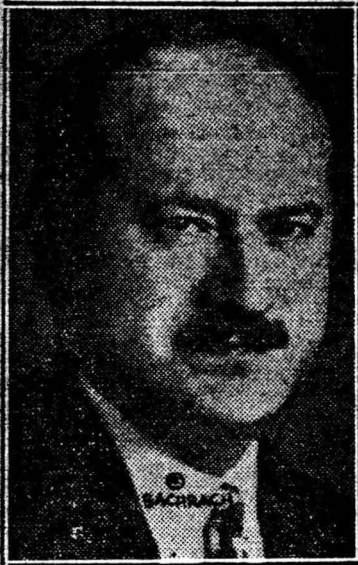


Dies at 55



FORMER ALDERMAN SOL S. BROMSON, who died yesterday at his Doyle avenue home after a three-month illness.

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**SOL S. BROMSON,
DIES IN 56TH YEAR**

**Former Alderman Advocated
Unicameral Council Form
as Early as 1929.**

Former Alderman Sol S. Bromson, 55, died early today on the eve of the inauguration of the city's first unicameral City Council, a form he proposed as early as 1929.

Mr. Bromson died at his home, 55 Doyle avenue, after an illness of three months. The funeral will be held at 11 a. m. tomorrow from the Max Sugarman Funeral Home, 150 Randall street, with Rabbi Israel M. Goldman officiating.

Opponent of "Junkets"

Opposed to the cumbersome methods of the two-chamber Council, Mr. Bromson introduced a revolutionary measure calling for abolishment of the Common Council and also the office of Mayor. The resolution called for a 15-man Board of Aldermen, which would elect a president to take over the Mayor's duties. He hoped that such a setup would induce businessmen to take part in city government and run it in a business-like fashion.

Very active in moves for civic improvement during his eight terms in the City Council, Mr. Bromson proposed in 1930 serious consideration of annexation by Providence of East Providence, North Providence and Cranston. Holding that the interests of these communities were linked with the city, he declared that Providence must look forward to the day when it could expand no longer within its present borders. The Greater Providence committee of the present Council was established on the basis of Mr. Bromson's resolution and he was the first chairman.

Mr. Bromson was an advocate of greater observance of Armistice Day and during his terms fought against the practice of "junket" trips by Councilmen on city business who developed "chicken a la king" tastes at hotel meals. He also advocated a limit of two terms for the Mayor, and sought action on construction of a new City Hall to house administrative departments of the municipality under one roof.

Sponsored Funds for Poor

In 1931 he introduced a resolution which carried through an athletic program, proceeds of which were used for milk and coal for the city's poor.

Mr. Bromson, a Republican, served three terms in the Common Council and five terms in the Board of Aldermen for the Second Ward rounding out his public career in 1934.

He was minority leader of the Republicans during his last three terms, and was chairman of the committee for the present World War Memorial located at Post Office Square. He was an early advocate of a new building for the Hope street high school, which has since been constructed.

He was secretary of the Jewish Orphanage for a number of years, and earlier in his career was a member of the Rhode Island National Guard.

He was born in New York in 1885 son of Meyer and the late Bessie Bromson, and was brought to Providence by his parents as an infant. He was educated in public schools and was graduated from Georgetown Law School in 1910. He had practiced law in Providence since his admission to the bar.

Was Board Chairman

He was chairman of the board of directors of the Touro Fraternal Association, and a member of What Cheer Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and the Hebrew Free Loan Association.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Mabel (Sullivan) Bromson, and two children, Lois Virginia, 15, and Sanford William, 13; three brothers, Aaron, David and Norman, all of Providence; and two sisters, Mrs. May Kovolsky of Fall River and Mrs. Lily Meyer of New London.

BROMSON, SOL S.