

Eichmann Calm at Execution

No Regret Expressed

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TEL AVIV, Israel — Defiant to the end, Adolf Eichmann walked firmly to the gallows Thursday night and paid with his life for his role in Nazi Germany's systematic extermination of 6 million European Jews.

The young state of Israel hanged the former Gestapo colonel at two minutes before midnight on an improvised scaffold in a third-story storeroom of Ramleh Prison near Tel Aviv.

It was the first execution in the 14-year history of this Jewish nation which counts among its citizens thousands of relatives of Jews whom Eichmann, 56, helped speed to death in Hitler's gas chambers.

Body Cremated

Eichmann's body was cremated quickly and the ashes scattered upon the waters of the Mediterranean.

Eichmann was cool and unrepentant as this Jewish nation carried to conclusion its announced determination to record the history of the Nazi pogrom and mete out justice in the name of all Jews.

A faint smile on his face, Eichmann spurned the traditional black hood and even chided his jailers for making it difficult for him to stand on the gallows' trap door.



It's Over

People in Tel Aviv read a newspaper Friday headlining the hanging of Adolf Eichmann. The 56-year-old former Gestapo colonel was hanged at two minutes before midnight Thursday on an improvised scaffold in a third-story storeroom of Ramleh Prison near Tel Aviv.

(AP Wirephoto)

My belief was correct," the former head of the Gestapo Jewish affairs section declared. "I had to obey the rules of war and my flag. I am ready."

At a command from an Israeli guard, Eichmann stepped to the trap door and lunged to his death almost in a single motion. Death was instantaneous, prison officials said.

Special Tribunal

Eichmann was condemned to death last December by a special three-judge tribunal which found him guilty of acts of unparalleled enormity against the Jewish people and against humanity — the only crime subject to capital punishment in Israel.

The balding, bespectacled Hitler disciple had insisted he was only a minor cog carrying out orders from above in the Nazi campaign for "the final solution to the Jewish problem" — extermination.

But the court declared he actually relished shipping Jews to their deaths by the hundreds of thousands, saying he was motivated by "an ardent desire to blot out an entire people from the face of the earth."

The Israeli Supreme Court rejected Eichmann's appeal against the death sentence Tuesday, declaring even death was an inadequate penalty.

Doom Sealed

And with unexpected speed, President Izhak Ben-Zvi sealed Eichmann's doom about noon Thursday, rejecting appeals for executive clemency from Eichmann, members of his family and others.

Eichmann was transferred quickly from his cell in Jerusalem, where he had been lodged for the Supreme Court decision, to Ramleh Prison. There, his spiritual adviser, the Rev. William Hull, visited him in his cell.

The Canada-born Protestant

clergyman reported later that Eichmann was not sad but was defiant. Eichmann, who earlier had expressed a belief in God but belonged to no church, refused to reaffirm a faith in Christ.

"I do not have time to read the Bible," Eichmann told the minister. "I have peace in my heart. I am ready to die."

Eichmann was told of the rejection of the clemency appeals — but not that he was to die that night—about 8 p.m. He asked for and received a bottle of red wine. He drank half of it.

50-Yard Walk

Outside a thick fog set in. Guards turned on flood lights and police set up roadblocks to divert traffic from the prison, a former British fort, on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road.

Eichmann learned death was at hand only when guards came to his cell to take him the 50 yards to the gallows. He walked steadily to the execution room handcuffed to two guards. He made only one request to stop and blow his nose.

Dressed in brown slacks and a brown shirt open at the neck, he mounted the scaffold by a single step and stood directly under the noose which was suspended over his head on a chain. His hands and ankles were bound with white cloth.

As the noose was fitted over his head, Eichmann half closed his eyes and looked downward at the floor. As the black hood was proffered, Eichmann said: "I don't need that."

Speaks Last Words

Eichmann spoke his last words to a small group of officials, guards and newsmen gathered to witness the execution.

"My belief was correct," he said. "After a short while, gentlemen, we shall all meet again. So is the fate of all men. I have lived believing in God and I die believing in God."

