

Senator Henry M. Jackson Memorial Forest Dedicated Near Jerusalem



A forest of 10,000 trees in memory of the late Senator Henry M. Jackson of Washington State was dedicated by his widow, Helen Jackson near Jerusalem last month. Admirers of the Senator from throughout the United States contributed to the forest, which is in the Jewish National Fund's American Independence Park, 15 miles southwest of Israel's capital.

Among those participating in the ceremony were Samuel Lewis, American Ambassador to Israel; Moshe Arens, Minister-Without-Portfolio in the Israeli Cabinet and a former Ambassador of Israel to the United States; Moshe Rivlin, World Chairman of Keren Kayemeth Leisrael, Israel's land transformation agency; and Charlotte Jacobson, President of the Jewish National Fund of America.

Mrs. Jackson unveiled a plaque dedicating the opening of the forest and planted a tree in memory of the Senator. Jackson was regarded as one of the closest congressional supporters of Israel during his 31 years in the U.S. Senate.

"Hundreds of people contributed to establishing this forest," Mrs. Jackson said. "It symbolizes America's continuing friendship with Israel," she added. "Scoop would have appreciated this gift. Apart from his abiding faith in democracy and liberty, he was also a dedicated conservationist."

American Independence Park is the largest of more than 110 major parks and nature reserves being developed throughout Israel by the Jewish National Fund, the agency responsible for afforestation and land development in Israel. The park is the site of the John F. Kennedy Memorial, the Hubert Humphrey Highway, and forests and monuments honoring outstanding American supporters of Israel.

"Senator Jackson was a great friend of Israel," said Mrs. Jacobson during the dedication. "He fought for freedom of all people, especially the right of Russia's oppressed Jews to immigrate to their homeland. He was a man with deep convictions and courage, and we shall miss his leadership."

Former Ambassador Arens recalled that, "Thanks to Scoop, 160,000 Jews have made their homes in Israel."

Presenting Mrs. Jackson with a parchment certificate to mark the dedication, Mr. Rivlin said that "Senator Jackson is a legend for Israelis."

Ambassador Lewis eulogized Jackson as "a man of enormous integrity," and said the forest was "a living testimonial to an eternal figure and an inspiring contribution to the Jewish people."

Senator Chic Hecht Sponsors Senior Citizens Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. — United States Senator Chic Hecht (R. Nv.) announced he will join in sponsoring the 1985 Congressional Senior Citizen Intern program for the second year in a row.

The program, which will be conducted during the week of May 20 through May 24, gives two Nevadans who are active in senior citizen organizations the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the federal government and to study the legislative process on a first-hand basis, while working in Hecht's Washington office.

"Last year when we had our first seniors, we found our communities benefited from this intern program through the sharing of information," Hecht explained. "At the same time, we benefit through a closer working relationship with seniors in Nevada."

Over 1,000 active older Americans from across the nation have come to Washington for the program since it began in 1973. Last year more than 270 interns were sponsored by approximately 190 Senate and House offices.

Specifically, the interns, selected by a committee of their peers, will attend a series of daily briefings on how federal legislation affects older Americans. In addition to the daily briefings, meetings with the senator and his Washington staff will be scheduled.

Applicants should be in good health and should be actively involved in senior citizen projects. Completed applications, along with three letters of recommendation from community leaders familiar with the applicant's qualifications, must be received by March 22, 1985. Hecht will announce names of the two Nevada interns on April 1. Interns will receive a stipend to cover airfare, accommodations, food and other expenses associated with the program.

All Nevadans over 60 are eligible and can receive applications by writing to: Judy Murphy, Senior Citizen Center, Ninth and Sutro Street, Reno, NV. 89512.

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