

EICHMANN TRIAL TOLD OF JEW MASSACRE WOMAN IN DEATH PIT HORROR

JERUSALEM, Monday (A.A.P.). —
A middle-aged woman, fighting to hold back her tears, told the court trying Adolf Eichmann to-day of how she climbed out of a death pit through layers of bodies.

She told of how she felt "bodies pulling at me with their hands, biting at me, pulling me down, down . . ."

The witness, Mrs. Rivka Yosselevski, went on: "There were children crying, 'Mother, father' . . . all of them smeared with blood. One could not recognise the children. I cried for my daughter . . ."

Mrs. Yosselevski, whose testimony was put off from last week when she suffered a heart attack, was herself shot in the head and fell into the death pit with thousands of other bodies.

She dragged herself out through layers of bodies and escaped.

Eichmann sat tense, his eyes shifting from side to side and his lips pursing, as the sobbing witness told her story.

Break Four

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People in the court broke down and cried openly.

Mrs. Yosselevski said Jews were ordered to stand at the top of a small hillock near her village. At the bottom of the hill was a pit.

"Four devils shot each of us separately," she said.

"They were S.S. men, real emissaries of the devil, of the angel of death."

The witness said: "When I came to the place, I saw people lined up naked; we were still hoping this was only torture.

"Some of the young people tried to run but they were immediately caught. They were shot right there."

The witness said the first of her family to be shot was her father. He had been beaten first because he would not undress—he did not want to stand naked. He wanted to keep on his underclothes, she said.

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Then the Germans shot her mother. Nert came her grandmother—"she was 80 years old and she had two children in her arms."

"Finally my turn came. There was my youngest sister and she wanted to live.

"She begged of the Germans and asked to be allowed to run away naked.

"Naked she went up to the German with one of her girl friends. They were embracing each other and asked to be spared, standing there naked.

"He looked into her eyes, shot both the girls and they fell together, still embracing.

"Then my second sister was shot, and my turn came.

"I and my child turned turned toward the grave and he (the German) asked 'Who shall I shoot first?'

Cried Out

"I did not answer. I felt him take the child from my arms. The child cried out and was shot immediately."

Mrs. Yosselevski sobbed as she went on, "Then he aimed at me. He took hold of my hair and turned my head around. I remained standing. I heard a shot.

"I continued to stand, then he aimed a revolver at me and ordered me to once again turn my head around and shot at me.

"I fell to the ground into the pit amongst the bodies and felt nothing..