

"History and Conscience"

- EICHMANN TRIAL

(Excerpts of a Lecture by Rabbi H. M. SANGER, Ph.D., D.D.)

The dignity and scrupulous fairness of Adolf Eichmann's trial had aroused a great deal of admiration throughout the Western World. The case was sub judice, said Rabbi Dr. Sanger, in a lecture on "History and Conscience—a view of the Eichmann trial."

Decision about Adolf Eichmann's guilt and eventual punishment belonged entirely to the distinguished members of the Court who has the unenviable task of trying the accused.

In the long history of the Jewish people we had frequently been the victims of much injustice. In the Eichmann trial, the little State of Israel was speaking with the voice of history and on behalf of the conscience of humanity.

Rabbi Sanger dealt with a number of issues raised by Jews and Gentiles in discussions of the trial. **Argentina had twice refused to hand over War criminals who had sought refuge within her borders — (Klingensuss and Mengele).**

An apology had been offered by Israel for the kidnapping and had been accepted. There was a precedent in the United States in 1962 when a Defendant was seized in Peru and brought to trial in Illinois.