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Israel May Ask Death For Former High Nazi

JERUSALEM, May 24 (AP). — Israeli legal experts today said the death penalty may be asked for Adolf Eichmann, former Hitler official charged with the extermination of 6 million Jews.

Israel yesterday announced the 54-year-old war criminal's arrest after a hunt of more than 14 years and said he would be tried here. He was brought into a Jaffa court early yesterday and arraigned.

Premier David Ben-Gurion told Parliament that Eichmann would be tried under terms of Israel's law for the trial of Nazis and their collaborators.

The Premier gave no details of the arrest of the man who was a top aide to Heinrich Himmler, boss of the dread Nazi Gestapo. Eichmann dropped from sight in the confusion at the end of the war and subsequently was reported in several Latin American countries, in Australia, in Switzerland and last October in the Middle East. The British hunted for him and he also was wanted for murder in West Germany.

The Israeli radio reported it had been swamped with calls from persons declaring they were among Eichmann's tor-



ADOLF EICHMANN
—AP Wirephoto

ture victims and expressed satisfaction that he had been caught and would be held to justice. The Israeli Parliament abolished the death penalty two years ago except for treason cases against the state and war crimes against the Jewish people.

Although no details were released on Eichmann's arrest it was learned he had been caught in Israel and had not been extradited from any foreign country. The Ministry of Justice said he readily admitted his identity and asked for legal counsel.

"Resettled" 35,000 Jews

A police officer present during the arraignment told reporters that Eichmann looked well groomed, clean shaven and younger than his 54 years.

After the Anschluss in Austria, Eichmann headed the "Office for Jewish Emigration," the Nazi authority dealing with the deportation and expulsion of Jews.

In 1939 he transferred to Prague where he boasted he "resettled" 35,000 Jews.

The Nazis in 1941 brought him back to Germany and made him head of an office charged with the "solution of the Jewish question," in other words the liquidation of millions of Jews. The office bore the name of its master—Dienststelle Eichmann (Eichmann Authority).

He also was alleged to have supervised personally the liquidation of the Jews in Budapest.

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Israel Seizes Nazi Chief Of Extermination of Jews

By LAWRENCE FELLOWS
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JERUSALEM (Israeli Sector), May 23. Premier David Ben-Gurion announced today that Adolf Eichmann, the S. S. colonel who headed the Gestapo's Jewish Section, was under arrest in Israel and would stand trial for his life.

The Premier made the announcement in the Knesset (Parliament) this afternoon with dramatic understatement. Members were startled by the news.

Mr. Ben-Gurion gave little additional information, nor could much be learned afterward of the circumstances under which Eichmann had been apprehended and where he was being held.

"I have to inform the Knesset," Mr. Ben-Gurion said "that a short time ago one of the greatest of the Nazi war criminals, Adolf Eichmann, who was responsible together with the Nazi leaders for what they called the final solution of the Jewish question, that is the extermination of 6,000,000 of the Jews of Europe, was captured by the Israel security services."

Trial Planned Shortly

"Adolf Eichmann is already under arrest in Israel and will shortly be placed on trial in Israel under the terms of the law for the trial of Nazis and their collaborators."

Elphaz Hosen, the Minister of Justice, said today after the Knesset meeting together with Josef Nahmas, Inspector General of the police.

They declined to say where or when Eichmann was found, or whether any other country had assisted in his capture.

Mr. Rosen said Eichmann was held without charge under a magistrate's warrant issued today in Jaffa.

Eichmann disappeared in 1947 in Czechoslovakia ahead of advancing United States and Soviet troops. Jewish units had been searching for him with the

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TOP NAZI CRIMINAL IS HELD BY ISRAEL

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help of former S. S. officers since the end of the war.

There were rumors last November that Eichmann was in Kuwait. The name was asked in the House of Commons as to whether the Government was being asked to extradite him. Mr. Rosen said steps were being taken and would only be postponed by further questions.

Mr. Rosen said today that Eichmann was undoubtedly wanted by a number of countries that had been occupied by the Germans.

"As well as the extradition may when we are in agreement with them," he said.

Mr. Rosen said that in the time Eichmann would be furnished defense counsel. He said the lawyer might be brought from abroad to avoid charges of prejudice.

Asked if there was enough evidence to indict Eichmann and try him, Mr. Rosen said: "Yes, definitely. There's sufficient proof. We are also bringing witnesses together."

