

MAYOR KOCH HOSTS LAWMAKERS



WITH A POSTER OF ANATOLY SHARANSKY LOOKING DOWN, NEW YORK CITY MAYOR EDWARD KOCH (CENTER, IN SHIRTSLEEVES) SIGNS INTO LAW A BILL NAMING THE SPIRAL STAIRWAY AT THE ISAIAH PEACE WALL OPPOSITE THE UNITED NATIONS IN HONOR OF THE FAMED PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE, CULMINATING A YEAR-LONG EFFORT BY THE STUDENT STRUGGLE FOR SOVIET JEWRY. SURROUNDING THE MAYOR ARE CITY OFFICIALS AND SEVERAL OF THE 24 CITY COUNCIL SO-SPONSORS OF THE LEGISLATION. STANDING AT LEFT ARE SSSJ COORDINATORS GLENN RICHTER AND DAVID STAHL.

SURVIVORS GATHER

WASH. (WNS) -- Holocaust survivors and representatives of 14 countries whose armies liberated the Nazi concentration camps at the end of World War II gathered at the State Department for the United States Holocaust Memorial Council's International Liberators Conference. The conference featured workshops, with descriptions by victims, historians, military and medical personnel, war correspondents, chaplains, and resistance fighters. Elie Wiesel, the writer and chairman of the Council, noted that there was a

"vicious phenomenon" existing which denied the Holocaust. He said that the survivors are not believed about what happened to them. "perhaps you (the liberators) will be heard." Noting "explosions in Paris, bombs in Antwerp, murderous attacks in Vienna," Wiesel asked: "Is it conceivable that Nazism can dare come back into the open soon-- while we are still alive, while we are still here to denounce its poisonous nature, as illustrated in Treblinka?" The theme of the remembrance which dominated the conference was sounded by Secretary of State Alexander Haig who welcomed the con-

ference to the State Department. "We can bear the memory of the Holocaust only if we strive to prevent its reoccurrence," he said. But Haig also issued a more pointed warning for today. "Genocide succeeded because the defenders of individual rights allowed themselves to be divided," he said, "because they sought refuge in an illusion, in weakness. They failed to fight for their own principles." Haig noted his visit to Yad Vashem in Israel. "The Jewish people have not lost their hope in God, in themselves, in mankind," he said.

DAYAN'S ROLE IN HISTORY

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Moshe Dayan, who died of a heart attack October 16, played a pivotal role as both a statesman and a military leader since the creation of the state of Israel. According to various assessments of Dayan by political leaders throughout Israel, Dayan failed in one aspect, that of completing a working dialogue with Arabs, something he had worked for years to achieve.

The peace treaty with Egypt which he was involved in from the early contacts which led to Sadat's visit to Jerusalem in 1977, was undoubtedly Dayan's greatest contribution in this dialogue. However, even then he never hid his skepticism and was a tough bargainer. He repeatedly told the people of Israel to be patient and learn to live with the conflict. Perhaps for this reason he was described as a pessimist by nature.

Dayan through his early childhood in the fields of Nahalal learned to understand and know the Arabs and was said for this reason to be the one Israeli statesman who best understood them. He learned the language although in negotiations with Arabs later in his life he always preferred English. Despite early acquaintances with Arab neighbors, he was caused to break those ties after major

clashes with settlers and Arabs in his early days as a youth.

It was from then on that Dayan's relations with Arabs focused mainly on the battlefields. However, after the War of Independence Premier David Ben-Gurion chose Dayan as his main advisor on Arab affairs. As commander of the Sixth Brigade in Jerusalem, he was involved in prolonged negotiations with Jordan over the cease fire. Later he took an active role in the Rhodes Armistice negotiations with Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt.

In December, 1953, Dayan became the Chief of Staff during a period that was described as the change of the guards in Egypt, a year and a half after the overthrow of the monarchy by the "free officers" led by Gamal Abdul Nasser. But it was Maj. Gen. Mohammad Naguib who ruled the country for another four months, before Nasser removed him. Some Arab affairs experts argued until today that Nasser would have been ripe for some political settlement with Israel. The same experts argue that Dayan was influential in preventing that settlement.

But Dayan retained his reputation as one who understood "Arab mentality." As Defense Minister in the Six Day War he wanted the Army to keep away

from the banks of the Suez Canal, apparently in an effort to leave the door open for negotiations with the Egyptians. However, the fast pace of the war did not allow for such Israeli restraint. He did succeed in imposing the "open bridges" policy with Jordan as well as opening the "Green Line" with Israel proper and the administered territories for a two way traffic of both people and goods. The idea which guided this policy was to keep life in the administered territories as normal as possible, to create the framework for defacto peaceful relations with neighboring Jordan. But some Dayan critics, such as Zvi Elpeleg of Tel Aviv University argued that by opening the bridges, Dayan actually opened the door to the gradual takeover of the West Bank by the PLO.

Dayan's name was associated with the liberal military occupation of the territories. His philosophy was to let the Arabs in the territories do whatever they please as long as they do not act against the security of the state. "If they wish to close their schools, shut their shops let them do so," he used to say. He developed closer relations with Mohammad Ali Al-Jaabari, the mayor of Hebron, whose role in the 1929 massacre of Hebron Jews is still controversial. He removed

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