

EICHMANN AWAITS APPEAL VERDICT

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Jerusalem (UPI) The Israeli Supreme Court has rejected Adolf Eichmann's request to introduce new evidence.

It has retired to decide whether the ex-Nazi shall hang for murdering six million Jews.

Thus ended two years of imprisonment and dramatic court sessions that began when a drugged Eichmann was spirited away from Argentina to stand trial in the new homeland of the people he tried to exterminate.

The session was the sixth before the Supreme Court hearing Eichmann's appeal — and the 127th since he first went before the District Court that convicted him and sentenced him to the gallows.

The court did not say when it will deliver its verdict on the appeal, only that both sides would be notified in due time.

TAKE WEEKS?

It was expected to take several weeks to reach its verdict.

If it upholds the District Court's verdict, Eichmann will die—barring a last-minute reprieve by Israeli President Itzhak Ben-Zvi.

Although postponing their verdict, the five Supreme Court Judges turned down these defence requests:

- That the court hear new witnesses, besides the 18 who testified for Eichmann by deputation from abroad during the eight-month first trial.

- That the memoirs that

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- That the memoirs that have occupied much of Eichmann's time since he entered prison be introduced as evidence.

Israeli Attorney General, Melech Hausner, in his 14-hour final speech, had urged the rejection of these requests.

Eichmann's Attorney, Dr. Robert Servatius, summed up in a two-hour speech asking that both be approved. He lealed once again that Eichmann was the central figure in the Nazis' "Final solution of the Jewish problem."

"MINIMISED"

Servatius said other Nazi leaders tried to inflate Eichmann's importance so as to minimise their roles and that Jewish leaders who testified as to his responsibility were mistaken.

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Servatius also called Eichmann's abduction from Argentina "An Act of Piracy" and claimed that Israel had no jurisdiction to try Eichmann, since his crimes were committed in other nations.

WARSAW GHETTO COMMEMORATION

The Warsaw Ghetto Commemoration will take place at Melbourne Town Hall, Sunday, April 29.

The Commemoration is organised by the Victorian Jewish Board of Deputies in conjunction with the Kadimah.