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KAHANE SAYS HE'LL RENOUNCE
U.S. CITIZENSHIP ON WEDNESDAY

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 9 (JTA) -- Rabbi Meir Kahane is giving up his U.S. citizenship, apparently to clear the way for him to lead the Kach party list in the November Knesset elections.

At a news conference held here Tuesday to announce Kach's list of candidates, Kahane told reporters that he would inform U.S. authorities Wednesday that he was surrendering his U.S. passport.

Like many American immigrants, Kahane maintains dual citizenship in the United States and Israel. In 1985, soon after he was elected to the Knesset as Kach's sole representative, the U.S. State Department revoked his U.S. citizenship. Immigration officials ruled that his membership in a foreign legislature was equivalent to renouncing his U.S. citizenship.

Kahane appealed the decision in U.S. federal court, and his passport was restored.

The State Department renewed its efforts to revoke Kahane's citizenship after he officially took his oath of office in July 1987. Immigration officials considered such an oath, pledging loyalty to Israel and taken only after Kahane exhausted all efforts to stall the ceremony, as a "voluntary expatriating act." The case is ongoing.

Kach spokespersons said Tuesday that they did not fear any attempts to bar the party from running in the elections, saying they had "many legal measures" to ensure their "large-scale presence" in the next Knesset.

The Knesset has drafted a number of anti-racism laws aimed at Kahane, who promotes the expulsion of all Arabs in Israeli territory to Arab states and opposes Israeli democracy as a threat to the state's Jewish character.

The 25 relatively unknown Kach members on the party's list were given scant attention at the news conference, held at the headquarters of the Israel Journalists Association. Most of a booklet distributed at the conference was devoted to Kahane. It described him as a "revolutionary, philosopher, visionary" and "learned Talmud scholar."

The booklet also explained that there are no women on the Kach list "for religious reasons."

Police were called in when young members of the leftist party Mapam demonstrated outside of the association, protesting that the journalists had provided Kach with a platform to present racist doctrines.

ISRAELI AIR FORCE RAIDS TARGETS NEAR SIDON, IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 9 (JTA) -- Israeli air force planes raided terrorist targets in the Sidon area of southern Lebanon on Tuesday, according to reports from Beirut.

The raid was the 13th on Palestine Liberation Organization targets in Lebanon since the beginning of the year.

According to the reports, the targets included the building housing the PLO radio station, which was completely destroyed by air-to-surface

missiles, a camp run by the Al Fatah wing of the PLO, and the local headquarters of George Habbash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Nayef Hawatme's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

At least 12 people were killed or injured in the attack, carried out by six planes during a two-hour period. Ambulances were reported to be rushing to the area, and the local radio appealed for blood donations.

The PLO radio station was set up six months ago, with the announced aim of broadcasting instructions to Palestinians involved in the uprising in the administered territories.

But it devoted most of its air time to broadcasting slogans, playing popular marches and speaking about the independent Palestinian state the PLO hopes to establish.

JEWISH LEADERS SAY JACKSON SHOULD BE TALKING TO THEM

NEW YORK, Aug. 9 (JTA) -- The Rev. Jesse Jackson's meeting Sunday with Israeli Ambassador Moshe Arad fell well short of pleasing leaders of American Jewish organizations, according to two of those leaders.

One went as far as charging Jackson with "sleight of hand" and "grandstanding" in his comments on anti-Semitism and what is perceived by the leaders as his continuing reluctance to meet with American Jewish leaders.

Jackson initiated the meeting with Arad, who is Israel's ambassador in Washington. Discussions centered on the Middle East. But Jackson also said the session was planned to establish "some kind of conduit for communications for blacks and Jews" and "some commitment for ongoing dialogue."

Late Monday, Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, issued a statement calling the meeting "appropriate." But he said the conversation "is not a substitute for a meeting of Rev. Jackson with representatives of the American Jewish community."

"The U.S. Jewish community is represented by the national Jewish religious and secular groups that constitute the conference," said Abram.

Invitation 'Remains Open'

He added that an invitation to meet with the umbrella group that Jackson turned down in April "remains open."

