

Sharansky Praises Boys Town's Torah And Technology Program



JERUSALEM — Soviet dissident, Natan Sharansky, was received with an enthusiastic welcome by Boys Town Jerusalem students during his recent visit to the school. He told the students: "The education that you, the students of Boys Town Jerusalem, receive here in Eretz Yisroel is strictly forbidden in the Soviet Union. You represent the link to the unity and survival of the Jewish people."

Sharansky, a computer scientist before he was imprisoned for 9 years, was deeply impressed with the sophisticated CAD/CAM computer system being used by the students at Boys Town.

Boys Town Jerusalem was founded in 1948 responding to the need to provide an education for those children who survived the Holocaust and for the children of the masses of destitute Jews who poured into Israel from Arab countries. This training was critical to the development of the Jewish State.

Today, the school is a leading educational youth center in Israel, providing its 1500 students with a quality academic, Jewish and technical education. Boys Town's students come from over 45 different countries. Most recently, 124 Ethiopians were absorbed into the student body. The school's 18-acre campus is located in the Bayit Vegan suburb of Jerusalem.

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Federal Crackdown On Extremist Groups

NEW YORK (JTA) — The latest wave of indictments and arrests of anti-Semitic hate group members in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Denver, Colorado, is part of one of the Federal government's most aggressive crackdowns on criminal activity among extremists in decades, according to an expert of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Three federal indictments handed up last week charged 15 members of white-supremacist hate groups with the murder of Denver talk show host Alan Berg, plotting to murder a federal judge, and engaging in conspiracy to overthrow the American government.

All those charged are affiliated with one of two hate groups, the Aryan Nations and/or the Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord (CSA), according to Irwin Suall, ADL fact-finding director.

Two of the most powerful national leaders of the extremist movements were among those charged and arrested last week, "Reverend" Richard Butler, head of Aryan Nations, and Robert Mills, a former Ku Klux Klan (KKK) member and Midwest coordinator of Aryan Nations.

Butler, 67, is the "pastor" of the vehemently anti-Semitic Church of Jesus Christ Christian in Hayden Lake, Idaho, the headquarters of Aryan Nations. Miles is a one-time Grand Dragon (State leader) of the KKK in Michigan.

Four Indicted in Murder of Berg

A federal grand jury in Denver indicted four people under the Federal Civil Rights Act in connection with the machine-gun slaying of Berg, a Jewish radio talk show host who provoked racists during his program. Berg was gunned down outside his Denver home in June 1984.

The four indicted, all members of The Order, an Aryan Nations splinter group, were David Eden Lane, 48, Richard Joseph Scutari, 39, Bruce Carroll Pierce, 32, a leader of The Order, and Jean Margaret Craig, 53. Lane and Pierce are both affiliated with the Church of Jesus Christ Christian in Hayden Lake.

Federal authorities allege that Pierce carried the sub-machinegun used to murder Berg and was accompanied by Scutari and Lane. Craig allegedly followed Berg and possibly acted as lookout during the murder. The charge carries a maximum life sentence.

Smith, Scutari and Pierce were also named in the indictments in Fort Smith. The Fort Smith

federal grand jury indicted the three along with Butler, Miles, Louis Ray Beam Jr., a former Texas Klansman and Aryan Nations "ambassador," Louis Ray Beam Jr., and six others and charged them with sedition, or conspiracy to overthrow the government. Also charged in this indictment were Robert Neil Smalley, 31, Ardie McBrearty, 59, Andrew Virgil Barnhill, 30, and Richard Wayne Snell, 56.

They are charged with counterfeiting and armed robbery as part of the conspiracy to finance their revolution. If convicted, the charge carries a maximum 20-year prison sentence and \$20,000 fine.

Five others were named in a separate indictment in Fort Smith charging them with a plot to murder a federal judge and other officials. They are Snell, named in the sedition charges also, William Wade, 68, Ivan Ray Wade, 34, Lambert Miller, 36, and David Michael McGuir, 24. Seven of the 15 indicted are currently serving terms in federal prisons. The other eight are either under arrest or being sought.

The federal government has stepped up investigations and prosecution of the hate groups in the past two to three years and is pursuing the members more aggressively and successfully, Suall said.

The increased activity began with the exposure of The Order in 1984 after Robert Jay Matthews, the group's leader and founder, died in a shootout with more than 100 law enforcement agents in Puget Sound.

Since the gun battle, 24 members of The Order were convicted or pleaded guilty to charges of racketeering, murder, bombings and armed robbery.

Two years ago, in April 1985, 300 state and federal officers raided a CSA camp in the Ozark Mountains near Mountain Home, Arkansas. Inside the camp, they discovered an arsenal of machine guns, antitank rockets, grenades, plastic explosives and an abundance of anti-Semitic and racist literature.

The members trained in minefields, and in an area used for target practice the officers found a wooden target which pictured a state trooper with a Jewish star on his chest.

Members of The Order had trained and resided at the CSA camp. In the wake of the raid, four Order members were discovered hiding in the camp and they surrendered.

The leader of at least two other hate groups, the Arizona Patriots and Committee of the States, are awaiting trials, Suall said.



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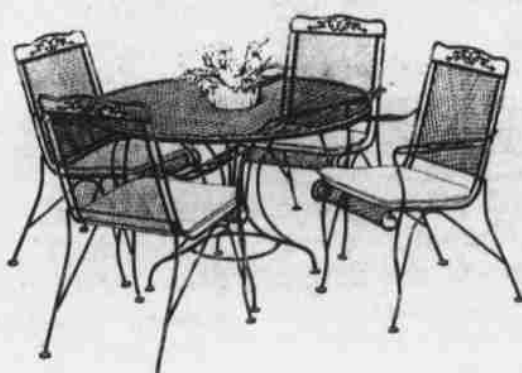
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