

World reactions to the sentence on Eichmann

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'No execution' claim

While British newspapers agreed that the Eichmann verdict was just, the majority of them expressed the view that the accused should not be executed.

"The Times" stated that the trial had achieved its aims and hanging was unnecessary. The paper asked: "Would carrying out the sentence help to stifle anti-Semitism wherever it lurks, and thus give Jewry a greater feeling of security?"

"The Daily Telegraph" stated that Eichmann had been tried and condemned in the minds of men long before he was brought to Israel.

Professor Hugh Trevor-Roper, writing in "The Sunday Times" stated: "To the Germans it is a terrible reminder which perhaps they need."

"The Observer" published two articles on the subject. The Rev. Dr. James Parkes

wrote: "... penitence would be an empty gesture if it were not accompanied by a determination to understand wherein and how and why we so sinned that six million of our fellow-men died horribly and uncomforted — over a million of them children."

Lord Russell of Liverpool, writing in "The News of the World," argued that it would be a mistake to hang Eichmann, as it "would be regarded by many as senseless vengeance. Let him spend the rest of his life in prison with his thoughts and the knowledge of what every decent human being must think of him."

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The "Daily Mirror" stated that in many ways "the trial has been a model of jurisprudence and no one could have criticised it except for the kidnapping of the prisoner and hijacking him half-way round the world."
