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The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan President of the United States White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

How can you allow Nazis and Nazi collaborators who were brought into our country at the end of the War, either because as scientists they were potentially useful to our space and defense programs or, as anti-communists, potentially useful to our intelligence and propaganda agencies, to collect Social Security and pension benefits!?

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In expectation of a favorable and prompt reply,

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MORTON YARMON, Director of Public Relations

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW YORK, Aug. 14....The American Jewish Committee today expressed strong gratification over the expulsion from the United States of Rumanian fascist leader Valerian Trifa, who was responsible for the deaths of thousands of Rumanian Jews during World War II.

In a statement issued by Leo Nevas, chairman of AJC's International Relations Commission, the human relations agency commended the United States Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations for "its unstinting resolve in pursuing this case to its conclusion and for its determination to continue to investigate and prosecute other individuals in the U.S. suspected of lying about their past complicity in Nazi war crimes."

The complete text of Mr. Nevas's statement follows:

"The American Jewish Committee welcomes the news that Valerian Trifa has finally left the shores of the United States. This is two years after the U.S. Government ordered him deported for lying about his role in crimes against Jews in wartime Rumania.

"Trifa, who was a commandant in the fascist Rumanian Iron Guard, president of a fascist student organization and editor of a virulently anti-Semitic newspaper, was responsible for the incitement of pogroms in Bucharest that resulted in the death of thousands of Rumanian Jews. Accordingly, there can be no sanctuary within our borders for a man guilty of such crimes against humanity.

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DEPORTED BISHOP FLIES TO PORTUGAL

Head of Rumanian Church in U.S. Was Linked to Nazis Lisbon Grants Visa

By STUART TAYLOR Jr.

cial to The New York Ti

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 — The Justice Department said today that Archbishop Valerian D. Trifa, the 70-yearold head of the Rumanian Orthodox Church in America, left for Portugal on

Monday under a deportation order. His departure ended a nine-year effort by the United States to deport him for lying to conceal his part in persecu-tion of Jews and collaboration with Nazi Germany in wartime Rumania.

A Portuguese Embassy spokesman said in response to a question that Archbishop Trifa had obtained his visa through a routine application and that the embassy was unaware that he was an accused war criminal under a deportation order.

Archbishop Trifa stopped fighting the deportation order in 1982 and re-mained at his 200-acre estate in Grass Lake, Mich., east of Jackson, until he found a country willing to take him in and could make arrangements to leave the United States.

No Official U.S.-Portuguese Talks

Stephen S. Trott, head of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, said at a news conference today that the churchman had obtained the Portu-guese visa on his own and that the United States had not discussed the matter with the Portugal.

"Our mission was to remove Mr. Trifa from this country, and from the privilege of living here, and that has been accomplished," Mr. Trott said. Luis de Sousa, Portuguese Embassy press counselor, said Archbishop Trifa

press counselor, said Archbishop I'lla obtained the visa last December as "a stateless individual who intended to reside in Portugal after his retirement."
His application "just floated through in the normal traffic of applications," Mr. de Sousa said, adding that "we were blissfully unaware" of any legal proceedings accusing him of war crimes crimes.

"I think the assumption was that if the Americans let him reside here for 30 years, this was a peaceful, law-abid-ing churchman, an upstanding citizen who wants to retire to the beaches of the Algarve or something," he said.

Later the Portuguese Embassy said that the visa had been granted "in the absence of a police criminal record" in the United States. The case against Archbishop Trifa, which was widely publicized, was a civil proceeding.

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The Justice Department won praise from Jewish groups for what the American Jewish Committee called its "unstinting resolve" in seeking to deport Archbishop Trifa, the third accused Nazi war criminal to leave the United States under legal pressure.

At the Justice Department news conference today, Neal M. Sher, head of the Office of Special Investigations, said that Israel, West Germany, Italy and Switzerland had refused to accept the churchman and that Rumania "indicated it was not that excited about taking him." He said he assumed Archbishop Trifa "felt he would not be prosecuted" in Portugal.

Mr. Sher said his office, which was created in 1979 to pursue Nazi war criminals in the United States, had about 35 cases "in litigation" and was investigating about 300 other people. Archbishop Trifa has admitted that

he was a member in the 1940's of the Legionary Movement, an offshoot of the pro-Nazi Rumanian Iron Guard, and had made pro-Nazi speeches and edited an anti-Jewish newspaper. But he has denied accounts of witnesses who said he had directed an attack against Jews in Bucharest in 1941.

Mr. Trott said today that in World War II, Archbishop Trifa "was a major figure in the violent, fascist and anti-Semitic Rumanian Iron Guard," acting as editor of an anti-Semitic newspaper and advocating persecution of Jews in Rumania from 1936 to 1941 and helping to spur a rebellion "in which many inspect to vilians were killed." nocent civilians were killed."

He "was subsequently given sanctu-ary, protection and care by the Ger-man S.S. in Rumania and in Germany between 1941 and 1944," Mr. Trott said. He said the Archbishop entered the United States in 1950 and became a naturalized citizen in 1957 by lying about his background.

The Government began proceedings to denaturalize Archbishop Trifa in 1975, after Jewish groups had publicized war crimes accusations against him. In December 1980, just before he was to go to trial, Archbishop Trifa agreed to an order revoking his citizen-ship. The Office of Special Investiga-tions then began deportation proceed-

After three days of trial before an immigration judge in October 1982, he consented to an order of deportation, giving as his reason the financial burden the trial was putting on his 35,000member church.





Office of the Attorney General Washington, A. C. 20530

August 31, 1984

Dr. Charles H. Kremer 30 West 70th Street, Apt. 6B New York, New York 10023

Dear Dr. Kremer:

The deportation of Valerian Trifa on August 13, 1984, was a tremendous victory for the Office of Special Investigations in its concerted efforts to uncover and deport Nazi war criminals and collaborators living illegally in this country. No one knows the significance of the Trifa case more than you. During the nine years that the case was in active and fiercely contested litigation, your interest and resolve in pursuing justice never diminished. Indeed, OSI Director Neal Sher has told me about your persistent efforts in this matter over the past thirty years; Trifa's deportation should be a great source of satisfaction for you.

The important work of the Office of Special Investigations continues to be a priority in the Department of Justice. The successful resolution of the Trifa case is a triumph for justice. It demonstrates that the deportation of those involved in persecution and murder is not an idle threat. Your dedication and resolve have not gone unnoticed. You are to be commended for your years of dedication to the pursuit of justice.

Sincerely,

William French Smith

Attorney General

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 24, 1985

Dear Dr. Kremer:

Thank you for your letter of May 23 to President Reagan to which I have been asked to respond. As you know, the Office of Special Investigations of the Department of Justice is actively pursuing cases under its jurisdiction. Your own work in this area is well known to all of us here.

Thank you for sharing your comments and thoughts with me.

Sincerely

Marshall J. Breger

Special Assistant to the

President for Public Liaison

Dr. Charles H. Kremer
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Dr. Charles H. Kremer c/o Professor S. Ackerman Apartment 6B 30 West 70th Street New York, New York 10023

Dear Dr. Kremer:

Your letter to the President about Social Security benefits to Nazis and Nazi collaborators has been referred to the Social Security Administration. A complete reply will be sent to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Martha A. McSteen Acting Commissioner

U.S. Department of Justice



Criminal Division

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Dear Dr. Kremer:

Your recent letter to the President urging withdrawal of all benefits paid to Nazis and Nazi collaborators living in this country has been referred to me for response.

We fully understand and sympathize with the concerns you have expressed in your letter. However, applicable law must be applied in each individual case. In some instances, for example, Social Security benefits may not be terminated in the absence of an order of deportation. More generally, Social Security benefits may not be terminated because a recipient has violated United States law.

Thus, in the case of Hans Lipschis who consented to the entry of an order of deportation and left this country for Germany on April 14, 1983, all Social Security benefits have been terminated.

On the other hand, in the case of Arthur Rudolph who relinquished his citizenship and permanently departed this country in October 1984 in accordance with an agreement he signed with this Department in 1983, a different situation exists. The Agreement stipulates that the United States recognizes that there is no basis under United States law for limiting in any way, by lawsuit or any other means, Rudolph's receipt of federal retirement, health care, and/or Social Security benefits.

As always, we remain most appreciative of your past assistance and continuing concern in these matters; I am certain you understand that with reference to the issues raised in your letter, current law and regulations must be applied.

Sincerely,

Mark M Richard

Deputy Assistant Attorney General

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I am sure that Dr. Charles H. Kremer needs no introduction, and that you are fully aware that because of Dr. Kremer's personal dedication and perseverance, the notorious pogromist "Archbishop" Valerian D. Trifa, who had lived prosperously in the United States for 35 years, was deported in August 1984.

Sadly, Trifa is now living in Portugal as a free man. Dr. Kremer is working to have Trifa extradited to Israel to stand trial for crimes that he committed against Jewry while leader of the Iron Guard movement in Rumania.

Tragically, Israel is doing nothing to extradite Trifa. Dr. Kremer must therefore travel to Israel to pursuade the government to become interested in this cause. In particular, Dr. Kremer must convince the Knesset to amend the Law of Punishment of Nazis and collaborators so that Trifa, whose crimes were conceived and carried out outside the time frame established by the Law of Punishment for crimes to be considered "Nazi crimes," can be brought to justice in Israel.

