

## Confederate Hanged In First War Crime Trial Held in U.S.

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Atlanta - (AP) - Confederate Capt. Henry Wirz, who had boasted he could kill more Yankees than "Lee at Richmond," was hanged Nov. 10, 1865, having been convicted at the first war crimes trial in which the United States ever participated.

To an Atlanta attorney named Dean Minor, Wirz' conviction by a Special Military Commission offers the best reason for establishment of a permanent international war crimes tribunal.

For, says Minor, Wirz was unjustly convicted, or at least convicted of the wrong crime. "The verdict," he maintains, "was based on emotions," not facts. And that, he adds, is likely to happen whenever the victor in a war is allowed to pass judgement on the defeated.

**Paid With Life**  
Wirz paid with his life for his role as commandant of the infamous Confederate prison camp at Andersonville, Ga.

During the 13 months he served, Wirz had charge of as many as 34,000 Northern prisoners in a stockade area built for 10,000. Some 12,000 Yankees died while he was there - a larger toll than the number of Union troops killed at Gettysburg, Antietam, Second Bull Run, Chancellorsville and The Wilderness put together.

As soon as Andersonville was taken over by Federal soldiers at war's end, Wirz was spirited away from his wife and two daughters. He was taken to Washington, where he was tried on sev-

eral charges, one of which was conspiracy against the United States.

The 40-year-old Minor, who has written a book on the subject, says that no conspiracy was ever proved. But Wirz was found guilty, a verdict upheld by President Andrew Johnson on Nov. 3, 1865, a week before the execution.

His trial lasted 60 days, during which 144 witnesses were heard. If it had taken place today, says Minor, he is convinced Wirz would still have been found guilty, but on the comparatively minor charge of gross neglect, not conspiracy.

In any event, the Atlanta attorney sees the Wirz case as proof there is a real danger in war crimes trials where the victor decides before whom the victim is tried, dictates the rules of evidence, selects the judge and jury, and so on.

**Best Solution**  
Minor believes the best solution would be to create a permanent war crimes court as an arm of the International Court of Justice. This, he feels, "would be a great instrument of world peace, deterrent to war and would insure members of warring nations that they would be tried for violating rules of land warfare, the Geneva and Hague conventions."

Minor also points out that victorious nations that hold their own war crimes trials don't make much of an impression upon the conquered because the verdict can always be attributed to revenge rather than justice.

## B'nai B'rith Marks 116th Anniversary Of Service in U.S.

Washington - (AP) - A Jewish organization that was the first national organization of any kind to provide disaster relief recently celebrated its 116th year of service to all Americans.

B'nai B'rith is a name well known to most Americans. But few are aware that such "firsts" as disaster relief are sprinkled throughout its remarkable history.

Here are a few B'nai B'rith achievements:  
-It became the first organization in the U.S. to build hospitals that specialized in treating tuberculosis and arthritic diseases.

-In 1868 - some 13 years before the Red Cross was born - B'nai B'rith established precedent when it assisted the victims of a flood in Baltimore.

-Its 116 years make it one of the oldest service or fraternal groups in the United States. Only the Masons and Odd Fellows claim a longer history.

**Recruited Soldiers**  
American history is dotted with mention of B'nai B'rith, which was founded in New York on Oct. 13, 1843, by a Jewish mechanic named Henry Jones.

In 1861, B'nai B'rith recruited and equipped in Chicago a company of Jewish soldiers in response to President Lincoln's call for Civil War volunteers.

Soon after it was born, the group was fighting anti-semitism, even before the term was coined. Secretary of State Daniel Webster and U.S. Sen. Henry Clay of Kentucky threw their support behind B'nai B'rith in its fight for removal of certain anti-Jewish laws abroad.

In 1931, it founded the Anti-Defamation League, designed to battle discrimination and prejudice in all quarters.

**First College Center**  
Students are especially familiar with B'nai B'rith. In

1932 its first college center was established at the University of Illinois. Called "Hillel Foundations," the centers today provide for the religious needs of Jewish students on 200 campuses.

