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LOUIS A. PINCUS, WORLD ZIONIST LEADER, DIES AT AGE 61 Burial-Friday On-Mount-Herzl

JERUSALEM, July 25 (JTA)--Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive and of the World Zionist Organization and newly-elected chairman of the Conference of Jewish Organizations (COJO), died in his sleep here early this morning. He was 61. Though he had suffered some heart trouble last year, he was thought to be in reasonably good health. His wife, Chasya, found him dead beside her when she awoke this morning.

The Jewish Agency announced this afternoon that Mr. Pincus will be buried Friday at the section of Mount Herzl graveyard reserved for prominent Zionist leaders. The bier will be brought to the Jewish Agency head offices early Friday morning and will then lie in state at the Jerusalem Convention Hall where the public will pay its respects. Premier Golda Meir is expected to deliver the eulogy at the funeral service there.

News of Mr. Pincus' death was withheld by radio and newspapers until his son in the army was located and informed. The government ceremonies committee went into immediate session to work out arrangements for the official funeral. The national flag atop the Jewish Agency building in the heart of Jerusalem was lowered to half-mast.

Mr. Pincus' chief aide, Moshe Rivlin, the Agency's director general, who was in Europe, was notified of the tragedy. He made immediate arrangements to return to Israel. Leon Dultzin, Agency treasurer and now acting chairman, was also abroad and was summoned home.

Mr. Pincus was born in the Orange Free State in South Africa in 1912 and was graduated from the Witwatersrand University Law School in 1934 and opened a law practice in South Africa.

Involved In Many Activities

One of the founders of the Habonim Movement in South Africa, he served as chairman of the South African Labor Zionist Movement from 1939 to 1948 and as vice-chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, which he represented at the Zionist Congress at Basle.

Mr. Pincus settled in Israel in 1948 and for one year served as legal advisor to the Transport Ministry of the fledgling State. In 1949, he was appointed managing director of El Al and in the next seven years laid the foundations of the country's proficient and profitable national air carrier. In 1957, he joined a leading Tel Aviv law firm.

He was a member of the Central Committee and chairman of the academic section of Mafap, the Israeli Labor Party, and a member of the Executive of the World Union of Poalei Zion. His association with the Jewish Agency began in 1956 when he was elected chairman of its finance and budget committee. He was elected treasurer of the Agency in 1961 and chairman of the Executive in 1965. Since 1968 he also held the aliya and absorption portfolio on the Agency Executive.

From 1962 to 1971, Mr. Pincus was chairman of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University and from 1971, president of Yad Chaim Weizmann. His major achievement as Agency head was the

reconstitution of the Jewish Agency which he finally brought about in 1971 after years of effort. Under the reconstitution, major Jewish organizations which had not been members of the World Zionist Organization became members of the Jewish Agency.

Prominent among these were the main fund raising bodies such as the United Jewish Appeal, but they also included such organizations as the World Sephardi Union and Maccabi. A board of governors of the Reconstituted Agency was set up with 150 representatives of the WZO and 150 of the other bodies. Max Fisher of Detroit is chairman of the Reconstituted Jewish Agency.

A new, more streamlined and efficient division of responsibility was introduced: The Agency is responsible for work for Israel such as fund raising, immigration, absorption, social welfare and youth aliya, while the WZO supervises information, youth activities and educational work in the diaspora.

Mr. Pincus was reelected chairman of the WZO Executive in 1972. The post of president, however, eluded him. It has been vacant since Dr. Nahum Goldmann's retirement in 1968. Mr. Pincus was an accomplished and sometimes rousing public speaker. He leaves his widow and two sons, David and Alon. (See P. 3 for reaction from Jewish leaders in this country and abroad.)

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT BARS ISRAELI FIRMS FROM IMPORTING CEMENT FROM THE USSR

JERUSALEM, July 25 (JTA)--Informed sources here reported today that the Israel government, reversing an earlier decision, has barred Israeli firms from importing cement from the Soviet Union.

