

Secret Yugoslav File On Waldheim Released

Kurt Waldheim was found guilty of "murder" and "hostage executions" for his role as a Nazi intelligence officer, according to a secret Yugoslav criminal file released here.

The dossier, compiled in 1947 by the Yugoslav War Crimes Commission, says Waldheim planned the reprisal measure of the German Army in the Balkans and was responsible for the execution of hundreds of civilians. The indictment, which includes eyewitness testimony and documentary evidence, lists and details twenty-one villages burned to the ground as a result of these reprisal actions.

"Based on everything herein exhibited the State Commission declared Lieutenant Kurt Waldheim a war criminal, responsible for the war crimes qualified and described above," the dossier states.

The 1947 file noted that Waldheim is "presently a fugitive" and says that "apprehension of this criminal...and his extradition for trial to the Yugoslav authorities is compulsory."

Evidence contained in the criminal file includes the testimony of seven German officers along with a series of captured Nazi reprisal orders. The captured Nazi documents show that reprisal measures were systematically applied by the Germans throughout the Balkans.

The Nazi orders note that "it is correct to take hostages," and state that "reprisal measures consists of: (a) Executions by firing squad or by hanging, (b) Destruction of the populated areas.

"Lieutenant Waldheim was responsible for the implementation of the above mentioned criminal order and other similar orders, and for the development, creation and issuance of criminals orders," the Yugoslav document states.

A fellow German officer, Klaus Melinghoff, identified Waldheim as the Deputy to the Chief of Intelligence at Headquarters, Col. Herbert Warnstorff. Another officer, Johanne Mayer, testified that Waldheim prepared all written reports for Warnstorff that dealt with the question of hostages, reprisal measures, and the treatment of war prisoners and civilian population.

Mayer described how the procedure for issuing orders of reprisal began with Waldheim. "The issuance of orders was preceded by the following: The suggestions were developed by Lieutenant Waldheim and submitted to his commanding officer Lieutenant-Colonel Warnstorff, who if he agreed with suggestions then submitted them for approval to General Richberg, Chief of the Headquarters."

The dossier lists specific crimes committed on the basis of such orders issued from

headquarters. One German officer, Karl Heinz Egberts-Hilker, describe burning several Yugoslav villages in 1944 and executing 114 civilians in carrying out these reprisal orders.

Altogether, reprisal actions developed "in collaboration with Lieutenant Waldheim" and carried out against people and property in twenty-one Yugoslav villages are detailed in the Yugoslav indictment. In most of these cases, the villages were burned to the ground and large numbers of the population were executed.

"It would take us too long if we were to list all the war crimes committed as a result of orders like these, created in cooperation with Lieutenant Waldheim," the dossier stresses.

The Yugoslav file was submitted to the UN War Crimes Commission which in 1948 said Waldheim should stand trial for "murder" and "putting hostages to death."

A spokesman for the World Jewish Congress said the Yugoslav file had been turned over to the U.S. Justice Department.

It called on Attorney General Edwin Meese to finally implement the findings of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations and bar Waldheim from entering the United States as a "Nazi persecutor."

Daughter Of Ailing Goldfarb Gets Visa To Visit Him

NEW YORK (WNS) — Soviet authorities granted a temporary tourist visa on medical grounds to Olga Goldfarb, enabling her to visit her emigre father David Goldfarb, who is recuperating here from lung cancer surgery.

According to her brother Alex Goldfarb of New York, the visa is

good for a week's stay in the United States. Her request to take her older daughter with her was rejected. The temporary visa is independent of her family's 1979 application for emigration visas.

The granting of her visa is unusual. "This is the first case known to me that a refusenik, who is in conflict with the regime, is given a foreign passport, which is a privilege only for the elite," said Alex Goldfarb.

The brother, a Columbia University professor of microbiology, saw a connection between his sister's visa and the issuance last week of formal regulations stipulating acceptable grounds for emigration by Soviets, which include visitation of seriously ailing relatives. The rules indicate that an emergency visa would be considered within three days. "This is exactly what has happened," Alex Goldfarb said, "so they really do what they say."

After learning he had cancer, David Goldfarb wrote a frank letter to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev asking that his daughter, a 34-year-old Moscow physician, be permitted to visit him. The elder Goldfarb praised Gorbachev's recent signs of more Soviet flexibility, yet criticized overall Soviet policy toward Jews and emigration.

David Goldfarb was flown suddenly to the U.S. in October with his wife Cecilia aboard in-

dustrialist Armand Hammer's private jet. He underwent four hours of surgery to remove an upper lobe of his left lung. Although in much pain and seriously ill, "the doctors are pleased" with his condition, Alex Goldfarb said.

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Hermelin And IDF Chief Of Staff Confer On ORT



David B. Hermelin, left, Chairman of the American ORT Federation Executive Committee, met with Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff General Moshe Levy at the World ORT Union Congress held recently in Jerusalem. General Levy noted, "The 10,000 ORT graduates who will enter the Israeli army this year, equipped with their technological training and know-how, are a guarantee that we will be in the forefront of technology, which is the real battlefield of the future." The American ORT Federation supports the ORT global network which provides quality vocational/technical training to 158,000 students in 17 countries.

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