

THE CASE AGAINST EICHMANN

It is deplorable that some themselves, Israel can members of the Public Re-therefore claim jurisdiction lations Committee of theby virtue of being a member Victorian Jewish Board ofof the international commu-Deputies should attempt tonity..."

cast doubts on the sound- The only effect of what ness of Israel's legal posi- has been done by members tion with regard to Eich- of the Public Relations mann. Committee is to divert at-

In a letter published in the Jewish News on Aug-ust 19th, J. Faigenbaum and to provide material for said: "An international law- the use of anti-Semites and yer will tell you that Isra- the enemies of Israel who el's case is very tenuous". always display a liking for

In fact Israel has clearly quoting Jewish authorities the highest legal and moral wherever possible.

claim to the right to try I reiterate that Israel has Eichmann. It must be per- every right to try the mass fectly obvious at least to murderer Eichmann. No the lawyer members of the country has challenged Is- Board that the jurisdiction rael's right and humanity of an Australian Court is always display a liking for determined by Australian applauds its action.

law and if Israel's law gives her courts jurisdiction then that is the end of the mat-ter from a legal point of view.

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tism.

Dr. Jacob Robinson, the author of many publica-tions on international law, formerly special consultant to Justice Robert Jackson at the Nuremberg Trials and fr 10 years legal advi-ser to the Israeli delegation at United Nations, has put Israel's rights in these words:

"As crimes against inter-national law, the crimes at-tributed to Eichmann are subject—on the principle of hostes generis humani—to universal repression. So long as there is no interna-tional criminal jurisdiction, the defendants in such cases may be prosecuted and tried in any country without regard to the actu-al locale of the crimes themselves. Israel can therefore claim jurisdiction