

## Suspected War Criminal Is First Indicted Under New Canadian Law

TORONTO (JTA) — Imre Finta, a 71-year-old Toronto restaurant owner of Hungarian origin, was indicted for war crimes in federal court here. He is the first naturalized Canadian citizen to face prosecution under a recently enacted law that allows Canadian courts to try suspected war criminals for crimes committed on foreign soil.

Finta was identified by Sabina Citron, head of the Holocaust Remembrance Association, and several other Holocaust survivors as a former captain in the Honveds, a police force in Nazi-controlled Hungary during World War II. He is said to have tortured and murdered Jews and looted their possessions.

The indictment charges him with crimes committed in the Hungarian city of Szeged between April 7 and July 15, 1944 and later in Austria and Hungary. He is accused of kidnapping and confining 8,615 Jews in concentration camps and of manslaughter in the deaths of an unspecified number. He is believed to have personally murdered 34 Jews for their valuables.

Bail was set at \$100,000 (Canadian). No

trial date has been announced.

The indictment of Finta has an ironic twist. Three years ago, he sued Citron for libel in civil court for publicly denouncing him as a war criminal. His suit was rejected by the court.

Finta's name was the first to be made public out of a list of 22 suspected Nazi war criminals against whom a national government commission found sufficient evidence to warrant legal action.

The commission, headed by Quebec Superior Court Justice Jules Deschenes, spent more than a year

## Nate Mack B'nai B'rith Lodge News

The Lodge wishes to take this opportunity to extend best wishes for good health and happiness to the entire Jewish Community in the new year.

First of all, on January 29, at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth Shalom, the Lodge will hold its regular monthly meeting. As always, an outstanding program has been scheduled. There is no cost. Refreshments will be served. Please attend. Call Mort Kirsch for additional information at 451-6647.

If you are new to the Community or you're an "old timer," consider membership in the Lodge. In the truest sense, the Lodge offers Benevolence, Brotherly Love, and Harmony. Start the new year right. Become a member and above all, participate. Call Membership Chairman Mike Novick at 458-6453. Do it today! You'll be glad you did.

O.K., now back to Lodge activities. On January 17th, the Lodge invites you to join along with these brothers, wives, girl friends, Bribos and

investigating suspected Nazi war criminals living in Canada. The commission's report named another 212 possible suspects who warrant further investigation.

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On January 10th, Lodge brothers will be assisting in the Jewish Federation Super Sunday Phonathon. Many brothers have volunteered their time. If you have a couple of hours to give, now is the time! Contact Lodge brother and Super Sunday Co-chairman Marty Loeb at 798-3008 for additional information.

And, last but not least, attend the Lodge's Super Bowl Party on January 31. Details, location, etc. to follow. Contact brother President Mort Kirsch at 451-6647.

Happy New Year, everyone.

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