

## Attorney General Edwin Meese Plants A Tree In Israel In Memory Of His Son Scott

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Attorney General Edwin Meese III has a reputation for being tough on crime. He brooks no nonsense in fulfilling his responsibilities as the United States' chief law enforcement officer.

A softer and sentimental side of Ed Meese was recently revealed when he planted a sapling, with his own hands, in memory of his late son, Scott Robert, in Israel. (In 1982, Scott, then 19, was killed in an automobile accident near Washington, D.C.)

The tree planting took place at the American Independence Park, adjacent to Jerusalem, and is located near the John F. Kennedy Memorial and Peace Forest. (The Park was established by the Jewish National Fund on the occasion of the American Centennial in 1976, as a living testimonial to the close relationship between the United States and Israel.)

At the ceremony, Edwin Meese helped to dedicate a memorial grove of trees in his son's name. Mr. Meese's wife, Ursula, and their daughter, Dana, also planted trees.

Chief Rabbi Israel Lau of Netanya officiated at the consecration of a plaque in the name of Scott Robert Meese in both English and Hebrew. The dedication was an emotionally stirring moment for Mr. Meese, one that he said gives immortality to Scott in a way which symbolizes a continuity of meaning and of blessing.

"The grove of trees is a generous gift from the Jewish National Fund of America and the people of Israel," Mr. Meese later told me. "As a parent, I am deeply touched. Jerusalem will always have a special place in my heart -- this remembrance of Scott."

With Rabbi Lau and Professor Yehuda Bauer, Director of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at Hebrew University, Mr. Meese also toured Yad Vashem, the Israeli Memorial to the victims of the Holocaust, which he described as a "profoundly moving" experience.

"The careful documentation of the Holocaust, presented in a most effective way, clearly depicts the great human tragedy which occurred during World War II," he said -- "Something never to be forgotten."

The trip to Israel was the first for Edwin Meese. During his eight days in the Jewish State he also lectured at Tel Aviv University, which presented him with its prestigious President's Award.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres hosted a lunch for Mr. Meese, and he also met with Israel's President, Chaim Herzog; Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The Attorney General conferred with his counterpart, Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir, as well as with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and other justices and leading Israeli attorneys.

He talked with U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering, and Consul to the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv Morris Draper about U.S.-Israeli relations, and attended a counter-terrorism demonstration in Latrun, where he also discussed Arab relations with Efraim Sneh, head of civil administration in the West Bank for Israel.

Mr. Meese traveled up and down and across Israel. He visited Bethlehem, Capernaum and took a boat trip to Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee, accompanied by Father Godfrey Catzoli, a Christian archaeologist, who also was at his side in Nazareth and other Christian sites. For church services, he selected Jerusalem's Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

In Haifa, Mr. Meese visited the Bahai community and the Jewish-Arab center at Haifa University. He also attended a reception with West Bank and Palestinian notables, and toured Masada and Ramot Air Base in the Negev Desert.

Upon his return to Washington, Mr. Meese -- in an interview at the Justice Department -- told me he was particularly impressed by his visits to the holy places of the three major religions in Jerusalem, "mainly because my guide was Mayor Teddy Kollek, an outstanding raconteur and a warm human being."

Mayor Kollek returned the compliment a few days later in New York when I asked him about escorting the Attorney General around the Holy City. "I really enjoyed showing him Jerusalem," Kollek related. "We had lunch at the King David Hotel, overlooking the city, and the Attorney General showed much interest in every place we toured. We spent about five hours together as we walked around the city."

"It was the first time I had met Mr. Meese. His questions showed him to be a man of great intelligence and lively curiosity."

Edwin Meese, former White House Counsel to President Reagan, who became the 75th Attorney General in February, 1985, said he was in-

terested in seeing as much of Israel as possible. "My various hosts, both official and private, were most gracious and helpful so that I obtained the maximum benefit from the visit," he said. "I was really impressed by the strong bond of friendship the Israelis have for the Americans. This is the type of friendship that is lasting. It will survive the occasional differences between our two nations. It is a friendship based upon a commitment to share goals and values of freedom and democracy."

After a meeting with Israel's law enforcement officials, Mr. Meese, a former Professor of Law at the University of San Diego and Director of the Center for Criminal Justice Policy and Management, said that the "extensive discussions of our respective legal and judicial systems were most interesting, and we found broad agreement on the basic principles of the rule of law."

"Some specific applications of the law which we discussed dealt with terrorism and the handling of international criminal matters."

The Attorney General continued: "The cooperation between the U.S. and Israel in these fields has been quite satisfactory, and our talks provided a new basis for expanded cooperation and the updating of agreements on legal matters."

"Particularly instructive were my lengthy talks with Minister of Justice Modai and with Attorney General Zamir."

Attorney General Meese said he came away with lasting impressions of the Israelis he met from all walks of life and of many faiths including immigrants, Christian ministers, airmen and agronomists.

"I was tremendously impressed with the patriotism of the Israelis and their allegiance to their country," he said. "I was also very interested to learn that the vast amount of greenery I saw around Jerusalem and other major cities had all been planted by the JNF since Israel became a state. The Israelis' commitment to planting trees and improving the environment is one of the lasting memories I took home with me."

And a more sentimental Attorney General observed: "I have faith that the spirit of my son will abide eternally in the Holy Land through the Scott Robert Meese Memorial Grove."

PARIS (WNS) — The court of appeals decided to release its formal charge sheet against Klaus Barbie on July 9. According to court officials, the trial of the former gestapo-officer, known as the "Butcher of Lyon," could start early next year.

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