

Herzog Visits Bergen-Belsen And Dedicates Symbol To Memory Of Those Who Perished In The Holocaust

BERGEN-BELSEN (JTA) — President Chaim Herzog of Israel, reciting the words of the psalmist, "My pain is with me forever," unveiled a rock quarried in Jerusalem at the site of this former concentration camp and dedicated it to the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust.

"I do not bring forgiveness with me, nor forgetfulness," declared Herzog, the first President of Israel to

visit Germany. "The only ones who can forgive are the dead. The living have no right to forget. Thus I will surely remember, with a heavy heart."

The brief, moving ceremony at Bergen-Belsen followed by a few hours Herzog's arrival at Bonn where he was greeted with a 21-gun salute and personally welcomed by President Richard von Weizsaecker of the Federal Republic.

Several hundred

people assembled here, including Holocaust survivors and West German dignitaries, headed by von Weizsaecker and the Prime Minister of Lower Saxony, Ernst Albrecht. Many fought back tears as the El Mole Rachamin, the prayer for the dead, was chanted by a cantor.

Then Herzog faced the audience. "In this place, the vale of slaughter, and at the outset of my journey on this soil, I leave as a memorial, my brethren and sisters, victims of the Shoah (Holocaust), a stone hewn from the rocks of Jerusalem. On it are carved the words

of the psalmist, as testimony to the decimation of my people: 'My pain is with me forever.'"

He recalled, "I was here for the first time 42 years ago. Then I was a Jewish soldier from the land of Isarel, participating in the destruction of the Nazi regime, plucking the brands snatched from the fire. The memory of those shocking sights will never, ever leave me.

"Now, accompanied by some survivors, I return as President of the State of Israel, the independent Jewish State, by decision of its sovereign government, to bear witness before you that the ultimate destiny of the Jewish people will never be betrayed and that the Jewish people lives on."

At the ceremony, a Holocaust survivor, Hadassah Rosensaft, recognized Herzog as one of the officers of

the British army which liberated the concentration camp. She burst into tears and embraced the President.

The memorial service at Bergen-Belsen was a far cry both in mood and setting from the ceremonial pomp that greeted Herzog and his wife Aura when they stepped from their Israel Air Force jet at Bonn airport.

After reviewing a guard of honor, Herzog was flown by helicopter to Villa Hammer-schmidt, the official residence of President von Weizsaecker. There, German army units passed in review and the national anthems of Israel and West Germany were played. The two Presidents had a brief talk and were then flown to Hannover, capital of Lower Saxony, and from there by helicopter to Bergen-Belsen. Before unveiling the memorial stone, Herzog visited

the museum at the concentration camp site and inspected the sole remaining barrack.

Herzog's five-day tour of West Germany, following a five-day visit to Switzerland, was controversial in Israel where some thought no President of Israel should set foot on German soil. Von Weizsaecker went out of his way to thank Herzog for accepting Bonn's invitation. "Of course I understand those who voiced criticism," he told reporters three days before Herzog's arrival. He said the visit by the Israeli chief of state was "an extraordinary event of an extremely important meaning."

Von Weizsaecker denied that the visit was intended to "close" the chapter of the German past. "In history there can be no such closure," he said.

Herzog's words at Bergen-Belsen bore that out, for he addressed himself to those long dead. "You bequeathed to our people the precept of life, the imperative of existence," he said.

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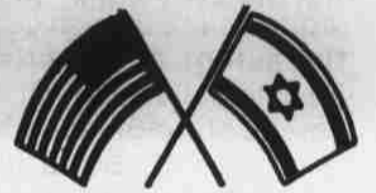
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