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Haben eyes gubernatorial run

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TALLAHASSEE — Former House Speaker Ralph Haben Jr. said Tuesday he is thinking about seeking the Democratic gubernatorial nomination next year.

Haben attended the opening session of the 1985 Legislature to

talk with lawmakers.

House speaker in 1981 and 1982, Haben talked about a possible candidacy, but cautioned that a formal announcement would not be forthcoming unless he received commitments for financial backing.

Accused Nazi hiding, friend says

ST. PETERSBURG — Konrads Kalejs, accused of collaborating with the Nazis in killing thousands of Latvian Jews during World War II, is in hiding while trying to find witnesses to aid him, a woman friend says.

The woman said Kalejs, 72, went into hiding 10 months ago when he first suspected the government might seek to deport him. An arrest warrant was issued last week when Kalejs failed to appear before immigration officials in Miami for a deportation

hearing.

Kalejs is accused of having risen to the rank of commander in the Arajs Commando, a volunteer unit of Latvian auxiliary policemen that acted as a mobile execution squad for the Nazis.

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