

## Nuremberg Welcomes Jackson Society

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Robert H. Jackson Center Jackson Society members were the only Americans participating in the Nuremberg International War Crimes Tribunal events held recently in Nuremberg, Germany.

Jackson Center officials said 53 society members participated in Nuremberg's events commemorating the 60th anniversary of the trial. Jamestown native Robert H. Jackson served as chief prosecutor in the post-World War II trial. The Jackson Center was invited to bring a contingent to Nuremberg.

"This special trip for the Jackson Center began when (Whitney) Harris and Greg Peterson had the idea of planning a similar event in Nuremberg, only to discover that the Nuremberg government also was laying plans for such a commemoration," said Rolland E. Kidder, Jackson Center executive director. "These initial contacts resulted in the Jackson Center's involvement with the city of Nuremberg officials."

Harris, of St. Louis, is a major supporter of the Jackson Center who worked with Jackson as an assistance prosecutor at Nuremberg. He was to speak today as part of a panel at the Palace of Justice, Room 600. Harris is a part of the Jackson Center delegation and the American representative at the proceedings. The panel includes Harris; Arno S. Hamburger, chairman of the Jewish Congregation in Nuremberg and Nuremberg trial interpreter; Susanne Von Paczensky, German correspondent at the trials; Johan Schatzler, attorney; Slavenka Drakulie, a Croatian writer; and Steffen Radlmaier, Nuremberg journalist.

"Philippe Kirsch, president of the International Criminal Court (The Hague),

will deliver the primary speech," said Gregory Peterson, Jackson Center president. "Words of welcome will be delivered by the Lord Mayor of the City of Nuremberg and by the Federal Minister of Justice with dramatic readings on the Nuremberg Trials."

The ceremony began with a reception at the Grand Meridien Hotel in Nuremberg. The hotel is the former Grand Hotel where Jackson gathered with his staff on special occasions during the trials. It is now a five-star hotel.

Peterson introduced a short program during which Julia Craighill and Thomas Loftus, two of Jackson's grandchildren, presented two framed limited edition, autographed prints of the Robert H. Jackson portrait by local artist Lurabel Colburn. Autographed copies of *That Man*, Jackson's final book written about his life with Franklin D. Roosevelt, edited by John Q. Barrett, were presented to German officials who facilitated arrangements for the Jackson Center trip.

Ms. Craighill and Loftus are two of three children born to Jackson's daughter, Mary. Loftus, a Virginia resident, serves on the Jackson Center's board of directors. Judge Dr. Siefan France, president Judge of the Courtroom in the Palace of Justice, Room 600, where the actual Nuremberg Trials were held, received one print while the second print was presented to Hans Taubrich, Documentation Center director of the new museum in Nuremberg which deals with the trials and which the contingent from the Jackson Center will visit Saturday.

Following the presentation of the paintings were remarks by Harris, who served

on Jackson's staff at the trial. He served as a prosecutor throughout the trial until Oct. 1, 1946, and was primarily responsible for the prosecution of Ernst Kaltenbrunner, the Gestapo and SD. Harris was awarded the Legion of Merit by Jackson.

Father Moritz Fuchs, a retired priest who previous to his theological career served as Jackson's bodyguard in Nuremberg, talked with group members during breakfast on Nov. 19. By 2 p.m., the group was back at the Palace of Justice for readings about the Nuremberg Trials acted by members of the Nuremberg Theater.

Then, a 90-minute panel discussion took place with what were termed "contempo-

rary witnesses." The group was headlined by Hamburger, chairman of the Jewish Congregation in Nuremberg and interpreter at the Nuremberg Trials, and Harris. Also present were Susanne Von Paczensky, Johan Schatzler, and Steffen Radlmaier, Nuremberg journalist, as moderator. Hans-Peter Kaul, German judge at the International Criminal Court, also appeared.

Harris who has appeared at the Jackson Center several times, drew the most attention from the audience of nearly 200 people. Simultaneous translation in German and English was again utilized. The delegation returned home Monday.