Under the existing Israeli law for punishment of Nazis and Nazi collaborators, because Trifa committed his murder on January 20-23, 1941, and because Rumania became an enemy country later on February 15, 1941, Rumania cannot be considered an "enemy country." This law must be amended. We are very fortunate now that a Rumanian Jew by the name of Itzhak Artzi, a survivor of the Transnistria progrom, is now a Member of Knesset. On January 1985 he spoke in the Knesset and made a motion while the Minister of Justice was present, to amend this law and make it retroactive to include Trifa. What we need is a dedicated lobbyist—a Jewish nudnick—to have one job in Israel, namely to follow up daily and make sure the amended law gets on the calendar and is voted in it entirety. Dr. Kremer pledges to do this. This is the purpose of this dinner and his trip.

But a trip to Israel costs money. Dr. Kremer, who has long ago exhausted his personal funds pursuing Nazis, and who does not receive any regular financial assistance from any Jewish organization save occasionally from Simon Wiesenthal and the A.J. Committee through Rabbi Dr. Marc Tannenbaum, needs money to make this most neccessary trip to Israel.

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- Send Dr. Kremer a letter of encouragement and sponsorship endorsing his project.
- Supply us with a select list of names and addresses of people who you feel would be interested in supporting this project. Please indicate in your letter if we may use your name when contacting these people.

Please direct all correspondence to:

Mr. Abe Levine Chairman, Fundraising c/o Ackerman 30 West 70th Street - Suite 6B New York, NY 10023

Time is of the essence! Please give the above request your prompt attention.

Bahavat Israel.

Abe Levine

P.S. Please advise if you would be willing to take an active part in this dinner.

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Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum:

Daily and sometimes a few times in one day I phone your office, leave word with Rita and ask her to call me back. In desperation I leave my number though I know you have it and even the reason for my call.

- a) You promised to get me a publisher, a friend of yours. When will I publish my book, after I die? I am going to be 88 in July.
- You suggested that I write to ask Rabbi Hier for a stipend and for the Wiesenthal Center to actually undertake to publish my books and make a screenplay of the Archbishop Trifa and the Dentist. I am enclosing an answer to my request made two years ago. Believe me that I contacted him many other times and I even asked him for some financial assistance of a small sum and even for some help with filing my archives but without success. For this, enclosed letter, I waited with great hope but it was a yery_ successful failure for an organization that collects millions and has interesting and deserving projects but gives no money for it. This is inexcusable and actually outrageous. The Wiesenthal Center evidently does not think that the work of an "international celebrity", as you call me, is a worthwhile Jewish project. I was told by many admirers and friends that it is not my place to write. Please, my dear and good Rabbi, you write. It will have more weight, influence and success.

I wish you a Kosher Pesach with love in Zion and Shalom.

Sincerely,

Dr. Charles H. Kremer

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November 15, 1983

Dr. Charles H. Kremer
Committee to Bring Nazi War Criminals
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135 West 106th Street
New York, New York 10025

Dear Dr. Kremer:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 24th, and hope you will understand what I am about to tell you.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center receives requests from all over the world for support of various, worthwhile Holocaust projects. We've discovered it was simply impossible to participate in all of the well-intending projects that cross our desks. Therefore, the Center adopted a long-range plan and has undertaken some very important projects that it is funding completely; at the present time our funds are committed to the completion of those projects. We, therefore, cannot spare \$15,000 to fund the writing of your book.

We can, however, help you find a distributor or a book publisher that may be interested in the project, providing we have in our hands an outline of a chapter or a synopsis of the book. We have many good contacts with publishers all over the country, and would be more than happy to interest them on your behalf.

With reference to Mervyn Adler, unfortunately our New York Office is also swamped, and Mervyn is now an Outreach Associate, and on a regular basis goes to public schools and universities to conduct Holocaust programs there, and consequently, his time is more limited than previously. I will, however, endeavor to speak to him to see whether or not he could make himself more available and somehow fit a few more hours into his schedule.

I might also recommend that, in the New York area, surely there must be 15 or 20 individuals in the lay community who you could gather around yourself at a meeting to explain your project and who might be able to come up with the necessary funds.



I am truly sorry that I cannot be more helpful than this.

We wish you success in this new project.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

A Rabbi Marvin Hier

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October 12, 1982

Dr. Charles Kramer

c/o Acherman

30 West 70th Street

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Dear Dr. Kramer,

On behalf of the Simon Wiesenthal Center I want to extend our sincerest congratulations to you for all of the time and effort you invested which has let to Archbishop Trifa's deportation.

As you know, you can call on us anytime.

With best regards.

Since ely,

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Rabbi Mark Tannenbaum c/o American Jewish Committee 165 E. 56th Street New York, New York 10020

Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum:

For the past 30 years, Dr. Charles H. Kremer has been pursuing a lonely struggle to expose Nazi criminals who have achieved sanctuary in the United States.

One of the most notorious of these Nazi criminals is Valerian D. Trifa, a former member of the Romanian Iron Guard Command, and former Archbishop of the Orthodox Church of North and South America and Canada, headquartered in Grass Lake, Michigan. He has been accused of unspeakable crimes against Jews and Christians in Romania. (see attached article)

In 1980, due to Dr. Kremer's efforts, Trifa was officially stripped of his fraudulently acquired American citizenship and in October, 1982 was ordered deported from the U.S.A. Several weeks ago, Trifa was deported to Portugal and the Portuguese government is now investigating his past in order to determine whether to deport him from that country.

On December 5th, 1984 at 8 P.M., the National Association of Jewish Legislators, in conjuction with the Institute for the Study of Genocide at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, will commemorate the installation of Dr. Kremer's archives at John Jay College. John Jay College is located at 440 West 56th Street in Manhattan. The ceremony will be held in R.6124.

We would be greatly honored if you would attend the commemoration. Please call (718) 268-2424 to let us know you are participating.

Sincerely,

Alan G. Hevesi

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Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum:

Daily and sometimes a few times in one day I phone your office, leave word with Rita and ask her to call me back. In desperation I leave my number though I know you have it and even the reason for my call.

- You promised to get me a publisher, a friend of yours. When will I publish my book, after I die? I am going to be 88 in July.
- You suggested that I write to ask Rabbi Hier for a stipend and for the Wiesenthal Center to actually undertake to publish my books and make a screenplay of the Archbishop Trifa and the Dentist. I am enclosing an answer to my request made two years ago. Believe me that I contacted him many other times and I even asked him for some financial assistance of a small sum and even for some help with filing my archives but without success. For this, enclosed letter, I waited with great hope but it was a yery_ provided to successful failure for an organization that collects millions and has interesting and deserving projects but Hier about the outrageous. The Wiesenthal Center evidently does not think find screenfame, is a worthwhile Jewish project. I was told by many admirers and friends that it is not my place to write. Please, my dear and good Rabbi, you write. It will have I wish you a Rosher Pesach with love in Zion and Shalom. but it bown.

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Honorable Sir:

I desire an appointment with you in your office on April 11,12, or 13 at your convenience in order to discuss with you the deportation of Pogronist "Archbishop" Valerian D. Trifa.

Needless to say I have pursued him for over 40 years and i am solely responsible for calling attention to this murderer to be brought to justice.

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March 23, 1983

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SUBJECT: The Roumanian Legion Party (The Legionnaires).

- 1. The following information concerning subject organization has been secured from Roumanian refugees in <u>Triopto</u>, <u>Paria</u>, PRANCE, and <u>Salabure</u>, AUSTRIA. Evaluations F-6.
- 2. The Legion Party is a rightist group very similar in organization and character to all the extreme-right shock organizations that have flourished in Europe between the first and second world wars. They have been a natural counter-part to the Communists whenever that party appeared to be on the verge of gaining political dominance. The Rousanian Legion can be compared to the former French "Croix-do-Fou" organization, the early "Fascio" in ITALY, and in some respects to the Mevimento Sociale Italians or the "Falange" of SPAIN.

The derogatory sense usually attached to the word Legion or to its members, the Legionnaires, is based on the underscentic principles on which this association functions and to the criminal methods it normally used to eliminate its opposents or to further its political ideology, mystical in the concept of its role, and para-military in its organization and operations. Its members are bound by an unbelievably strong sense of brotherhood and have always shown blind obedience to the will of their leaders.

- 3. The Legion had its origin in the "Longue for the Defense of the Nation and of Christianity", founded about 1920 by Professor Alexander C. CUZA. This was an anti-Communist and anti-Schitic association. In 1927, Corneliu Zelea CODREANU, a nember of the League and son of the war here and writer Ion Zelea CODREANU, corved his connection with the League to form a new and more militant association. The new association was called the Legion and later became known as the Iron Grand. The new Legion soon surpassed and obliterated its parent association. One of CODREANU's closest assistants was Stefan allasmassistants.
- 4. In 1934, the Legion, or Iron Guard, was outlawed by a series of dictatorial decrees from King CAROL II, which affected all political life in ROWMANIA. CODMEANU was arrosted in 1938 and later murdered in his prison in a mass political purge.