The special law passed in Israel states:

"A person who has committed or committed during the period of the Nazi regime, in an enemy country, an act constituting a crime against the Jewish people . . . is liable to the death penalty."

Eichmann will be the first to be tried under this provision. There have been death sentences passed in Israel, but none has been carried out.

Eichmann, who is 53 years



ARRESTED BY ISRAEL: Adolf Eichmann, a former leader of Nazi Gestapo. He is shown in a file photograph taken some years ago.

directly in charge of the mass extermination of Jews in Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary.

Israeli Supreme Court judgments in war crimes cases repeatedly have described Eichmann as "a monster" and "a bloodthirsty criminal."

One of the most striking testimonies in Israeli courts was given by Joel Brand, former Jewish leader in Budapest.

Mr. Brand described how during the Nazi occupation of Hungary, Eichmann proposed to him a deal of "blood for money"—a promise to liberate 500,000 doomed Hungarian Jews if Jewish authorities persuaded the Western allies to turn over 10,000 trucks to them. Mr. Brand failed to raise the "ransom" or a substitute acceptable to the Nazis.

old, is apparently fit and has admitted his identity, according to Mr. Nahmas. He said that Eichmann had not asked for consular help. West German interests in Israel are represented by the British Consulate in Haifa.

At least part of the trial is expected to be conducted in secret because of the secret nature of Eichmann's capture.

Called 'Most Bloodthirsty'

JERUSALEM (Israeli Sector), May 23. (Reuters)—In most Israeli history books on crimes against the Jews, Eichmann is described as the most bloodthirsty of the Nazi leaders. Officials in Israel said he was

Israeli Security Agents Seized Nazi Killer in Another Nation

By LAWRENCE FELLOWS

Special to The New York Times.

JERUSALEM, May 24—Israeli security agents, captured through the efforts of May 24—Adolf Eichmann, captured through the efforts of his agents alone. He added that the S. S. (Nazi shock troop) no foreign officials had been bribed into cooperating with the Israeli Secret State Police. Jewish-Israeli agents nor would any money be passed to them in his home in an undisclosed country by Israeli security agents. However, it is suspected here that a foreign country, or several, is deeply involved in the case, if only in permitting Israeli agents to work freely in their search for people they consider their enemies.

The 54-year-old Eichmann is in an Israeli jail. The police has said that he is fit, but Israeli agents to work freely in their search for people they consider their enemies.

Premier David Ben-Gurion announced yesterday that Eichmann had been captured and would stand trial for his life. Evidence is being assembled The charges against him will be in preparation for the trial of cover his part in the extermination of European Jews by the Germans. legal authority suggested today that the trial might not come until next year.

The afternoon the head of Israel's Security Service called a news conference to state that Eichmann had been traced and

Speculation in the Israeli press is narrowing to South America.

Evidence is being assembled in preparation for the trial of Eichmann. One highly placed legal authority suggested today that the trial might not come until next year.

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TRIAL OF NAZI TO AVENGER

According to the article, Mr. Friedmann was 16 years old when the Germans invaded Poland and caught him in freedom his home town. The next five years were a nightmare of concentration camps and forced-labor stockades.

He saw his family battered to death with Nazi rifle bullets and he saw countless other Jewish men, women and children shot, clubbed, drowned, gassed, burned and turned into fertilizer and laundry soap. Mr. Heiman wrote.

Mr. Friedmann was scrubbing the floor of an officers' latrine in a concentration camp one day when he overheard a conversation between two S. S. officers. One of them, the deputy camp commandant, was going on leave, and his friend asked him to take a few gift packages to his wife. The parcels included jewelry and clothes taken from Jewish prisoners before their death.

The account said that Mr. Friedmann memorized the officers' home addresses and swore to pay them a visit if he survived. Shortly before his turn came for the gas chambers, he escaped to the woods and joined a band of Polish guerrillas. He soon became the guerrilla leader, and when the Germans were driven out of Poland he joined the regular Polish Army as an officer. Later he was transferred to the Intelligence Service.

The first two criminals on his list after the war were the two S. S. officers, and he found them. They were hanged. He tracked down hundreds of others, but his main target was always Eichmann.

According to the article, he finally found Eichmann's wife and children in Austria. He decided to kidnap them as hostages to lure Eichmann from hiding. But before he could execute this plan Mr. Friedmann located one of Eichmann's mistresses. She told him that Eichmann felt no remorse for his crimes.

