

Argentines Helped on Eichmann

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NEW YORK—Tuvia Friedmann, who escaped from a Nazi concentration camp to 33 years, tracking down the No. 1 in charge of the concentration camps, was not willing to disclose to me the details of Adolf Eichmann's capture in Argentina. He explained that

relations between the United States and Argentina are not at the moment and the story of Eichmann's capture would have to come later. I pointed out, however, that certain Argentine officials definitely cooperated in Eichmann's escape from the Argentine government's custody. In the American diplomatic circles, it is usually suspected that these protests were inspired by the present Argentine political crisis and the desire of the Frondisi government to curry favor with the military clique, which has always been close to the Nazis. From Friedmann, I got one hint as to how the man who masterminded the murder of 3 million Jews was finally tracked down. "Eichmann was a fiendishly clever man about everything except one point—protection by himself when he set up

the concentration camps in Poland for the murder of the Jewish people he neglected no detail. He even had gravel sprinkled around the railroad stations after each trainload of Jews was unloaded so the next trainload would see no trace of those who had come before. Everything was arranged with the German passion for cleanliness and efficiency. Most of the Jews were told they were being brought to a place where they could get a new start in life. Even young Polish chiefs were built near the concentration camp railroad stations to carry out the appearance of rural peace. "But," continued Friedmann, "when Eichmann fled to Argentina he neglected one thing about himself. He had no money, and he neglected to change their names. Some of them lived near him outside Buenos Aires. It is not true, as reported by some newspapers, that they thought he was their uncle."

Worry Over U.S.A.

Continuing his recital of the facts which demanded that Eichmann be captured and face trial, Friedmann reviewed the details which some people have forgotten—of the most gruesome mass murder in all history.

"Up until the time the

United States entered the war," he explained, "Hitler's government was worried about inflaming American public opinion by too drastic treatment of the Jews thereby dragging the United States in to war.

"But about the time it became evident the United States would come in, it was decided that the confinement of Jews in concentration camps was too expensive and they must be killed.

"However, this presented some problems. First, it presented engineering problems. Not enough bullets were prepared by the army to kill a million civilians, so Eichmann was given the job of finding a solution. He came up with gas.

"Second, there was the problem of finding personnel tough enough to murder people, to withstand the screams of little children and the wailing of old people.

"So Eichmann set up a training program to make men as bold enough to kill defenseless unarmed civilians. A soldier would be given a dog as a pet and after he had become fond of the dog he would be ordered to kill it. If he graduated from this without emotion he could qualify for the liquidation camps.

Question of Silence

"Then there was another problem," continued the man

who tracked down the No. 1 in command of these camps. "It was the problem of killing quietly. The German government didn't want the world to know—especially the German people—of the scale of public opinion.

"So Eichmann set up a training camp where he was training these people to be a cold person who would be killed without a flinch.

"The first mass murder took place on January 20, 1942, near Bialystok, Poland. It was the first of many. The streets were filled with dead. This was the first mass murder, however, that required gasoline. Second, the people found out about it. So in the summer of 1942, a great deal of money was sent to Wall Street to buy the murder of Jews. Each time a new mass crematorium was built, it handled 200 Jews a day. This happened at the killing rate of 10,000 Jews at Auschwitz alone. And they were six of these murder camps in Poland.

"Eichmann was the SS man who masterminded it. I don't wonder the American government is determined to get him. He will be tried. It is a completely fair trial, but it will be tried."

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