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- 6. In 1941, HOPIA STA organized a Legion revolt against the Government of ANTONISCI, but the revolt failed and HORIA SIMA and a large number of his Legionnaires escaped to GERMANY. SEPLIANY is suspected to have given refuge to HORIA SIMA and his assistants to keep them in reserve for the possible eventuality of a German-sponsored Jovernment in ROWHANIA.
- 7. At the end of World War II, the Allied Authorities jailed many Legionnairos in GFREANY for anti-Allied activity and German collaboration, but later most of them were liberated. At the present time there are 4 distinct currents in the Roumanian Legion, but the best organized, the most numerous, and the most powerful, is that of HORIA SILA. The 4 currents are:

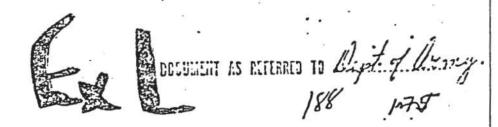
The HORIA SILIA, with hendquarters in Farin and Spain.

The PAPANACE group, somewhat independent, with head-

The NAMIU group (democratic and supporter of the National Farmer Party) in Paris.

The independent Legion groups in ROULANIA and abroad.

- 8. Many Legionnaires have found employment with the vestern powers in Europe, especially with their information services. Those Legionnaires are known to transmit to their affiliated Legion group the information available to them. It is for this reason that EORIA SILA in Paris has an enviable information center at his Legion headquarters. His chief assistant, Train DOROBARU, is said to be always visiting Legion centers throughout western Europe to keep close limison and supervision over his Legionnaires.
- 9. The Legion party or association has not been allowed to have a representative on the Rousenian National Committee in Washington, D.C. All Rousenian parties are against the inclusion of the Legion because, besides its monopolistic claims on patriotism it is feared that it will claim exclusive credit for the resistance forces in HOUTANIA in the event that the country is someday liberated, and will demand an exclusive Legion Government.



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Orthodox Church assailed in Trifa case

The fact that the Orthodox Church in America has not seen fit to convene an ecclesiastical court in the case of Archbishop Valerian Trifa is the single most painful aspect of Jewish-Christian relations in the United States today, according to Dr. Michael Wyschogrod, senior consultant on interreligious affairs of the Synagogue Council of America (SCA), the representative body of the major branches of Judaism in the United States.

thodox Episcopate of America Trifa heads the Romanian Ordiction of the Orthodox Church in America, the second largest Or-thodox body in the U.S., the diction of the Orthodox Church

Greek Orthodox Church, headed by Archbishop Iakovos, is the largest Orthodox Church headed in this country. Trifa has been accused of leading a Romanian fascist group during World War II and organizing a pogrom in Bucharest in January of 1941 in which hundreds of Jews were killed. He is scheduled to go on trial soon in the federal district court at Detroit, Michigan, on charges of having witheld important information in his immigration and naturalization applications.

Th Orthodox Church in America, Wyschogrod said, has taken the position that it will take no action unless Bishop Trifa is convicted in the Detroit trial. For a

chuch to abdicate its religious responsibility to investigate grave charges against one of its bishops and to leave it to a secular court to settle the matter, is to ignore the obligation of religious bodies to adhere to their own teachings.

Three free concerts planned by musicians aided by CETA, AJC

Three ensembles of the American Jewish Congress' Jewish Music Community will present free concerts in Manhattan and Queens during the last two weeks of August.

The ensembles are part of a project sponsored by the Con-

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Nazi-hunter Urges Israel To Take Trifa

NEW YORK - The man who spent 30 years gathering evidence against and urging prosecution of Romanian Archbishop Valerian Trifa will leave for Israel to convince authorities there to try him as a war criminal.

Dr. Charles Kremer, 86, said Trifa must be brought to trial because no other country wants him. "(SS chief Adolf) Eichmann was tried there," he said, "and dead people in their graves got simple justice. Not revenge, but simple justice."

Kremer, a retired dentist, said bringing Trifa to Israel would set a precedent and place fear in other Nazis living in the United States that they, too, would be sent to Israel.

Despite Trifa's consent to leave the United States, he is still leading thousands as head of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate. "In the eyes of his congregants, he is not guilty," Kremer said. "In their eyes, the government made a deal with this man."

Kremer dismissed assertion by some officials that Trifa could not be convicted because of lack of evidence. Privately, Israeli and American prosecutors are doubtful whether Trifa could be found guilty of a serious crime. The only evidence that Israelis say they have is of Trifa giving anti-Semitic speeches calling for the killing of Jews.

Kremer said he believes that once Israel announces its willingness to accept Trifa, the archbishop will find a country to accept him. He warned that Trifa will "die in the United States" unless Israel accepts him.

Kremer said he plans to say in Israel three weeks and will leave July 26. "I plan to stay there until I see that the government decides to get Trifa in there," he said.

U.S. Judge: Israe Lied About L.I.

NEW YORK - The immigration judge who presided over the deportation hearing of alleged Nazi collaborator Boleslavs Maikovskis says the Israeli witnesses lied in their testimony on the Latvian police chief

Judge Francis J. Lyons, in allowing Markovskis, 79, to remain in the United States, did not elaborate.

Lyons said the Soviets and Israeli witnesses lied in their testimony on Malkovskis' alleged participation in the killing of 20,000 Jews during World War II. He said the government places "total reliance on the Soviet prosecution witnesses to establish the factual allegations of participation in proscribed activity. Initially, it had relied on witnesses brought from Israel to testify in support of cruel or inhuman treatment of individuals."

The judge said he believed the Soviet witnesses lied because of the poor quality of the videotape and the "total lack of spontaneity" of the witnesses.

But Lyons doesn't give any explanation of why he believes the Israelis lied. "Although it now appears all those Israeli witnesses were giving false testimony," he said, "it was not obvious at the time that these personal identifications were without any basis in fact

I have no reason to believe that the Israeli government procured the testimony of those witneses, knowing the

The in the Best time that immigration judges have disbelieved the testimony of Israeli witnesses. The judges presiding over the deportation cases of accused Nazis Karlis Detlays Villa Harrage and Pacedor Federacks and Karlis Detlavs, Vilis Hazners and Feodor Fedorenko said the same thing. Hazners and Detlays have so far both won their fight to stay in the United States.

The judges were said to have felt that Israeli police were improperly preparing the Israeli witnesses, a practice reported to have ended.

"(b) An order under subregulation (a) made after the coming into force of the Emergency Regulations (Security Zones) (Extension of Validity) Law, 5710—1950, shall be brought before the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee of the Knesset within ten days from the day of its publication in Reshumot; and the Committee may, by decision published in Reshumot, rescind at any: time an order as aforesaid."

DAVID BEN-GURION Prime Minister DAVID BEN-GURION

YOSEF SPRINZAK
Chairman of the Knesset
Acting President of the State

No. 64 AMERICAN IEWISH

NAZIS AND NAZI COLLABORATORS (PUNISHMENT)

LAW, 5710-1950*

1. (a) A person who has committed one of the following offences -

- (1) done, during the period of the Nazi régime, in an enemy country, an act constituting a crime against the Jewish people;
 - (2) done, during the period of the Nazi régime, in an enemy country, an act constituting a crime against humanity;
 - (3) done, during the period of the Second World War, in an enemy country, an act constituting a war crime,

is liable to the death penalty.

(b) In this section -

"crime against the Jewish people" means any of the following acts, committed with intent to destroy the Jewish people in whole or in part:

- (1) killing Jews;
- (2) causing serious bodily or mental harm to Jews;
- (3) placing Jews in living conditions calculated to bring about their physical destruction;
- (4) imposing measures intended to prevent births among Jews;
- (5) forcibly transferring Jewish children to another national or religious group;
- (6) destroying or desecrating Jewish religious or cultural assets or values;
- (7) inciting to hatred of Jews;

"crime against humanity" means any of the following acts:

murder, extermination, enslavement, starvation or deportation and other inhumane acts committed against any civilian population, and persecution on national, racial, religious or political grounds;

war crime" means any of the following acts:

murder, ill-treatment or deportation to forced labour or for any other

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Passed by the Enesset on the 12th Av. 5719 (1st August, 1950) and published in Sefer Ha-Chukkim No. 57 of the 26th Av. 5710 (9th August, 1950), p. 281; the Bill and an Explanatory Note were published in Hatta'of Chok No. 36 of the 11th Adar, 5710 (23th February, 1954), p. 119.

purpose, of civilian population of or in occupied territory; murder or ill-treatment of prisoners of war or persons on the seas; killing of hostages; plunder of public or private property; wanton destruction of cities, towns or villages; and devastation not justified by military necessity.

2. If a person, during the period of the Nazi régime, committed in an enemy country an act by which, had he committed it in Israel territory, he would have become guilty of an offence under one of the following sections of the Criminal Code, and he committed the act against a persecuted person as a persecuted person he shall be guilty of an offence under this Law and be liable to the same punishment to which he would have been liable had he committed the act in Israel territory:

Crimes against persecuted persons.

