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## **SAMUEL PISAR ADVISER OF JOHN KENNEDY DIES AT 86 AUTHOR OF BLOOD AND HOPE**

### **FRENCH OFFICIAL CONDOLENCE TO HIS FAMILY**

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**USPA NEWS** - "Samuel Pisar was a man of exceptional destiny which crossed the tragedies of the last century with a courage and a unique thirst for life and advance the world. Deported at 13, released at 16, he was one of the youngest Holocaust survivors." Cabinet of Elysee Palace.

After the war, he became successively a distinguished scholar, a brilliant international lawyer, the adviser of President JF Kennedy and a renowned writer. "For the bloodshed becomes, in his words, "the blood of hope," Samuel PISAR was dedicated to the imperious obligation to pass what he had experienced and dedicated his extraordinary journey in the memory of those and those passed by the horror of the Nazi camps. A tireless defender of human rights and peace among peoples, Samuel PISAR was highly optimistic and a steadfast moral strength. His life is confused with our history, she died yesterday in New York. My thoughts are with his family and friends. I address them, my condolences." Cabinet of Elysee Palace.

**WHO WAS SAMUEL PISAR ?**-----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 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". Philadelphia Inquirer. and The New York Times.

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