

INTEREST RISES AS EICHMANN TRIAL NEAR

TEL AVIV (JCNS).—As the opening of the Eichmann trial in Jerusalem, on April 11, approaches, discussion reverberates throughout the world.

One of the questions debated is, that should Eichmann be found guilty, whether or not he should be executed, and if so should sentence be carried out in Israel.

Eichmann's defence counsel, Dr Robert Servatius, now in Cologne, has informed Israeli authorities that he will lodge a protest against the appointment of Judge Benjamin Halevy as a member of the court to try Eichmann.

Protest

He cites Judge Halevy as having already made his verdict, and refers to Halevy's judgement when presiding at the Kastner trial, when he is quoted as saying that "Kastner sold his soul to "Satan." By "Satan", Halvey has been interpreted as meaning Adolph Eichmann.

President of the court to try Eichmann will be Supreme Court Justice, Moshe Landau. Other member of the court will be District Court Judge, Dr Yitzhac Raveh.

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It has been reported that Dr Conrad Adenauer, German Chancellor, will appoint a personal observer to attend the Eichmann trial and provide him with daily reports on proceedings.

Observer

Meanwhile, in Bonn, Dr Hans Globke, German Under-Secretary of the State, has denied he helped formulate the Nuremberg race laws when he was a high official in the Nazi Ministry of the Interior.

Eichmann's trial will cost the Israel Government more than I£3 million (about £6000,000), discounting expenses involved in his capture and the administration of the special court to try him.