- (a) section 152 (rape, sexual and unnatural offences);
- (b) section 153 (rape by deception);
- (c) section 157 (indecent act with force, etc.);
- (d) section 188 (child stealing);
- (e) section 212 (manslaughter);
- (f) section 214 (murder);
- (g) section 222 (attempt to murder);
- (h) section 235 (acts intended to cause grievous harm or prevent arrests);
- (i) section 236 (preventing escape from wreck);
- (i) section 208 (grievous harm);
- (k) section 240 (maliciously administering poison with intent to harm);
- (1) section 256 (abducting in order to murder);
- (m) section 258 (abducting in order to subject person to grievous hurt);
- (n) section 288 (robbery and attempted robbery);
- (o) section 293 (demanding property with menaces with intent to steal)
- 3. (a) A person who, during the period of the Nazi régime, in an enemy country, was a member of, or held any post or exercised any function in, an enemy organisation is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding seven years.
 - (b) In this section, "enemy organisation" means ...
 - (1) a body of persons which, under article 9 of the Charter of the International Military Tribunal, annexed to the Four-Power Agreement of the 8th August, 1945, on the trial of the major war criminals, has been declared, by a judgment of that Tribunal, to be a criminal organisation;
 - (2) any other body of persons which existed in an enemy country and the object or one of the objects of which was to carry out or assist in carrying out actions of an enemy administration directed against personuted persons.
- 4: (a) A person who, during the period of the Nazi régime, in an enemy country and while exercising some function in a place of confinement on behalf of an enemy administration or of the person in charge of that place of confinement, committed in that place of confinement an act against a persecuted person by which, had he committed it in Israel territory, he would have become guilty of an offence under one of the following sections of the Criminal Code, shall be guilty of an offence under this Law and be liable to the same punishment to which he would have been liable had he committed the act in Israel territory:

Membership in enemy organisation.

Offences in

- (1) section 100 (c) (threatening violence);
- (2) section 162 (procuring defilement of females by threats, fraud or administering drugs);
- (3) section 241 (wounding and similar acts);
- (4) section 242 (failure to supply necessaries);
- (5) section 249 (common assault);
- (6) section 250 (assault causing actual bodily harm);
- (7) section 261 (unlawful compulsory labour);
- (8) section 270 (theft).
- (b) "Place of confinement", in this section, means any place in an enemy country which, by order of an enemy administration, was assigned to persecuted persons, and includes any part of such a place.

Delivering up persecuted person to enemy administration. 5. A person who, during the period of the Nazi regime, in an enemy country, was instrumental in delivering up a persecuted person to an enemy administration, is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years.

Blackmailing persecuted

- 6. A person who, during the period of the Nazi regime, in an enemy country, received or demanded a benefit
 - (a) from a persecuted person under threat of delivering up him or another of persecuted person to an enemy administration; or
 - (b) from a person who had given shelter to a persecuted person, under threat of delivering up him or the persecuted person sheltered by him to an enemy administration,

is liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding seven years.

Application of General Criminal Code. The provisions of the First Part of the Criminal Code shall, save as this Lawotherwise provides, apply to offences under this Law.

Certain sections not to apply 8. Sections 16, 17, 18 and 19 of the Criminal Code shall not apply to offences under this Law.

Rez judicata.

- 9. (a) A person who has committed an offence under this Law may be tried in Israel even if he has already been tried abroad, whether before an international tribunal or a tribunal of a foreign state, for the same offence.
- (b) If a person is convicted in Israel of an offence under this Law after being convicted of the same act abroad, the Israel court shall, in determining the punishment, take into consideration the sentence which he-has served abroad.

Release from criminal responsibility.

- 10. If a persecuted person has done or omitted to do any act, such act or omission constituting an offence under this Law, the Court shall release him from criminal responsibility
 - (a) if he did or omitted to do the act in order to save himself from the danger of immediate death threatening him and the court is safisfied that he did his best to avert the consequences of the act or omission; or
 - (b) if he did or omitted to do the act with intent to avert consequences more serious than those which resulted from the act or omission, and actually averted them;

however, these provisions shall not apply to an act or omission constituting an confence under section 1 or 2(f).

11. In determining the punishment of a person convicted of an offence under this Law, the court may take into account, as grounds for mitigating the punishment, the following circumstances:

Extenuating circumstances.

- (a) that the person committed the offence under conditions which, but for section 8, would have exempted him from criminal responsibility or constituted a reason for pardoning the offence, and that he did his best to reduce the gravity of the consequences of the offence;
- (b) that the offence was committed with intent to avert, and was indeed calculated to avert, consequences more serious than those which resulted from the offence;

however, in the case of an offence under section 1, the court shall not impose on the offender a lighter punishment than imprisonment for a term of ten years.

12. (a) The rules of prescription laid down in the Fifth Chapter of the Ottoman Code of Criminal Procedure shall not apply to offences under this Law.

(b) No person shall be prosecuted for an offence under this Law, except an offence under section 1 or 2(l), if twenty years have passed since the time of the

13. The provisions of the General Amnesty Ordinance, 5709—19491), shall not apply to offences under this Law.

General amnesty not to apply.

14. A prosecution for an offence under this Law may only be instituted by the Attorney General or his representative.

Institution of prosecu-

15. (a) In an action for an offence under this Law, the court may deviate from the rules of evidence if it is satisfied that this will promote the ascertainment of the truth and the just handling of the case.

Evidence.

(b) Whenever the court decides to deviate, under subsection (a), from the rules of evidence, it shall place on record the reasons which prompted its decision.

16. In this Law -

"the period of the Nazi régime" means the period which began on the 3rd Shevat, 5693 (30th January, 1939) and ended on the 25th Iyar, 5705 (8th May, 1945):

"the period of the Second World War" means the period which began on the 17th Elul, 5699 (1st September, 1999) and ended on the 5th Elul, 5705. (14th August, 1945);

"the Allied Powers" means the states which signed the Declaration of the United Nations of the 1st January, 1942, or acceded to it during the period of the Second World War;

"Axis state" means a state which during the whole or part of the period of the Second World War was at war with the Allied Powers; the period which began on the day of the beginning of the state of war between a particular Axis state and the first, in time, of the Allied Powers and ended on the day of the cessation of hostilities between that state and the last, in time, of the Allied Powers, shall be considered as the period of the war between that state and the Allied Powers;

"enemy country" means —

- (a) Germany during the period of the Nazi regime:
- (b) any other Axis state during the period of the war between it and the Allied Powers;
- 1) I.R. No. 50 of the 12th Shevat, 5709 (11th February, 1949), Suppl. I. p. 173;

Interpreta-

- (c) any territory which, during the whole or part of the period of the Naziregime, was de facto under German rule, for the time during which it was de facto under German rule as aforesaid;
- (d) any territory which was de facto under the rule of any other Axis state. during the whole or part of the period of the war between it and the Allied Powers, for the time during which that territory was de facto under the rule of that Axis state as aforesaid;

"enemy administration" means the administration which existed in an enemy country;

"persecuted person" means a person belonging to a national, racial, religious or political group which was persecuted by an enemy administration;

"the Criminal Code" means the Criminal Code Ordinance, 19361).

Implementa-

17. The Minister of Justice is charged with the implementation of this Law.

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Prime Minister

PINCHAS ROSEN
Minister of Justice

YOSEF SPRINZAK Chairman of the Knesset Acting President of the State

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DEPORT TRIFA TO ISRAEL Says Dr. Charles Kremer

Jerusalem: August 7, 1983

The man who spent 30 years gathering evidence against Romanian Archbishop Valerian Trifa came to Israel last week to

Dr. Charles Kremer, 86, said that Israel must bring Trifa to trial because no other country wants him. "I want simple justice, not revenge ", Kremer stated.

convince authorities here to try Trifa as a war criminal.

Kremer; who is a retired dentist, said that were Israel to try Trifa, a precedent would be set, placing fear in other Nazis living in the United States and elsewhere and they, too, would be sent to Israel.

In a rapid series of conferences with officials in various ministries, Kremer stated he believes the Israel Government is seriously considering bringing Trifa here, especially after the highly significant recent visit here of representatives of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Kremer disagreed with assertions by some officials that Trifa could not be convicted because of lack of evidence. The only evidence that Israelis say they have is of Trifa giving anti-Semitic speeches calling for the killing of Jews.

Kremer cited a statement by Gideon Hausner, the former Israeli attorney general who led Israel's case against Adolph Eichmann in 1961, saying that Trifa should be deported to Israel and put on trial here for the mass murder of Bucharest's Jews.

In an article in <u>Ma'ariv</u>, Hausner argued that Israel's action against Trifa would confirm "Israel's unique international status as the place for bringing to justice all those suspected of genocide of Jews." He disagreed with others in the Israeli bureau who were opposed to Israel's involvement.

Kremer, however, said that he plans to stay in Israel until he sees that the government decides to get Trifa to Israel.

"I am confident that there are hundreds, even thousands of Romanian emigrees who could testify to Trifa's crimes committed during the January 1941 rebellion," Dremer said.

He issued an appeal to Israeli residents who can give eye-witness testimony, to step forward and do so, by writing him in care of the American Jewish Committee's Israel office.

A few years ago, based on the evidence collected by Dr. Kremer, Archbishop Trifa was removed from the General Board of the National Council of Churches (USA). Now, he is to be removed from America and "Israel must accept him, especially since Switzerland, Italy and West Germany have refused to admit him", Dr. Kremer concluded.

