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'Ivan' Witness, Under Heated **Questioning Recounts** Horrors Of Treblinka

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## events.

But Epstein did not falter when guestioned about details of the camp's structure, the people in charge of the extermination process and such minutiae as where the laundry was hung.

He described the mass graves into which bodies were dumped. Chlorine powder was poured on the corpses to hasten their distintegration. "The powder sank down, causing blood to burst from the ground. Then they added more bodies and more powder," the witness said.

Epstein, who was brought to Treblinka at the age of 17, spoke of "the man in the white coat," known to inmates only as Erwin, who stood at the edge of the mass grave and ordered the killing of those victims not yet dead.

"When a wounded person was brought to the edge of the grave, Erwin used to order him to crouch on his hands and knees, naked at the edge of the pit. Then he would signal a Ukrainian guard to come over and shoot the victim through his head," Epstein said.

The trial, now in its second week before a three-judge panel of the Jerusalem District Court, has been marked increasingly by emotional outbursts from spectators, many of them Holocaust survivors. At a recess Tuesday, several survivors hurled oaths at the defendant's son, John Demianjuk Jr. and against Ukrainians who were involved in the murder of their families.

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Mina Bess & Marlo Lewis To Receive Scopus Laureate Award From Hebrew University, Sunday, April 5 At Palm Springs Plaza Hotel

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Hotel, Palm Springs, Ca. "The Lewises are receiving Scopus Laureate Awards because of their creative excellence in the worlds of the performing arts and literature," said Stanley R. Zax, President of the Western States Region of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. "They are very dear to us and we will always be grateful and thankful for the work they have done on behalf of Hebrew University."

The Lewises have acted as consultants on

Police intervened to restore order.

from Cleveland, Ohio, is the first suspected Nazi war criminal extradited to Israel and the first to be tried here since Adolf Eichmann 25 years ago. He is charged with several counts of war crimes, crimes against humanity and crimes against Jews. If convicted he faces the death penalty. The trial is expected to last for three months.

At the end of the session, the court thanked Epstein for the restrained and dignified manner, in which he related the terrible events at Treblinka. Another Treblinka survivor, Eliahu Rosenburg, will take the stand next.

major University fundraising events and are members of the Society of Founders of the Friends. Mina Bess Lewis was an advertising copywriter and radio and television scriptwriter. She launched many ad campaigns for the Helena Rubinstein Company, Warner Bros. Pictures and other companies. Her book, "Confessions of a Boat Lover's Wife, or is a Man Like This Worth Saving," is enjoying popularity throughout the country.

The Lewises co-wrote "Prime-Time," the critically acclaimed history of the early years of television. Marlo Lewis co-created and coproduced the Ed Sullivan Show and with Sullivan launched the New York Chapter of The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. He is recipient of three Emmy Awards and a Peabody Award for his efforts on behalf of State Department exchange programs.

Reservations for the April 5 Scopus Award black tie dinner are \$2,500 per couple and \$12,500 for a table of ten. For additional reservation information, please call (213) 657-6511.

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