The sources said that top-level consultations took place this week at which it was decided, contrary to the previous position to allow such imports informally, that trade with the USSR would be impolitic at this time. The sources said the government felt that such trading, at a time when Israel and Jews are pressing the Soviet for unrestricted emigration for Soviet Jews, would be unwise and might hamper the aliya campaign. It was believed that Premier Golda Meir was involved in the decision.

The new development followed conflicting reports on such trade. Despite a Soviet denial that any Russian cement would be sold to Israel for construction of "fortifications," officials reported yesterday that agents from a number of countries had come to Israel to offer cement to Israeli firms.

U.S., ISRAEL CRITICAL OF 7-NATION DRAFT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED IN COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS; July 25 (JTA)--A seven-nation draft resolution was introduced today at the Security Council on the Middle East containing elements to which the United States and Israel registered objections. After introduction of the draft, the Council adjourned until tomorrow when a vote will be taken on the proposal.

The draft expressed "regrets" that Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, and his special representative, Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, had been "unable to report any significant progress" in carrying out the terms of Resolution 242. The draft also "strongly deplores" Israel's continued occupation of the Arab territories seized in the Six-Day War. The draft criticized Israel's "lack

of cooperation" with Waldheim and Dr. Jarring and supported Dr. Jarring's action in Feb., 1961, when he proposed that Egypt commit itself to a peace settlement with Israel and that Israel agree to complete withdrawal from the administered areas. That effort ended Dr. Jarring's renewed efforts for a Mideast settlement.

The draft also cited "respect" for the "rights and legitimate aspirations of the Palestinians" as one of the essential conditions for a peaceful settlement. Other elements listed were respect for "national sovereignty, territorial integrity (and) the rights of all states in the area." The resolution also opposed changes in the administered territories, "which may obstruct a peaceful and final settlement or which may adversely affect the political and other fundamental rights of all the inhabitants."

U.S. Finds Elements Difficult To Accept

John Scali, United States Ambassador to the United Nations, said, after the session adjourned, that there were "some elements" in the draft resolution that were "very difficult" for the United States to accept. He made the comment outside the Council chambers, as he did last Friday in warning that Egyptian and Soviet statements for a "one-sided" resolution would lead to a U.S. veto.

An American source at the UN said the United States objected to "the general tenor" of the draft which the source said represented a shift away from Resolution 242. The U.S. particularly objected to the inclusion of the reference to the rights of the Palestinians.

Mohammed el-Zayyat, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, had urged inclusion in the draft of a statement opposing Israel's occupation and supporting the principle of total Israeli withdrawal. Though Egypt failed in that effort, Egyptian sources here said Egypt was satisfied with the draft, which was submitted by Guinea, India, Indonesia, Panama, Peru, Sudan and Yugoslavia.

Observers here said the U.S. was expected to veto the draft but did not rule out the possibility that the U.S. would abstain. The Egyptian goal now is to obtain 14 supporting votes of the 15 Council members in order to isolate the U.S. A U.S. veto would demonstrate, according to the Egyptians, the "collusion" between the United States and Israel.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told there were 12 Council members favoring adoption of the resolution, and Australia, Austria and the U.S. undecided. A French diplomat here said the French believe the U.S. will abstain in the scheduled vote tomorrow.

Tekoa: Debate Fostering Confrontation

Yosef Tekoa, Israel's Ambassador to the UN, said today during the debate that it was fostering "continued confrontation with Israel, not accommodation." He termed the draft "an act of political hostility which disregards fact and law and maligns Israel only to please Egypt." He declared there was no mention in the draft of the need for agreement between the Mideast parties concerned.

Tekoa contended also that the draft resolution, with its reference to Palestinian rights, would have the effect of giving aid and encouragement to "hijackers and murderers." He said it would mean the end of Resolution 242 as a basis for a peaceful solution to the Mideast problem and "end the role of the United Nations" in the area.

He declared that support for Egypt in the Sec-

urity Council would be support for "the war-like views and similar designs" of Egypt. If Egypt was seeking peace, Tekoa added, it would find it, not in the Security Council, but in the Middle East and in negotiations with Israel.

