## PROTEST ALLIANZ FOR REFUSING TO HONOR INSURANCE POLICIES IT SOLD TO HOLOCAUST VICTIMS AND FAILING TO ASSIST SURVIVORS IN NEED

ALLIANZ COLLABORATED WITH THE NAZI REGIME AND PROFITED FROM THE HOLOCAUST. TODAY ALLIANZ OWES OVER \$2.5 BILLION TO HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS' HEIRS

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016 – 12:00 Noon** 

**SUNDAY, FEBRARY 7, 2016 – 12:00 Noon** 

THE OLD COURSE AT BROKEN SOUND

GATHER AT THE INTERSECTION OF YAMATO ROAD AND BROKEN SOUND BLVD. (NORTH SIDE)

**BOCA RATON, FLORIDA** 

Monday, February 1 is the first day of the Allianz Golf Tournament in Boca Raton, Allianz's effort to buy 'good will' and cover up a disgraceful past, as well as its present denial of justice and dignity.

There will be a second protest as well on the final day of the tournament, Sunday February 7, at noon.

For the several years, the community's outpouring of support for Holocaust survivors received international media attention and spurred several Members of Congress to initiate legislation to hold Allianz and other insurance companies accountable for their Holocaust profiteering.

South Florida Members who have supported the survivors' legislation include Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Ted Deutch, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Alcee Hastings, Mario Diaz-Balart, Frederica Wilson, as well as Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio. Similarly, new members

including Lois Frankel and Carlos Curbello have indicated their interest in supporting the survivors as well.

Time is the survivors' enemy and they need action NOW from the White House and Congress.

The survivors need and deserve the community's full support so please plan on attending with your friends, neighbors, children, and grandchildren.

## **History of Allianz:**

A **German** Insurance Company and among the ten largest in the world. Allianz CEO: Kurt Paul Schmitt, came to the Nazis before they came to power, donated money to Hitler, joined the Nazi Party in 1933 and was Hitler's Economy Minister along with being an honorary member of the "SS" and a main culprit in the Third Reich who didn't want Jews part of the German Economy. Historian Gerald Feldman's book on Allianz cites a 1952 letter from insurance claimant A.G. Becker in which she states that Allianz had posted "no entrance" signs for Jews in 1933 before the Reichstag enacted such laws.

Allianz also insured the "SS", factories, barracks, motor pools, and death camps including Auschwitz and Dachau and several others. Allianz knew of the 'Slave Labor" and the mass extermination of nearly 7 million Jewish men, women and children and millions of others.

After World War II, Allianz and its affiliates refused to honor tens of thousands of insurance policies owed to Holocaust survivors and victims' heirs –demanding original policies and death certificates, documents no survivors could provide after Auschwitz.

Allianz's managing director Herbert Hansmeyer testified before the U.S. House Banking Committee in 1998 that Allianz could not honor those surviving Jewish-owned insurance policies because it was broke. However, in 1999 the *Wall Street Journal* reported that in fact, after World War II, Allianz was one of the few sources of cash for German industry, acquiring ownership in so many of companies that flourished in the postwar era that "Allianz is known as the "spider in the web" of Germany Inc."

Congressional testimony estimates that Allianz owed Holocaust survivors and victims' heirs over \$2.5 billion today. Yet, instead of making good on these contractual obligations, Allianz is spending money on public relations stunts such as this golf tournament.

In 2008, Allianz tried to put its name on the new NY Giants/NY Jets Stadium, which would have cost \$30 million a year for ten years, but the public outcry against this heinous branding by one of the Nazis worst offenders was thankfully called off. Had the good people of New York and New Jersey not raise their voices in righteous protest, the 2014 Super Bowl would be being played in Allianz Stadium!

Today, half of the Holocaust survivors in the United States live below or near poverty, while Allianz refuses to disgorge Holocaust profits refusing to honor tens of thousands of insurance policies, but found money for public relations bonanzas such as this golf tournament, and programming on A Prairie Home Companion, Marketplace Morning Report, CNBC and MSNBC, and giving money to the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous. How cynical and cruel can Allianz, one of the world's largest insurance companies, really be?

On January 15, 2014, and September 18, 2014, Holocaust survivor Jack Rubin testified before the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, at the invitation of Chairman Bill Nelson, and the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee at the invitation of Reps. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and Ted Deutch, to address the horrific level of unmet needs among Holocaust survivors today, which require billions of dollars to alleviate the horrible suffering of tens of thousands of survivors today. On behalf of HSF and survivors and second generation leaders throughout the United States, Jack called on the German government, and Allianz and other insurers, to immediately provide sufficient funding for all of the basic needs such as food, shelter, home care, medical care and dental care, hearing aids, and other vital services survivors who cannot afford these vital services.

As Jack noted, recent efforts to put the burden on U.S. taxpayers and Jewish fundraising are flawed because Germany and its collaborators like Allianz caused the problems of survivors today, not U.S. taxpayers or the Jewish community. Moreover, the scope of relief offered by these efforts is miniscule compared to the survivors' actual needs.

The Holocaust Survivors Foundation USA, South Florida survivor groups, and Shalom International urge everyone with a conscience to join with us and expose the truth and to demand what needs to be done at the White House, the Dept of Justice, Dept of State and the US Congress, as well as by Allianz, at this late hour.

If you wish to join this effort and also to lend your group's name to it, please let us know immediately, as we expose this effort, locally, nationally and internationally on behalf of all those who perished, all who have suffered and are still suffering from the neglect and politics of Allianz, as well as Germany's refusal to provide for all of the care required by survivors today, whose horrific injuries, and extensive medical and mental health care needs today were caused by the German Nazi government.

## **Demands on Allianz:**

- 1. Publish the names of all Allianz and related European insurance policy holders between 1920 and 1945 on the internet, including later acquired companies like RAS.
- 2. Publish all records relating to Allianz's provision of insurance to the Government of Germany, the German Army, the SS, governments of occupied countries, and all other war related business between 1933 and 1945, including records relating to coverage of Nazi concentration camps.
- Support legislation allowing Holocaust survivors and heirs to bring legal action in U.S. courts
- 4. Disgorge \$2.5 billion, representing unjust enrichment from Holocaust era, to be paid to those that were insured and their heirs and to fund social services for Holocaust survivors in need worldwide.

## **Demands on Germany**

Germany, once and for all, must immediately establish a fund to provide ALL Holocaust survivors with: (1) income support to lift all survivors out of poverty, and (2) 100% of the professionally prescribed medical care, home care, mental health care, and other vital services required for all survivors to live in dignity in their final years, with funds channeled through the U.S. Government or other home governments directly to survivors or service providers for the remainder of the survivors' lives.

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