

EICHMANN CRACKING?

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JERUSALEM, Monday, (UPI): A jittery, twitching Adolf Eichmann heard Israel's Chief Prosecutor say today that Israel's right to try him for the murder of six million Jews is "incontestable."

Prosecutor Gideon Hausner presented Israel's case today, on the third day of Eichmann's appeal to escape the death to which a lower court sentenced him for trying to wipe out European Jewry.

For the first time since the appeal began, Eichmann was visibly nervous. His face twitched, his head, usually immobile, swivelled from side to side. His eyes misted and he wiped them with a handkerchief.

Through the show of nerves, Hausner answered the defence case point by point.

The main defence contention in the appeal before Israel's Supreme Court was that Israel had no right to try Eichmann, since his crimes were committed in Germany and he was illegally captured in Argentina.

"The right to try Eichmann in this country is incontestable," Hausner said.

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"No other nation asked for Eichmann's extradition," he said, "not even the country in whose laws Eichmann wishes to find refuge — Western Germany."

There was no case, he said for the contention that Ar-

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Hausner said the defence had access to evidence and documents used in the trial and denied charges that witnesses were intimidated by testifying in an Israeli court.

Then, as Eichmann fidgeted in his glass cage, Hausner moved on to his part in the Nazi's "final solution to the Jewish problem."

It was Adolf Eichmann who headed the vast machinery," he said. "Eichmann not only was the central figure from whom all orders emanated concerning the destruction of Europe's Jews, but he exercised the broad powers and functions given him and carried out his tasks with extreme devotion and diligence."

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