

AL SCHWIMMER PARDONED BY CLINTON

Al (Adolph) Schwimmer, AVI member and long-time director of Israel Aircraft Industries was among those pardoned by President Clinton in the last days of his presidency. Schwimmer had been convicted, along with Hank Greenspun, in 1950 of violating the Neutrality Act. He paid a \$10,000 and was deprived of his civil rights, including the right to vote or claim government benefits. President John Kennedy had pardoned Greenspun, restoring his civil rights, in 1961. Schwimmer, now 83, had never applied for a pardon. Brian Greenspun, son of Hank, and a Las Vegas attorney, submitted a petition for pardon to President Clinton.

Schwimmer was a native of Bridgeport and had served in WWII as a flight engineer. He volunteered for the Haganah in 1947 and was instrumental in bringing some two dozen planes to Palestine and assisting in the recruitment of pilots for the nascent Air Force. He retired from the Israel Aircraft Industries in 1980 and currently lives in Tel Aviv.