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Children of Nazi officers express sorrow and regret ... Ho

By BEVERLY FORD

In an unlikely meeting, the children of Holocaust survivors came face to face with the children of German Nazis yesterday in a first-of-its-kind seminar aimed at healing the emotional wounds of both.

Organized by Mona Weissmark, the daughter of an Auschwitz survivor, and Ilona Kuphal, the child of a Nazi officer, the meeting brought 22 Jews and Germans together for a four-day conference at Harvard Medical Education Center in Boston. daylong meeting was an emotional, if not tearful, event.

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HEALING EFFORT: Helen Nunberg, left, daughter of Holocaust survivors, and Ilona Kuphal, right, daughter of a Nazi officer, join other people with similar backgrounds for a first-of-its-kind seminar at Harvard Medical Education Center in Boston yesterday.

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It also was a time of apologies — and a time of healing.

"I came to say I'm sorry," said said Marga Dieter whose brother was a member of Hitler's youth party. "(I came) to show some compassion for a tragedy I don't think any of us will ever understand. I wasn't there. I didn't do it, but that's not the issue. Someone has to say they're to close tha get a little b

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For the children of concentration camp survivors, the empassion apologies could do little ease the pain many st feel over the death their relatives.

"There is no restituti for the loss of our fan lies," explained Rach Seidel, whose parents a Holocaust survivors. "V carry the pain of it a the rage of it. We cann change what happened the past (but) I do think I can forgive it."

Still, the anguish those Germans who we themselves children the time of the Holocau helped cement the tv groups together in emotional bond as stro as the legacy they bo share.

"In a way, we're children of trauma her explained one Germ woman, who said she ways saw her parents the real victims of Wor War II — until s learned of the Holocau during a history course

Both Germans an Jews at yesterday's co ference also shared the perspectives on the ci cumstances surroundi the rise of the Thi Reich and offered su gestions to keep anoth Holocaust from happe ing.

The conference, whi continues through Su day, will also include i formal meetings, brai storming sessions a discussions on develo ing an organizatio aimed at furthering coo eration between pola ized groups.