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YONKERS MAN FINGERED AS NAZI WAR FIEND

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AN alleged Nazi col-
laborator living in
Yonkers was given
U.S. citizenship be-
cause he worked for
the CIA after World
War II, a group of
Nazi-hunters charges.

Mykola Lebed worked for the Germans as leader of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists, and committed atrocities against Jews, intellectuals, Communists and other nationalists, according to a report by the federal General Accounting Office.

Lebed, 75, a short chunky man with gray hair and a thick Ukrainian accent, initially denied who he was, but then told a reporter: "Get your facts straight. I did none of those things. I'm no Nazi."

"During the war I was a driver," he told The Post, but later amended that and said he spent the war "in a

concentration camp in Germany like many other Ukrainians."

Lebed then threatened a photographer who was taking his picture, saying: "If you don't stop, I'll break it. I want to be left alone."

The middle-class North Yonkers neighborhood where Lebed and his wife live is a mixed one.

His next door neighbors are Jewish, but they refused to talk because of fear of reprisal.

"They don't really mix with the neighbors," said one woman who requested anonymity.

"They wave when they see us and we do the same. It's hard to believe he could have done those things. He doesn't seem the type."

The report said that in the '30s Lebed was involved in the assassination of a high-ranking Eastern European leader.

He was sentenced to death by the Ukrainian government, but received a life term after appealing.

Lebed stayed in prison until the Nazis invaded the Ukraine, then he went to work for them, the GAO said.

While at a Gestapo training school at Zakopane in the Ukraine, he allegedly tortured a Jewish man who was accused of raping a German woman.

After he war he worked for American intelligence. He was brought to this country in 1949 because of fears for his safety, the report said.

In the document, Lebed was referred to as Subject D, but Aaron Breitbart of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles said Lebed has been identified as Subject D by two independent but unnamed sources.

The Justice Dept. is reportedly examining the case.

The Lebed report was part of a recent GAO study of how intelligence agencies aided Nazi collaborators after the war.

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