"Long live Germany. Long

live Argentina. Long live Austria. These are the countries with which I have been most closely associated and I shall not forget them. I greet my wife, my family and my friends. I had to obey the rules of war and my flag. I am ready."

Eichmann, the father of four sons, lived in Austria for a time, served Germany and hid out after World War II in Argentina.

Black Square

Eichmann's wife, Vera, was the only member of his family to see him in prison.

Moments before Eichmann stepped Thursday night on the black square marking the trap door, a guard shouted, "Mush!" — the Hebrew word for ready — and Eichmann disappeared from view.

Eichmann went to his death 2 years and 21 days after Israeli commandos captured him in Argentina and smuggled him to Israel by air, ending a worldwide search by Jewish agents that began on the smoldering ashes of the Nazi empire.

Jurors Selected For Murder Trial

PORTLAND (AP)—The jury in the first degree murder trial of Richard B. Schwensen, 26, was scheduled to visit the area Friday where the body of Mrs. Jean R. Bussey was found last September.

The district attorney's office said it believes she died after an air bubble entered her bloodstream from a wound. Schwensen said he met the woman at a bar and later accepted a ride with her, but did not cause her death.

Attorneys are scheduled to make their opening statements following the visit. The jury of seven women and five men was sworn in Thursday afternoon.

First Family Picks Summer Vacation Site

WASHINGTON (AP)—President and Mrs. Kennedy will vacation in the early part of this summer at the home of singer and Mrs. Morton Downey on Squaw Island near their own summer place at Hyannis Port, Mass.

White House press secretary Pierre Salinger said Friday Mrs. Kennedy probably will take the children, Caroline and John Jr., to the Downey residence in mid-June. They will stay on until the end of July, and the President likely will spend his weekends with them.

The two-story, singled Downey home is near the summer house of the President's younger brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Kennedy, on Squaw Island.

The Downeys are old friends of the Kennedy family.

The Kennedys, it is understood, may spend the latter part of the summer at Newport, R.I., possibly at Hammersmith Farm, the home of Mrs. Kennedy's stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss. Mrs. Kennedy is reported to have been looking for another private residence in the Newport area, although the White House denied several weeks ago that she had already leased a place.

At Newport, as on Cape Cod, Mrs. Kennedy and the children would be joined on weekends by the President.

The New York Daily News, in reporting on Kennedy's selection of the Downey home, said the President would turn over his Hyannis Port home to his sister, Eunice, and her husband, Sargent Shriver, head of the Peace Corps.

Village Uncovered

QUIMPER, France (AP)—Scientists here report they have excavated a village covered by the sea 2,500 years before the birth of Christ. The scientists said measurements of the radioactivity of wood fragments in the area near here showed that a village stood on the spot some 6,000 years ago.

Agreement Signed

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)—The Sudan and its northern neighbor, the United Arab Republic, have signed a new trade and currency exchange agreement.

Terrorism Abates in Algiers

Mysterious Truce Continued by OAS

ALGERS (AP)—Europeans and Moslems mixed peacefully in the streets of Algiers Friday as the second consecutive bloodless morning drew to a close.

The terrorist European Secret Army Organization continued its mysterious truce in an apparent effort to prove its bargaining power in any negotiations with the Moslem National Liberation Front.

Secret army leaders want to talk directly to Moslem nationalists to seek additional guarantees for Algeria's European community before the Moslem majority takes over an independent Algeria.

The truce, which began with the Ascension holiday Thursday, gave the city a new face.

Moslem women penetrated the heart of the European city without incident. Moslem bootblacks and flower vendors, long absent, set up their stands again.

Markets were crowded by European housewives, many of whom have been feeding their families canned goods for weeks.

Europeans close to the secret army said its commandos had received orders to "cease fire" until Saturday.

One report was that the secret army would announce results of its alleged contacts with the Moslems.

Another explanation was that a new flareup of terrorism, more vicious than ever, should be expected after the truce to show that "real peace" depends on the secret army.

The truce in the heart of Algiers apparently did not affect some of the city's suburbs and Oran.

