

Bonn Officially Confirms Documents About Mengele Are Authentic

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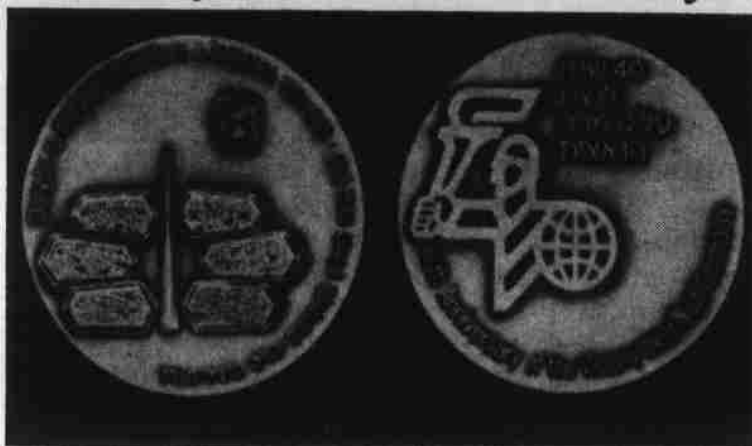
If Josef Mengele is in fact dead, the notorious Auschwitz death camp doctor died unrepentant, according to documents published.

The documents, including diaries, were made available "on loan" to the West German authorities by Mengele's son, Rolf Mengele, a lawyer in Freiburg. A spokesman for the State Prosecutor in Frankfurt said that a thorough study of the thousands of pages indicated they are authentic.

According to historians who studied the documents, Mengele never regretted the atrocities he committed at Auschwitz and believed throughout his life that Nazi racial theories justified his activities. They included the selection of inmates for the gas chambers and fatal or crippling medical experiments on thousands of others. Mengele is held responsible for the deaths of at least 400,000 Auschwitz prisoners, most of them Jews.

Stern purchased the documents from Wolfram and Liselotte Bossert, an elderly couple of Austrian origin who said they sheltered the fugitive Mengele at their home near Sao Paulo, Brazil. It was the Bosserts' claim that Mengele died in 1979 in a swimming mishap that caused Brazilian authorities to exhume the remains of a man buried near Sao Paulo under the name Wolfgang Gerhard.

Israel Issues State Medal Commemorating 40th Anniversary Of Victory Over Nazi Germany



Virtually everyone knows that six million innocent Jewish private citizens were ruthlessly killed by the Nazis during World War II. Not generally known is the extent to which Jews actively fought the Germans and other Axis Powers. About a million and a half Jewish soldiers fought in allied ranks and partisan units. They fought on all fronts - in Europe, in the Pacific, in the occupation of Germany. About 550 thousand Jewish soldiers and officers fought in the American army, with almost 10% of the total either killed or wounded. Another 500 thousand were in the Russian armed forces. Jews, by the tens of thousands, participated in the partisan movement throughout occupied Europe - from Briansk in the east of the U.S.S.R. to France, Italy, Yugoslavia and Greece. Other Jews fought valiantly against extermination in ghettos. And there was the Jewish Brigade, the only all-Jewish military formation in the Allied forces - 5000 men, mainly Jewish volunteers from Palestine.

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Pioneer Women/Na'amat Celebrate 60th Anniversary



During a state visit to Israel last month, Bobi Ladawa Mubutu, wife of Mobutu Sese Seko, president of Zaire, paid a call on a Na'amat day nursery in Tel Aviv. Mrs. Mubutu (center) is shown taking part in a folk dance with some of the children. At left is Ziva Lahat, whose husband, Shlomo, is mayor of Tel Aviv; at right is Masha Lubelsky, secretary general of Na'amat. Na'amat's programs on behalf of children, women and young people receive major American support from Pioneer Women/Na'amat, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Israelis seeking new homes favor the West Bank over Galilee by almost six to one, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics. In 1984, 6,000 Israelis, both new immigrants and longtime citizens, settled on the West Bank, compared to only 1,600 who moved to Galilee and the Golan Heights. Unofficial but reliable estimates put the Jewish population in the West Bank at between 35-40,000 and on the Golan Heights slightly over 10,000.

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