Other West German paper-mentioned rumors that Eichmann had been reported seen both in Cairo and Kuwait. They speculated that Eichmann might have been abducted by the Israeli Secret Service from the British Gulf Kingdom of Kuwait.

She also disclosed that before his disappearance Eichmann had destroyed most of his photographs, burned letters and documents and had his face changed by plastic surgery. The kidnaping scheme was dropped. Last October Eichmann was reported to be working for a British oil company in Kuwait. According to the article, Mr. Friedmann felt certain he could track down his quarry there and hire professional killers to assassinate him. But he is reported to have decided to concentrate on capturing him. Mr. Friedmann was described as intending to have Eichmann extradited to West Germany for trial for crimes against humanity. Mr. Heiman wrote: "The Germans themselves must punish Eichmann and this is the only form of revenge acceptable to Friedmann."

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Eichmann would find it difficult to find witnesses to testify on his behalf. It is not likely that Israel will grant safe passage to Eichmann's old friends or colleagues who might want to testify.

If it were to come to Israel, the authority said, they would be investigated to determine the extent of their involvement in any crimes against Jews. What ever their citizenship, they could be tried in Israel.

The Israeli law on Nazi crimes against Jews is retroactive.

Polish Jew Is Key Figure

A Polish Jew who escaped the gas chambers in a Nazi concentration camp was identified here yesterday as the key figure in the capture of Adolf Eichmann, who played a leading role in plotting Hitler's systematic murder of 5,000,000 Jews.

Eichmann's capture was credited here by Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith, to 37-year-old Tuvia Friedmann, whose long campaign of personal retribution against Nazi war criminals was brought him to his current post as the director of Israel's intelligence department. Mr. Epstein noted that Mr. Friedmann's operations against hundreds of Nazis who tried to go underground after Germany's defeat was described by Leo Heiman, an Israeli newspaperman, in the January issue of The National Jewish Monthly, published by B'nai B'rith. Mr. Heiman devoted part of his article to the ingenious schemes Mr. Friedmann had tried to track down still fugitives at

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Bonn Would Try Eichmann

BONN, Germany, May 24 (Reuters) — Justice Minister Fritz Schaefler said in Parliament here today that he would like to have Adolph Eichmann brought to trial in West Germany.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said later, however, that West Germany would not ask for Eichmann's extradition. He said West Germany had no extradition agreement with Israel.

The West German mass-circulation newspaper Abendpost quoted a well-informed source in Tel Aviv today as having said that "a special Israeli commando had probably abducted Eichmann from a neighboring Arab country."

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Eichmann Capture a Secret

By Arye Wallerstein
Reuters

JERUSALEM, May 24—A high Israeli police official said tonight the details of the capture of Adolph Eichmann, accused of the murder of millions of European Jews, will "never be revealed."

The official, Inspector General Yosef Nahmias, told a news conference that the investigation of the most wanted Nazi war criminal in Israel was "just beginning." He announced that German-born police officer Abraham Solinger had been named chief investigator.

Nahmias said newsmen will not be permitted to interview or photograph Eichmann "even during the trial."

Earlier, legal experts said the preparation of a case and trial would each take several months at least.

Trail to Uncover Nazis

The trial, the experts said, will probably go into the whole history of Nazi persecution of Jews, in concentration camps and gas chambers and reveal untold chapters of Nazism and Nazis.

Nahmias described Eichmann as "lanky, about five feet 10 inches tall with black, balding hair and somewhat tanned skin." He said Eichmann was being held in solitary confinement under day-and-night guard.

He said Eichmann accused of ordering some six million Jews put to death, had been supplied with German books

and was eating kosher food in his solitary confinement cell.

"Already several people have called on Israeli police offering to testify against Eichmann," the Inspector General said. He said some foreign government agencies had offered to help in preparation of the case.

Use Nuremberg Transcripts

Nahmias said transcripts of the Nuremberg war trials would be used in preparation of the case.

Eichmann will not be permitted to communicate with anyone, he said, including his wife and family in Linz, Austria.

The Inspector General parried a newsman's question on where Eichmann's suit had been bought with silence.

One report from a usually reliable source said Eichmann was trapped through efforts of an unknown Polish Jew whose entire family died in Nazi gas chambers. The Pole, one of the few survivors of the Dronowitz Ghetto in Galicia, tracked Eichmann for 15 years and then led Israeli agents to him, the report said.