In a more sharply worded statement, Seymour Reich, international president of B'nai B'rith, called on Jackson to "refrain from dodging the real issues and meet the American Jewish leaders in a sincere effort to resolve the serious problems between blacks and Jews that remain outstanding."

Reich said that organizations such as his are "the more natural and logical address for airing" concerns about black-Jewish relations and the Middle East, and should have been consulted or invited to the meeting with Arad.

Reich also took exception to the way Jackson responded after the meeting to a question from reporters about recent manifestations of

anti-Semitism perpetrated by blacks in Chicago.

The question referred to the controversy triggered by remarks made by Steve Cokely, an aide to Mayor Eugene Sawyer who was subsequently fired. Cokely charged that Jews are involved in a worldwide conspiracy and that Jewish doctors routinely inject black infants with the virus that causes AIDS.

Jewish leaders have been disappointed in what they perceive as a reluctance on the part of black leaders, including Chicagoan Jackson, to repudiate Cokely.

Koch Remarks Raised

Questioned on the subject, Jackson compared the situation in Chicago with remarks made about him by New York Mayor Ed Koch in April, during the New York state Democratic primary.

Koch said at the time that Jews and other supporters of Israel would be "crazy" to vote for Jackson, because of his support of a Palestinian state.

"It's not just Chicago and the aide to the mayor," Jackson told reporters. "It's the mayor of New York saying that any Jew who would vote for me 'would be crazy.' That statement traumatized many people, hurt many people," he said.

But according to Reich of B'nai B'rith, "it is unacceptable for Rev. Jackson to try and equate the vicious anti-Semitism of a Cokely in Chicago with the political hyperbole of the mayor of New York."

"It is also inexcusable sleight-of-hand to try to gloss over manifestations of anti-Semitism with simplistic and grandstanding efforts at international diplomacy," the B'nai B'rith leader added.

Reich was referring to Jackson's offer to play an intermediary role in the Arab-Israeli conflict, based on his close contacts with Palestinian and Arab leaders.

Arad politely rejected such a role, saying negotiations must be carried out by the parties involved, with the help of the U.S. government.

PROGRESS, BUT NO BREAKTHROUGH REPORTED IN TABA DELIBERATIONS By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9 (JTA) -- Israel and Egypt moved closer Tuesday to reaching a compromise on resolving the Taba border dispute. But late word indicated a breakthrough heralded earlier in the day had failed to materialize.

Negotiations aimed at resolving the two nations' conflicting claims over the tiny beachfront territory began Monday and reportedly ended late Tuesday, when the Israeli delegation decided to return home for consultations with the government in Jerusalem.

A largely pessimistic atmosphere pervaded preliminary talks on Monday. But Israeli correspondents reported from Cairo on Tuesday that a possible solution to the land dispute had emerged. It would grant Israelis virtually free passage into the Taba region, in return for Israeli recognition of Egyptian sovereignty over the area.

Israel has developed a luxury hotel and a resort village on the two-square-mile strip of beach southwest of Eilat.

But rumors have been circulating for weeks that an international panel of arbitrators will soon issue a binding ruling that the territory be put under Egyptian sovereignty.

The negotiations in Cairo were aimed at achieving a face-saving compromise that would

obviate the need for a ruling by the arbitration panel.

The panel, which was due to issue its ruling in September, has agreed not to do so if the two sides first reach a settlement.

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has opposed any compromise that would give Egypt sovereignty over the territory. Until Tuesday, that also appeared to be the position of the Israeli negotiating team, which is led by Yossi Ben-Aharon, director general of the Prime Minister's Office.

Ben-Aharon was quoted as saying Monday that, faced with Egyptian insistence on sovereignty without compromise, the Israeli team might as well go home.

Meeting With Foreign Minister

But on Tuesday, Ben-Aharon apparently achieved some measure of progress in a separate meeting with Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid. Excluded from the session were Avraham Tamir, director general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, and Professor Shimon Shamir, Israel's ambassador to Cairo.

According to reports from Cairo, the Egyptians indicated they were now prepared to allow Israelis free movement into and out of Taba, provided they obtain permits from the Egyptian consul general in Eilat.

