Mrs. Esther Taetle Dies; Aided Refugees to Resettle in R.I.



Mrs. Esther Pritsker Taetle, 64, who was instrumental in the resettlement here of hundreds of refugees from Nazi concentration camps, died unexpectedly yesterday at her home in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Taetle, formerly of Providence and Pawtucket, was the executive director of the Rhode Island Refugee Servcie from 1945 to 1953, when the program was integrated with the family casework of Jewish Family and Children's Service.

As executive director of the refugee service, Mrs. Taetle worked to find jobs and homes for refugee families who fled from persecution in other lands. Many of the families assisted by her and her staff still live in Rhode Island.

In 1949 she was named by Gov. John O. Pastore as a member of the state Displaced Persons Commission. She served on the board for several years.

She was a past president of the sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El and was a member of Hadassah, the women's division of the General Jewish Committee of Providence, the ladies' associations of the Jewish Home for the Aged and Miriam Hospital, the state section of the National Council of Jewish Women and the National Women's Democratic Club of Washington, D.C. She also had served in the family division of the Rhode Island Council of Community Services.

Mrs. Taetle was born in Plymouth, Mass., a daughter of the late David and Miriam (Plotkin) Karnowsky. She came to Rhode Island as a young girl and was graduated from Pawtucket High School. She moved to Washington in 1958.

She leaves her husband, Max Taetle; two daughters, Mrs. Ralph Semonoff of Pawtucket and Mrs. Marvin Posner of Albany, N.Y.; a sister, Mrs. Jacob Pokross of Fall River, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Temple Emanu-El tomorrow at noon. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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