

MONDALE TO RECEIVE HONORARY DOCTORATE



VICE PRESIDENT WALTER F. MONDALE WILL RECEIVE AN HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM DURING CEREMONIES THIS SUMMER IN JERUSALEM.

NEW YORK -- Vice President Walter F. Mondale will receive an Honorary Doctorate from the Hebrew University during ceremonies this summer in Jerusalem. The degree will be conferred during a week of ceremonies and celebrations, June 28 to July 4, marking the culmination of the University's move back to its original home on Mount Scopus.

Menachem Begin's Independence Day Message

"From Jerusalem our eternal and indivisible capital I send to you all heartfelt greetings on the occasion of the 33rd anniversary of the proclamation of Israel's Independence in the land of our forefathers.

After the most terrible disaster which befell our people in Europe and the heroic flight in Eretz Israel for national self - liberation we lived to see the day, one of the greatest in the annals of our ancient people, when we became a nation amongst nations, free and independent in our own country. Since then we have brought home millions of the Jewish people from the four corners of the world. We have had to sustain our independence through five wars, in which

14,000 of our best men gave their lives and more than 30,000 were wounded. But we did protect and preserve our independence. We set our country free; we reunited Jerusalem; we built up the land and are turning it into green pastures.

This year we celebrate the second anniversary of the signing of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. No doubt this is a turning point in the annals of the two countries and of the Middle East. After 31 years of a state of war and of five actual wars waged on the battlefield with great sacrifice, sorrow and bereavement, we Egypt and Israel, declared that we shall never again raise arms against each other and the state of war is terminated."

DUTCH LEADER MEETS WITH ARAFAT

AMSTERDAM (WNS) -- Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph van der Klaauw returned from his visit to Syria and Lebanon in which he, acting in his capacity as chairman of the Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community (EEC), met with Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat and his PLO lieutenants for a two-hour meeting in Damascus. The Dutch diplomat was accompanied by a delegation from the Netherlands Foreign Ministry. The EEC seeks to have the PLO "associated" with the Middle East peace process.

Van der Klaauw had little to say to reporters except that the meeting with Arafat had been useful but yielded no new elements.



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