

Retired U.S. man formally charged with WWII crimes

Former autoworker accused of killing thousands of prisoners in Nazi camp

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prosecutors formally charged retired U.S. autoworker John Demjanjuk on Monday with torturing prisoners at a Nazi death camp and operating gas chambers in which hundreds of thousands were killed.

The 26-page indictment accused him of "crimes of incomparable severity," including stabbing prisoners and tearing off pieces of their flesh, while serving as a guard at the Treblinka camp in German-occupied Poland during World War II. Conviction could bring the death penalty.

Demjanjuk, 66, was born in the Soviet Ukraine and worked at a plant in Cleveland. He was extradited from the United States in February, accused of being the sadistic guard Jewish prisoners called Ivan the Terrible.

U.S. authorities stripped him of citizenship in 1981 after he was found guilty of lying about his Nazi past when he came to America in February 1952.

Demjanjuk's trial is not expected to begin before December.

Among details of Demjanjuk's alleged crimes included in the indictment are cutting off the ear of a prisoner named David Auslander, whipping an elderly Jew to death, and stabbing victims while forcing them into gas chambers.

In addition, the indictment said Demjanjuk caused the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people by running the motor which sent poi-

sonous fumes into the chambers. Demjanjuk's American attorney, Mark O'Connor, told reporters his client was not the criminal named in the indictment. O'Connor has said the guard called Ivan the Terrible was killed during a 1943 prisoner uprising at the concentration camp 45 miles east of Warsaw.

Israeli Justice Minister Avraham Sharir said one main purpose of the trial was to educate young Israelis about Adolf Hitler's campaign of genocide against the Jews.

Slouch By Jim Earle



"I think I have the proper balance between problems with no answers and those with several answers. This may be the best test that I've ever made."

Mexican officials try to assemble loan package for IMF deadline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mexican officials worked against a midnight deadline Monday to put together a \$12-billion loan package, while financial leaders from 151 nations met to discuss the health of the world economy.

Jacques de Larosiere, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, said he was optimistic that an accord could be reached on the question of lending money to Mexico.

However, he indicated that a \$1.7-billion tentative loan from the IMF to Mexico could be in jeopardy if Mexico fails to negotiate the balance

of a \$12-billion rescue package with private banks by midnight, the deadline the IMF imposed.

"If we have agreement today, then there is no basic problem," Larosiere said at the outset of a week of meetings by the IMF and the World Bank.

Attempts to fashion the loan to help Mexico meet payments on its \$100-billion debt were the focus of Monday's sessions.

However, the huge U.S. budget and trade deficits also were expected to be a major topic.

This past weekend, finance ministers and central bank leaders from

major industrialized nations failed to reach agreement to lower interest rates or to stabilize exchange rates.

West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg told reporters that the talks, while not producing a firm agreement, would still have a positive influence on financial markets.

But some others were more skeptical.

The lack of agreement could trigger a sharp further decline in the value of the dollar and lead to more uncertainties in financial markets, Austrian Finance Minister Ferdinand Lacina said.

Senate begins spending-bill debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate opened debate on a \$556 billion catchall spending bill Monday, but quick passage appeared unlikely and lawmakers were looking at stopgap legislation to keep the government going when fiscal 1987 begins Wednesday.

Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said he hoped "the single largest appropriations measure this body has ever considered," would clear the Senate late today or early Wednesday without major changes.

Hatfield's committee had stripped out many of the House-passed provisions that sparked threats of a veto by President Reagan. But keeping the bill free from add-ons in the Senate would be a challenge.

In the first test, the Senate refused to approve \$200 million in special aid for the Philippines. By a 51-43 vote, it rejected an amendment by Minority Leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., that

would have taken that money from assistance to other nations except Israel and Egypt.

But there were 120 other amendments pending, including one by Hatfield on a nuclear arms freeze.

President Reagan has cited arms control limitations as the leading reasons he would veto a House-approved \$562 billion spending bill.

The House approved a freeze on spending for Reagan's "Star Wars" missile defense system, continuation of a ban on anti-satellite weapons tests, a prohibition of U.S. nuclear weapons tests so long as the Soviets observe their own test ban, a ban on chemical weapons and a requirement that the administration comply with the SALT II treaty.

Even if the Senate completes its work before Wednesday, striking a final compromise with the House that also is acceptable to the administration would be nearly impossible by then. Without authority to spend their allowances, government agencies would be forced to close down.

To avert such a crisis, Congress was expected to pass a stopgap bill that would allow agencies to continue operating at their current budget level in the new fiscal year. House Majority Leader Jim Wright, D-Texas, said House action was possible by today.

Last-minute spending decisions have become commonplace in Congress, as lawmakers try to use the clock as leverage to obtain money for favored programs. However, this year is the largest bottleneck ever.

None of the 13 appropriations bills, covering the full range of government activities, has been enacted. Instead, all have been wrapped into the single, giant package.

"I expect to hear a number of complaints that this is no way to do the nation's business," said Hatfield, echoing a complaint already made by Reagan in his radio address Saturday. Hatfield called the situation deplorable.

Manhunt cut back after lead falls through

WRIGHT CITY, Mo. (AP) — Teams of heavily armed police swept through a broken-down house Monday looking for the man suspected in a three-state crime spree, but they did not find him and cut back on the weeklong manhunt.

Scores of officers had spent a tense night planning the raid after bloodhounds led authorities on Sunday to the vacant three-story house just a block east of the Wright City Police Department, which has served as command post for the search for fugitive Michael Wayne Jackson.

After the dawn assault turned up no trace of Jackson, authorities announced the manhunt would be reduced sharply from 100 searchers to about 25. Roadblocks were removed from highways into this town of 1,200 people.

"We scaled down because we didn't have any new leads and we've already looked anywhere we knew to look," said Sgt. Bill Kelems of the Missouri Highway Patrol. "The men are tired. We don't believe the roadblocks are effective anymore. Sometime in the near future we

could decide to call it off, but I can't tell you when that might be."

Jackson is a suspect in three slayings, five abductions and two robberies that were committed Sept. 22 as he fled from his home in Indianapolis across Illinois and into eastern Missouri.

Residents said the search was being cut back.

"I'm glad they took the roadblocks down," said Harry Prior, who operates a market in the town about 45

miles west of St. Louis. "You can only scare people for so long."

Authorities have said they believe Jackson, 41, was wounded during a shootout with two Wright City police officers after he pulled into a gas station Sept. 22. He last was seen running from a disabled stolen car along Interstate 70 outside of town after the shootout.

On Sunday, an apparent break-in at a mobile home three miles southwest of town provided the best lead since the search began, highway patrol Sgt. Jim Lee said.

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