

VICTOR EMANUEL, HEAD OF AVCO, DIES

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ITHACA, N.Y., Nov. 26—Victor Emanuel, board chairman of the Avco Manufacturing Corporation, died at his home here today. He was 62 years old.

As head of a widely diversified manufacturing enterprise, Mr. Emanuel directed such subsidiaries as the Crosley Corporation and Bendix Home Appliances, Inc., leading producers of household foods, farm and industrial equipment and aircraft parts.

He was a prominent figure in the development of public utility systems, and during World War II directed Avco in its production of vital war materials.

Mr. Emanuel had an ardent interest in thoroughbred racing. It was a common sight to see his colors in the winning circles of leading tracks in this country and in England. Partly because of his name, the same as that of the late king of Italy, the fact that he shunned personal publicity and his interests in international business, he was regarded by some as a man of mysterious intrigue.

Actually Mr. Emanuel was born in Dayton, Ohio, the son of a wealthy utilities man. After graduating from St. Mary's College in that city (now the University of Dayton) he attended Cornell. During World War I, he became a naval aviator and developed an interest in aviation that he kept throughout his life.

At the end of the war, Mr. Emanuel went to work for his father. A few years later he was able to buy out his father's utility interest with money put up by a Chicago banker and through public stock issues.

The new company, National Electric Power, expanded rapidly under his direction and soon controlled fourteen utilities across the country. In 1926, the company was sold to Samuel Insull for \$13,000,000.

Lived in England

After the sale, Mr. Emanuel and his wife, the former Dorothy Elizabeth Woodruff of Ithaca, whom he married in 1920, went to live in England. He soon became known as extravagant host and entertained lavishly at Rockingham Castle, which he leased and modernized. He continued to be successful financially in England, and was reported to be worth about \$40,000,000 at the age of 30.

At this time, Mr. Emanuel was reported to be planning a grandiose scheme with Alfred Lowenstein, a Belgian-born London banker, to take over all the utility companies in the United States.

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ROGER WILLIAMS, 68, A PATENT ATTORNEY

Roger Williams, a patent attorney and partner in the law firm of Richardson, David & Norden, 50 Church Street, died Thursday in LeRoy Hospital. He was 68 years old and lived at 134 West Twenty-third Street.

Mr. Williams was a lineal descendant of Roger Williams, who founded Rhode Island. He graduated from Brown University in 1914 and worked as a mechanic, chemist and engineer. In the last capacity, he specialized in the manufacture of radios and served as a consultant and lecturer in the field of radio.

In 1936, Mr. Williams became a patent attorney and started his own firm at 34 Park Row. He continued to maintain an office there, after joining Richardson, David & Norden in 1957. He specialized in electronic, electrochemical and foreign patents.

Survivors include his widow, Odessa, and a son, Robert.

BISHOP M'NAMARA OF WASHINGTON, 83

(AP)—The Most Rev. John M. McNamara, Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, died at Providence Hospital today. Bishop McNamara, who suffered a stroke Thanksgiving Day was 83 years old.

He was a native of Baltimore and was ordained a priest in 1902. He founded St. Gabriel Catholic Church here in 1920 and had been its pastor since then. He was consecrated a bishop in 1927.

As a bishop, he had ordained nearly 2,000 priests, most of whom studied at the Catholic University here.

He also was well known to American Catholics as one of the principal exponents of canonization of Mother Elizabeth Seton, founder of the Daughters of Charity of Emmitsburg, Md. Mother Seton, who died in 1921, was beatified in 1959. This is the next to final step toward canonization.

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The depression took its toll of his holdings, however, and with the collapse of the utility empire, Mr. Emanuel lost most of his personal fortune. In the mid-Thirties, he became interested in the Cord Corporation, which then included Avco as a subsidiary. By August, 1937, he gained control of the company and gradually formed the foundation of the business empire he controlled at the time of his death.

Republic Steel Director

In addition to his post with Avco, he was a director of the Republic Steel Corporation and of Moffats, Ltd. Mr. Emanuel was also active in a number of civic and philanthropic endeavors.

In 1926, he purchased and presented to the Cornell library its collection of William Wordsworth memorabilia, to which he made periodic additions.

In 1927, Mr. Emanuel gave \$300,000 to the University of Dayton, of which he was a lay trustee, for the establishment of the Albert Emanuel library as a memorial to his father.

In 1947, he donated the Victor Emanuel lecture fund to Cornell, of which he was also a trustee. He was a director of the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory Inc. Mr. Emanuel also was a member of the Aviation Research Advisory Committee of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration and a member of the Advisory Committee of the Case Institute of Technology, as well as a director and member of the executive committee of the National Community Fund for Medical Education.

Mr. Emanuel was a member of the Cloud, Lawyers, Turf and Field and Wings Club of New York.

He is survived by his widow, Dorothy; two sons, Albert and Barton; a brother, Ellard J. Emanuel, and three grandchildren.