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SUBJECT: **Israel Papers Report Gestapo Leader Karl Eichmann Seen in Iraq in Company of Ex-Mufti and S.S. Generals**

Karl EICHMANN, described as Palestinian born chief of the Gestapo's Jewish section, was seen in Iraq last November according to an INA release carried by the Jerusalem Post and Herut. The wire service despatch was datelined Frankfurt, July 12, and ascribed to a German syndicated newspaper story the reported presence of Eichmann in Iraq in company with the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem and three former S.S. generals, DIRLEWANGER, KATZMANN, and DOLLMANN. The full text of the INA release follows:

"Karl Eichmann, head of the Gestapo's Jewish section and held personally responsible for the murder of four million Jews, was reported yesterday at last having been seen in Iraq.

"Eichmann, who was born in the German Templar settlement at Sarona, now Hakiryva, Tel Aviv, disappeared at the end of the war and has not yet been found.

"A German syndicated newspaper story yesterday quoted a German engineer in charge of an Iraqi development project as saying that Eichmann, the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem and three top Nazi murderers, clambered out of an overturned Pullman bus on the Damascus-Baghdad route last November.

"The engineer said that he invited a dozen of the passengers to his quarters. When the shock of the accident and a liberal dose of whisky had loosened their tongues, the following members of the ex-Mufti's entourage introduced themselves:

"Karl Eichmann, Major-General Oscar Dirlwanger, convicted sex maniac and later head of the Nazi thugs' anti-partisan units; S.S. Major-General Katzmann, in charge of the extermination of Galician Jewry, and S.S. General Eugen Dollmann, Gestapo official in Italy.

"Eichmann, who speaks fluent Hebrew and Yiddish, is still on the wanted list of war criminals. He organized Arab anti-Jewish riots in Palestine, became Hitler's chief adviser on the "Jewish problem", advised on the establishment of ghettos and latter of gas chambers.

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"He was responsible for the massacre of the Jewries of Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary.

"Dirlewsinger recruited his anti-partisan extermination units from jails and penitentiaries. He led the crushing of the Warsaw ghetto revolt. He is reliably reported to have raped attractive Jewish girls, then injected them with strychnine."
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