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War crimes trial go-ahead



Ivan Polyukhovich and his wife Maria outside the Supreme Court yesterday.

By Court Reporter
JOHAN REVALK

A war crimes case against a second Adelaide man will proceed despite the acquittal of prisoner Ivan Polyukhovich.

The 78-year-old Russian prisoner was found not guilty of two charges.

Last night, a spokeswoman for the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions said the prosecution of 60-year-old Heinrich "Chapa" Wagner was expected to appear in court next week for a day application to argue that the case should not go ahead because the alleged crime happened so long ago.

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Wagner was committed for trial last November for his alleged involvement in the deaths of 124 people in German-occupied Ukraine in 1942 and 1943.

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He left the court with his wife, Maria, saying nothing before being driven away.

Polyukhovich's lawyer, Mr Craig Caldwell, said his client was "relieved" and had been "very emotionally upset" through the whole trial.

"It all seemed so much for him. He had been waiting for this moment for three years," he said.

Mr Caldwell said it was his belief that the jury would find Polyukhovich should not have been prosecuted 50 years after the events in Serbia.

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Lead sickness forces Rodney from home

By HELEN BERINGEN

Nineteen-month-old Rodney Dart's Broken Hill home has made him so sick that he is not allowed to return.

The problem is lead - in the air, the soil and, despite the efforts of his mother, in their home.

Rodney is one of several Broken Hill children being treated for similar lead poisoning after more than 1000 of the town's homes were found to have lead in the soil.

The lead level in Rodney's blood is 15 micrograms per 100ml of blood - but the National Health and Medical Research Council is expected to cut that to 10mg this year.

So Mrs Rodney and her 19-month-old son, Katrina Powell, are being urged to move out of town.

When Rodney was first tested for lead in March this year he recorded 15mg, which was taken to the Children's Hospital and put on special intervention for five days to help clear his body.

But six weeks after returning home, his lead levels were back up to 15mg.

Mrs Powell, a single mother, now must take Rodney and her four-year-old daughter, Hannah, to live in a rented house in Meriden, about 100km east of her home town.

She knows of four families who have already left the town because of lead poisoning caused by the soil from the Broken Hill mine.

"There are a lot of little kids at home and if they (the authorities) say take the children away from the problem the town's going to be left with nobody," Mrs Powell said.

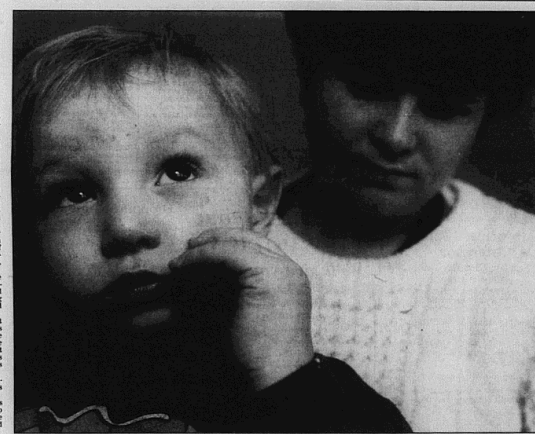
Like any infant, Rodney puts everything in his mouth and his body's own defence system is not strong enough to make him very sick.

It was not until he left the long-term effects of Rodney's poisoning but she was already showing signs of reduced speech and hearing.

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Rodney Dart and his mum, Katrina Powell: forced to leave Broken Hill because of lead poisoning.

Fury over freedom for killer

By Police Reporter
BILL POWELL

A man who murdered a woman and her two sons has been released from jail six years before his non-parole period is due to begin.

James George Smith, 50, was released on home detention on May 9 after serving just 16 years of a 22-year non-parole period.

Smith, who changed his surname to Beauregard Smith when he married a woman, was released from jail in 1987.

His release has shocked members of the victims' families who had described it as "downright ridiculous" and slammed the court system for allowing him to be freed without serving his full non-parole period.

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PM acts on huge NZ welfare bill

From Chief Political Writer
LINDSAY CLUNEY

CANBERRA: Australia is trying to rectify a gross welfare imbalance under which resident New Zealanders collect more than \$600 million a year in Australian pensions and benefits.

The Prime Minister, Mr Keating, will raise the issue with his NZ counterpart, Mr Jim Bolger, during a visit this week and attempt to speed up negotiations on the welfare issue.

The latest figures show there are 276,000 New Zealanders in Australia and 26 per cent of them collect some form of payment from the Commonwealth.

About 30,000 receive family allowances - a form of payment which no longer receives the age pension, unemployment benefits, or other social security payments such as sole parent pensions or widow benefits. Concerns about the level

of welfare payments have led to two rounds of negotiations between officials of the two countries since last year, but Australia believes negotiations are going too slowly.

It is not known how many of the 48,000 Australians living in NZ receive benefits because the NZ social security system has no statistical information from Australia.

The NZ High Commissioner in Canberra, Mr Ted Woodford, said last night the matter was the subject of continuing negotiations.

New Zealand accepts there is a need to review the agreement to take into account changes in the policy mix in each country, he said.

Generally, Australian benefit levels are higher than those in New Zealand. However, the range and quality of social security measures here are considerably better.

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