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\$30m later, war crime trials now at 'just' end

CHRONOLOGY OF CASES

The main dates concerning Australia's three European war crimes cases.

DELAIDE: Australia's \$30 million European war crimes prosecutions have ended after charges in the third and final case were withdrawn due to the ill health of the elderly accused.

Charges against South Australian pensioner Heinrich Wagner were dropped in Adelaide on Thursday and defence lawyer Michael David, QC, yesterday described it as a just result.

The Wagner trial was abandoned late on Thursday because the 69-year-old pensioner from Hindmarsh Island, 80km south of Adelaide, suffered a heart attack a fortnight ago and medical advice suggested he could have died had the case continued.

The Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, Michael Rozenc, QC, entered a *nolle prosequi* (withdrawal of charges) on the grounds of Mr Wagner's ill health and a two-minute submission in the Supreme Court closed a controversial chapter in the nation's legal history.

However, Australia's top European war crimes investigator is "bitter" about the case being dropped.

The head of the War Crimes Prosecution Support Unit, Graham Blewitt, said that he had learnt of the decision to drop the case on Thursday while he was in Germany collecting evidence from new witnesses against Mr Wagner.

"After all the work that's gone into it it's a sad way for this to end," he said. "I'm also a bit bitter that Mr Rozenc didn't see fit to consult with me before he took that action, nor did he consult with his junior prosecutor, who is his deputy in charge of his Adelaide office."

"Neither of us had any idea that this was going to happen and as I say, I'm sure the critics will love this result but that doesn't worry me."

Mr David said Mr Wagner was emotional when he spoke to him on Thursday night and he remained very ill despite his obvious relief.

Mr Wagner had pleaded not guilty to charges of being involved in the murder of 104 Jews and of being involved in the deaths of 19 children whose fathers were Jewish. The offences were allegedly committed in German-occupied Ukraine during World War II.

December 1986: Report by senior federal public servant Andrew Menzies finds it "more likely than not" that a significant number of alleged war criminals entered Australia after World War II.

April 1987: Director of Public Prosecutions Special Investigations Unit set up to investigate alleged European war criminals.

December 1988: War Crimes Amendment Act passed.

January 26, 1990: Officers from the Director of Public Prosecutions Special Investigations Unit charge Polyukhovich with the murder of 24 people and being connected with the murder of up to 850 Jews in Ukraine.

April 1990: Polyukhovich's lawyers launch a High Court challenge to the war crimes legislation.

June 27, 1990: Plans to hold overseas hearings in the war crimes case abandoned after objections by Polyukhovich.

July 28, 1990: Polyukhovich found near his home in Adelaide with a bullet wound to the chest, requiring a three-month hospital stay.

August 13, 1990: Crown prosecutor Greg James, QC, tells the Adelaide Magistrates Court that police had concluded Polyukhovich had tried to kill himself.

August 14, 1991: High Court rejects challenge to Australia's war crimes legislation, allowing Polyukhovich's committal hearing to proceed.

September 5, 1991: Nikolay Berzozovsky, 78, and Heinrich Wagner, 68, both charged in Adelaide under the war crimes legislation.

October 28, 1991: Polyukhovich committal hearing gets under way in Adelaide Magistrates Court.

March 9, 1992: First of 27 overseas witnesses gives evidence at Polyukhovich hearing.

May 20, 1992: Prosecution amends charges against Polyukhovich due to unavailability of some overseas witnesses. He is now charged with the murder of 17 people and with being involved in the slaughter of up to 850 Jews in Semliki during World War II.

May 28, 1992: In closing submissions, defence counsel Michael David, QC, says evidence is contradictory and flawed. Greg James, QC, says there is ample evidence to send Polyukhovich to trial.

June 5, 1992: Magistrate Kelynn Prescott orders Polyukhovich to stand trial on two of the eight counts brought against him.

July 27, 1992: Polyukhovich formally pleads not guilty to the charges.

July 29, 1992: Adelaide magistrate dismisses murder charges against Berzozovsky.

