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EHRlichman'S ORTHODOX JEWISH GRANDFATHER

Another myth has been shattered - the charge that "The Germans" dominated the Watergate clique.

Now it appears that one of this group really stems from a Jewish background.

A story in the New York Post reveals that John D. Ehrlichman's paternal grandparents were Jews.

While Ehrlichman reportedly pleaded that the story should not be published, the Post did print it. It reveals that Ehrlichman's grandfather, Walter Ehrlichman, a leading merchant, was one of the founders of the Seattle, Wash., Orthodox Bikur Cholim Congregation; that upon his death his wife became a Christian Scientist, enrolling her four children into Christian Science, and that all of them married Christian Scientists.

Walter and Antoinette Gruen Ehrlichman were Austrian Jews who settled in Seattle toward the close of the 19th century.

John's father, one of Walter's two sons, died in a plane crash in 1939 while serving as a Royal Canadian Air Force pilot before the U.S. entered World War II.

Longtime Jewish residents of Seattle recalled that Walter Ehrlichman took all of his four children - including John's father Rudolf - to Bikur Cholim synagogue.

Ehrlichman's Jewish ancestry came as a surprise, the more so because he had been a member of UCLA's Kappa Sigma fraternity, which bars Jews from membership.

The name Ehrlichman means "honest man" in German and Yiddish, the Jewish week points out.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

The Beth Sholom Congregation offers a dignified traditional memorial program for our congregants to observe the Yartzheit of their departed relations. A bronze tablet will be made available to permanently establish the Anniversary date and memorial service. The program director is Mr. Barney Kandel, 218 Wyngate Drive, Frederick, Maryland, 21701 - telephone 662-5343. Please address your interest and request for further information to him.