

# *People Rallying to Save Rosenbergs*

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# **ROSENBERGS MUST NOT DIE!**



ETHEL ROSENBERG

**Religious and other leaders  
protest death sentence to  
young Jewish couple; urge  
President grant clemency**



JULIUS ROSENBERG



**TO THE DEATH HOUSE** go Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, first persons in the peace-time history of the U.S. to receive the death penalty for an espionage conviction. Millions of Americans are fighting to free this couple from the death house and return them to their two little sons.

# Case is Unprecedented Example of Injustice

Today, two young parents face death. The trail that leads from a happy, hard-working home on New York's lower East Side to the death house at Sing Sing is a terribly short one.

In the summer of 1950, Ethel Rosenberg's brother, David Greenglass, was accused of stealing A-bomb secrets from the Los Alamos project. Greenglass said he gave the secrets to the Rosenbergs. (See p. 4 for the inside story of why a brother may have sent his sister to the death house).

Brought to trial on Greenglass' evidence, the Rosenbergs were not charged with any open

crime of espionage. The government prosecutor claimed they were Communists, although he failed to prove that allegation.

The government showed the Rosenbergs "guilty" of carrying sick benefit insurance in an interracial insurance society, of being active union members, of praising our government when it opened a second front against Hitler and of other such acts which many patriotic citizens knew they themselves had done at one time or another.

If this is "evidence," anyone can be proven guilty of anything.

Although the government time and again announced that the "secret" of the A-bomb was no secret, although the plans Greenglass made proved "down-right unworkable," and "made little scientific sense," according to Life and Time magazines, the government prosecutor claimed the Rosenbergs stole "the one weapon that might well hold the key to the survival of this nation."

The judge meted out death, saying: "... your conduct has already caused ... the Communist aggression in Korea ...

his Reichstag frameup in the suspicion held by Rabbi Gross and many others. For the inhuman record scrawled by Hitler across history's pages left twin smears of anti-Semitism and anti-Communism ... a trail fascism leaves wherever it is.

Christians and Jews alike have come to realize, as the Jewish Daily Forward did when it protested the death sentence: "Every Jewish home will be shattered by this tragedy."

millions more of innocent people may pay the price of your treason."

For almost two years, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg have awaited death. For two years their little sons have lived the loveless life of orphans. Only the shocked anger of millions of decent Americans can keep the Rosenbergs from the electric chair.

Contributing dimes and dollars to secure justice for this doomed couple, Americans have made it possible for the monstrous verdict to be appealed through the courts until, this month, the Supreme Court refused even to hear the case. But new steps are being taken ... and more and more Americans must rally to defend the Rosenbergs.

Fifty thousand have signed a legal brief urging a new trial. Millions more must support the campaign for clemency. While one single doubt of their guilt remains, the Rosenbergs must not die!

Men and women have been executed, only to have history prove them innocent. If the government kills the Rosenbergs, their innocence would be small comfort to their two little sons. Alive, a grave miscarriage of justice could be righted.

After you read the facts of this case, turn to Page 4 and see what can be done to save Ethel and Julius Rosenberg from death. See what you and every American can do to erase a bloody stain of injustice from our country's honor.

**Wire President Truman to Save the Rosenbergs.**

## Jewish Aspects of Case Stir Wide Scale Protest

With Jewish defendants, a Jewish judge and prosecutor there are a number of obvious Jewish aspects to the Rosenberg case ... and some not so obvious.

New York's citizens, for example, are one-third Jewish. Yet not one Jew sat on the jury that found the Rosenbergs guilty. Prosecutor Irving Saypol has been criticized by the U. S. Court of Appeals for playing on another Jew's prejudice against a Jewish witness in another case.