Ben-Aharon was said to be upbeat about the progress, but he stressed that the delegation was not authorized to make any commitments. "There is no agreement," he was quoted as saying upon his departure for Israel.

The progress Tuesday appeared to be linked to the arrival in Cairo of Judge Abraham Sofaer, the U.S. State Department's legal adviser, who has been working with both countries to facilitate a compromise.

One remaining stumbling block appears to be determining the ownership of the Sonesta Hotel, once Taba returns to Egyptian control. Egypt has offered to buy the hotel, which has become a major resort spot for Israelis.

There was talk about resuming deliberations in Israel, but no date has been set.

Meanwhile, Ben-Aharon reportedly has extended an invitation from Shamir to President Hosni Mubarak for the two to meet.

PERES OUTLINES PLANS ON WEST BANK By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Tuesday that if he were to lead the next government, he would support the Jordan River as Israel's eastern security border.

Talking to group of visiting American journalists, Peres was not specific in describing a political border, nor his plans for evacuating portions of the administered territories.

But he did say that any evacuated territory would be demilitarized, and that the security border would include early warning stations set up along the Jordan River to prevent a surprise attack against Israel.

Labor Party politicians have traditionally distinguished between security borders and political borders.

Peres' position appears to be that while Israel should be prepared to relinquish sovereignty over parts of the West Bank, the Israel Defense Force would retain control over all territory up to the Jordan River.

**UPRISING ENTERS NINTH MONTH,
AS MURPHY PRESSES PEACE EFFORT**
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9 (JTA) -- A 14-year-old youth was killed Tuesday in the West Bank town of Kalkiliya, and disturbances were reported in other parts of the territories, as the Palestinians marked the end of the eighth month of their uprising.

Three residents of the village of Beit Rima, in the Ramallah region, were wounded as the Israel Defense Force entered the village to detain suspects. According to military sources, the soldiers were pelted with stones and opened fire when their lives were in danger.

Another youth was wounded by IDF fire in the village of Silat a-Hartiya, near Jenin.

As riots and a general strike continued in the territories, U.S. envoy Richard Murphy continued his Middle East diplomatic tour, in an apparent effort to reach some progress in the U.S. peace initiative of Secretary of State George Shultz before elections are held in Israel and the United States.

Murphy, the assistant secretary of state for Near East and South Asian affairs, met Jordanian Prime Minister Zaid al-Rifai in Amman on Tuesday. He was expected to discuss King Hussein's decision to sever all legal and administrative ties with the West Bank. A meeting with Hussein also was expected.

Israeli correspondents reported from Cairo, where Murphy was expected to arrive Tuesday, that there was yet no indication that the planned meeting there between Murphy and a Palestinian delegation would take place.

According to those reports, the Palestine Liberation Organization imposed a veto on such a meeting, because the Americans refused to have PLO members included in the delegation. Salah Khalaf, a deputy to PLO chairman Yasir Arafat, was quoted in those reports.

The meeting was to be held with a joint delegation of Palestinians from the territories and Palestinians with American citizenship. Attorney Fayez Abu Rahme of Gaza has been spending time in Cairo trying to push for the meeting.

But Hanna Siniora, the editor of the East Jerusalem daily Al-Fajr, said he would not go to Cairo unless explicitly invited by both the Americans and the PLO.

**MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ASK GORBACHEV
TO INVESTIGATE LATEST ANTI-SEMITISM**
By Howard Rosenberg

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (JTA) -- One hundred and seventy members of Congress are asking Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to formally investigate the activities of new anti-Semitic nationalistic groups that have recently surfaced under "glasnost."

In an Aug. 8 letter, the lawmakers said that in the new era of openness, "anti-Semitic acts are currently being organized against Jews in Moscow and other cities in the Soviet Union."

They praised Gorbachev for recent human rights advances but asked him to officially condemn anti-Semitism and to halt further incidents against Jews.

None of the estimated 2.5 million Jews in the USSR have been killed or injured in any of the incidents, but the lawmakers told Gorbachev that Jewish property, including 60 tombstones in

Moscow, had been desecrated by vandals.