In a parallel development, Dr.Sioma Glaser, Chairman of the Committee to bring Nazi War Criminals to Justice in the U.S.A., and a Nazi fighter from 1933, wrote a personal message to Prime Minister Menachem Begin soliciting his influence with Israel's Ministry of Justice. He added that he and his co-worker, Dr. Kremer, spent over 35 years stalking Valerian Trifa.

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PRESS RELEASE

Conference with G. Hansner maron Dakin out Frof Slow Elvezer

Locating and Prosecuting Nazi War Criminals

In a visit that took place this week in Jerusalem, Mark M. Richard, U.S. Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Neal M. Sher, Acting Director of the Office of Special Investigations, and Murray R. Stein, Associate Director of the Office of International Affairs of the American Department of Justice discussed with Yitzhak Zamir, the Attorney General of Israel, the possibility that the U.S. will deport to Israel Nazi war criminals living in the United States, as well as th possibility that Israel will request the extradition of war criminals from the U.S.

According to the Punishment of Nazis Law enacted by the Knesset in 1950, the Israeli courts are empowered to try those persons who, during the Nazi era and in an enemy country, committed crimes against the Jewish people or crimes against humanity, and the courts are empowered to punish those found guilty of these offenses. The law provides that there is no time limit for prosecuting war criminals. Under this law, the Attorney General is authorized to bring charges against Nazi war criminals where there is evidence that they committed offenses which come within the particular jurisdiction granted to the Israeli courts. The Attorney General views this as a national and moral responsibility, as well as a legal obligation. In these matters, the State Prosecutor's Office has been actively working with the Office of Special Investigations, Criminal Division, of the U.S. Department of Justice, which is charged with the duty of handling the investigation and legal proceedings against Nazi war criminals living in the United States.

Following contacts between Israel's Ministry of Justice and the American Department of Justice, representatives of the Israel Ministry of Justice explained Israel's policy on the matter of the bringing Nazi war criminals to trial in Israel. The Minister of Justice, Moshe Nissim, in a recent speech to the Knesset stated: "The State of Israel has an historical obligation to take every action necessary in order to bring every surviving Nazi criminal to

justice, preferably in Israel. We must not only agree to this, we must not only desire this, we must take every effort to make sure this is done."

On the list of war criminals who remain in the U.S., there is included Valerian Trifa who was a leader of the "Iron Guard", a fascist and anti-semetic organization which operated in Rumania before and during the Second World War. In this position he was responsible for inciting bitter anti-Semitism in Romania. After the Second World War, Trifa, by concealing his Nazi past, succeeded in immigrating to the United States and was later naturalized as an American citizen. After it was discovered that Trifa had concealed his Nazi past when he an entered the U.S., the American authorities instituted court proceedings to revoke his U.S. citizenship and to deport him from the United States. The United States courts have recently accepted these petitions and have revoked his American citizenship and ordered his deportation.

The discussions on the matter of the deportation of Trifa and on the matter of deporation of other Nazi criminals or their extradition will continue at this high level. The decision on the Trifa matter, as well as the other cases, will be based on a review of the facts of each case and a determination that the Punishment of Nazis Law is applicable.

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Dear Marvin,

Jacob Zonis Treasurer

Martin Fialkott

Thank you for your interest in the Archbishop V.D. Trifa's deportation.

Magda Spiegel Recording Secretors

Corresponding Secretary

I am enclosing some additional material from my files. I have no money to have them translated. Among 400,000 Romanian Jews you will find someone to translate them. The more I get involved in the documents that I have the more I realize that Romania is an enemy country. Trifa should be deported there and tried. I am sure that as soon as Israel decides to accept him, he will find a country in 24 hours. A Jews murderer cannot think that he could live among Jews. He has, I am sure, set

Robert R. Persky Legal Counsel

Please keep me informed at 30 West 70 Street, New York, N.Y. 10023, Apt. 6B. (Phone not listed 212-799-0135).

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his eyes upon a country where he will be admitted.

With love for Zion and Shalom,

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DR. CHARLES H. KREMER

Marc A. Lewitinn Chairman, Subcommittee Against Nazism

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P.S. Since I have a bad Sciatica I am not going to my office to pick up my mail at the above address; therefore please mail your answer to 30 West 40 Street address.

cc: Mr. Gideon Hausner Mr. Neil Sher Prof. Ilan Eliezer

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Honorable Sir:

Jacob Zonis Treasurer

Thank you for the generous time you gave me and my friends interested in the outcome of the Trifa case, especially when I realize that you received us right after the major operation you underwent.

Martin Fialkoff Corresponding Secretary

I admire you for the stand you took in deciding that at least "de facto" Israel is entitled to admit Trifa and try him as a nazi war criminal. He killed Jews more brutally than Hitler and a couple of years ahead of him, butcher style.

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Marc A. Lewitinn Chairman, Subsemmittee Against Naziem

On my return to New York City I developed a very bad case of Sciatica. This is the main reason why these documents are delayed. I have translated some in English and I am adding some very interesting documents which shall be translated by Mr. Marvin Haikin. You are on the right track. Please insist on a trial. Please let me know if you met with His Excellency Prime Minister Begin. Please keep me informed of any future action and decision.

Thank you for your interest.

With love for Zion and Shalom,

Malo Harmy

DR. CHARLES H. KREMER

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- Please keep in contact with Mr. Ilau Eliezer as my representative. · P.S.
- P.P.S. I can't believe that Trifa will come to Israel. A Jew-hater like him cannot live amongst Jews.

cc: Mr. Marvin Haikin Mr. Neil Sher Prof. Ilan Eliezer

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Marc A. Lewitinn Charman, Subcommittee Against Nazism Since you do not return my calls, and I am laid to bed by a painful Sciatica and every day counts for me at my advanced age of 86, I decided to mail you the following documents, some marked "A", which I presented in Israel when I brought Mr. Ilan Eliezer to a conference with Gideon Hausner and Marvin Haikin and myself, and some marked "B", which I have in my archives. Mr. Ilan Eliezer is an historian who studied Romanian History and taught it in Romania, not like Bela Vago who studied History in Moscow and never taught history at an outstanding University in Romania.

I would appreciate if you will have tham translated in English and send both the originals and translated documents to Mr. Hausner (6 Bartanura Street, Jerusalem, Israel), to Mr. Haikin (Dept. of Justice, Room 120, Jerusalem), Dr. C.H. Kremer (30 West 70 Street, NYC 10023, Apt. 6B), and Mr. Ilan Eliezer (P.O. Box 1505, Hulon, Israel, 58114).

Please mail me the statement that Professor Vago made at Trifa's trial, which Marvin Haikin displayed to Hausner and me, relative to the period Sept. 4, 1940 to January 20, 1941. I consider it more liable and I am anxious to study it seriously. I am convinced that after you will study my documents, some submitted by Prof. Ilan Eliezer and those from my archives in New York City, you will readily agree with me if not the Jure Defacto at least Romania was under Hitler's occupation and domination after October 1940 and therefore, should be considered an "enemy country", which entitles Israel to bring Trifa to trial. I want to take this opportunity to praise the O.S.I. for having taken this forward step. In case of Israel the U.S. government is not only trying to find an asylum for Trifa but recognizes Israel the right to try Trifa as a war criminal. This is really a forward step in the right direction. Whoever introduced this into the negotiations with Israel deserves great credit for which the Jewish people and I are very grateful.

When I will see you personally I will have an opportunity to tell you many encouraging statements made by Mr. Hausner which I will keep secret for another 2-3 weeks. Mr. Gideon Hausner's ideas confirm in their entirety with my expectations. I never expected such a lengthy delay in Trifa's deportation. I would like to know why once Trifa admitted the perjury why Ryan didn't demand that Trifa, the perjurer, serve a sentence and pay a fine as required by law. Please send me by return mail the deportation law under which he was tried for perjury and condemned to be deported. Many things are not clear to me. Why shouldn't I think that a deal was made with Trifa, or called at a bargaining maneuver just as in New York City the lawyers do for the New York City muggers when they plead guilty to a lesser charge. I insist that even now, it is not too late to reopen the case and ask for a perjury sentence. I intend to demand such an action since no country wants him according to Mr. Allan Ryan. Put him in jail for perjury.

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Marc A. Lewitinn Chairman, Subcommittee Against Nazism If we had decent and proud Jewish major organizations that cared for justice in memory of our Kidoshim they would demand punishment for Trifa's perjury. I, as an individual, am too insignificant but an action brought by the major Jewish organizations of the Conference of the Presidents would bring results. I accuse them for complicity by their inaction in allowing a murderer who has changed the gun for the cross to live a free citizen in the U.S.A. and continue to be a practicing archbishop, when our courts have condemned him as a liar in entering our country illegally.

Please answer my letter and don't force me to do what I did with Mr. Allan Ryan--mail this letter again and again twice a week.

I would like to know who is responsible for introducing in the Israeli negotiations the idea of recognizing Israel the right to ultimately try Trifa.

