Yom Hashoah Marked In Washington, Jerusalem **And New York**

WASHINGTON (WNS) - The rotunda of the capitol was packed as members of Congress. Holocaust survivors and hundreds of others observed the annual ceremony marking Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Some 800 participants stood silently under the Capitol dome as Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, awarded the first Eisenhower Liberation Medal to American soldiers and officers who liberated the concentration camps in 1945. The medal was established to recognize "outstanding contributions to human rights and freedom."

Wiesel presented the medal to U.S. Army Chief of Staff John Wickham and to Gen. Lawton Collins and Lt. Gen. William Quinn, officers who played roles in the liberation of the camps, as well as to Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole (R: Kans.), twice who was

achievement as a soldier in World War II.

Addressing ceremony for the third time since they were instituted in 1979, Vice President George Bush stressed, as did all the speakers, the imperative 500,000 of remembrance.

"Forty-one years have passed" since the allies liberated Europe. "The youngest of liberators is in his 60's now," Bush observed. "For four decades these men have served -- as of witness. They have testified to the full truth of the Holocaust. We them."

remember drew into the ceremony themes of atrocities perpetrated in the present that Wiesel consequence of what Benjamin Meed and happened then." The tragedy of the Holocaust occurred, Wiesel noted, "because people did not feel responsible for one another." They did not

understand, he said, "that evil is contagious, that cruelty, if unchecked, grows and spreads indecorated for heroic discriminately. What happens to one community affects all communities."

This year's ceremony was also somewhat marred by expressions of bitterness from the Gypsies, who lost some Holocaust, and are said to number about 250,000 in the U.S. today. They have been campaigning for representation on the Memorial Council. It was also announced at the ceremony that a day in September will be set have the survivors of the aside to commemorate camps -- as the bearers the victims of the Gypsy genocide.

In another address at the ceremony, Miles must make sure that Lerman, co-chairman of their memory survives the Council, who fought as a resistance leader in The commitment to Poland during the war, stressed the important role of the resistance fighters. Also speaking at the ceremony were said "may very well be a Holocaust survivors Sigmund Strochlitz, cochairmen of the Council.

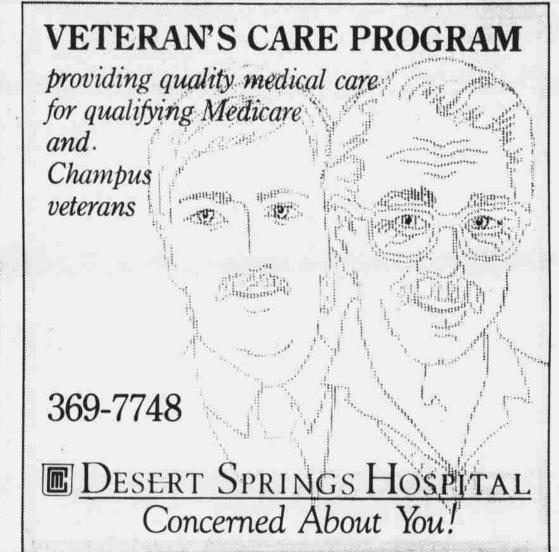
Twelve members of Congress participated in the lighting of memorial candles for

Holocaust victims as Memorial Day for the Cantor Isaac Goodfriend chanted Ani Maamin, (I Believe). Concluding the ceremony was cere- Israel Chaim Herzog monial music by the U.S. declared: "Israel must Army Band and U.S. Ar-Chorus. They displayed the flags of the 10 army divisions

In a speech officially opening the annual enemy."

heroes and martyrs of the Holocaust at the Yad Vashem, President of be the absolute denial of the theories of discrimination and racism" and "the loss of human that liberated the camps. dionity which was the handiwork of our

Israel's obligation, he said, to stand firm against "even the smallest taint of darkness, evil, racism and wickedness." Many other speakers referred pointedly to Presidential elections in Austria. Yitzhak Arad, chairman of the Yad Vashem noted that half (Continued on page 20)





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