

Field Dies In Hospital

NEW YORK, Nov. 8 (AP)—Marshall Field III, 63, multi-millionaire merchant, died today in New York hospital.

Field underwent brain surgery at the hospital Oct. 22. Until today he had been described as in fair condition.

His wife, Ruth, was present at his bedside when death came.

Field inherited one of the world's greatest fortunes—in the neighborhood of \$160,000,000—from his merchant grandfather, founder of the Chicago department store bearing his name.

Mrs. Field said her husband had been ill for about six weeks before the operation was performed.

A spokesman for the family said Field had been brought to the hospital from his estate in Huntington, on Long Island, on Oct. 21.

LEGACY TAXFREE

Field inherited his immense fortune in several instalments, according to the will of his grandfather. Because his grandfather

died in 1906, the estate was not subject to federal inheritance taxes.

As a young man, Field was interested in polo, airplanes, fox-hunting, horseracing and the like, and his social set included the Prince of Wales, later the Duke of Windsor.

As he outgrew his "playboy" phase, Field became deeply interested in philanthropy and social service, particularly for the welfare of children.

He expanded his enterprises and founded the Chicago Sun in 1941 as a supporter of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The newspaper challenged the strongly entrenched, anti-Roosevelt Chicago Tribune, then the only morning newspaper in Chicago.

In 1942 he became sole owner of the New York tabloid PM, which he had helped to found as a stockholder in 1940.

LEFT-OF-CENTER

PM, which had a strong left-of-center complexion, pioneered many innovations, but was never a financial success.

It accepted no advertising in its first years, on the theory that it would remain more independent without it. Field, hoping to make it self-supporting, made up the deficit year after year.

In 1946 he sold PM, and it became the short-lived New York Star. Later it metamorphosed into The Compass and then folded forever.

The Chicago Sun, later the Sun-Times, became an established newspaper in Chicago and in 1950 Field's son, actually the fourth in the family to bear the name, became its editor and publisher.

The Field enterprises also included the book publishing firm of Simon & Schuster and Pocket Books, Inc.

HELPED CHILDREN

During World War II Field devoted much of his time to refugee children in America. He turned over his 1,700-acre Long Island estate, "Caumsett," for an office of war information training school.



MARSHALL FIELD III

With its 10 miles of paved roads, landscaped gardens, airplane and boat landings, pheasant shooting grounds, tennis courts, "Caumsett" has been valued as high as \$15,000,000.

In 1945, Field wrote a book, "Freedom Is More Than a Word."

He once said, "I happen to have been left a great deal of money. I don't know what is going to happen to it, and I don't give a damn. If I can't make myself worthy of three square meals a day, then I don't deserve them."

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