B'nai B'rith now boasts a total membership of 500,000 persons in 38 countries. It recently honored President Eisenhower for his "positive efforts" to preserve world peace. In turn, it has been commended by every U. S. President since McKinley.

In Hebrew, B'nai B'rith means "Sons of the Covenant." Along with the meaning goes a saying - "Wherever there are Jews in the free world, there is a B'nai B'rith."

### Life 'Millionaire' Averages 44 Years

Springfield, Mass. (AP) - An insurance company reports that its average "life insurance millionaire" is a man 44 years old with a wife and children and a good job as a business executive.

Massachusetts Mutual Life studied the background of its 28 policyholders whose life is insured for \$1,000,000 or more. Ages range from 31 to 58, all but three are men, and more than half are involved in manufacturing, finance, investment or real estate.

Two of the women are housewives with business interests, and the third is an executive in a business firm.

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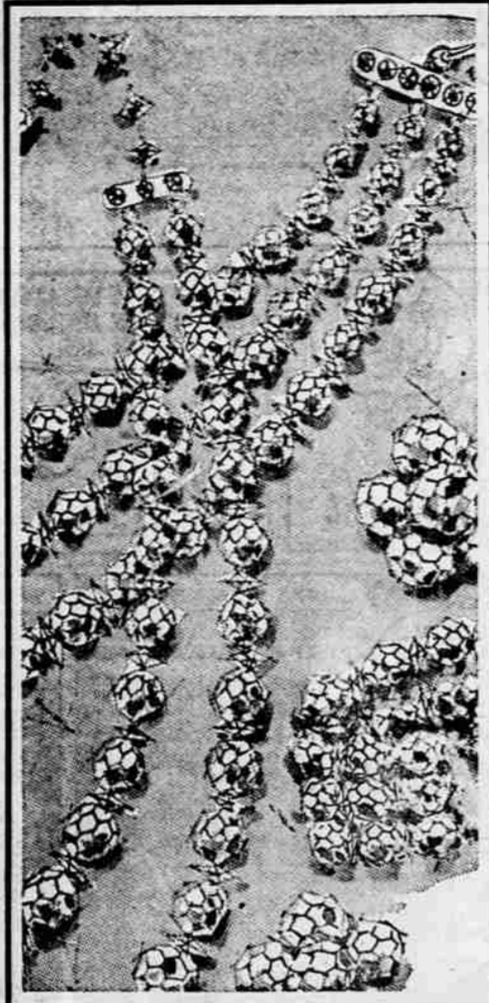
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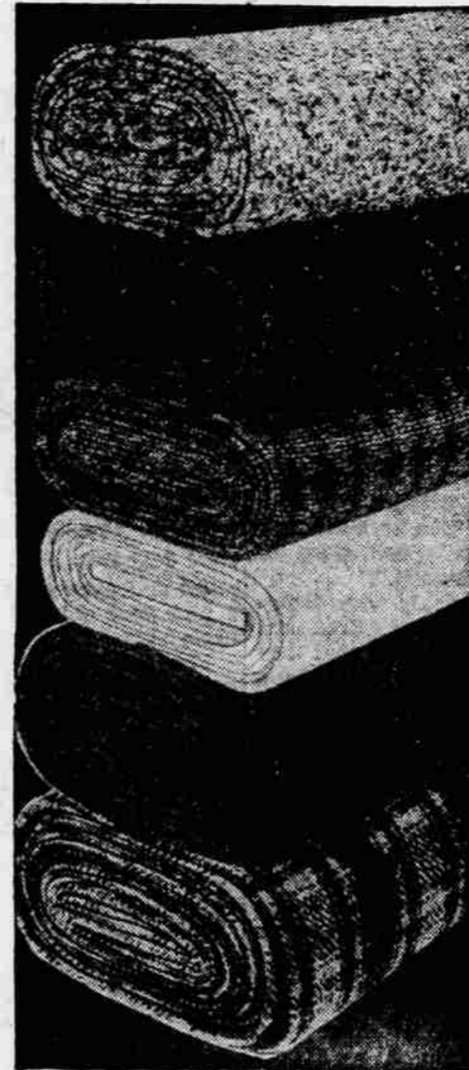


