

# WIESENTHAL CENTER HONORS KIRKPATRICK

## KIRKPATRICK WARNS OF DANGERS FACING ISRAEL TODAY

The Simon Wiesenthal Center, the largest institution of its kind in North America, bestowed the 1983 Simon Wiesenthal Humanitarian Laureate on Jeane Kirkpatrick, U.S. permanent delegate to the United Nations.

In presenting the award to Ambassador Kirkpatrick, Martin Rosen, member of the Center's Board of Trustees and one of the dinner's associate chairmen, said, "Ambassador Kirkpatrick was the unanimous choice to receive this award at our first banquet in New York inasmuch as she is a steadfast and loyal friend of the Jewish People, committed to the security of the State of Israel and to those causes held sacred by freedom loving people everywhere."

Other dinner co-chairmen included Wiesenthal Center Trustees Ivan Boesky and Jack Nash.

Among those in attendance to pay tribute to Ambassador Kirkpatrick was Ambassador Yehuda Blum, Permanent Representative of Israel to the UN. He said in his remarks, "We should be thankful for the many friends that have stood by us in all our tribulations and difficulties over the past 35 years. I think it is therefore more than appropriate that we are honoring here tonight one of the outstanding friends of the State of Israel and of the Jewish People.... Ambassador Kirkpatrick is profoundly committed to Israel's security and survival and she has stood up on numerous occasions at the U.N. for Israel and in support of Israel... On behalf of the government of Israel, let me congratulate the Simon Wiesenthal Center on the superb choice and let me also congratulate Jeane Kirkpatrick on the honor which she so rightly deserves."

Simon Wiesenthal, in his address, stated, "Jeane Kirkpatrick understands like no other person that we are living in a time where hatred had survived the greatest tragedy of mankind.... we have technical progress with all its hopes for mankind, but that we still cannot overcome Genocide as it is practised today in different parts of the world."

In closing Mr. Wiesenthal stated, "I am more than happy that this Center which bears my name has chosen this remarkable woman to honor tonight; the name Jeane Kirkpatrick will be noted in American and Jewish history as that of a true friend."

In accepting her award, Ambassador Kirkpatrick pointed out three significant lessons which should be learned from the rise of Nazism and World War II. First, the Nazi plans were written "in black and white for all the world to see" eight years before the outset of the war. Kirkpatrick said this should have presented a "clear warning of the impending disaster." She noted that part of the plans for the extermination of European Jewry was to create the "myth" of the Jewish people as being "subhuman."

A second lesson to be drawn from the Holocaust, Kirkpatrick added, was that "totalitarians test the ground for more sustained aggression and persecution by beginning with minor suppression and calculated violence." She noted that the first regulations against the Jews consisted sometimes of actions such as limiting their travel.

She said that the actions by the Nazis against

the Jewish population was partially a test of the world community's resolve and said that when it remained silent about the persecution of the Jews, the Nazis proceeded to embark with their broader plans for conquering Western Europe. The third lesson, Kirkpatrick said, is the need now for concerted action between the United States and its allies "to ensure that the totalitarian forces of anti-freedom and dehumanization do not prevail." She said, however, that the lessons and implications of the Holocaust are not necessarily universally shared.

The Ambassador pointed out one of the lessons learned from the Holocaust is that "words have consequences" and she warned of the dangers presented to Israel as a result of the "systematic totalitarian assault on language and its meanings" in the United Nations.

Paralleling the rise of Nazism and its efforts to discredit the European Jews "as subhuman" to the debates in the halls of the U.N., Kirkpatrick noted that Palestinian Arabs are now referred to as "Jews of the Arab World," living in a diaspora and that Israelis are "re-defined Nazis." She also pointed out that enemies of Israel in the U.N. describe Israel's policy on the West Bank and Gaza Strip as "Genocide."

"To use the term Genocide against Israel," she said, "is the worst possible outrage" and a sacrilege to the victims of the Holocaust. She noted that collective violence against a people is used as a means to scapegoat, while Genocide "aims to eliminate... is calculated, planned purposefully, total in intent."

Referring to the use of inflammatory language at the U.N., she stated, "Be assured that as representative of the United States in the U.N., I do mind and will go on minding."

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Israel and Zaire have signed an air traffic agreement allowing the air lines of both countries to maintain regularly scheduled flights between them. Sources at El Al, Israel's national air line, said the pact was signed in Zaire and would allow the company to extend its services to central Africa and to open new routes to Latin America via Africa.

### MAYOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION



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