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JERUSALEM, JULY 4 (AP)-ABOUT 5,000 AMERICANS AND ISRAELIS ASSEMBLED TODAY ON A HILLTOP COMMANDING THE JUDEAN MOUNTAINS IN TRIBUTE TO THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN SAID "MANY OF THE CAUSES TO WHICH HE WAS COMMITTED HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED IN A REMARKABLY SHORT PERIOD BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON."

A TODAY'S CEREMONY, DEDICATING THE JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL AND PEACE FOREST, JUSTICE WARREN CONVEYED PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES TO THE ISRAELI PEOPLE. HE EXPRESSED THE PRESIDENT'S HOPES THAT "THE PEACE FOREST WILL PROSPER AND BECOME A LIVING SYMBOL IN THE SEARCH FOR WORLD PEACE WHICH SIX SHORT YEARS AGO HE AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY PROMISED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THEY WOULD STRIVE FOR."

"PRESIDENT JOHNSON IS DEDICATED AS WAS KENNEDY TO THIS CAUSE AND TO CONSERVATION RATHER THAN DESTRUCTION OF HUMAN AND NATURAL RESOURCES EVERYWHERE, AND HE IS GREATLY PLEASED WITH THIS MEMORIAL TO HIS PREDECESSOR."

WELCOMING THE U.S. CHIEF JUSTICE ON BEHALF OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, PRIME MINISTER LEVI ESHKOL SAID "WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S EFFORTS FOR ISRAEL'S WELFARE AND SECURITY AND HIS SINCERE DESIRE FOR WORLD PEACE."

HE ASKED WARREN TO CONVEY HEARTFELT GREETINGS TO JOHNSON.

THE FESTIVE GATHERING, ON THE 190TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA. INDEPENDENCE ASSUMED THE ATMOSPHERE OF AN INTIMATE FAMILY AFFAIR SOON AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF WARREN AND ESHKOL TO THE SOUND OF FANFARES AS BOTH PROCEEDED SLOWLY TO THE DAIS MINGLING WITH THE CROWDS WHILE SHAKING HANDS WITH DOZENS OF FRIENDS FROM THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL.

THE KENNEDY MEMORIAL SHRINE, AN EDIFICE FORMED BY A STRUCTURE OF 51 PILLARS, ONE FOR EACH STATE OF THE UNION AND INCLUDING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, COMMANDS THE ENTIRE AREA ON JERUSALEM'S WESTERN OUTSKIRTS. THOUSANDS STREAMED TO THE MEMORIAL SITE TODAY FROM ALL PARTS OF ISRAEL AND FROM MANY STATES OF THE UNION, BRAVING THE HOT SUMMER SUN.

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