A year-old Soviet nationalistic group called Pamyat (Remembrance), has been accused of being at the forefront of the anti-Semitic activity.

The lawmakers told Gorbachev that "your own press has described Pamyat leader Dmitri Vasiliev as a fanatic, and Pamyat as a dangerous organization."

At a news conference at the Capitol sponsored Tuesday by the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, Rep. James Scheuer (D-N.Y.) said that "formed to preserve Russian culture, Pamyat has since poisoned its message with virulent anti-Semitism including age-old lies from the 'Protocols of the Elders of Zion.'"

Judy Balint, a member of the executive committee of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, said that "Jews have always been the scapegoats of Russians."

She said that Soviet nationalists such as Pamyat accuse Jews of murdering Czar Nicholas II during the 1917 Revolution, and for being the cause of Soviet economic woes.

In addition, Balint said Pamyat considers Jews less than totally committed to Soviet culture because of their Jewish heritage and desire to emigrate.

'Pogrom Atmosphere'

This "pogrom atmosphere," Balint claimed, has led to a surge in visa applications and requests for letters of invitation by Soviet Jews in recent months.

Recent Soviet anti-Semitic incidents cited in the letter include a Jewish cultural group that was prevented from renting a meeting hall in Moscow. In that incident, a "handwritten leaflet urging 'Death to the Jews' was plastered to the door."

Other incidents not cited in the letter include reported threats of violence in May and June during the celebration commemorating the 1,000th anniversary of the Russian Orthodox and Ukrainian churches; desecration of synagogues; and anti-Jewish demonstrations in Moscow and Leningrad.

The lawmakers also complained to Gorbachev about anti-Semitic speeches and articles in the Soviet Union. But Rep. Jack Buechner (R-Mo.) asserted at the news conference that publications should not be censored for anti-Semitic content, but that the government should not encourage or advocate such writings.

Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.), who co-chairs the congressional caucus, said Gorbachev should not "move back on glasnost" but should recognize that "openness is not a license to perpetrate racial and religious persecution, possibly leading to pogroms." Lantos said the caucus plans to meet later this month with Yuri Dubinin, the Soviet ambassador to the United States, to discuss the issue.

Myrna Shinbaum, acting director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, and Jess Hordes, associate director of the Washington office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, both called on Gorbachev to invoke for the first time Article 74 of the Russian republic's Criminal, which makes ethnic and racial incitement a criminal offense.

In Moscow Monday, about seven Jews were arrested for apparently violating a new law that requires demonstrators to give 10 days notice to Soviet authorities before staging a protest, UCSJ spokeswoman Jennifer Kane said.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR SLAIN PALESTINIAN CHILDREN PROTESTED

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Jewish groups have sent a letter to the chairman of a United Nations conference here to register their dismay over a decision to include in the opening session a moment of silence in memory of the Palestinian children killed during the unrest in the Israeli-administered territories.

The letter was sent to Murtidhar Chandrakani Bhandari, chairman of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

The U.N. body decided at the opening of its 40th session on Monday to honor the memory of children who have died in the Palestinian uprising.

The moment of reflection, proposed by representatives from Morocco and Algeria, was added to a similar gesture to honor children killed in South Africa.

The letter, initiated by the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations here, said, "We deeply regret that the memory of children should have been sullied by an attempt at political manipulation of these sad events."

The letter pointed out that many of the children killed in the Palestinian unrest were deliberately incited to violence, "in contravention of fundamental humanitarian principles" condemning "the exploitation of children in armed conflict."

"It would have been more appropriate to recall the deaths of tens of thousands of innocent children all over the world in various conflicts, particularly in the Middle East, where they died as military conscripts on the battlefields between Iran and Iraq," the letter said.

It was signed by representatives of the International Council of Jewish Women, Women's International Zionist Federation, World Jewish Congress and the World Union of Progressive Judaism.

PLO OFFICIALS SAID TO HAVE SENT MESSAGES TO ISRAELI LEADERS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Both Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres have received messages in the past few years from senior members of the Palestine Liberation Organization, a former member of Shamir's Likud bloc said Thursday.