Very truly yours,

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Viorel Trifa claimed to be a man of God. But Charlie Kremer knew otherwise-knew that Trifa was a Satan in religious robes. And for 30 long years he struggled to prove it

By PEGGY MANN

The Dentist and the Bishop

winter morning in, 1941, Dr. Charles H. Kremer, a tall, handsome, imposing-looking dentist of 44, stopped by his mailbox in mid-Manhattan. Inside, he found a letter informing him that the ex-

night. When he arrived at committee headquarters, Kremer was surprised that the usually noisy members were sitting in stark silence.

ecutive committee of the United

Romanian Jews of America was holding an emergency meeting that



Charles Kremer

"What's matter? asked. "Read it to him," someone

"Charlie," the Valerian Trifa committee president said, "this just came in from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The reporter had to escape to Bulgaria before he could send it." As the president read, his voice and hand shook:

said.

This is the first eyewitness account to reach the outside world of the Iron Guard horror in Romania. Storming through the Jewish quarter in a mad orgy of killing and destruction, armed Guardist gangs

killed or beat up every person they saw who appeared to be Jewish. The pogrom cost the lives of at least 1000 Jews in Bucharest. Perhaps the most horrifying single episode...

Unable to continue, the committee president handed the paper to Kremer who stared at the words, frozen.

... was the "kosher butchering" of more than 200 Jews in the municipal slaughterhouse. The Greenshirts forced them to undress and led them to the chopping blocks, where they cut their throats in a horrible parody of the traditional Jewish methods of slaughtering fowl and livestock. . . .

The names of those men who had purportedly ordered the massacre were then read: Horia Sima, chief of the Iron Guard, or the "Legion"; Dimitry Groza, leader of the Legionary workers; and Viorel Trifa, leader of the Legionary student movement. The Iron Guard was the Romanian equivalent of the Nazis. Members normally wore green shirts, hence their nickname "Greenshirts."

All of the executive-committee members had relatives in Romania. Charlie Kremer's younger sister, Etty, still lived there. Was she one of the victims? Kremer asked to keep the press report. Back in his apartment, he read it again, then drew a fierce circle around the names Sima, Groza and Trifa.

"Red Bishop." In August 1947 Dr. Kremer was one of the first Americans to arrive in Romania after World War II. He came with

crates of penicillin donated by the Romanian-American Medical Relief Organization. At the airport to greet him was his sister, Etty. From her, he learned that of the 850,000 Jews in Romania, 425,000 had lost their lives in the Holocaust, including 77 members of his father's family. Death-toll estimates of the ghastly three-day pogrom ranged from 4000 to 6000 in Bucharest alone. Over and over, Kremer heard mentioned the names Horia Sima and Viorel Trifa. Sima was now living in Madrid. Trifa seemed to have disappeared.

Four years later Kremer learned otherwise. Two American-Romanian clerics, Bishop Andrei Moldovan and Father Glicherie Moraru, had asked to address the executive committee of the United Romanian Jews of America. Bishop Moldovan was a husky, dignified gentleman with a long black cassock and a short black beard. Father Moraru was tall, skinny, intense. His words poured forth in frantic urgency: a plot had been fomented to dethrone Bishop Moldovan as head of the Romanian Orthodox churches in the United States and Canada—a plot instigated by a priest named John Trutza.

"Trutza plans to put his own man in as bishop," Moraru said excitedly. "He'd put himself in if he could. But, according to church law, a bishop must either be a bachelor or widowed. And Trutza is married. So he's got himself a pawn, a man who has never even

been a member of the clergy!"

"Excuse me," said one committee member, "but why do you come to us Jews with these complications

of your Christian church?"

Bishop Moldovan stepped forward. "We come to you." he said, "because the man Trutza has chosen to replace me is Viorel Trifa."

Kremer shot to his feet. "Trifa?

Impossible!"

Moldovan explained that it was not impossible. Trutza was president of the church council that controlled church funds and the church newspaper Solia. He had friends among politicians, heads of industry, judges, the press. "He's the type who can't stand to have anyone above him," said the bishop. "He knows I will never be his man. So he has to get rid of me and put in someone he can control."

"But why Trifa?" Kremer

demanded.

"Perhaps," said Moldovan, "because those two men see eye to eye. Trutza arranged for Trifa to come to America-but, cleverly, had another priest sign all the necessary papers. This gave Trutza the hold he needed over his candidate for bishop. 'Do what I say, or I will expose you.'"

"Why don't you expose Trifa?" asked a committee member.

The answer lay in one word: communist. The McCarthy era was then at its height. Sen. Joseph Mc-Carthy had convinced Americans that we were in danger of crumbling from within; that we were weakened by the infestation of communists who gnawed insidiously at the very vitals of our democracy. Whisper the word "communist" and jobs were lost, lives ruined.

The day Moldovan left for Romania to be consecrated, Trutza had started his well-orchestrated campaign. A headline in the Cleveland News read: "Charges Reds Plot to Seize Churches." When Moldovan returned a few weeks later, he found himself the focus of media attention: a communist spy had been sent to take over the Romanian Orthodox Church in the United States!

Moldovan had tried to explain that he was not a communist spy and had been a U.S. citizen for three decades. No one listened. A number of young families withdrew from his church, frightened of losing their jobs, their standing in the community, if they were led by "a Red bishop."

Moldovan explained this to the executive committee, then said, "When I talk about Trifa, no one pays attention. However, if you talk-as Jews-they will listen."

But the executive committee, not wanting to "become involved by association," voted 19 to 1 not to support the bishop. The one supporter, Dr. Kremer, went up to Moldovan. "Bishop, you can count on Charlie Kremer. I will do everything I can!"

Saint Valerian. First Kremer waged a campaign and was elected president of the United Romanian

Jews of America. Then, on his impressive new letterhead, he wrote to Congressmen and columnists, enclosing a copy of the 1941 Jewish Telegraphic Agency press report that identified Trifa as a leader of the three-day, pogrom. He also pointed out that Trifa must have perjured himself on entering the United States, since the 1948 Displaced Persons Act forbade entry to any person who advocated or assisted in the persecution of any person because of race, religion or national region." Night after night Kremer sat pecking out letters on his ancient Underwood.

But no one was interested, although a few wrote that they had forwarded his letters to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) of the U.S. Department of

Justice.

Then, on April 23, 1952, Kremer received a desperate phone call from a priest on behalf of Bishop Moldovan. On the following Sunday morning Trifa was scheduled to be consecrated, illegally, as a Romanian Orthodox bishop. Kremer immediately sent a telegram to the INS, informing them of Trifa's infamous background. The response: "This Service cannot interfere in religious matters."

Meanwhile, Moldovan's lawyers obtained a restraining order to prevent the consecration from proceeding until a court hearing could be held. However, in deliberate violation of the federal court, Trifa was consecrated as planned. As a

result, he was cited by the judge for criminal contempt of court, but the charge was dismissed.

Thus, for Moldovan, there was only one thing left that he could do: continue ministering to the parishes that had remained loyal to him. The Trutza-Trifa team ministered to their parishes. For the first time there existed two branches of the Romanian Orthodox Church in America.

Trutza died in 1954, and Trifa came into his own. Of special significance was the saint's name he had chosen for himself. There are saints for every day of the year; Trifa had hundreds to choose from. He selected the name Valerian, whose saint's day is January 21—the day that the murder-fouled three-day pogrom began.

Debt of Gratitude. Meanwhile, Dr. Charlie Kremer had kept on typing outraged letters to everyone from the President of the United States on down. "But," he says, "no one believed me. Finally I saw that I would have to go to Romania and Israel and get proof that Trifa was a

Satan in bishop's clothing."

During long, hot hours spent in newspaper morgues in Bucharest in the summer of 1956, he made photocopies of anti-Semitic proclamations signed by Trifa, and news clippings and photographs showing Trifa in his Iron Guard uniform. He also copied the 1941 Romanian trial proceedings in which Trifa was condemned to life imprisonment and hard labor for

his part in the Guardist revolt—which had resulted in the pogrom. (He had been tried and condemned in absentia, having escaped to Germany.)

Kremer was given the names of eyewitnesses who had seen Trifa during the pogrom. Some of them lived in Israel. The dentist, however, had run out of funds. He returned home and worked seven days a week to earn enough to fly to Israel. There, he found the needed eyewitnesses.

Confident now, the dentist mailed off a new spate of letters, each accompanied by a selection of the documents he had collected. Most people forwarded his material to the INS. Each received an INS reply, which stated that, with the evidence presented, "a deportation proceeding could not be sustained." Kremer figured that there could be only two reasons: someone high up was covering for Trifa, or someone on the inside had been bribed.

On May 14, 1957, Kremer received a phone call from Detroit: "Charlie, yesterday Trifa was made a U.S. citizen." Kremer recalls, "I almost burst a blood vessel."

As the years passed, Trifa continued to enhance his position. He sat on the governing board of the National Council of Churches. He gave the opening prayer in the U.S. Senate. He gave the invocation at the inaugural dinner of the governor of Michigan. In 1960 he was listed in Who's Who in America. And in 1970 he was elevated to

become an archbishop of the Russian Orthodox Church.

