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FRANKFURT, West Germany (AP) — An alleged Nazi war criminal who fled the United States to avoid deportation to the Soviet Union has been charged with war crimes, a state prosecutor said Thursday.

Boleslav Maikovskis, formerly of Mineola, N.Y., will go on trial in state court in Muenster, said Dortmund prosecutor Klaus Schacht.

Maikovskis, 84, faced U.S. deportation proceedings for war crimes allegedly committed when he served as a policeman in Latvia. He fled the United States in 1987.

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Maikovskis, who was charged in August, is being held in the hospital wing of a prison in the city of Bochum.

In 1965, the Soviet Union sentenced him to death in absentia for his alleged role in burning down a village and helping to kill more than 130 men, women and children in the Latvian village of Audrine. The deaths occurred while he was acting as commander of a pro-Nazi police force during World War II.

The United States began deportation proceedings against Maikovskis in 1976, but that was delayed by several appeals. His last appeal was denied by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1986, and he fled to West Germany.

West German authorities say Maikovskis has been in West Germany since November 1987 and had applied for asylum. He was arrested at his home in Muenster on Oct. 19, 1988.

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Schacht said a trial date would be set by the Muenster state court. Muenster is in North-Rhine Westphalia state near the Dutch border.

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