MRS. MEIR REJECTS COMPARISON BETWEEN PROBLEMS OF JEWS AND PALESTINIANS Only Two Countries Possible: Israel For Jews, Jordan For Palestinians

JERUSALEM, July 25 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir rejected today comparisons between the situation of the Jewish people and those of the Palestinian Arabs. Addressing the Knesset on its last day before adjourning for the summer recess and the October elections, Mrs. Meir said such a comparison was a "complete distortion."

While Jews around the world lived outside of their homeland, the Palestinian Arabs can express their nationality in Jordan, she said. "Israel is the only country in the world where the people of Israel can live in Jewish independence," Mrs. Meir said.

She reiterated that between the Mediterranean and the eastern desert there was room for two countries only, a Jewish state and an Arab state, Israel and Jordan. She said "we oppose the creation of an additional Arab state." While the Palestinian refugee problem was caused because the Arab states prevented any solution in the Middle East, Mrs. Meir said, Israel had started after the Six-Day War to rehabilitate Arab refugees under its control. "We did and we shall do our utmost, and we shall try to obtain resources from international sources to achieve this goal," she said.

Rejects Negotiations With Terrorist Groups

Mrs. Meir rejected the possibility of Israel negotiating with the Arab terrorist organizations, saying, "It is not acceptable that we shall negotiate with murderous organizations which aspire to destroy Israel and create in its place a Palestinian state." She expressed surprise at repeated mention in the United Nations and other places of the "legitimate interests" of the Palestinian people. "These statements do not contribute to the advancement of peace," she said. They only encourage the terror organizations ideologically and cause false hopes, she added.

Mrs. Meir devoted most of her two-hour speech to internal social problems, saying that since 1970 the security budget was declining in proportion to other parts of the total budget. She said poverty is now more complex than in the past. In addition to being a matter of low standard of living, it also was a matter of the subjective feeling of the individual, she noted.

Mrs. Meir said the main objective of the government had been to secure a minimum standard of income, education and housing. One objective was already reached, she said, declaring that there are no more families in Israel which do not get the minimum income.

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry said today that "it has reason to believe" that Soviet authorities in Tbilisi, Soviet Georgia, will make a decision next week regarding the possible trial of Grigory and Isuf Goldstein. The NCSJ urged that the Jewish community call upon Soviet officials in Washington, Moscow and Tbilisi to cancel the trial "in the spirit of detente."

Linda Wejnstratzki, 22, of Chicago, who was swept away from the shore while bathing at a closed beach north of Haifa on Monday, was found dead today a-half mile from where she disappeared. The friend who accompanied her reached shore safely.

JEWISH LEADERS MOURN PINCUS' DEATH

NEW YORK, July 25 (JTA)--Leaders of the Jewish community both here and abroad expressed grief and shock at the death of Louis A. Pincus. They declared that his indefatigable efforts on behalf of Zionism, Soviet Jewry, and Jewish education strengthened world Jewry and inspired other Jewish leaders.

Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the American Section--World Zionist Organization, termed him "the most influential non-governmental figure in Israel." She noted that "under his direction, the Jewish Agency administered the expenditure of the hundreds of millions of dollars annually raised by the world Jewish community for the immigration, absorption and welfare of the more than one and a half million settlers in Israel since the birth of the State a little over 25 years ago."

Mrs. Jacobson, who is also a member of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Board of Directors, stated: "No man was more thoroughly conversant with the entire diaspora, particularly their relationships to Israel. In every sense he was truly the outstanding world Jewish leader... a tireless worker, who never spared himself, he literally died in the service of his people, no less than a soldier on the field of battle."

Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said that Mr. Pincus' "selfless dedication to the cause of Jewish freedom and cultural enrichment strengthened all of diaspora Judaism." He noted that Mr. Pincus "inspired leaders of world Jewry to intensify their educational efforts and strengthen the bridge of relationships between Israel and their communities."

Peerless In Directing Services

Raymond Epstein, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, and vice-president of the JTA, said Mr. Pincus' leadership "was peerless in directing the manifold services of the Jewish Agency through the tumultuous years of the past decade, especially in the tremendously increased burdens the Agency has carried since 1967. He was architect, together with Max Fisher, of the reconstitution of the Jewish Agency, bringing world leadership into the governing bodies to help shape the policies and programs, and to bring the benefits of world expertise to meeting the human needs in Israel."

