

Warren Dedicates Kennedy Memorial in Israel

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JERUSALEM (Israeli Sector), July 4—A memorial to President Kennedy was dedicated in an informal atmosphere this morning atop a barren but historic hill outside Jerusalem.

Nearly 2,000 official guests, including many from the United States, were joined by hundreds of enthusiastic American students and tourists as well as throngs of Israelis in the small plaza facing the memorial.

Chief Justice Earl Warren, whose enthusiasm for the dramatic memorial after he had seen it for the first time, re-drafted his dedicatory speech. He praised the striking symbolism, a tree trunk representing untimely death.

Justice Warren also said that the Kennedy Peace Forest planted on the slopes of the memorial hill, would have "greatly pleased" the young President.

"Something more than mere surmise justifies my statement," Justice Warren said.

He recalled Mr. Kennedy's words in a speech eight years ago when the then junior Senator from Massachusetts told a Jewish National Fund meeting:

"What work could be more heartwarming or more enduring than the great forest at Jerusalem. Your children and grandchildren when they visit Israel will find your monument."

Picnic Atmosphere

Now they will also find a monument to Mr. Kennedy, dedicated on a July 4 with dignity and affection by Israeli and American leaders before thousands who seemed to relish the occasion. At times the milling throng lent a picnic atmosphere to the event.

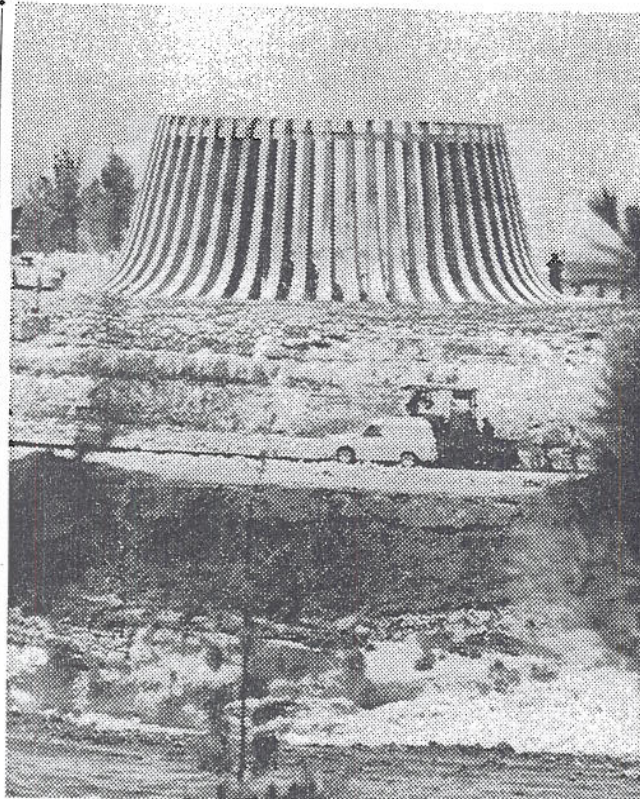
The Jewish National Fund, which raised money for the memorial in the United States, posted general invitations in hotels this morning. In addition, hundreds of young Americans who are studying and touring in Israel made their way to the site.

The memorial is five miles from the nearest regular bus at the end of a winding road leading through two moshavim, or communal settlements. Several miles southwest of Jerusalem's outskirts and standing atop the highest hill in the vicinity, the memorial overlooks a border valley containing the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem railway and the Jordanian village of Bittir.

This is the site of ancient Betar, the last stronghold of Simon Bar Kochba's revolt against the Romans in A.D. 132-135. The Jewish army of insurrection, numbering 200,000, fought the Roman legions until overwhelmed on these slopes.

Children's Band Plays

To open the proceedings a children's band played "Hatikva," the Israeli national anthem, and then made a valiant attempt at "The Star-Spangled Banner." The American anthem, played slowly by the children, was



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Memorial to President Kennedy near Jerusalem, which was dedicated. Monument was designed by David Reznik.



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New Kennedy memorial stands atop highest hill (cross) in Jerusalem area.

as the "living memorial" being planted for Mr. Kennedy in Israel.

Justice Warren said that Mr. Kennedy had "a very special feeling for this nation and an unwavering confidence in its future." He added that Mr. Kennedy visited here first in 1939 when it was still a British mandate. He next came in 1951 and Justice Warren spoke these words that Mr. Kennedy had used on that occasion:

"Perhaps the greatest change of all I found in the hearts and minds of the people. For unlike the discouraged settlers of 1939 they looked to the future with hope. I found a revival of an ancient spirit."

Milan Renames Square

MILAN, Italy, July 4 (UPI)—Milan marked American Independence Day by naming one of its squares after John F. Kennedy. Mayor Pietro Bucalossi and United States Consul General Earl T. Crain delivered addresses before unveiling a plaque with the inscription: "Piazza John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th President of the United States of America—1917-1963."

picked up by strong voices until the music swept the audience.

Speaker after speaker standing before the sturdy monument, which was designed by the Israeli architect David Reznik, drew attention to its symbolism and to the significance of the growing trees around it.

Jaacob Tsur, world president of the Jewish National Fund, said it had been "conceived in the shape of a mighty trunk of a fallen tree, among the thousands of saplings which will grow one day into a great forest."

Walworth Barbour, the American Ambassador to Israel,

recalled that Mr. Kennedy had said, "A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers."

"In thus honoring and remembering the late President Kennedy," Mr. Barbour said, "the men and women of the Jewish National Fund honor themselves — beyond and above the glory they have already earned in their work for Israel."

Justice Warren observed that Washington had "more than its share of edifices in stone and bronze," but he paid special tribute to what he described