Through it all, there were threats to Charlie Kremer's life. Often at night the telephone would wake him, and a voice would warn, "Lay off Trifa, or you'll have the same fate as the Jews in the slaughterhouse." But the dentist persisted with his correspondence. He even nailed above his bed a photograph of Archbishop Trifa—a bald, stocky, somber-faced man with heavy, black-framed spectacles—"to remind me of the murdered Jews who cannot speak for themselves."

Then, in 1972, in the middle of a Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Ceremony in New York City, Dr. Kremer found himself sitting next to Robert Morse, a U.S. Attorney who was handling the extradition case of another former Nazi. The dentist kept up a steady monologue about Trifa, and Morse finally said, "Okay. Come to my office." Kremer arrived hauling two valises with more than 200 documents.

When he telephoned a few days later he was told, "You've certainly got a case here. We're asking Washington for Trifa's file. I think we'll get some action."

But more years went by, and no one on Kremer's list was interviewed. "What are they waiting for?" the dentist demanded. "For all the witnesses to die? For me to die? For Trifa to have the last laugh?"

For two decades, around the an-

niversary of the Bucharest pogrom, Dr. Kremer had gone on radio stations to talk about Trifa. In 1979 he decided to do more than that. He hired a bus, and he and members of his Committee to Bring Nazi War Criminals to Justice in the U.S.A. traveled to Washington. Some had brought chains and locks.

"It was the coldest day of the year," says Kremer. "We walked on ice, up and down, with placards, in front of the White House. Then we chained ourselves to the White House gate and were arrested on disorderly conduct charges. That night we were on TV, and the next day in the newspapers. This time the story of Trifa was heard all around the country!"

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Subsequently, the U.S. Department of Justice announced that Archbishop Trifa would be brought to trial to strip him of his citizenship—a required first step before deportation proceedings. The hearing was held in Detroit on September 3, 1980. Trifa did not

appear. The hearing—which formally removed the archbishop's citizenship—was brief. One of the few Nazi war criminals followed for 30 years by a single individual had fallen at last.

Afterward Charlie Kremer, then 82, walked slowly down the courthouse steps, satisfied the wheels of justice were finally beginning to turn. Says attorney John Vintilla, an early ally of Bishop Moldovan, "This gentleman, Dr. Kremer, alone persisted through all those years. His relentless and concentrated efforts eventually caused the machinery of justice to move effectively. Without him, Trifa would have come out on top. We all owe Dr. Kremer a great debt of gratitude. I'm not just talking about Romanians. Or Jews. I'm talking about all Americans.'

After losing an appeal with the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, Trifa has asked the Supreme Court to review his case.

Changing Her Tune

Joan, whose life centered on her husband and children. One day, the mother of the two women was talking to the single daughter. "You're not married," she said. "You don't have a man to take care of you. What's going to become of you?"

"Mother, for heaven's sake," the unmarried woman snapped. "I'm living exactly as I like. I make plenty of money, and I can spend it on myself. I don't have to worry about what some man wants. I go to Europe twice a year. I entertain. I have all the friends I want, and I'm not tied down to housework or kids. My life is glamorous and wonderful."

There was a pause and then the mother said, "I know. Don't tell Joan."

—Liz Smith, The Mother Book (Doubleday)

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When I saw how the Ministry of Justice and the Begin Government treats the Trifa deportation as if Romanian Nazi, more cruel than Hitler in the murdering of Jews and, how they hesitate to accept Trifa in Israel where there is a special law in handling Nazi war criminals, I could not stay her any more. Since it is the responsibility of Israel to try Nazi war criminals I had to go to Israel to find out what is the real cause of refusing Trifa to come to Israel. I left July 26, 1983 and returned August 12, 1983 when my money ran out. Mr. Martin Rosen was kind enough to give me \$500.00 and when the A.D.L. representative, Mr. Resurkoff, saw how I am struggling financially offered me \$250.00 I accepted only \$100.00. But a few days later, because I realized I must continue to stay in Israel another 2-3 days, I accepted another \$150.00.

When I arrived in Israel I realized what is holding up the deportation. I must acknowledge that the O.S.I. and Mr. William French, Attorney General of U.S.A., had answered my letter asking Mr. Neil Sher to contact me and take me to his Assistant Deputy Attorney General in charge of Nazi war criminals penal division, Mr. Marc Richard. This was during the Gathering of the Holocaust Survivors where to my great surprise you were not invited, and when I sent a protest letter to Benjamin Meed, he never answered it. They both asked me what I desire. I told them to go to Israel and negotiate Israel to accept Trifa. I also asked them to negotiate with Romania as I did. I must admit that these two were in Israel and did something for Israel which they did not propose to the other countries namely to allow Israel with U.S. consent to try Trifa as a Nazi war criminal, besides give him asylum. This gave Israel the right to be the country recognized in the future to be the place where American Nazi war criminals shall be sent.

While in Israel I met with mayors, members of Kinnesset, high officials in the different goverment ministriés and a couple of times with former prosecuting attorney of Eichmann, Mr. Gideon Hausner. At the first conference with Mr. Gideon Hausner, I brought over to his home Mr. Marvin Haikin, the man in full charge of the Trifa case and at the second conference with Mr. Hausner I brought over Mr. Marvin Haikin and Mr. Ilan Eliezer, a former Romanian History professor in Romania, now living in Israel, who presented the documents marked "AI,-II,-III", which prove beyond any doubt that if not de Jure, de facto, Trifa should be tried in Israel because

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Marc A. Lewitinn Chairman, Subcommittee Against Nazism in fact these documents prove that Romania - from September 4, 1940 to January 21, 1941 - was an enemy country (I am enclosing the Israeli law which in Israel takes precedence over any other national or international law). I admired the courage and the responsibility that Mr. Hausner demonstrated by stating that even if we win only de facto and lose the Jure it is a great victory for Israel. From now on Israel, through not a state in 1941, has been recognized to have the right to try Nazi war criminals. He promised at the same meeting to see Prime Minister Begin and let me know the results. I have sent him a cable but as of yet I got no answer. It became evident to me that some ministers in the Begin government don't want these trials a) to enforce the Israeli law for Trifa and b) to try Trifa as they have tried Eichmann as a Nazi war criminal. I wish that in case you are going to Israel this summer to see your dear family you will contact Mr. Gideon Hausner who is dedicated to see Trifa tried in Israel and Mr. M. Haikin.

I am definitely convinced that as soon as Israel decides to try Trifa in Israel that Trifa within a few days will refuse to go to Israel and find himself another country. He procrastinates to find an asylum country knowing very well that no country wants him. But when he will realize that going to Israel means an Eichmann trial and even if he wins he loses because he will have to live for the rest of his life with Jews he will apply to some other country which most likely he knows be now, will surely admit him.

Please let me know if you intend to go to Israel this summer because I feel if there ever was a person who was so dedicated in trying to bring Nazi war criminals to justice it is you. You should know in detail what I did in Israel not to allow to sweep under the rug the Trifa case because of some political influence. It is Israeli responsibility to try Nazi war criminals.

Mr. Gideon Hausner agrees totally and is very dependable. When you realize that the conferences took place in his home while just out of the hospital where he had major surgery you will appreciate as I do his concern and involvement. Too bad that both Prime Minister Begin and Mr. Gideon Hausner are in very bad physical shape. Because of this their involvement is more deeply appreciated.

Have you any documentation which proves that Romania between Sept. 4, 1940 and Jan. 21, 1941 was an enemy country as per Israeli law? Please mail it to Mr. G. Hausner. It will force the Minister of Justice to accept Hausner's determination to bring Trifa to justice in Israel and really very soon.

In expectation of your prompt answer, I remain

With love for Zion and Shalom,

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Hyde,

thank you for your inquiry. A book-list is enclosed. Your dealer in San Francisco; H.G. White, 420 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94108.

Unfortunately I cannot help you concerning the MANUAL of Heinrich Himmlers elite corps. Nevertheless I have some knowledge of the occult facts connected with Adolf Hitler, Heinr. Himmler and some others. The leading members of A. Hitlers government had been members of the "Thule-Society" which has its headquarter in Tibet and is a so called "Black Lodge". Good occult societies have their clairvoyant initiates of course and this is the reason why H. Himmler could get knowledge of the mysteries of the French occult societies too.

There exists a book which reveals several items about the Thule-Society and its connexion with the leading members of the National Socialists:

"The morning of the magicians" by Louis Pauwels and Jaques Bergier. This book is possibly available in English too as I was told by a young student of the occult from San Francisco who visited me a few weeks back.

Whether you believe it or not: Adolf Hitler had not been killed in 1945 but escaped with a few friends and went on living.

Yours sincerely,

D. Riggeling

16 Dec 76

Lt.-Col. H.N. Brown JAGC, US Army (ret.) 2800 Tyler Ave. El Paso, Tx 79930

Dear Lt.-Col. Brown:

I am in receipt of your interesting material on Freemasonry which I received through channels and which is now being processed by our intelligence section. Your support in providing us with this information is most appreciated.

Perhaps you would be interested in subscribing to our movement's publication, WHITE POWER REPORT. I'm sure you would find it most informative as it provides a fact-filled, action-oriented program for the liberation of White America from the Zionist occupation forces.

Undoubtedly, we have the IDEA. We are obtaining the PEOPLE and in due course, you shall see RESULTS.