Moshe Amirav, now a member of the fledgling Center Party, said Wednesday that the messages, which were rejected by Shamir and Peres, expressed the PLO's readiness to conduct peace negotiations with Israel on the basis of mutual recognition.

Amirav said non-Israeli figures had conveyed the messages to the two Israeli leaders. He mentioned Claude Cheysson, a European Community commissioner and former French foreign minister, as one of the emissaries.

Amirav resigned from Likud's Central Committee after reports surfaced that he had met with representatives of the PLO.

He has since supported the notion that Israel must eventually negotiate with the terrorist organization -- a position at odds with that of the Likud bloc, which officially rules out ever dealing with the PLO.

PERU WILL TRY ABU NIDAL TERRORISTS, BUT ONLY FOR ALLEGED PLOTS THERE

By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Peruvian authorities intend to try three members of the Abu Nidal organization whose alleged plot to attack Israeli and Jewish interests there was uncovered.

The men, who were arrested July 30 in the capital of Lima, were found to have compiled extensive information on Israeli and Jewish offices and synagogues, as well as detailed reports on the schedules of American and British embassy personnel.

They reportedly had also followed employees of the Palestine Liberation Organization office in Lima and had maps of the offices.

"The most complete information was on the Israelis first," said a spokesman for the Peruvian Embassy in Washington. "They seemed to concentrate on the Jewish community."

The group's leader, Hocine Bouzidi, 36, who was carrying Algerian papers, is the subject of an Interpol report. He is believed to have planned the 1985 hijacking of an Egyptair jetliner to Malta and the simultaneous terrorist attacks on El Al Israeli Airlines counters at the Rome and Vienna airports in December of that year.

Peru will not, however, try Bouzidi for these crimes, but for conspiring to attack the targets in Peru.

The other two men have been identified by Peru as Mohamed Abed Abdelrahman Ibrahim, 19, of Egypt and Ahmad Assaad Mohamad, also 19, of Lebanon.

The embassy spokesman said the documents were found in a house in Lima after police followed Bouzidi, whose extensive spending spree over a period of several weeks aroused suspicion that he was a drug dealer. The terrorist plot came as a complete surprise to Peruvian authorities.

'Intelligence Reports' On Israelis

Police uncovered "all kinds of documents with intelligence reports on Israeli Embassy officials and maps of the embassy," the Peruvian spokesman said. "They also had a very complete map of the synagogue, and also the British embassy, British officials and Venezuela (embassy). But the most complete information was on the Israelis first . . . and on the Jewish community."

The spokesman said this was the first time Peru had uncovered Arab terrorists on its soil, though for a long time Peru has had problems with an indigenous guerrilla movement, Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path).

The terrorists, if convicted, are likely to be sentenced to prison terms of indeterminate length.

The embassy spokesman said security precautions are now being taken around the targeted areas.

BONDS LEADERS 'JOIN' THE ARMY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Hundreds of State of Israel Bonds leaders, here for their annual convention, spent Wednesday following the paths of new Israel Defence Force recruits. Many of the 550 Bonds delegates followed the route of a new recruit from barber to bank account.

Bonds leaders from the United States, Canada, Latin America and Western Europe were observing a week-long Israel 40 celebration.

**MOSCOW, TEL AVIV TO COOPERATE
ON BINATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 9 (JTA) -- Israel and the Soviet Union have agreed to set up binational chambers of commerce in both Moscow and Tel Aviv.

The decision, reported in Tuesday's Jerusalem Post, was reached Monday in Leningrad by visiting Israeli Dan Gillerman, president of the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce in Tel Aviv, in agreement with Soviet officials during Gillerman's two-day visit.

The possibility of opening trade links between the Soviet Union and Israel were also discussed at the meetings, which were described as "encouraging," as well as the improvement of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Last month, the first Israeli consular delegation to visit the Soviet Union in 21 years arrived in Moscow. Their stated purpose was only to look after the former Israel Embassy property.

Meanwhile, the Soviet television authority has offered to sell Soviet feature films and documentaries to Israel Television. The offer marked the first time that Soviet television has approached its Israeli counterpart.

A telex was received from Moscow yesterday expressing a desire for mutual cooperation and informing Israel Television that a detailed catalogue of Soviet films had been sent by airmail to Jerusalem.