A Moslem was shot down in the beach town of Guyotville west of Algiers. In the El Biar suburb, three Europeans raided a branch bank, taking the equivalent of \$3,000.

Throughout Algeria Thursday terrorism took a toll of 17 lives—a relatively light total for recent weeks. Officials said the dead included 13 Europeans, most of them in Oran.

Robber Draws 12-Year Sentence

PORTLAND (AP)—Willard James Dixon, 29, who made off with almost \$11,000 in robberies of two Portland-area banks, was sentenced Thursday to 12 years in prison.

The sentence was handed down by District Judge Gus J. Solomon after Dixon admitted taking \$1,900 from the Cedar Hills Branch of the First National Bank in April, and \$8,000 from the Barbur Boulevard branch of the Multnomah Bank in May.

He and a young accomplice were arrested shortly after the second holdup.

Troops Seek Kidnaped Missionaries

SAIGON, Viet Nam (AP)—South Vietnamese troops Friday were reported in pursuit of Communist guerrillas who invaded a leper colony and kidnaped three American missionaries, including a woman doctor.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman said Vietnamese army units at Ban Me Thuot, about 200 miles north of Saigon, had started a search in the rugged mountainous terrain covered with lush rain forest.

Some jungle-trained members of the U.S. Army Special Forces are stationed at Ban Me Thuot, but it was not known if they were participating in the search. They are instructing Vietnamese in jungle warfare.

There was no immediate word on the well-being of the missionaries, who were kidnaped on Wednesday evening while working at a leprosarium 14 miles southwest of Ban Me Thuot in Communist-dominated territory.

The missionaries are the Rev. Archie E. Mitchell, 44, of Ellensburg, Wash., Dr. Eleanor Ardel Vieth, 34, of Houston, Tex., and Daniel Gerber, 22, of Dalton, Ohio. They were working at a leper hospital operated by the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Gerber is a member of the Mennonite Central Committee at Akron, Pa. He said to be a conscientious objector who is serving equivalent time to U.S. military service as a lay missionary worker under a church-government arrangement for objectors.

Astronaut Song

ACCRA, Ghana (AP)—A specially written tune was featured at the exhibition here of American astronaut John Glenn's space capsule. The title: "Everything is Go."

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Chronology Of Events

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The chronology of events in the case of Adolf Eichmann:

1960

May 11—Israeli agents following Eichmann's wife capture the former Gestapo colonel in Argentina.

May 23—Premier David Ben-Gurion says Eichmann is in Israel and will face trial, setting off diplomatic row between Israel and Argentina.

June 23—United Nations Security Council rules Israel seized Eichmann illegally, but Israelis refuse to give him up.

Nov. 29—Eichmann memoirs released. He said, "I regret nothing."

1961

Feb. 22—Indicted on 15 counts of "crimes against the Jewish people and crimes against humanity."

April 11—Eichmann goes on trial with Robert Servatius, a West German attorney, as his defense counsel. Atty. Gen. Gideon Hausner heads prosecution. Eichmann sits impassively behind bullet proof glass in defense box.

May 4—West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer says trial is "not pleasant, but has to be." He adds West Germany has no obligation to Eichmann.

June 20—Eichmann takes stand for first time, claims he acted only under orders.

Aug. 14—Judges begin deliberations on case.

Dec. 12—Eichmann convicted on all 15 counts.

Dec. 15—Death sentence handed down.

1962

May 29—Israeli Supreme Court rejects Eichmann's appeal of judgment.

May 30—Clemency appeal sent to President Izhak Ben-Zvi.

May 31—President Ben-Zvi rejects appeal and orders execution carried out. Eichmann hanged at two minutes before midnight in Ramleh Prison.

Joblessness Drops

OLYMPIA (AP)—Unemployment declined by two per cent to a total of 25,781 during the week which ended May 19, the State Employment Security Department reports.

Firm Buys Home

CALLANDER, Ont. (AP)—A private firm has purchased the two-story farmhouse where the Dionne quintuplets were born 28 years ago. The house will be moved near a highway and maintained as a tourist site.



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