

Nixons Visit Memorial To the Nazi Victims

Jerusalem

President Nixon paid a visit yesterday to the symbolic tomb of six million Jews who died in Auschwitz and 21 other Nazi concentration camps — the Yad Vashem memorial atop a hill in Jerusalem.

His head covered with a high gray fedora, Mr. Nixon was flanked by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Mrs. Nixon, as the Kol Israel (All Israel) children's choir sang a dirge to the dead.

Mr. Nixon drove to the

hilltop at mid-morning in a small motorcade, accompanied by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and U.S. Ambassador Kenneth Keating.

Arriving at Yad Vashem, Mr. Nixon was greeted by the prime minister and then walked up a tree-shaded pathway to the memorial, a square building of sandstone boulders and concrete the color of ashes.

A speaker read a commemorative prayer in English that praised "the right-

eous among the nations who risked their lives to save Jews from persecution and death."

Mr. Nixon was given a curved, steel-tipped stick with which symbolically to rekindle the eternal flame — which is never actually allowed to be extinguished.

After another memorial prayer, Mr. Nixon laid a wreath of red and white carnations on a single, low slab of ashgray stone that is the symbolic tomb of the six million.

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President and Mrs. Nixon stood beside the eternal flame at the memorial and heard the chief cantor of the symbolic tomb recite a commemorative prayer

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