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## VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN SAID SAMUEL PISAR WAS A FRIEND OF FRENCH PRESIDENTS

HE PASSED AWAY ON JULY 27

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**USPA NEWS** - "Jill and I were very saddened to hear of the passing of Samuel Pisar, a courageous and remarkable man, and the step-father of our dear friend, Deputy Secretary of State Tony Blinken. The entire Biden family extend our deepest sympathies to Samuel's family. Said Vice President Joe Biden.

SAMUEL PISAR SERVED PROUDLY AMERICA AND "WAS A FRIEND OF FRENCH PRESIDENTS"-----

US Vice president Joe Biden, expressed his sorrow at the sad death of Samuel Pisar, the world renowned American lawyer, former advisor of John F Kennedy. He extended the condolences to the rest of Samuel's and Blinken's family : "Tony's mother Judith, his sister Leah, and wife Evan."

Samuel Pisar who served America, in many ways, happens to be also the step father of Antony Blinken, the US Deputy Secretary of State and the former Deputy National Security Advisor for President Obama. Antony Blinken is the step son of Samuel Pisar who has been married twice. He had two daughters from his first wife, Norma Pisar, and one from his second wife, Judith, with whom he lived in Paris and New York City, USA. Anthony Blinken is actually the son of Judith.

"Samuel overcame a childhood lost to the horrors of the Holocaust, and a young adulthood in the poverty of postwar Europe, to become an advisor to President John F. Kennedy and a friend to French Presidents Francois Mitterrand and Valery Giscard d'Estaing." Said Joe Biden.

His success as a lawyer and statesman were only surpassed by the courage he showed in speaking of his Holocaust experience. He confronted not only the brutality of his experience but the person he had to become to survive.

His memoir, "Of Blood and Hope", should be required reading. It stands as a strong reminder for every generation of our ongoing obligation to never forget, a lesson I have imparted to my children and grandchildren by taking them to Dachau and Auschwitz.

Samuel's spirit of public service and his dedication to community live on in his children. We have seen it up close in Tony's service to our nation, and his friendship to our family. And for that, we are truly grateful. Samuel was a good man." Said US Vice President Biden.

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FRENCH OFFICIAL CONDOLENCE TO HIS FAMILY

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WHO WAS SAMUEL PISAR A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR WHO SERVED MANY COUNTRIES -----

Samuel Pisar was a Polish-born American lawyer, author, and Holocaust survivor. Born in March 1929, he died on July 27 at 86. After the liberation, Pisar spent a year and a half in the American occupation zone of Germany, engaging in black marketeering with fellow survivors. He was rescued by an aunt living in Paris. His uncle sent him to Melbourne, Australia, where he resumed his studies. He attended George Taylor and Staff School (now Taylors College) and went on to attain a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Melbourne in 1953. After recovering from a bout of tuberculosis, he traveled to the United States and earned a doctorate in law from Harvard University. He also held a doctorate from the Sorbonne.

Pisar's memoir, Of Blood and Hope, in which he tells the story of how he survived the Holocaust, received the Present Tense literary award in 1981. He has also written a narration based on his experiences and his anger at God, for Leonard Bernstein's Symphony No. 3 ("Kaddish").-----

Among distinctions, he is a Grand Officer of the French Legion of Honour and a Commander of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland. In March 1995 Pisar was appointed an Honorary Officer of the Order of Australia, "for service to international relations and human rights".-----

He was the founder of Yad Vashem France, Director of the Foundation pour la Mémoire de la Shoah and trustee of the Brookings Institution Washington. Pisar died yesterday on July 27, 2015 in New York.

Holocaust Memorial Museum, New York. David Patrick Stearns (17 April 2008). "For Bernstein's Kaddish a bold, personal voice".

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