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**3 'War Criminals Remain in U.S.**

By Drew Pearson

LAST WEEK the world passed two great milestones of history linked together by tragedy: the 18th anniversary of the ending of a war that killed 6 million Jews and the 15th anniversary of the founding of a homeland for some of the Jews who survived.

Probably no non-Jew can fully grasp the awesomeness of a tragedy that wiped out one-third of the Jews. A comparable tragedy would be murder of 100 million Catholics, or 45 million of the Protestants living at that time.

In view of this tragedy it seems to me that the non-Jews of the United States have a special obligation to see that the traditional home of the Jewish people in the Holy Land is preserved and that those responsible for the wartime murders be punished. Certainly we are obligated to make sure that those in part responsible for these crimes shall not be given haven in the United States.

At no time since Harry Truman recognized the shaky new government of Israel has that little country been in such grave danger as today.

THREE ARAB countries, Syria and Iraq on the north and Egypt on the south, have formed a new and stronger United Arab Republic and are trying to knock young King Hussein of Jordan off his throne. King Hussein's grandfather favored friendship with Israel and was assassinated as a result.

If King Hussein is dethroned, war is almost certain in the Near East, and so far the State Department has hung back against any advance commitments to prevent war.

When Premier David Ben-Gurion, worried over the mounting concentration of Russian-armed troops next to Suez, moved into Sinai and threatened the Suez Canal, President Eisenhower moved in to stop him. He also stopped French and British troops dead in their tracks.

But now that the reverse threatens Israel, the State Department has given no advance commitment to step in and prevent war.

SIMULTANEOUSLY the United States has been harboring three men charged with financing or inciting the wartime murder of the Jews, and the Kennedy Administration has made no move to deport them. The three men are:

Andrea Artucovic, head of the state police

under the Nazi republic of Croatia, and some times called the Himmler of Croatia. Artucovic was minister of the interior when some 700,000 Jews and orthodox Serbs were murdered, thrown in wells, mutilated, made to jump off cliffs in a massacre as brutal as any that occurred under Hitler.

Artucovic has been officially charged as a war criminal by the Yugoslav government and efforts have been made to extradite him. The Supreme Court has ruled that he can be extradited. But Attorney General Robert Kennedy has not moved.

Nicolae Malaxa, the Rumanian industrialist, has been accused by Rep. Jack Shelley (D-Calif.) and other California Congressmen of having financed the Iron Guard in Rumania which began the massacre of Rumanian Jews.

Shelley cited German war documents officially published by the State Department showing that Malaxa had flown the Iron Guard flag over his factories and worked hand-in-glove with the Iron Guard, as well as financing them.

Various senators, including Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) and Kenneth Keating (R-N.Y.) have asked Attorney General Kennedy why he permits Malaxa to remain at 1158 Fifth ave., enjoying the protection of the United States.

Viorel Trifa, a leader of Anti-Semitic riots in Rumania, now living in Michigan as a high official of the Rumanian dissident Orthodox church.

Trifa was a member of the Rumanian Iron Guard which helped instigate an armed insurrection against the Antonescu government which had protected Rumanian Jews from persecution. But on Jan. 20, 1941, Trifa, who bore the official title of "chief of Fascist students," delivered a rabble-rousing speech in the assembly hall of the student union in Bucharest blasting so-called "Judea-British imperialism."

Trifa was sentenced to life imprisonment for his crimes against the Jewish people, but escaped to the United States.

When I queried Trifa, now known as Bishop Valerian, about his wartime activities, he alibied that he was only 25 years old and that his speech was written for him by the Iron Guard and given to him to deliver.

Nevertheless, the incidents in which Trifa participated helped touch off the murder of 6000 to 10,000 Jews.

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