These are obvious aspects; here are some less obvious ones. The Rosenbergs were indicted and tried during a period when the following things were taking place:

(1) Eight New York teachers, all Jewish, were fired on charges of communism. (2) Bombings and desecrations of synagogues ranged from Florida to Philadelphia and Brooklyn. (3) One of the largest Jewish organizations in the U.S., the Jewish People's Fraternal Order, was ordered to dissolve itself. (4) The other "Rosenberg Case," that of Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, an assistant secretary of defense, hit the headlines when she was vilified as a leftist and accused of bearing responsibility for the deaths of thousands of

Americans in Korea.

The Rosenbergs got death for treason in a peace-time trial, first such sentence in our history. But Tokyo Rose and Axis Sally, convicted of wartime treason, got a few years.

Anti-Semites took the Rosenberg sentence as a green light, unleashing a flood of obscene rumors and literature. A filthy anti-Semitic sticker has been pasted on public buildings in many cities. Hate groups have circulated material dripping with foul anti-Semitic obscenities.

In the wake of the Rosenberg trial came this shocking revelation by the New York Times of Dec. 26, 1951, concerning the Oak Ridge A-bomb project: "United States law enforcement officials gave two reasons for the apparent absence of Communists here:

1) a predominance of pure Anglo-Saxon stock. ..."

Many rabbis and Jewish editors, alert to the Jewish aspects of this case, have taken fearless stands against it. Said the California Jewish Voice: "... a shameful precedent ... anti-Semites will wield ... to bludgeon ALL Jews."

Horrified at the death penalty, Rabbi Louis D. Gross charged: "Did he (the judge) think that the death sentence against the Rosenbergs was necessary to counteract the anti-Semitic charge of Communism against Jews in general? ... the hapless Rosenberg couple may have been victimized by the anti-Communist hysteria which has been sweeping this country with deadly effect."

There is a bitter memory of both Hitler's gas-chambers and

## Did the Cold War Doom the Rosenbergs?

Were it not for the cold war between the U. S. and the USSR, would Ethel and Julius Rosenberg be facing death?

The answer is terribly clear. To begin with, the "crimes" imputed to the Rosenbergs were alleged to have taken place in 1944 and 1945 when the Soviet Union was our staunch ally.

"It is difficult," says Rabbi Abraham Cronbach, noted scholar and author, "to see why Russia should, at that time, have found espionage at all necessary. The U.S. was, at that time, sharing its military secrets with Russia."

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, in a 1945 memorandum to the President, urged that the A-bomb be shared with the Soviet Union and that the Soviets be "voluntarily invited into the partnership upon a basis of co-operation and trust."

Again, we recall the words of the U.S. government's Smyth Report on atomic bombs: "... the principles that have been used were well known to the international scientific world

in 1940." Backing up this fact, the Atomic Energy Commission itself revealed that the USSR had known the scientific secrets of A-bomb manufacture since

1940.

One fact has changed between 1944-5 and 1952. An ally, the USSR is now considered by our government as a cold war enemy.

This cold war has created a crime punishable by death where none existed before.

We are not concerned here with the good or evil of the cold

war. But after the "hot" war against Hitler, the cold war between the allies who destroyed Hitler has unleashed a wave of trials and hysteria whose consequences affect every American.

History shows that scapegoats are always found during cold wars when governments want to divert attention from their wrong guesses. Repeatedly during the trial, the Rosenbergs were accused of fomenting the Korean war and giving the A-bomb to the USSR when that nation was supposed not to be able to develop one.

The cold war forms a backdrop for the Rosenberg case; as it does for the trials and jailing of union leaders, writers, scientists, working men and women, teachers, doctors and others. The many honest, peace-loving Americans working to free a mother and father from the death house fear that the Rosenbergs' lives may be sacrificed on the cold war altar.

Our American traditions cry "no!" to this. Helpless pawns in a cold war, the Rosenbergs cannot be allowed to die.

**Ask President for Clemency.**



**U. S. AND U. S. S. R. TROOPS** shake hands at the historic meeting during World War II when armies of the two allied nations joined to defeat Hitler fascism. It was at this time that the Rosenbergs were alleged by the government to have sent the U. S. S. R. atomic "secrets."