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Chief public prosecutor of West Germany, Fritz Bauer, who headed the German investigation of the Eichmann

case, said last December that he believed Eichmann was in Kuwait working as a middleman between West German firms and the oil-rich island.

According to usually reliable sources in Jerusalem, Israeli intelligence had tracked Eichmann for years through scores of countries in three continents. He was described as "the greatest living enemy of the Jewish people."

Not Formally Charged

Eichmann has not yet been formally charged. He appeared before a magistrate in Jaffa Monday and was remanded for 14 days. He is being held for war crimes—the maximum penalty for which is death in Israel.

The lanky, 53-year-old Eichmann, his face wrinkled and handcuffs removed, stood at attention as the magistrate told him: "You are accused of causing the deaths of millions of Jews in Germany and occupied territories in the years 1938-45."

Eichmann said: "I am not responsible for the deeds of which I am being accused and I shall prove it at the appropriate time," according to minutes of the proceedings disclosed today.

In most Israeli history books, Eichmann is described as the most bloodthirsty of all Nazi leaders.

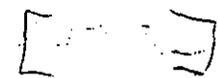
Palestine-born, Eichmann speaks fluent Hebrew. He attended Jewish schools and later went to school in Germany.

He returned to Palestine in

1938 under Hitler's orders to generate and arm an Arab uprising.

Captured documents here are said to show that in 1938 Eichmann submitted to Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler a detailed proposal to "settle the Jewish problem" and in the same year ordered the first transport of Jews to the camps where gas chambers had been built.

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Eichmann Trapped by 1940 Photo

Reuters

JERUSALEM, May 25—A girl friend's 20-year-old photo of Adolf Eichmann was reported today to have trapped the alleged Nazi killer of 6 million Jews.

The report appeared in Davar, the newspaper of Premier David Ben-Gurion.

It said Israeli intelligence agents followed up 100 tips before finding Eichmann and identifying him from the old photo.

Davar said the hunt was started by Asher Ben-Nathan, now director-general of the Defense Ministry, when he was acting for the Jewish underground organization Hagana at the end of World War II.

He obtained from Eichmann's girl friend the only clear photograph of him. Although it was 20 years old, it left little doubt of his identity when he was traced.

Watched for Baby-Face

Intelligence agents were told to watch for a baby-face, with a slightly twisted lower lip, effeminate features, a high forehead and receding hair.

They shadowed him for a long time before arresting him, studying his habits, work and daily routine.

The shock of capture shattered him, the paper said, and it was some time before he recovered enough to talk to his captors.

Well-informed sources here said they did not believe the Israeli government would ever admit to capturing a man in a foreign country.

Israel's diplomats abroad are reported to have been told to keep a close watch on reaction to the Eichmann case—especially in South America, where some newspapers claim he was caught.

Followed, 15-Year Hunt

Eichmann's arrest, announced Monday night, followed a 15-year search of three continents by Israeli agents.

A high Israeli police official said the full story about how the 54-year-old Nazi was caught "will never be revealed . . . even during the trial."

"In Vienna, the Socialist Arbeiter Zeitung said Eichmann escaped from Austria to Spain on a bogus Spanish passport in 1949.

The newspaper also claimed the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem met Eichmann in Cairo last year. Later, it was learned, according to the report, that Eichmann was living in the oil sheikdom of Kuwait, where he worked for a German concern.

In May, 1945, at the end of World War II, Eichmann appeared in his German uniform in Alt-Aussee. American occupation authorities arrested him there, but did not recognize they had a major Nazi, according to Austrian officials.

Brother 'Surprised'

His brother, Robert Eichmann, a lawyer, said in Vienna today: "We believed my brother died years ago. I was taken completely by surprise at the news of his arrest in Israel."

He said he did not have the faintest clue as to the whereabouts of his brother's wife and three sons except that they no longer live in Austria.

In the meantime, former SS officer Hermann Krumey today was rearrested on suspicion of complicity in the murder and robbery of Hungarian Jews in 1944, according to sources in Frankfurt.

Krumey, a ~~former~~ living in Korbach, in the West German State of Hesse, first was arrested in April, 1937, on suspicion of being involved in the deportation and extermination of 400,000 Hungarian Jews in 1944, but later was freed by court order.

He again was arrested in August, 1953, on suspicion of having handed over to the Gestapo for special treatment 29 children from the Czech village of Lidice, which was razed by the Germans in 1942, but was released in September, 1958, for lack of evidence.