

Professor Reports On Holocaust Teaching In West German Schools

NEW YORK (WNS) — The Holocaust is being taught in West Germany's secondary schools and universities as well as the armed services to make certain that the slogan, "Never again," is reality, according to Professor Hans Adolf Jacobsen, a leading German scholar.

Jacobson, who is chairman of the Department of Political Science of the University of Bonn, told a meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith here that the curricula and courses endeavor to teach not only what happened but how such a monstrous genocidal crime could have been committed in Germany.

"Why the Holocaust happened is the most crucial question ever asked," he said. He went on to say that this is a question asked by members of his country's younger generation who also want to know why Germans -- their parents, their teachers -- behaved as they did. "What did you do about

the persecution of the Jews? the young people ask their parents and teachers," he said. While not absolving the German people of their burden of guilt, Professor Jacobsen said that courses on the Holocaust attempt to use the explanations -- the long historic background of anti-Semitism in Germany, the economic and military success of the Third Reich, the secrecy of the Nazi annihilation program and "the weak civic responsibility of the German people" -- as object lessons in the inculcation of a spirit of tolerance and an allegiance to democratic values in the upcoming generations.

The objective, he said, is to have the students "learn from history" what can happen from a failure of "civic courage" and an unwillingness to accept responsibility for oneself and for what happens to others. He pointed out that the

1979 showing in West Germany of the TV docudrama, "The Holocaust," was a watershed in stimulating and developing the nation's willingness to approach and cope with the implications of the mass murder of six million Jews by a German government. "Young people especially identified with the Jewish family shown on the screen," he said, as he cited the effect on his own son when the young boy in the movie was dismissed from the school soccer team because he was Jewish. "How could they do that to the best player on the team?" his son asked.

Noting that there had been a great deal of research into and publication about the Holocaust by West German scholars prior to the televised showing of the docudrama, Professor Jacobsen said, however, that the production opened up the subject of the Holocaust in the mass media and to the general public. He went on to say, however, that despite positive effects of the

study and teaching of the Holocaust "there are still pockets of anti-Semitism in West Germany, particularly on the extreme right and left, and among rural and less educated younger people." He stressed, however, that anti-Jewishness currently does not play an important political role.

In a comment on Professor Jacobsen's remarks, Abraham H. Foxman, ADL associate national director and head of the League's Division of International Affairs, said that for Jews the attempt to normalize relations with the German people remains "difficult."

Mr. Foxman, who is a survivor of the Holocaust, welcomed the West German approach to teaching the subject but said that no methods had been established to test and measure the program's effect. As a consequence, therefore, he questioned whether the real meaning and uniqueness of the Holocaust is penetrating to the masses of people.

Reagan & Jewish Leaders Meet

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Israel worked together on a joint economic program, "that may bring peace faster than arms."

Reagan replied that any arms sale will be made in the cause of peace. He reiterated his pledge that nothing will be done to diminish Israel's "qualitative and quantitative" military edge.

The President did not refer to his plan to sell Saudi Arabia \$300 million in advanced missiles. But Richard Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, who spoke after the President left, said that the Administration was still considering the Saudi package and that Reagan was "committed" to selling the Saudis arms.

Murphy maintained that selling arms to moderate Arab countries is in the "best interests" of both the United States and Israel since it contributes to regional security and thwarts efforts by the Soviet Union and radicals to increase their influence in the area.

He said that if the Arab countries turn to other suppliers there would not be the same safeguards that the U.S. imposes. "Using our sale as a lever to reward or punish political behavior is shortsighted and counter-productive," Murphy said. "We are not going to advance the peace process by attempting to somehow compel participants to the negotiating table."

Murphy indicated that there would be less opposition in Congress to the missile sale to the Saudis than there was to the Jordan arms sale which Reagan had to withdraw earlier this year.

On aid to the Contras, Reagan stressed that the Sandinistas, whom he called Marxist-Leninists, are close to the PLO, Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, and Iran. He charged that the Sandinistas were aiming to bring all of Central America under Soviet control and warned that if the U.S. had to contend with "hostile aggressive Communist states" so close to its borders, "how will we be able to meet our commitments to our allies?"

"Our supply lines to Israel and NATO run through the Caribbean," the President asserted. "If we show ourselves willing to abandon our friends" close to the U.S., Reagan warned that the Soviets may then decide that they are able to threaten Israel directly.

Bialkin indicated support for the President on this issue. He said that while the Jewish community is not unanimous, "I believe the overwhelming sympathy and support of the American Jewish community lies with those who wish to fight for their freedom."

and two Kalachnikov rifles.

The first incident occurred when a routine patrol along the northern border noticed a breach in the electronic security fence. As the IDF soldiers began tracking the infiltrators, grenades were thrown at them and a chase ensued across the border, inside the security belt. A subsequent search disclosed the

bodies of the two terrorists, dressed in IDF uniforms and carrying Israeli weapons. A knitted skullcap was found in the pocket of one of the terrorists, and a pamphlet indicating that the gang had sought to take hostages in an Israeli settlement and hold them for ransom against the freeing of terrorists held in Israeli prisons.

3 Terrorists Slain In Clashes With IDF

TEL AVIV (WNS) — Three terrorists, two of whom were wearing IDF uniforms, were killed in two separate clashes with the IDF. An IDF lieutenant was slightly wounded during the first assault, though he continued on with the chase of a group trying to infiltrate into Israel.

In the second of the two incidents, a patrol inside the security zone in south Lebanon came across a terrorist at the northern edge of the western sector of the zone. An exchange of gunfire ensued and the terrorist was killed. He was found to have been in possession of a Soviet-made 82mm mortar, mortar bombs



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