Need of History To Be Served

MR M. ALLEN, president of the N.S.W. Junior Jewish Board of Deputies:

"It is sometimes difficult to recognise that only a few of today's youth were alive when events took place which, to older members of the community, seem only yesterday. The terrible crimes, charged against Eichmann, are as distant in time to many young people as the deliverance Egypt.

"The trial now will afford them the opportunity of viewing those events from the stand-point of history, though many are personally affected, as members of families which suffered greviously from crimes com-



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mitted for his Feuhrer by Eichmann.

"Youth now has the opportunity of creating an intellectual climate around the Eichmann trial, so as to 'offer a matchless lesson in humanity.'

"This can be achieved if the trial will allow Israel to lay bare the enormity of the crimes of Eichmann and the Nazis.

"At the same time, it will avoid the risk of creating around Eichmann any aura which future generations of Germans may admire, for German historians may attempt to create an atmosphere around Eichmann similar to the 'stab in the back' legend after World War I."