Jackson Center Initiates First International Law Symposium with Chautauqua Institution and SUNY Fredonia

The Robert H. Jackson Center will join Chautauqua Institution and the State University of New York (SUNY) at Fredonia in hosting a three-day conference September 27-29 entitled “Sixty Years after the Nuremberg Trials: Crimes against Humanity and Peace.”

The Athenaeum Hotel, Chautauqua, will be the site of the entire conference, which begins with pre-conference activities at noon, September 26.

Justice Jackson viewed his crowning achievement in public life to be his work advancing modern international law by establishing and serving as Chief United States Prosecutor of the principal surviving Nazi leaders before the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany during 1945-46.

The three-day conference will feature morning and afternoon panels and evening speakers. Participants will include:

- JOHN Q. BARRETT, Professor of Law at St. John’s University and Elizabeth S. Lenna Fellow at the Jackson Center;
- ROBERT DONIHI, Prosecutor at the post-World War II Tokyo trials;
- WHITNEY R. HARRIS, Nuremberg-IMT Prosecutor and author of *Tyranny on Trial: The Trial of Major German War Criminals at the End of World War II at Nuremberg, Germany, 1945-1946*;
- HENRY T. KING, Nuremberg Prosecutor, Professor of Law at Case Western Reserve University and author of *The Two Worlds of Albert Speer*;
- ABBY MANN, the award-winning author/screenwriter who wrote the screenplay for *Judgment at Nuremberg*, directed by Stanley Kramer;
- MICHAEL P. SCHARF, Professor of Law at Case Western Reserve University and co-founder of the Public International Law & Policy Group; and
- RICHARD W. SONNENFELDT, Chief Interpreter for the U.S. prosecution team at Nuremberg.

Additional speakers will be announced. Registration information is available on the Jackson Center website homepage, <www.roberthjackson.org> or by calling (716)483-6646.

Jackson Society Members Invited to Nuremberg

The 60th anniversary this year of the opening of the International Nuremberg Trial provides a special opportunity for members of the Jackson Society.

“The City of Nuremberg, Germany, has planned special commemorative programs,” explained Jackson Center President Gregory Peterson. “The Jackson Center has been invited to bring a delegation of supporters to the programs.”

According to Executive Director Rolland Kidder, final details are not yet complete but will be mailed to Jackson Society members very soon. Jamestown attorney Warren Erickson, an avid traveler who frequently travels to Germany, is arranging a special tour for participants and will provide information on hotel and flight options.

“We expect to gather in Nuremberg on Friday afternoon, November 18,” said Mr. Peterson. “Our first event will include a presentation by Nuremberg Trial participants and the viewing of a movie that is under production by German One Television about the Nuremberg trials.”

On Saturday, November 19, Mr. Erickson will arrange a day of seeing Nuremberg sites by bus, culminating in a 6 p.m. commemorative program at the Palace of Justice (courthouse) trial site.

On Sunday afternoon, November 20, Nuremberg prosecutor and Jackson Center speaker and supporter Whitney R. Harris will speak at the Castle Stein during Nuremberg city events. A wrap-up program for Jackson Society members will follow that ceremony.

Jackson Society members, who are contributors of $500 or more to the 2005 Annual Fund, are invited to join this historic trip. Each traveler will be responsible for his or her airplane travel and hotel costs, and

—Nuremberg, continued on page 3.
The second annual summer meeting of the Robert H. Jackson Society took place at the Jackson Center on Monday, July 11th. At a reception followed by dinner, members of the Society honored University of Chicago law professor Geoffrey Stone, one of the nation’s leading constitutional law scholars.

Earlier that afternoon, Professor Stone had delivered Chautauqua Institution’s first Robert H. Jackson lecture on the Supreme Court of the United States. Professor Stone, author of the award-winning *Perilous Times: Free Speech in Wartime from The Sedition Act of 1798 to The War on Terrorism* (2004), spoke in Chautauqua’s historic Hall of Philosophy about how the Supreme Court has responded to wartime government actions that restrict free speech and other liberties. At the Jackson Society dinner, Professor Stone spoke about potential Supreme Court scenarios following the retirement announcement by Justice Sandra Day O’Connor.

Professor John Q. Barrett also spoke at the Jackson Society dinner. He addressed Justice Jackson’s precedent-setting work of 60 years ago, forging the London Agreement of August 8, 1945. This was the agreement by which the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and France created the International Military Tribunal that adjudicated the cases against principal Nazi war criminals at Nuremberg, Germany. Dinner guests received replica British copies of the London Agreement itself.

Over 120 members of the Jackson Society attended the evening event. Jackson Society members represent major donors to the Jackson Center who contribute $500 or more per year to the Jackson Center’s Annual Fund. The Jackson Society meets at least twice yearly, once during the summer in Chautauqua County and in a major metropolitan setting during the winter months.

