

Jewish community marks anniversary of Nazi destruction

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BERLIN — With a "march of silence" and plans for new synagogues, Germany's Jewish community marked the 60th anniversary yesterday of Kristallnacht — the "Night of Broken Glass" — when Nazi storm troopers burned and ransacked Jewish businesses and temples.

Germany's Jewish community numbered 530,000 before the Nazis took power; it now is 70,000 strong and growing. But neo-Nazi incidents also are on the rise, and Jewish leaders are more determined than ever that the Holocaust not be forgotten — fighting what they see as a trend toward emphasizing Germany's future at the expense of remembering its past.

Politicians, including Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, religious leaders and members of the Jewish community gathered for anniversary speeches in a cavernous, mosaic-covered Berlin synagogue where windows were shattered during the Kristallnacht violence that presaged the Holocaust.

Topic No. 1: How to remember the past while moving Germany into the 21st century and its seat of government back to Berlin, Adolf Hitler's capital. Underscoring all the speeches was the theme that

Germans still struggle for the right way to preserve the horrors of the Holocaust as a lesson for future generations.

Ignatz Bubis, the leader of Germany's Jews, lambasted what he calls an "intellectual nationalism" represented in comments by a prize-winning German author who says repeated media references to Nazi atrocities are designed to perpetuate German guilt.

Bubis contends novelist Martin Walser has given neo-Nazis mainstream arguments for anti-Semitic assaults, such as the small swastikas found yesterday etched into a monument commemorating the mass deportation of Berlin's Jews to concentration camps.

"Whenever someone who is counted among the spiritual elite of the nation makes such statements, they carry a weight of their own," Bubis told the audience of 2,000. "It is certain that right-wing extremists will refer to Walser."

The Kristallnacht anniversary has particular significance this year, which saw the election of politicians too young to have memories of World War II. The generational change, coupled with the move to Berlin and the new government's emphasis on a forward-looking Germany, has sparked concern that there is a desire to return to a "normal" Germany unbur-



AP Photo/Jan Bauer

Police check a Jewish stone monument on a railway bridge in Berlin yesterday on the 60th anniversary of the "Kristallnacht" pogrom in Germany and Austria. Three small swastikas had been scratched into the monument. It is unknown when the vandalism occurred.

dened by the Holocaust.

"For me, normality is to be a Jew and to be able to live in Germany again," Bubis said. "Normality cannot mean that we supplant memory and live with a new anti-Semitism and new racism."

Berlin's Jewish community held

its first "march of silence" yesterday in remembrance of Kristallnacht. Some 2,000-3,000 people formed a sea of umbrellas on a dark, drizzling afternoon. A march also was held in Duesseldorf, along with ceremonies in Buchenwald, Frankfurt, Hamburg and Munich.

National Guard to help rebuild Mitch damage

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Thousands of U.S. Army National Guard troops could be heading for Central America to help rebuild nations that were devastated by Hurricane Mitch, the Army's top civilian leader said yesterday.

Some 3,000 Guard members had been slated to travel to Honduras on a variety of exercises between January and June of next year, but the destruction wrought by the storms in the region necessitates taking a new look at their activities, Army Secretary Louis Caldera told reporters at the Pentagon.

"We are ... going to look at the planned engagement activities that we have — not just in the coming year, but in the years following that — to see how we can enhance those programs, because the recovery effort to rebuild the infrastructure in those affected countries is going to be a long-term effort and certainly one that we can help contribute to," Caldera said.

The Army secretary visited Honduras, Nicaragua and Guatemala over the weekend to meet with local officials and the top U.S. military commander for the region, in

an attempt to help coordinate the American military's response to the crisis.

The 3,000 Guard members had been slated to work on engineering projects in Honduras.

Their expertise might prove valuable in helping the region rebuild its fractured infrastructure, the secretary said.

Often in the past they have built structures such as schools or medical clinics.

Caldera said the members were expected to come from units throughout the country. "We would not change the flow (of units), but it would change the projects they would do," he said.

Nearly 1,000 Army troops are in the region, primarily helping to switch food and medicines from incoming planes onto Army helicopters. They are then flying to areas that have been made otherwise inaccessible by damaged roads and bridges.

The Army has flown 221 missions and transported some 376 tons of food and emergency medical supplies, the official said.

The Army Corps of Engineers is working on an assessment of the damage in order to set priorities for repairs, Caldera said.

Reward offered for killer of doctor

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Attorney General Janet Reno posted a \$500,000 reward for capture of the sniper who killed Dr. Barnett Slepian, and she set up a national task force to prosecute and prevent attacks and threats against other abortion providers.

The slaying of Slepian last month by a rifle shot fired into his suburban Buffalo, N.Y., home "was just one more act of violence in a series of savage attacks against providers of reproductive health care," Reno told a news conference yesterday.

She noted that:

- Four other abortion doctors in upstate New York and Canada have been shot and wounded in recent years.
- Twenty clinics in Florida, Louisiana and Texas were splashed this summer with foul-smelling butyric acid.
- Two North Carolina clinics suffered arson attacks and attempted bombings this fall.
- And 10 clinics in Indiana,

Tennessee, Kansas and Kentucky received letters last month falsely claiming to contain deadly anthrax spores.

"These attacks and others seek to undermine a woman's basic constitutional right — the right to reproductive health care," Reno said. "And while some people may oppose that right, no one should ever use violence to impede it."

In announcing the \$500,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Slepian's killer, Reno asked anyone with information to call 1-800-281-1184.

The new National Clinic Violence Task Force will be headed by Bill Lann Lee, acting assistant attorney general in charge of the Justice Department's civil rights division. Since 1994, the division has brought 27 criminal and 17 civil cases under the federal Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act.

Neither Reno nor Lee would say there is evidence of a national conspiracy behind the attacks, but Reno said the task force would focus on "connections that may exist between individuals engaged

in these acts." Lee said his team would review investigations of the attacks and threats — "looking at the national picture."

From mid-1994 until early 1996, a federal grand jury in suburban Alexandria, Va., searched in vain for evidence of a national conspiracy behind an earlier wave of anti-abortion violence. But it did find evidence used later by other federal grand juries to bring indictments in several clinic arson cases around the country.

The new task force will use federal grand juries to gather evidence wherever attacks or threats occurred, a senior federal official said, requesting anonymity.

The task force will also will train local law enforcement and abortion providers in how to respond to and prevent such attacks. Two training sessions are already scheduled for December.

Reno said she wanted federal prosecutors to share information about the requirements for a FACE Act prosecution, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to provide data on bombs.



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Another brick in the wall

Gary Anderson of R.D. Greenland & Son removes old mortar from the terrace in front of Old Main yesterday. The craftsmen will be working on a "facelift" of Old Main during the next few weeks.

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