

NATION MOURNS DEATH OF ROSENWALD

PASSES AWAY



JULIUS ROSENWALD
Noted philanthropist and business leader, who died Tuesday in his Chicago home. His benefactions to Negroes were widely heralded, and his death is mourned by the entire nation.

PHILANTHROPIST GAVE MILLIONS TO NEGRO EDUCATION

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 7—Julius Rosenwald, noted philanthropist, whose motto was "Charity is the one pleasure that never wears out," died in his sleep at his Ravenia Park mansion Tuesday after an illness which ended his active participation months ago in his multi-million dollar charitable pursuits. All members of his immediate family were at his bedside when

death came peacefully to the 69-year-old financier, whose rise to the head of Sears, Roebuck & Co. is another epoch of American business success and whose widespread philanthropy brought him honor the country over. His benefactions in many fields of welfare amount to more than \$15,000,000. He established the employers' savings and pension fund for the benefit of his thousands of workers in 1916. He erected a \$3,000,000 industrial museum in Chicago. He gave \$6,000,000 to aid Jewish colonization upon Russian farms. He donated \$3,000,000 to the University of Chicago.

But his greatest pleasure was in the Julius Rosenwald Foundation, for which he set aside \$35,000,000 for the "well-being of mankind."

Real Friend To Negro

Mr. Rosenwald's philanthropy aided the Negro immeasurably. Realizing the Negro's need of help, Rosenwald became interested in this cause in 1910. He aided in the erection of 16 Y. M. C. A. buildings and two Y. W. C. A. buildings for colored people. Later he erected a model apartment house for Negroes. The status of Negro education in 13 states was appreciably elevated through his help in erecting more than 4,000 "Julius Rosenwald schools."

Paid Perfect Tributes

Various notables of the Nation paid fine tributes to Mr. Rosenwald when the news of his death reached them. President Hoover regretted that Chicago and the Nation had lost an "outstanding citizen." Hoover also said: "His business ability found expression in commercial achievements of great magnitude and importance. His patriotism was reflected both in his services in the cause of national defense during the war and in his devotion to the upbuilding of the life of the community and the country in times of peace."

"One of his most conspicuous contributions to the public welfare," Mr. Hoover concluded, "was through his humanitarian activities."

Governor Alfred E. Smith, com-

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menting on Rosenwald's death, made the following statement: "All the world knows he was of the first line of Jewish philanthropic great men. I join with all America in mourning the passing of one whose life was devoted to the finer things and the uplifting of humanity."

Was Once Poor Lad

Born August 12, 1862, in Springfield, Mass., not far from the home of Abraham Lincoln, Rosenwald ran the full gamut of life from a poor boy to a man of almost fabulous wealth. His parents were middle-class citizens. Early in his primary education young Julius showed unusual signs of adeptness along business lines. He worked at odd jobs during his days and during vacations to help with his schooling.

One of his first jobs was pumping a church organ for five cents an hour. Later he worked in his father's store, and eventually he became head of the great Sears, Roebuck & Co., a \$5,000,000 a year business.

At the age of 17 Julius went to New York and started in the clothing business. Shortly thereafter he took an interest in Sears, Roebuck & Co., and later served first as vice president, treasurer, then president and finally as chairman of the board of the big Chicago concern.

Mr. Rosenwald's passing is not only mourned by millions of Jewish and Gentile citizens who profited by his philanthropy and knew his worth, but by men and women of every nation and all over the world.