

## ● **Opinions**

# **Boot on Other Foot**

The apprehension expressed by Jewish ex-Service leaders and public relations officials regarding a possible anti-Semitic reaction to the Eichmann trial may be justified enough.

Yet, it seems more than odd that instead of the boot being on the other foot, we should be worried about an adverse reaction to a trial, which after all, puts a monster like Eichmann in the dock and with it puts on record the whole of the monstrous Nazi era.

Are we not losing a little of the sense of proportion and dignity in taking a defensive attitude? Let troublemakers do what they want. The civilised community will soon enough put them in their place.

The German leadership takes a quite different view. Chancellor Adenauer himself appears a little apprehensive that the trial may provoke a new era of anti-German feeling. In a (rare) press conference he expressed his concern. "We Germans," he said, "are apt to forget that part of our past which was anything but pleasant, more quickly than people in the countries affected. The entire German people unanimously condemns and abhors Eichmann and his crimes."

Let us by all means be watchful and let us also keep our dignity and let the record which will be unfolded at the trial speak for itself.

