

# Suspected Nazi assaulted

## Nab JDL member in attack at deportation hearing

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Accused Nazi war criminal Boleslavs Maikovskis, 75, was punched and knocked down at his deportation hearing yesterday by a young man who shouted: "You Nazi bastard!"

Federal officers identified the attacker as Mark Levy, 20, a member of the Jewish Defense League. He was removed from the U.S. Immigration Court hearing room, charged with five misdemeanors and released.

Maikovskis did not appear to be injured. The small hearing room on the 13th floor of the Federal Office Building at 26 Federal Plaza was crowded with members of the JDL and other Jewish organizations.

When the hearing resumed, Maikovskis testified that he had been "singing in a church choir" when 30 residents of his Latvian village were

executed by police under his command. Maikovskis, a retired carpenter who lives in Mineola, L.I., has been accused of helping Adolf Hitler's SS troops round up 20,000 Latvian Jews for extermination while he was the captain of a village police unit under the Germans during World War II.

Asked if he ever ordered the executions of Jews, Maikovskis replied in broken English: "No, that was not my duty. The Germans do it. Not me."

When he entered the United States years ago, Maikovskis said he had been a bookkeeper in Latvia from 1941 to 1944. But he admitted yesterday that he had been a police captain during that period. Questioned about his failure to tell immigration officials about his police post, he said: "I was never asked for it."

Judge Francis J. Lyons, conducting the hearing, expressed skepticism about the truth of Maikovskis' testimony. ■

## Deport court hears Soviet

A deportation hearing for alleged war criminal Boleslav Maikovskis, 77, of Mineola, continued yesterday with a defense attack on the credibility of the Soviet court system that sentenced him to death in absentia for allegedly supervising the execution of Jews in his native Latvia, now incorporated into the Soviet Union.

Frederick Mezaonski, a Soviet-born witness described by the defense as an "expert on Soviet law procedure," claimed Soviet courts are corrupt.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Sullivan said he saw "no relevancy" to the testimony of the witness, who emigrated to America from the Soviet Union in 1978.

"Maikovskis is charged with violating the immigration laws in the United States by concealing his history in Latvia during World War II, where we allege he assisted the Nazis in the persecution of Jews," Sullivan said. ■

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