Once again, many thanks, and in the spirit of the season, let me wish you a very merry and very WHITE Christmas.

Yours for WHITE POWER!

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Dr. Charles Kremer

President

Romanian Jewish Federation of America

Dear Dr. Kremer:

Our newspaper is investigating the presence and activities of Iron Guard members in Canada.

We are also interested in the activities of Bishop Valerian Trifa and adherents of his church in Canada.

We have been given the names of nine men who are said to be Iron Guard members living in Canada now.

They are: Chilila Ciuntu, Dumitru Longu,
Mihal Manciu, John Cristescu, Nicolae Tanase. Nicolae
Zelea, Natei Hojbota, George Balasu, and John Calvarasa.
They live in four southern Ontario cities -- Windsor,
Hamilton, Kitchener and Toronto.

We would appreciate your help in answering the following questions:

Do you have any information that would confirm that these men are members of the Iron Guard? Do you know of any others in Canada? If so, what are their names and addresses?

Some of the above men have been sentenced to jail terms in absentia. One of them, Tanase, has been accused of the murder of two professors, Nicolae Iorga and Virgil Madgearu in Nov.

1940 in Romania, as a former Iron Guard commander.

We would like to know whether these jail sentences are still in effect. Do you have the name of an organization or government official in Romania who would confirm whether these men are still facing jail?

Can you give us the name of anyone in the Windsor-Detroit area or Toronto who knows the Iron Guard well and would be willing to talk about their activities, especially their activities in Canada?

Do you know of any eyewitnesses who were in Bucharest at the time of the pogroms and who now live in Canada, or in the Detroit area? We would like to interview witnesses to atrocities committed by the Iron Guard.

Can you supply us with some copies of documents that confirm that Trifa was involved in making anti-semitic, pro-Nazi speeches and distributing leaflets of the same type?

I have also written to Dean Milhovan asking for similar information and have received assistance from the Detroit Jewish News. Your help would also be appreciated.

We would ask that you keep this inquiry

Yours Sincerely

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confidential.

An Analysis to help understand what is behind the visit of R. S. Roumania's representatives in the USA to Rt. Rev. Valerian D. Trifa, former Commandant of the Iron Guard of Roumania and now a leader of the International Iron Guard.

Terrorist organizations, such as the Iron Guard of Roumania, do not give direct orders to kill and do not create rebellions. They only create situations, through their hierarchy, which when properly interpreted by the rank and file, lead to the virtual execution of intended orders.

May I cite these examples: The unusual visit of Mr. Nicolae M. Nicolae. R.S. Roumania's Ambassador and his wife. his nersonal secretary. Mr. Capatana and his wife, his New York business contact. Mr. Napoleon Fodor and his wife and the head of the New York Tourist Office. Mr. Raescu, was a sign for the Iron Guardists to assure them that officially the Roumanian government right here in the USA will not only give them prestige but actually support and help if necessary. Just as Libya is for the terrorists. Roumania provides assurance to the Iron Guard.

Trifa and his Iron Guardists can expect help and help from Roumania. This gives prestige to the Iron Guard whose leader in the USA is Rt. Rev. Valerian D. Trifa. He was an Iron Guardist leader in Roumania in 1941 and is today the very same leader, probably greater in scope and power.

We believe that an important stage was set with this visit to Trifa's estate. This was decided to create confusion and has a definite connection with the visit of Breznev with Ceausescu in Bucarest on Nov. 29, 1976. On this occassion they met to sign the Warsaw Agreement, through which Roumania became the leading Pactor in the Warsaw Pact. In this pact, the satelite Communist countries are represented by their chiefs of state, prime ministers and ministers of war and foreign affairs. Credit for the success of this strategy was claimed by President Nicolae Ceausescu, who is no friend of American Democracy.

In order to distract our attention and cover up such a hostile actsince the Warsaw Pact is designed to counteract our NATO Pact--Ceausescu
needed a diversion. This is how we interpret the decision to order
their Roumanian Ambassador to visit an alleged World War II war criminal.
Rt. Rev. Bishop Valerian D. Trifa.

The next step was up to Trifa. He had to publicize the visit In order to act, any terrorist organization must instruct its members for revolutionary, or terrorist, action. For this it relies on publicizing their information in their bulletin. Bishop Trifa did this by publicizing in his monthly publication. the Solia, that His Grace had received at his estate in Grass Lake the above visitors. This visit. Last Fall, became the signal for action by the Iron Guard against anyone who opposes Bishop Trifa and his alliance with the Roumanian government, especially its involvement with the Warsaw Pact which is hostile to the interests of the USA. Roumania, by associating itself with such a terrorist organization of well-known criminals, knew it will be protected against those who would protest the Roumanian government's signing of the Warsaw Pact with Russia.

On December 20. Dr. Charles Kremer was in Detroit for a press conference, where channels 2, 4 and 7 were present and taped the news in connection with Dr. Kremer's charge of illegal entry of Trifa into the USA, demanding his denaturalization and deportation. They broadcasted his charges on the above channels on the 6 p.m. news shows. In less than one hour. 80 persons phoned channel 7 in Detroit. They threatened to kill the newscaster. Mr. Jim Harrington, and also threatened to bomb the station.

When 80 persons gang up, phone and then simultaneously threaten there must be an organized and directed action led by a distinct group or leader. We interpret this action as definite proof of incitement to action. This was the igniting spark. It proves that the Iron Guard masses are ready to act as ordered. This proves that presently the action is in progress. We have good reason to believe that the action will grow bigger and bigger within the next few months and year. In the future, it will synchronize its action with the left and right extremists.

Mr. Dean Milhovan . editor of <u>Dreptatea</u> (Justice). has written many articles deploring the power of Iron Guardists in the USA calling our attention here to be vigilant against these extremists organizations and individuals and alert the USA authorities to this great danger to our democracy and our way of life.

Since 1953 and until recently. I have presented documentation to prove Trifa's illegal entry into the USA, yet somebody high up refused to believe my documentation until May, 1975, when the INS finally decided to bring him to trial. But the case is again stalled. The U.S. District Attorney in Detroit resigned. Trifa had a stroke but today is completely well, his attorney. Mr. Sibisan had a heart attack. All these delayed the trial. On January 18 1977 Trifa is to give a deposition. I pray to almighty God that Judge Cornelia Kenedy will refuse to dismiss the case. I personally have tried in vain since 1952 to bring Trifa to court.

In my estimation after my discussion with the new U.S. Attorney and his assistant who will try the case. I sincerely believe that they are not familiar with the case and we will lose this trial opportunity.

I will not discuss now my hunting of Bishop Trifa since 1941.

Suffice it to say that a man, an alleged Nazi war criminal accused of killing Jews and hanging them on hooks, butcher-style has succeeded: a) without ever being a priest, to become a Bishop against a USA court injunction order; b) to have given his blessing with his bloody hands at the opening of Congress in 1955; and c) being invited to the yearly President's Breakfast for many years. Now he is a member of the

governing board of the National Conference of Churches of Christ. Trifa even broke bread with governors, senators and then Vice-President Humphrey.

This alleged criminal has invited Roumanian ambassador Nicolae . M. Nicolae with his staff to visit him not to get his blessings but to exchange favors. This visit, besides being a signal for terrorist build-ups, is intended to create a better image for Trifa at the tria' and in return Trifa will not talk against the national Communist Roumanian regime and ask his parishioners and members of the Roumanian ethnic communities to support a Most Favored Nation trade pact with Roumania. Why Roumania, in obtaining the benefits of the MFN trade act, does not allow free emmigration of Jews and gentiles, as per the Vanick and Jackson amendment to the trade act, is a puzzle.

We have good reason to believe that the Jews. by not getting exit visas, are treated as hostages. lose their jobs and are forced to be supported by their friends. relatives, or through the Joint Distrition Committee. We appeal to you to take into consideration the above declarations and charges. I know they are serious, but we know them better, because we are interested in exposing them. There are no ears that listen in Washington. We also ask President-elect Carter to refuse to invite both Rt. Rev. Bishop Valerian D. Trifa and R.S. Roumanian Ambassador, Honorable Nicolae M. Nicolae, to his inauguration, because we are faced with a well-organized group who could muster 80 persons to phone in Detroit channel 7 for one hour, threatening the newscaster and the producer with death and to bomb the station after my interview. I have exposed Trifa since 1952. This is the first time that such a thing happenned and can only be explained by the situation created through the N. M. Nicolae-Trifa honeymoon that ignited the spark to action on the part of the Iron Guardists.

We reccommend that Honorable Nicolae M. Nicolae, Roumania's ambassador to the USA, should return his credentials because through nie open association with a terrorist group like the Iron Guard--the SS of Roumania--he endangers American life and property.

We have a precedent in this regard. Our good President Franklin D. Roosevelt at his inaugural in 1938 refused to invite Roumanian Ambassador A. Davila, because at that time Roumania had a nationalistic anti-Semitic government under Cuza and Goga regime. We ask President-elect Carter to do the same thing with Nicolae and Trifa. We Jews and the whole of humanity will be most grateful.

In conclusion, we wish to state: Awake, America, while there is still time to save our country!

Dr. Charles H. Kremer President Roumanian Jewish Federation of America. Inc.