November 20, 1992: Heinrich Wagner ordered to stand trial on charges of murdering 19 children whose fathers were Jewish and of being involved in the murder of 104 Jews in German-occupied Ukraine.

January 11, 1993: Wagner formally pleads not guilty to the charges.

March 18, 1993: Polyukhovich trial starts.

May 18, 1993: Jury of nine men and three women finds Polyukhovich not guilty of all charges after brief deliberation.

October 26, 1993: High Court refuses special leave application to have permanent stay of proceedings in Wagner case.

December 9, 1993: DPP drops case against Wagner because of his ill health.

IN BRIEF

MP clear in funds claim

Labor MP Andrew Theophanous had been cleared of any wrongdoing over allegations that he demanded money from Chinese students, the federal Minister for Justice, Duncan Kerr, said last night.

Mr Kerr said he had been advised by the Australian Federal Police that no evidence had been found to support the allegation made in a newspaper article which Dr Theophanous referred to the minister.

Werriwa dumped

SYDNEY: The Liberal Party has announced it will not contest the federal seat of Werriwa in NSW in next year's by-election for the position held by John Kerin.

Mr Kerin, the former Treasurer and Minister for Primary Industry, announced his resignation from politics earlier this month.

50,000 jobs

MELBOURNE: Self-made trucking tycoon Lindsay Fox and the ACTU secretary, Bill Kelly, said yesterday that more than 50,000 training jobs had been created through their Work For Australia campaign.

The two have spent 16 months touring the country urging big and small businesses and councils to give young people a chance to work.

LOTTERIES

\$2 Jackpot Lottery No 5185: First \$100,000 No 139698, nfp Double Bay; second \$10,000 No 122919, nfp St Andrews; third \$5000 No 3250, nfp Singleton. Consolation \$1000 each. Nos 139697, 139698, 139699, 139700, 139701, 139702, 139703, 139704, 139705, 139706, 139707, 139708, 139709, 139710, 139711, 139712, 139713, 139714, 139715, 139716, 139717, 139718, 139719, 139720, 139721, 139722, 139723, 139724, 139725, 139726, 139727, 139728, 139729, 139730, 139731, 139732, 139733, 139734, 139735, 139736, 139737, 139738, 139739, 139740, 139741, 139742, 139743, 139744, 139745, 139746, 139747, 139748, 139749, 139750, 139751, 139752, 139753, 139754, 139755, 139756, 139757, 139758, 139759, 139760, 139761, 139762, 139763, 139764, 139765, 139766, 139767, 139768, 139769, 139770, 139771, 139772, 139773, 139774, 139775, 139776, 139777, 139778, 139779, 139780, 139781, 139782, 139783, 139784, 139785, 139786, 139787, 139788, 139789, 139790, 139791, 139792, 139793, 139794, 139795, 139796, 139797, 139798, 139799, 139800, 139801, 139802, 139803, 139804, 139805, 139806, 139807, 139808, 139809, 139810, 139811, 139812, 139813, 139814, 139815, 139816, 139817, 139818, 139819, 139820, 139821, 139822, 139823, 139824, 139825, 139826, 139827, 139828, 139829, 139830, 139831, 139832, 139833, 139834, 139835, 139836, 139837, 139838, 139839, 139840, 139841, 139842, 139843, 139844, 139845, 139846, 139847, 139848, 139849, 139850, 139851, 139852, 139853, 139854, 139855, 139856, 139857, 139858, 139859, 139860, 139861, 139862, 139863, 139864, 139865, 139866, 139867, 139868, 139869, 139870, 139871, 139872, 139873, 139874, 139875, 139876, 139877, 139878, 139879, 139880, 139881, 139882, 139883, 139884, 139885, 139886, 139887, 139888, 139889, 139890, 139891, 139892, 139893, 139894, 139895, 139896, 139897, 139898, 139899, 139900, 139901, 139902, 139903, 139904, 139905, 139906, 139907, 139908, 139909, 139910, 139911, 139912, 139913, 139914, 139915, 139916, 139917, 139918, 139919, 139920, 139921, 139922, 139923, 139924, 139925, 139926, 139927, 139928, 139929, 139930, 139931, 139932, 139933, 139934, 139935, 139936, 139937, 139938, 139939, 139940, 139941, 139942, 139943, 139944, 139945, 139946, 139947, 139948, 139949, 139950, 139951, 139952, 139953, 139954, 139955, 139956, 139957, 139958, 139959, 139960, 139961, 139962, 139963, 139964, 139965, 139966, 139967, 139968, 139969, 139970, 139971, 139972, 139973, 139974, 139975, 139976, 139977, 139978, 139979, 139980, 139981, 139982, 139983, 139984, 139985, 139986, 139987, 139988, 139989, 139990, 139991, 139992, 139993, 139994, 139995, 139996, 139997, 139998, 139999, 140000.

