversely, those now in government posts who try to stall or crush any probes of Washington's fawning on and leniency with Nazis may suffer in legal traps that may close on them.

Barbie's pride in his feat of rounding up 41 Jewish children, aged 3 to 13, in a children's home in Izieu, near Lyon, and dispatching these innocents to the Auschwitz gas chamber, tells much about this remorseless Nazi. "The activities of the Jewish children's home were ended this morning," he reported to his overlords on April 6, 1944. "No money or other objects of value were found."

Our government might have saved these and thousands of other Holocaust victims had Americans in high places by-passed their prejudices and given an understanding ear to the warnings about the Nazis raised by James G. McDonald, High Commissioner For Refugees Coming From Germany, (in the early 1930s). These warnings and shameful reactions to them are set forth in Arthur D. Morse's "While Six Million Died," reliable today as a textbook for seekers after truth.

More can be learned by a careful review of the battle in Congress to trivialize and attempt to defeat the Displaced Persons Act in the late 1940s. President Truman referred to that legislation, as finally enacted, as a bill "that discriminates in callous fashion against Displaced Persons of the Jewish faith."

Actions of some of our lawmakers reflected a determination to "save as few Jews as possible." These legislators, if living today, might also be inspired to repent if they absorbed reports of the crimes committed by the "butcher of Lyon."

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