David M. Blumberg, B'nai B'rith president, who last month was elected co-chairman of COJO, observed that Mr. Pincus was "a purposeful Jew who was bold in his views, aggressive in his leadership, and resolute in his commitment to the unity of the Jewish people." Rose E. Matzkin, national president of Hadassah, said that he "holds a place in Israel's history and in our hearts. His loss leaves the Jewish world impoverished."

Michael M. Sacher, chairman of the Joint Palestine Appeal and chairman of the London Committee of JTA, said the death of Mr. Pincus "is a loss to the Jewish world and an immeasurable blow, coming at a time of momentous change in the Jewish world." Dr. Nahum Goldman, president of the World Jewish Congress, extolled him for "assuming with me and my colleagues an increasing share of the responsibilities for Congress activities. The Jewish people, the Zionist movement and the World Jewish Congress lose in him one of the most devoted leaders."

The Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland, over the signatures of Lord Janner of

Leicester, president, Abraham Kramer, chairman and Sidney L. Shipton, general secretary, stated that the death of Mr. Pincus constituted a "grievous loss" for the "totality of the Zionist and Jewish world."

William M. Landau, president of the JTA, described Mr. Pincus as "one of the outstanding Jewish leaders whose work for Israel and world Jewry is legendary. He contributed greatly toward instilling and deepening Jewish and Zionist consciousness. His contributions will be missed by all."

Personified Finest Ideals Of Zionism

A joint statement issued by Rabbi Israel Miller, president, and Mrs. Max Schenk, chairman of the Executive of the American Zionist Federation, said Mr. Pincus "personified the finest ideals of Zionism and strengthened the ties between Israel and diaspora Jewry. His visionary dynamism motivated the effective union of Zionists and non-Zionists in the Jewish Agency and its gigantic humanitarian and educational endeavors."

Elmer L. Winter, president of the American Jewish Committee, described Mr. Pincus as an "illustrious son who spent so much of his boundless energy in seeking to strengthen the ties of Israel and Jews the world over." Richard Maass, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said "his compassionate and intelligent persistence in our common efforts to aid Soviet Jews will be greatly missed."

50 ARRESTED IN SABOTAGE EFFORT

JERUSALEM, July 25 (JTA)--Officials reported today the arrest of 50 Arab residents of Hebron after authorities discovered an attempt to sabotage Kiryat Arba, Hebron's Jewish section. A bomb hidden near a transformer was discovered when it began smoking. It was removed without causing any damage. The officials said it was the first sabotage attempt in Kiryat Arba since the section was established.

KLEMENT RESIGNS PARTY POSTS

VIENNA, July 25 (JTA)--Liberal Austrian politician Hans Klement, who said he would refuse to work with Austria's Chancellor Bruno Kreisky because of his Jewish origin, resigned yesterday in a letter to the executive board of the Liberal's Viennese section. Their former vice-chairman said he resigned "spontaneously and voluntarily" from all his party functions. Party leaders accepted the resignation. In his letter, Klement called his statement a "regrettable mistake." Political observers said he would probably be expelled from the party.

PERES URGES ACTION AGAINST HIJACKERS

TEL AVIV, July 25 (JTA)--Transport Minister Shimon Peres said today that it is imperative for international organizations responsible for air travel safety to meet immediately to implement measures to ensure such safety.

Speaking to representatives of airline companies, Peres called for an "all-out war against hijackers: a war against terrorists by every nation, punishment of hijackers and preventing them from finding asylum in any country, and alertness at airports by airport authorities and airlines."

An eight-member peace delegation from Israel consisting of three Jews, three Arabs, a Druze and a Catholic nun are due to visit Denmark and Sweden next month to discuss the Mideast conflict with Scandinavian political leaders. Kalmon Jaron, a Jerusalem professor, and Sister Aline of the Ecce Homo Monastery in Jerusalem will head the delegation.

