



A rendering of the Holocaust Museum designed by the Washington firm of Netter, Finsgold & Alexander Inc.

Design of Holocaust Museum Unveiled

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP) — The United States Holocaust Memorial Council today unveiled plans for a \$30 million museum and archive to document the slaughter of millions of Jews and members of other ethnic groups by Nazi Germany.

The red granite building, to be constructed with money raised privately by a group called A Campaign to Remember, would replace two red-brick Government buildings near the Washington monument. Mark E. Tallman, vice chairman of the commission, told a House subcommittee.

"The events of the last three weeks demonstrate we must redouble our efforts" to educate the public about the Holocaust, Mr. Tallman said. He was referring to the controversy about President Reagan's visit last Sunday to a West German military

cemetery where members of the SS, the Nazi Party's elite guard, are buried.

Mr. Tallman said there had been misstatements about World War II in recent news accounts that "indicate how little is understood about the darkness that is called the Holocaust."

Mr. Tallman presented the plans for the museum to the House Appropriations Committee's Interior Subcommittee at a hearing on the council's request for funds for the 1985 fiscal year.

The architect, George Netter, said the 275,000-square-foot, five-story building with two underground levels would include space for exhibitions, archives, conference rooms, a cafeteria and the council's administrative offices. The building's design must be

approved by Interior Secretary Donald P. Hodel.

Council officials expect to open the building in 1989, Mr. Tallman said. He said the Campaign to Remember had \$11 million pledged.

Goal Is \$100 Million

The museum would be operated by the council, which receives Government funds. The council also plans to raise money to help cover museum operating expenses. Mr. Tallman said the campaign's ultimate goal is \$100 million.

The council has asked for an appropriation of \$1.95 million for fiscal 1986 to continue historical research for the development of museum programs.

The council has obtained permission from the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to raze the two turn-of-the-century Government buildings that were constructed as annexes to the Auditor's Building.

"I think you should tell me first why you think you need a new building," said Representative Sidney R. Yates, Democrat of Illinois, the subcommittee chairman. He noted that the annex buildings had been set aside for the museum because they could be "symbolic of the buildings the people who endured the Holocaust" were housed in.

Mr. Netter said the annexes did not contain enough space for the museum, and that they were in such bad condition that they could be refurbished only at great expense.

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