Professor Stone’s appearance was made possible by Arnie and Jill Bellowe, Marty and Sandy Coyle, Cheryl and Paul Fardink, Vic and Joan Gelb, Thomas B. Hagen and Northwest Savings Bank.
Brown v. Board of Education II
Programs Bring Distinguished Guests

The Jackson Center marked the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s May 31, 1955, Brown v. Board of Education II decision. In Brown II, the Court prescribed the remedy—desegregation through trial court proceedings, “with all deliberate speed”—for the segregated school systems the Court had declared unconstitutional a year earlier in Brown I. Events were held May 17-18 both at the Jackson Center and on the grounds of Chautauqua Institution.

The Brown II events began with the May 17 evening appearance of Dr. Ophelia DeLaine Gona, daughter of the Reverend J.A. DeLaine who commenced the South Carolina litigation that became one of the five cases decided as Brown. Before a full house in the Carl Cappa Auditorium, Dr. Gona described growing up in a segregated South Carolina and her family’s experiences fighting segregation.

On May 18, the Jackson Center hosted a “Brown II Supreme Court Law Clerks’ Roundtable” in the Elizabeth S. Lenna Hall at Chautauqua Institution. St. John’s University School of Law professor and Jackson Center Lenna Fellow John Q. Barrett moderated the fascinating, first-person conversations among four attorneys who were Supreme Court law clerks during the Court’s 1954 Term, the year of Brown II. These distinguished former clerks were Gordon Davidson (clerk to Justice Stanley Reed), Daniel Meador (Justice Hugo Black), Earl Pollock (Chief Justice Earl Warren) and E. Barrett Prettyman, Jr. (Justices Jackson, Felix Frankfurter and John M. Harlan).

A May 18 dinner at Chautauqua’s Athenaeum Hotel featured a speech by the Hon. William Coleman, Jr., the first African-American to serve as a Supreme Court law clerk and as a cabinet member as Secretary of Transportation in the Ford Administration. As a young lawyer, Mr. Coleman worked with Thurgood Marshall and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund on litigation, including Brown II, attacking racial segregation.

“This year’s Brown II events gathered together an extraordinary group of people with deep personal insights into our nation’s struggle for educational equality for children,” said Jackson Center President Gregory Peterson.

Sponsors making the major Brown II events possible include: Allied Fire Protection Systems, Inc.; the Community Involvement Team of Cummins Inc., Jamestown; Chautauqua Institution; County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency; HSBC Bank, USA, N.A.; Phillips Lytle LLC; and the Supreme Court Historical Society.

Jackson Center Executive Director Rolland Kidder added thanks to Time Warner Cable 8 of Jamestown’s Brooke Buesink and Casey Bortnick for their creation of a documentary, utilizing Jackson Center video archives, about the Brown I and II cases. It premiered May 15 at the Center. He also expressed appreciation to Justice Joseph Gerace, who hosted a showing and discussion of “Separate but Equal,” a film tracing the lives of the DeLaines and others involved in the cases leading to Brown.

—Nuremberg continued from page 1.

Germany following the trial commemoration events.”

Jackson Society members interested in joining the trip should contact the Jackson Center at (716) 483-6646. For information about joining the Jackson Society, please contact Rolland Kidder or Becky Irwin Robbins, Director of Development, at the Jackson Center.

The Robert H. Jackson Center is compiling a list of people who are interested in receiving e-mail notification of special announcements and program information. If you would like to be included on this list, please contact us by e-mail at rrobbins@roberthjackson.org.
Eugene C. Gerhart Scholar Named

Jamestown native Eric Larson has been named the Jackson Center’s Eugene C. Gerhart Scholar for the period of June 2005 to June 2006.

Eric Larson is a graduate of Jamestown High School and, this June, graduated from Princeton University (cum laude), where he majored in history. He worked as a Jackson Center research intern during summer 2004 and wrote his Princeton senior thesis on “Judge at War: World War II, Nuremberg and the Supreme Court in the Thought of Justice Robert H. Jackson.”

At the Jackson Center, Mr. Larson is working on historical projects, including gathering and posting to <http://www.roberth-jackson.org> Justice Jackson’s public writings and speeches and articles about Jackson.

Mr. Larson’s position has been made possible through a gift by Jackson biographer Eugene C. Gerhart. Mr. Gerhart, an attorney in Binghamton, NY, and an active Princeton alumnus, is author of America’s Advocate: Robert H. Jackson, which is available through the Jackson Center. Mr. Gerhart, who knew Justice Jackson from October 1946 until his death in 1954, generously endowed the Jackson Center’s Eugene C. Gerhart Intern Program Fund and provided the stipend to establish Mr. Larson’s position.

Youth Education Continues at the Jackson Center

Law Day was celebrated this year on May 4th at the Jackson Center. In commemoration of a longtime Jackson Center volunteer who died in February, this year’s program was named “John Sember Law Day.”

Robert Terreberry, another volunteer and member of the Center’s Education Committee, assumed responsibility for a program that originally had been planned by John Sember. Nearly 200 5th, 6th and 7th graders came to the Center to participate in a mock trial. Attorneys Kenneth Lasker and Gregory Edwards played the roles of prosecuting and defense attorneys and Retired State Supreme Court Justice Joseph Gerace presided. A jury was chosen from among the students who attended.

