

VIEWPOINT

THE TRIAL OF ADOLF EICHMANN

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Motto: If we seek to establish the rule of law we must first find the path of righteousness.

(Eugene Aronson in "LE MONDE", Paris 11/6/60).

IT is already 9 months since the cacophony of the world press stopped selfrighteous attitude at the kidnapping of Eichmann.

Friends and "frienemies" have tried to convince Jewish people that the Israelis "shouldn't have done this" and even some Jewishly oversensitive in their superiority complex, tried to convince us that an international court should try Eichmann.

The "Sydney Morning Herald" expressed editorially this view:

"Of course we can understand the bitterness of Jews against Eichmann; we can also understand the motives of Israel in action, but we cannot approve of kidnapping — this Israel should not have done. Israel should have advised Germany of Eichmann's whereabouts, and Germany could have asked Argentina for the extradition of the criminal. You cannot violate international law and refer to a PECULIAR idea of "Historical justice...."

This was written when Israel was in formal conflict with Argentina about the apprehension of Eichmann.

I do not remember any editorially expressed sensitiveness of the SMH about the permanent — not technical, but essential — violation of international law by Nasser in denying the passage of Israeli ships through the Suez.

Fortunately this voice and a few others were silenced by the enlightened opinion of the world press.

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An example of an acute sensitiveness to justice has been expressed by the Dutch newspaper "Arnhems Dagblad" (May 25):

"All the world is grateful for the opportunity afforded to humanity to mete out justice to this monster. Fate willed it that the German Aryan Eichmann should be tried by judges of a people whose millions he put to death... This court will be composed not only of citizens of the young State of Israel, but also of the millions slaughtered at Auschwitz, Theresienstadt, Warsaw and all ghettos of Europe."

The above, and many other voices are now history.

Adolf Eichmann is standing before the Bar of the Jewish People which is morally represented by the Court of Justice of the State of Israel.