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VICE-REGAL

Yesterday afternoon, the Governor-General, Bill Hayden, presided at a meeting of the Federal Executive Council at Government House, Canberra.

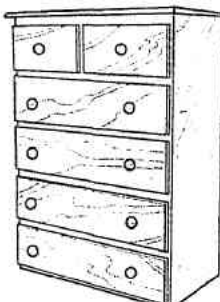
In the morning, Mr and Mrs Hayden called on the Mayor of the Gold Coast City Council, Alderman A. J. D. Bell, at the Gold Coast City Council building, Bundall.

Afterwards, Mr and Mrs Hayden returned to Canberra from the Gold Coast.

Mr J. Lewis and Ms M. Alabons have arrived at Government House.

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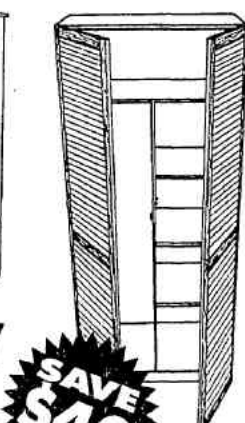
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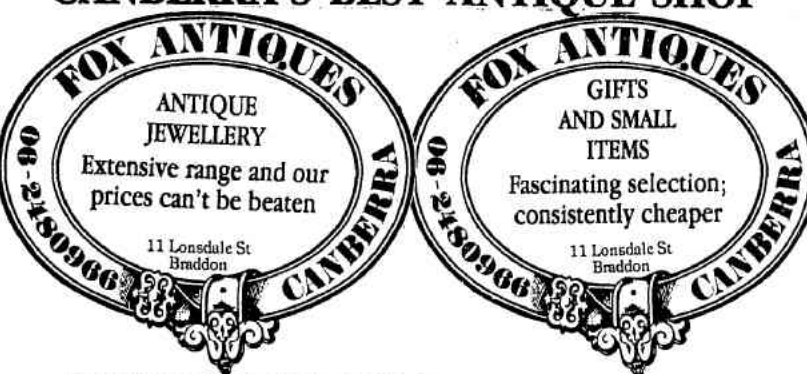
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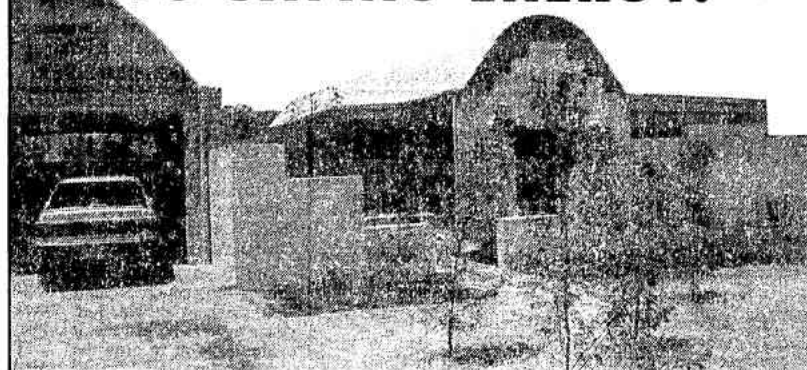


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