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REVLIA FRIEDMAN

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Friedman states that in January 1944 he joined the Polish Security Police. First he was active in Radom, where he planned the arrest of leading "Volksdeutsche" (Germans on the 1919 frontiers) who had assisted in the extermination of the Jews. Later he was transferred to Danzig, given the rank of Lieutenant and attached to the "Eighth Bureau" for German Affairs under Major I Korczynski. His main ~~task~~ duty was to locate S.S. and Gestapo men who had gone underground in the Danzig neighbourhood. In the course of two months he jailed about a thousand of them.

In 1946 he was called in by the European Section of the Hagana Intelligence Service and charged with finding Eichenmann. A group of five Jewish students was formed for this purpose, who were unable to trace Eichenmann himself, but succeeded in obtaining his photograph and certain documents relating to him.

After the search for war criminals had receded before the more ~~urgent~~ immediate needs of arming arms for Israel and of the war of Independence, Friedmann settled in Haifa and set up a Centre for Documentation which collected documents and data on many Nazi war criminals, but always concentrated on Eichenmann. For a time the Centre was supported by the World Jewish Congress; a couple of years ago the Congress stopped his allocation and ~~Eichenmann~~ kept the Centre going out of what his wife earned ~~income~~ by her work as a doctor. For the last ten years he has been exchanging information with the State Prosecutor of Baden, who informed him six months ago that Eichenmann had been traced to Kuwait. ~~Eichenmann~~ Friedmann informed the Israel authorities, and promised to "bring back Eichenmann's head" if he was given a free hand and four men to help him. The request was turned down. Last October he gave the Kuwait item to the press, in the hope -- justified by events -- that the hunt for Eichenmann would be taken up again. Shortly before the elections in Begin November last year he asked the Prime Minister to set a prize on Eichenmann's head.

Friedmann now intends to make the mass of documents collected by him available for the Eichenmann trial, and to search for other leading Nazis.

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