On June 21st and 22nd, award-winning producer Aaron Beckwith spoke with 400 4th grade students and showed his famous film, “Follow the North Star.” The film depicts a young slave boy and a friend who escape from the South during the 1850s. The film, produced by ABC some 25 years ago, still carries a powerful message for young people today. Aaron Beckwith’s presence and his personal presentation to these young people made for an especially effective opportunity to learn about issues of race and slavery in American history.

Mr. Beckwith also presented his program this summer on behalf of the Jackson Center at the Chautauqua Institution Boys’ and Girls’ Club, appearing before an audience of some 200 children visiting Chautauqua from throughout the world.

The Jackson Center continues to believe that “event-based” educational experiences of this type are an excellent way to teach young people about issues dealing with law and justice in their own lives.

Elevator Installed: Handicapped Accessibility Improved

Since June, the Jackson Center building has featured a new elevator that allows physically challenged visitors direct access to the theater and banquet/meeting room levels. Jamestown Mayor Sam Teresi assisted in the investment of $100,000 of Community Development Block Grant funds in this project. The Center also received, through the efforts of the late State Senator Patricia McGee, $100,000 of funding from New York State. In addition, the Ralph C. Sheldon, Hultquist, Jessie Smith 

Darrah, Holmberg and Lenna Foundations assisted with the construction of the elevator infrastructure. The Jackson Center also appreciates the support of area residents Mary Anna Adams and Ruth Walrod, who helped, in wheelchairs, to dedicate this new structural improvement. The Jackson Center expects to commence work on new handicapped accessible bathrooms as part of a capital improvement plan scheduled for the fall.

—see photo on page 6.
Judge Ehrenfreund Delivers Stirring Speech

The Honorable Norbert Ehrenfreund, who covered the Nuremberg trial as a young reporter for Stars & Stripes, lectured on June 13 before approximately 150 people in the Jackson Center’s Carl Cappa Auditorium. Judge Ehrenfreund retired after 29 years as a trial judge of the Superior Court in California but continues to serve on the bench by assignment throughout the state. In 2001, the American Bar Association bestowed its prestigious Award of Judicial Excellence upon Judge Ehrenfreund, an award given annually to one judge in the United States as trial judge of the year.

The Jamestown Post Journal provided major support for this event. Other sponsors included Allegheny Financial Assets, Evans-Alfies Restaurant, Inc.; Jamestown Business College; Lloyd and Company, CPA, PC; Shults Auto Group; Turner Brokers Real Estate, Inc.; Young Title Agency; Jamestown Community College; and the Robert S. Maytum, Sr./Valley of Jamestown A.A.S.R. Fund of the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation.

Professor David Siegel Appears

Nearly 100 New York State attorneys enjoyed the June 9 appearance at the Jackson Center of David D. Siegel, Distinguished Professor of Law at Albany Law School. The event was part of continuing legal education co-sponsored by the Jackson Center and Albany Law School, where Robert H. Jackson spent academic year 1911-1912 as a law student.

Professor Siegel’s program, “Civil Procedure Seminar in New York Practice,” was supported by the Vineyard Group, LLC; Burgett and Robbins; Chautauqua Abstract Company; Chautauqua Region Community Foundation; Jamestown Bar Association; Jamestown Area Chamber of Commerce; and Thomson West.

Siegel is editor of the New York State Law Digest; and is the author of many books including New York Civil Practice, 4th Edition.

Courtroom Named for Justice Jackson

The new Justice Robert H. Jackson Courtroom at the Warren County, PA, Courthouse was dedicated at a July 20 ceremony. Justice Jackson was born in 1892 in Spring Creek, Warren County. Present at the dedication were the Honorable Judge Paul H. Millin, the Honorable William Morgan and the Honorable Robert Wolfe. Former U.S. Congressman William Clinger and Jackson Center President Gregory Peterson were featured speakers at the event.

Give on-line to the Robert H. Jackson Center at www.roberthjackson.org
As the year-end approaches, Jackson Center supporters are reminded and invited to participate in the 2005 Annual Fund, which assists in underwriting Center programs and operations.

“The Annual Fund began in September 2004,” said Rolland Kidder, “and we are most grateful for the overwhelming response to this drive to assist with our operational costs.”

Giving categories for the Annual Fund are set at the following levels:

- $500 or Greater: The Robert H. Jackson Society
- $250-499: Jackson Center Benefactor
- $100-249: Patrons
- $1-99: Contributors

Jackson Society members are invited to attend at least two special events each year and receive a quarterly executive director’s newsletter. Patrons, Benefactors and Jackson Society members receive a significant year-end publication and the regular newsletter, and they are invited to events throughout the year. Contributors receive our regular newsletter and event invitations.

On-line giving is now possible at our website: www.roberthjackson.org.

Join the 1,700,000+ people who visited our Jackson Center website since August, 2003! Simply log on to www.roberthjackson.org and keep up-to-date on Robert H. Jackson Center news and program happenings!

Elevator contractor Lance Weinert (back row) joined project supervisor Michael Bradshaw of CODE, Inc., Lance Weinert, Jr. and Rolland Kidder at the elevator dedication. Ruth Walrod (front left) and Mary Anna Adams became the first Jackson Center supporters to ride the elevator at the opening.