Subject: Re: Religious Zealot forces airport to take down Christmas Trees Posted by Blazer on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 20:51:45 GMT

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Ohhh a followup story!

news storyMaintenance staff worked overnight to restore the 14 plastic trees that had been removed during the weekend because of a rabbi's threat to sue over the lack of a menorah in the airport's holiday decor.

Airport managers believed that if they allowed the addition of an 8-foot-tall menorah to the display, as Seattle Rabbi Elazar Bogomilsky had requested, they would also have to display symbols of other religions and cultures. Airport workers didn't have time to do that during the busy travel season, Airport Director Mark Reis said...There were no immediate plans to display a menorah, airport spokesman Bob Parker said...."We are not going to be the instrument by which the port holds Christmas hostage,"...

Yeah! Take that!

news storyAfter the removal, some airline workers decorated ticketing counters with their own miniature Christmas trees.

Frontier Airlines customer service agents pooled their money to buy four 1-foot-high trees and placed them on their ticket counter. Delta Air Line workers put up a single larger tree.

The airlines lease space for ticket counters from the airport, and can display trees there if they want, Reis said.

LOL

Here's the full story update: http://apnews.myway.com/article/20061212/D8LVDM1O0.html