MOSHE SHARETT DIES IN JERUSALEM; BODY LAID IN STATE; FUNERAL TOMORROW

JERUSALEM, July 7, (JTA) -- Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, former Prime Minister and ex-Foreign Minister of Israel, died here this afternoon at Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital. He was 71. He was also a member of Israel’s Parliament since the establishment of the State in 1948.

Death came after a long illness, and the cause was diagnosed as lung cancer. After being in and out of the hospital a number of times, he re-entered the institution 10 days ago, seemed to feel better, continued to see friends and members of the family, and dictating correspondence until yesterday, when he fell into a coma. His family was at his bedside at the end. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

His body will be laid in state in the courtyard of the Jewish Agency here tomorrow. The funeral will be held Friday morning. Intermment, in accordance with his wishes, will be in the old cemetery at Tel Aviv.

His family disclosed that, in a will he signed in August of 1962, he had requested that "news of my death not be published through mourning notices in the streets; no eulogies should be delivered at my funeral and interment; I should be laid to rest in the old cemetery at Tel Aviv, next to the graves of Dov Hoz and Eliahu Golomb." Both were old friends and colleagues of Moshe Sharett in the Mapai Party.

The Sharrett family requested that the public refrain "in the spirit of the will of the deceased, and in accordance with his oral requests," from "publishing notices of mourning or condolence in the press." The family also requested that no wreaths be sent or brought to the funeral.

Israel Government and Jewish Agency Announce Sharett’s Passing

The Israel Government and the Jewish Agency issued the following statement: "The Government, the World Zionist Organization and Knesset announce in grief and sorrow the passing of Moshe Sharett. The Jewish people have been bereaved of a leader of the State, a pilot of the movement and a teacher of the Nation. A man of true nobility in the House of Israel has gone to his eternal rest.

"Moshe Sharett has inscribed illustrious chapters in the book of Israel’s resurgence through his activities as head of the Jewish Agency’s political department on the eve of the establishment of the State, as Israel’s first Foreign Minister and as Premier, as spokesman for the Nation and the Jewish people, as a central pillar of the Zionist movement, as chairman of the Zionist executive in recent years, as one of the foremost leaders of Israel's labor party and one of the standard bearers of the Zionist labor movement."

In a lifetime of service to the Jewish people, not only in Palestine and Israel but around the world, Mr. Sharett had come into closer personal contact with world Jewry than probably any other of Israel’s leaders of his generation. He was popular, not only in his own land, but around the world; World Zionism considered him one of its outstanding spokesmen. The labor movement in Israel looked upon him as among the most ardent of defenders.

For many years in the front ranks of domestic politics in his homeland, he found opposition and then, but his outright opponents were comparatively few in number and, even among them, he won tremendous respect. In Israeli politics, as well as in world diplomacy, he was known as a tough negotiator but one who was realistic enough to avoid pushing any dispute to its utmost limits. He had opponents in both Histadrut and Mapai, but never suffered unpopularity even among those who fought his proposals hardest. Universally, he was regarded as a negotiator par excellence, as a statesman with vision.

Led Fight at United Nations to Secure the Creation of Israel

When the newly formed United Nations started looking into "the Palestine Question" in 1946, he was dispatched by the Jewish Agency to represent it at the UN as its official delegation head. It was under his guidance that the first great victory at the United Nations was won when, on November 29, 1947, the UN General Assembly voted in favor of the partition of Palestine, giving the world organization’s approval of the formation of a Jewish State in Palestine.

When Israel formed its own Provisional Government, he was selected as Foreign Minister and, in 1949, he became the State's Cabinet Minister in charge of foreign affairs. It
was under his direction that Israel evolved a diplomatic corps considered by the world as second to none in skill and efficiency. After the Jewish State came into being, he Hebraized his name, becoming known as Moshe Sharett.

In 1953, when Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion retired to private life temporarily, Mr. Sharett became Prime Minister, holding the post of head of the Government until Mr. Ben-Gurion resumed the Premiership in 1955. Then Mr. Sharett re-assumed the position of Foreign Minister, holding that Ministry until he was elected to the chairmanship of the Jewish Agency's executive.