In a similar vein, Hungarian television has also made its first contact with Israeli television, offering a program about the expulsion of the Turks from Hungary.

**LEBANESE TERRORIST ADMITS
ROLE IN TWA HIJACKING**

By David Kantor

BONN, Aug. 9 (JTA) -- Mohammed Hamadei, the Lebanese standing trial in Frankfurt for the hijacking of a TWA airliner in 1985, admitted Tuesday that he participated in that hijacking to Beirut.

But he denied any complicity in the murder of Robert Stethem, the American Navy diver who was brutally killed on board and whose body was dumped on the airport tarmac.

Hamadei blamed Israel's "criminal acts" for the decision to enact the crime.

Hamadei's dramatic confession came as a surprise to the West German judges, who are hearing the case in Frankfurt's top-security prison where he is being held.

"This could be a turning point in this trial," the chairman of the court said.

Hamadei is being tried in juvenile court because of uncertainty about his actual age at the time of the crime.

Hamadei declined to give the names of other participants in the hijacking, nor would he say who organized the crime. Trying to justify his action, Hamadei said that his aim was to free Lebanese people allegedly tortured in Israeli prisons.

"If what I did was a crime," he said, "this was nothing but a response to continuous criminal acts by Israel."

Hamadei said he and his group decided to hit the United States because it was Israel's main supporter and shared responsibility for what he called the Jewish state's criminal behavior.

**PARISIAN JEWS MARK ANNIVERSARY
OF ASSAULT ON GOLDENBERG DELI**
By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Aug. 9 (JTA) -- Parisian Jews on Tuesday marked the sixth anniversary of the attack against Jo Goldenberg, the Jewish restaurant at which six persons were killed and 22 wounded by terrorists on Aug. 9, 1982.

Jewish leaders and residents of the area of the Marais, the traditional Jewish neighborhood of Paris, commemorated the bloody event so "that we shall never forget," Theo Klein, president of the Representative Council of Major French Jewish Organizations said at the memorial assembly on the Rue des Rosiers.

Up until now, intensive searches by police have failed to turn up the identities of the machine gun-wielding terrorists, whose brutal assault against Paris' most famous Jewish restaurant marked a new turning point in anti-Jewish terrorist activity.

The terrorists are widely believed to be members of the Abu Nidal terrorist group.

**SCHWAMMBERGER CASE NEARING END
AS LAST WITNESS TESTIFIES**

By Andrew Silow Carroll

NEW YORK, Aug. 9 (JTA) -- The last of four eyewitnesses asked to give testimony in the Argentine denaturalization trial of suspected Nazi war criminal Josef Schwammberger completed her testimony last week.

Cecilia Miller of Los Angeles told a federal court in Buenos Aires of Schwammberger's role in the spring of 1943 in the public hanging of a Jew suspected of stabbing a German guard.

Miller was 13 years old when Schwammberger was commandant of the Przemysl concentration in Poland in 1943. She was an eyewitness to the hanging.

According to Martin Mendelsohn, a lawyer who represented Miller on behalf of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Miller's testimony marked the end of the prosecution's case in the trial.

An Argentine federal court judge will now decide if Schwammberger lied to authorities about his wartime past when he sought and gained Argentine citizenship 30 years ago. The judge's decision is expected anywhere from 30 days to a few months.

If found guilty, Schwammberger could become the first suspected Nazi war criminal extradited to West Germany by a South American country.

Schwammberger, 75, was commandant of the Przemysl and Rozwadow labor camps and the Mielec concentration camps, all in Poland. He is alleged to have been responsible for the execution and torture of hundreds of Jews.

According to Austrian police files, he admitted to shooting 35 Jews as part of his military responsibilities, and plundering gold and diamond jewelry from Jewish slave laborers.

He was arrested in Argentina in November 1987, based on eyewitness testimony gathered by the Wiesenthal Center and the World Jewish Congress.

Defense attorneys for Schwammberger are expected to argue before the federal judge that the statute of limitations on his admitted theft have run out, and that the Jews whose deaths were his responsibility were shot while trying to escape.