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AJCongress Urges Swift Deportation Of Accused War Criminal Karl Linnas

The American Jewish Congress says the deportation of accused Nazi war criminal Karl Linnas is long overdue and has urged the U.S. Supreme Court "to move expeditiously" on the issue of his departure from this country.

A statement by Henry Siegman, executive director of the AJCongress, noted that six years after being stripped of his citizenship and four years after being ordered deported for lying to immigration and naturalization officials about his wartime activities as head of a concentration camp, Linnas is still in this country. His association with the "heinous crimes of the Nazi war machine" has been "firmly established" in past court proceedings, the statement said.

"It is hard to comprehend any further delay in ridding ourselves of this accused war criminal," it added.

Some 16 countries have refused to accept Linnas. United States Attorney Rudolph Giuliani has said there is "overwhelming evidence that he slaughtered thousands of people."

In 1962, Linnas was tried in absentia in the Soviet Union and sentenced to death for war crimes. The Soviet government has agreed to receive him.

The text of Mr. Siegman's statement follows:

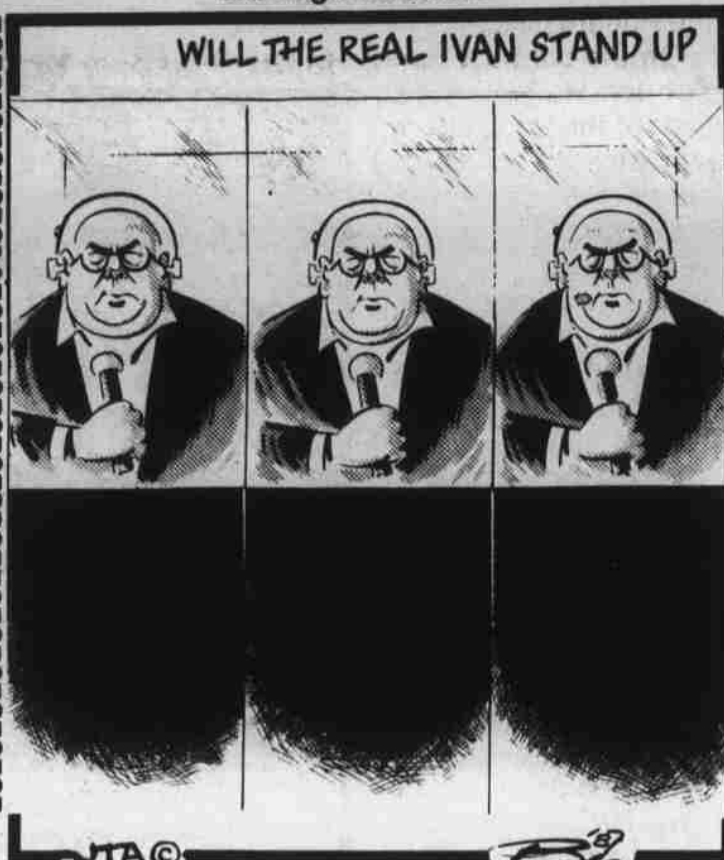
At his naturalization trial in 1981, Karl Linnas was found guilty of lying about his wartime activities as head of a Nazi concentration camp. He was stripped of his American citizenship and ordered deported in 1983.

Today, four years later, he is still in the United States. His numerous appeals through the federal court system, including the U.S. Supreme Court, have only reaffirmed the findings of the original denaturalization trial.

The Linnas case is now once more before the Supreme Court. We urge the Court to move expeditiously. Past court proceedings have firmly established his association with the heinous crimes of the Nazi war machine. It is hard to comprehend any further delay in ridding ourselves of this accused war criminal.

Once the Court has acted, we trust that the Attorney General will carry out his mandate diligently and swiftly. Any further delay would make a farce of the American system of justice.

BONN (JTA) — President Chaim Herzog of Israel began his visit to West Germany at the site of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, which he helped liberate as an officer in the British army during the final stages of World War II. The Irish-born Herzog was accompanied by President Richard von Weizsaecker of the Federal Republic throughout his four-day state visit. Herzog hosted a dinner for leaders of all political and social groups in West Germany.



Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

Self-Hatred, Self-Deception And Self-Preservation: The Pollard Case As Mirrored In The U.S., The U.N. And Israel

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — The Pollard case has sent a shock wave through the U.S. -- among American Jewry in particular -- a "frisson" through the UN and cold shivers along Israel's spine.

In the U.S., reaction has ranged from self-righteous indication among Israel's assorted enemies to feigned shock by right-wing columnists and moralistic preaching by vapid TV commentators. All these can be discounted as inevitable and ephemeral.

More disturbing is the consternation the case has caused in some Jewish organizations and among their self-supported spokesmen, from hurt expressions of "how could you" to indignant affirmation that it is "them" and not "us." There is resentment that Israel could have had the indecency of causing embarrassment to its "good friends" in the U.S.A.

Most rabid of all was the response of former Jews and others possessing Jewish names -- Caspar Weinberger among them -- who took the unprecedented step of writing, before sentence,

King of One Liners



HENNY YOUNGMAN

...Man of Many Talents.

My wife used to be a guitar player. She got rid of the guitar and now just picks on me.

to the Court trying Pollard and his wife, with the exaggerated claim that never had so much damage been done to the U.S. as by the accused.

True, there were islands of sanity in this raging sea of self-abasement and breast-beating -- such as the balanced article by Prof. Alan M. Der-showitz in the New York Times of March 18 stating, among other things, that not only was the punishment meted out disproportionate to the crime, but the crime itself was quite different from espionage as commonly understood: delivering for principle or pay one's country's secrets to its enemies.

Here at the UN, anticipation was high among the Arab-Communist mafia that this episode would lead to a rift in the common interest bond between the United States and Israel and that they could cash in on anti-Israel sentiment on the U.S. domestic front and further isolate Israel in the UN, perhaps even expel her with the U.S. sitting in a fit of anger on its veto hand.

The Representative of the Arab League, UN Observer Clovis Maksoud, was quick off the trigger on March 19 in expressing the League's hope that "these incidents will lead the United States into a reassessment of its policies, help to regain independent judgment on Middle East issues, move it toward an even-handed stance, and make it more sensitive to our perceptions."

In Israel, the Pollard case and the harsh sentence meted out to both husband and wife and the surrounding condemnation of Israel's involvement -- official or not -- evoked sadness, uneasiness and pity. The sadness arose from the belief, which has not been disproved, that what Israel got from Pollard was only what the U.S. should have given her in the first place -- details of the secret plotting against her by enemies such as the PLO and Iraq.

The use made of that information, the bombing of Arafat's lair in Tunis and the pinpoint destruction of Iraq's atomic bomb factory were beneficial to both the U.S. and Israel. While these ends do not justify the means, they distinguish them in Israel's eyes from the activities of the naval family -- non-Jewish -- in the pay of the USSR which was recently caught by the FBI and allowed to plea bargain.

The real tragedy, many Israelis think, was the stupidity of whoever was responsible in getting caught -- not their being Jewish or Israeli. This,

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