

Prosecutor Says "No Forgiveness, Pardon Exists" For Eichmann

JERUSALEM, Wednesday (A.A.P. - Reuter). — Adolf Eichmann rubbed his forehead nervously in court to-day as the prosecutor declared "no pardon, forgiveness or atonement" should exist for him.

The Israeli Attorney-General, Mr. Gideon Hausner, described Eichmann as the "man who succeeded in part in committing the crime of genocide."

The prosecution, on the second day of the trial, continued its rebuttal of defence submissions yesterday that the Jerusalem District Court was not competent to try Eichmann.

Referring to defence claims that Eichmann was being prosecuted for things he was drawn into by the Nazi state, Mr. Hausner said: "Our argument is that Adolf Eichmann was not just an ordinary cog in the wheel.

"We shall attempt to prove that he initiated, planned, organised and implemented extermination of the Jews in Europe," he said.

The defence had claimed that Eichmann had been dragged in through no fault on his part to inherit the crimes.

Mr. Hausner said: "There can be only hope and trust that the children will be different from their parents and that the son shall not be punished for his father's sins."

To explain the long

memory of nations about crimes committed against them, he cited the case of what he called "probably the first attempted genocide in history."

He said the people of Israel still remembered that thousands of years ago somebody tried to attempt an act of genocide—Haman.

(According to the Old Testament book of Esther, Haman, a minister in the Persian Court, "sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus")

The appearance of the first two possible witnesses caused a murmur of interest in the courtroom

They were two officials of the Israeli airline El Al, whom the defence hopes to call to give evidence in support of its claim that Eichmann was abducted from Argentine by illegal means.