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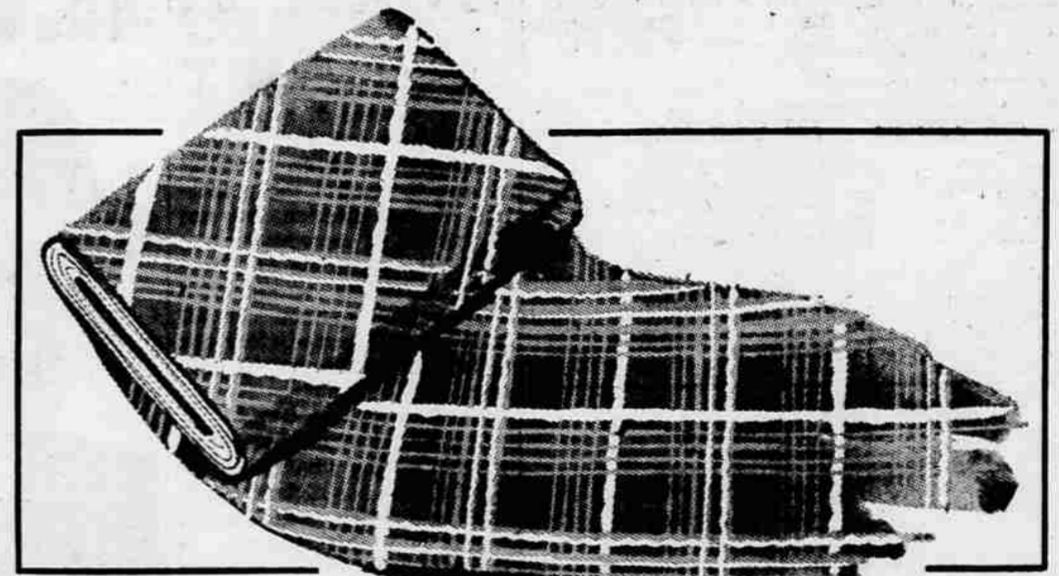
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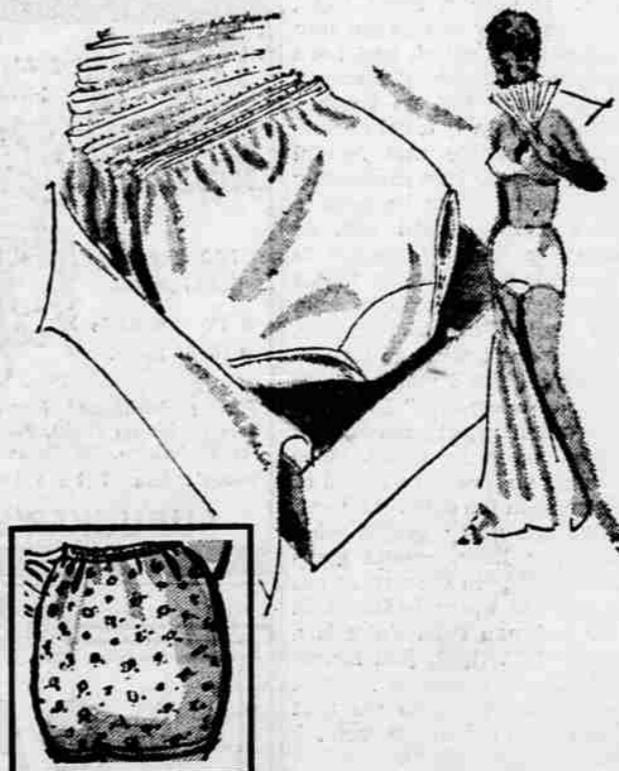
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