*Was Born in Russia; Came to Palestine at the Age of 12*

Mr. Sharett, born Moshe Shertok at Kherson, Russia, in 1894, came to Palestine at the age of 12, in 1906. His high school studies were obtained at Herzliya Secondary School in Tel Aviv. He continued his studies at Istanbul University, Turkey, where he graduated from the Law Faculty, then went on to study at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Back in Tel Aviv in 1925, he joined the editorial staff of "Davar," the daily newspaper of the Hatzadud, Israel's labor federation, which he helped found. From 1925 to 1931 he edited the paper's English weekly supplement. When in 1931 Chaim Arlosoroff became the head of the Jewish Agency's Political Department, Mr. Sharett was named Political Secretary of the Agency. Following the assassination of Mr. Arlosoroff in the summer of 1933, Mr. Sharett was elected to the key post.

After having served on various important Jewish agency missions to the United States, England, France and Canada, he became one of the most active personalities, during World War II, in the recruitment of Jews to fight on the side of the Allies. It was he who initiated the formation of the Jewish Brigade and, in 1945, it was Moshe Shertok who presented its own flag to the Jewish Brigade in Italy.

**U. S. JEWS MOURN THE PASSING OF SHARETT; WAS BELOVED BY AMERICAN JEWRY**

NEW YORK, July 7. (JTA) -- All major American Jewish organizations expressed grief today over the death of Moshe Sharett, who was beloved by all segments of American Jewry and who served as a strong link between Israel and the Jewish community in the United States. Messages of mourning were cabled by many Jewish groups in this country to the Jewish Agency in Israel, of which Mr. Sharett was the chairman. Statements were also issued by Jewish leaders here eulogizing Mr. Sharett and emphasizing his great services to Jewry.

The Jewish Agency offices here closed following the receiving of the news from Israel of Mr. Sharett's death, and a memorial service was held in the Jewish Agency building. A memorial service to be attended by representatives of all major Jewish organizations will take place on Friday, the day of the funeral in Israel.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, American Section, said in a statement: "The death of Moshe Sharett is a shattering blow and heavy loss to the Jewish people, to world Zionism and the State of Israel. No one of the present generation of Jewish leaders has personified more completely or more nobly, highest Jewish aspirations for national rebirth in freedom and dignity, for social justice, for cultural renaissance and spiritual renewal.

As a pioneer and student, as scholar and ideologist, as diplomat and statesman, he was the finest flower of modern Israel. His significance in contemporary Jewish history transcends by far his manifold, concrete achievements as Zionist leader and as outstanding architect of the Jewish State, playing a decisive role in shaping its domestic life and foreign policies. More especially, in recent years, he came to be recognized as the authentic voice of Israel and its moral conscience. He leaves a void which cannot be filled. He is irreplaceable. He will be mourned throughout the world wherever men cherish freedom, honor and integrity."

Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, member of the Jewish Agency executive and co-chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists, declared: "He was leader and teacher, holding fast to the principles in which he believed, inflexible in matters of integrity, yet understanding of differences of opinion and ready for adjustment when principles were not negated. He was a man of culture, for whom education in general and Jewish learning in particular, were not merely words to be uttered but deeds to be pursued. The place he occupied is now empty and there is none to fill it."

Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., and chairman of the United Israel Appeal, and Gottlieb Hammer, executive vice-chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., declared in a statement: "Moshe Sharett belonged to the whole of the Jewish people. No community was too small or too isolated for him to visit; no task too important for him to undertake; no problem too small to enlist his attention and his thought. Holding high position in the State after its establishment, he was a symbol in Israel and to Jews everywhere, of the moral standards which leadership imposes."

Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, national president of Hadassah, said: "Moshe Sharett devoted himself heart and soul to advancing the welfare and well-being of the Jewish
people. He represented his country with distinction in the community of nations in his quest for peace with justice, and human dignity in freedom; He gave direction to our aspirations for Jewish survival; He was not only a statesman and a diplomat. He was a scholar and a teacher who was both honored for his accomplishments and beloved for himself. His passing has left a void in our hearts;"

Jacques Torczyner, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said: "Moshe Sharett's dedication and his philosophy, his contributions to the furtherance of the Zionist movement, to the building of the State of Israel and the confidence he enjoyed among the people of Israel during his tenure as Prime Minister--these constitute a vivid symbol of his life-long achievements which will rank him in history alongside the great giants in our movement. His life and works will be inscribed in golden letters across the pages of Jewish history. His memory will be eternally enshrined in the hearts and minds of the Jewish people;" 

The National Committee for Labor Israel, in a statement by Joseph Schlossberg, president; Rabbi Jacob J.J. Weilstein, chairman; and Sol Stein, executive director, declared: "He was a leading spirit of Histadrut. His passion for social justice and international understanding made modern Israel a light unto the nations. Moshe Sharett was a man of scholarship, wisdom and compassion, deeply dedicated to the labor movement of Israel which he served with unusual talents as pioneer, editor and orator. His name, meaning service, will endure forever in Jewish history.

Council of Jewish Federations Mourns Loss of Sharett

Max M. Fisher, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, declared in a statement: "As chairman of the Jewish Agency, Mr. Sharett established close ties with the American Jewish community which provides the major portion of funds through the UJA, for the agency's humanitarian work. With his untimely passing, the world has lost an effective champion of democracy, the Jewish people and the State of Israel. We have lost a great spokesman and statesman, and all of us in the UJA have lost a beloved friend and inspiring colleague;"

Louis Stern, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, declared in a statement: "The world and the Jewish people have lost a great citizen. He was a wise and skilful statesman, deeply committed to the peace cooperation of all peoples; an erudite scholar with a passion for learning and for the intellect; a gracious and kindly human being, whose company it was always a privilege to share. He embodied Jewish history; We shall miss him;"

Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization and Dr. Josefa J. Schwartz, vice-president, paid tribute to Mr. Sharett as a distinguished world leader and "a warm and enlightened friend and teacher of American Jewry." "No monument could rise to the height of his towering contribution to Jewish history," they declared. They characterized Mr. Sharett as "an eloquent exponent and spokesman for the Zionist ideal, and a learned statesman skilled in the ways of world affairs and international diplomacy."

Morris B. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee, said: "The JDC, which cooperated closely with Mr. Sharett over a period of many years, especially during the crucial partition period at the United Nations, was privileged to witness in Mr. Sharett that high quality of effective statesmanship which brought many of his ideals and hopes for Jewry to fulfillment. Since the establishment of the State of Israel, Mr. Sharett, as Prime Minister and Foreign Minister and, in his last post, as head of the Jewish Agency, carried on that same practical vision and pioneering spirit which made the State a reality and contributed so greatly to its dynamic growth."

Dr. William A. Wexler, president of B'nai B'rith said: "The death of Moshe Sharett diminishes the Jewish community. He was the pioneer who revived an ancient homeland, the statesman who fought for his nation's integrity, the intellectual with a scholar's perception of the historic developments of his time and, perhaps above all, a leader guided by a compassionate understanding of man's hopes and needs. The service of his people was the substance of his life, and he served with a dignity that exemplified his every deed."

Dr. George S. Wise, president of Tel Aviv University, declared: "I am grieved beyond words at the loss of a beloved friend and mentor. Tel Aviv University is the consummation of one of Moshe Sharett's great dreams. It was his guiding spirit, his dedication, his understanding of the need for it that made its existence possible. Tel Aviv University will work with renewed ardor to carry the institution forward along the path he set."

Statements expressing grief over Sharett's death were also issued by the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute, the Farband-Labor Zionist Order, the Pioneer Women and other Jewish groups.

GERMANY AND ISRAEL APPROVE THE AMBASSADORS NAMED BY EACH COUNTRY

Bonn, July 7, (JTA) -- The "crisis" over approving the ambassadors named by the West German Government to Israel and by Israel to West Germany came to an end today. The Bonn Government announced officially that it has approved Ascher Ben-Nathan as Israel's envoy to West Germany, and that Israel has approved Rolf Pauls as Bonn's envoy to the Jewish State.
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO PROBE INTO ACTIVITIES OF ANTI-SEMITIC GROUPS

BUENOS AIRES, July 7; (JTA) -- Minister of the Interior Juan Palmero requested the Ministry of Justice today to probe the activities of members and adherents of a group of neo-fascist, anti-Semitic and Communist organizations. He asked the Justice Ministry to order public prosecutors to seek judicial procedures and punishment of such people.

Mr. Palmero named specifically, among the "extremist" groups, the Nationalist Tacuar Movement, its affiliated Nationalist Union of High School Students, the Juvenile Communist Federation and Guardia Restauradores Nacionalistas. In his request to the Justice Ministry, he stated: "It is the duty of the public powers to preserve liberty, strengthen public order, defend the law from those who try to perturb the general peace."

GROUP OF 48 CLERGYMEN AND EDUCATORS LEAVE FOR STUDY TOUR OF ISRAEL

NEW YORK, July 7; (JTA) -- The fourth annual Study Tour of Israel, sponsored by the Inter-University Committee on Israel — a division of the America-Israel Society — left by plane today with 48 university faculty members and Christian clergymen, it was announced by Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin of Baltimore, president of the Society.

"It is appropriate," said Mayor McKeldin, "that our two peoples, sharing as they do a common spiritual and democratic heritage, should meet in this people-to-people program. Our study tour to Israel," he emphasized, "is designed to probe in some depth the historic background and contemporary significance of Israel. The group will study subjects varying from the Dead Sea Scrolls to the modern kibbutzim, and from Israel's ancient cultural contribution to the world, to her present partnership with the new nations of Africa and Asia."

The group of distinguished leaders, coming from 13 states and the District of Columbia, represent the major religious bodies of the United States and the educators are primarily in the fields of religion and the social sciences. Their program of the tour is divided between an extensive touring of the land and a week of intensive study in a seminar at the Hebrew University. The Seminar, devoted to "Contemporary Israel in the Perspective of History," will be opened by Dr. Eliahu Elath, president of the Hebrew University and also president of the Israel-America Society.

CHICAGO FEDERATION HONORS LATE JULIUS ROSENWALD; DEDICATES PLAQUE

CHICAGO, July 7; (JTA) -- A large bronze plaque honoring the late Julius Rosenwald, not only as one of Chicago's great philanthropists and captains of industry but also as the chief architect of the consolidation of Chicago's major Jewish philanthropies, was dedicated in the lobby of the Jewish Federation Building here. Officers and directors of the Jewish Federation and all its affiliated agencies, together with other leading men and women of the Jewish community participated in the ceremonies.

Brief tributes were made by A.D. Davis, president of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago and by Rabbi Ralph Simon, spiritual leader of Congregation Rodfei Zedek. In attendance at the ceremonies were the three men who have received the Julius Rosenwald Memorial Gold Medal: Frank L. Sulzberger, former president of the Jewish Federation; Samuel A. Goldsmith, executive vice-president of the Jewish Federation for the past 35 years and Dr. S.S. Hollender, past president of the Federation.

Three years ago, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Julius Rosenwald's birth, the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago inaugurated the Julius Rosenwald Memorial Award, given annually "to the individual who has achieved most in the advancement of the purposes of the Jewish Federation and welfare of the Jewish Community."

Mr. Rosenwald served as president of the Associated Jewish Charities of Chicago—now known as the Jewish Federation— and as a member of the board of directors for many years beginning in 1908. His contributions to the Associated Jewish Charities and his influence upon members of Chicago's Jewish community resulted in substantial support for Jewish philanthropic endeavors during their critical formative period.

MRS. ANNENBERG, PROMINENT PHILANTHROPIST, DEAD; MADE SUBSTANTIAL GIFTS

NEW YORK, July 7; (JTA) -- Mrs. Sadie Freedman Annenberg, prominent Jewish philanthropist and widow of the millionaire publishing magnate, Moses L. Annenberg, died here yesterday at the age of 86. Mrs. Annenberg was honored just last month by her eight children, each of whom contributed $1,000,000 toward the new Mount Sinai School of Medicine here.

Born in New York City, Sadie Cecilia Freedman, she was married to Mr. Annenberg in 1899. Her philanthropic activities included several gifts to the State of Israel, among them the Sadie C. Annenberg Soil and Irrigation Institute at Gilat near Beer Sheba. In 1962 her family presented in her honor a $1,000,000 gift to the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University.