

OBITUARIES

John F. Rich, 79

Former head of gas company

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on June 7 in Hancock Congregational Church in Lexington for John Fletcher Rich of Rye Beach, N.H., a lawyer with the firm of Rich, May, Bilodeau & Flaherty of Boston and a former chief executive officer of New England Gas and Electric Association, now the Commonwealth Energy System.

Mr. Rich, 79, died May 20 in Massachusetts General Hospital after a long illness.

He was born in Lincoln, R.I., and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1930 and Harvard Law School in 1933. He lived in Lexington from 1940 to 1966 and moved to Boston in 1966. He moved to Jaffrey, N.H., in 1971, and had been a resident of Rye Beach for the past three years.

He was instrumental in reorganizing the New England Gas and Electric Association in Cambridge and was named a trustee in 1947. In 1949, he was named general counsel and became president and chief executive officer of the New England Gas and Electric Association and its subsidiaries in 1957. He became chairman of the association during the 1970s, retiring in 1985.

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JOHN FLETCHER RICH

Mr. Rich was in the vanguard of bringing natural gas to New England when he supervised the financing operation for Algonquin Gas Transmission Co. as it built its natural gas pipeline into New England. He also was the company's treasurer and counsel from 1949-54.

Mr. Rich was former president of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce and the Cambridge Rotary Club.

He leaves his wife, Dorothy (Pettingell); three daughters, Nancy R. Coolidge of Boston, Cynthia R. Bonnes of Ridgewood, N.J., and Susan R. Rona of Belmont; and a son, William P. Rich of Wellesley Hills.

US says ex-Nazi has gone to Austria

Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department said yesterday that a Chicago man, identified as a former Nazi guard in an Austrian concentration camp where hundreds of thousands of prisoners died, went to Austria this week after learning that he was being stripped of US citizenship.

Neal Sher, head of the Office of Special Investigations, the Justice Department's Nazi-hunting unit, said Martin Bartesch, 60, admitted late last month that he had been a guard during World War II in the Nazi's SS Death Head Battalion at the Mauthausen camp in central Austria.

In Chicago yesterday, US District Court Judge Nicholas Bua ordered Bartesch's denaturalization. Bartesch, who immigrated to the United States in 1955 and became a citizen in 1966, is now on a federal "watch list" barring his reentry into this country.

Sher said the department found Bartesch's name on a document in the National Archives, a compilation of "cases of unnatu-

MORE SEOUL PRO



Student protesters in Seoul run and clash with riot police. Three students were injured in the clashes. The police are filing a cover-up in the torture deaths of three students. The police are also filing charges against Deputy Chief Park Taek. Five police officers are accused of beating the students. The protests have spread to 29 campuses across Korea, including Seoul National University.

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City of Cambridge

MAYOR WALTER J. SULLIVAN

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 15, 1987

- WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened upon learning of the death of John F. Rich, late retired Chief Executive Officer of the New England Gas and Electric Association, currently known as the Commonwealth Energy System; and
- WHEREAS: John was a 1930 graduate of Dartmouth College and a 1933 graduate of Harvard Law School, a background which served him well as he became instrumental in reorganizing the New England Gas and Electric Association in Cambridge, being named as Trustee in 1947 and in 1949 was named General Counsel, becoming President and Chief Executive Officer in 1957, retiring as its Chairman in 1985; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Rich was in the vanguard of bringing natural gas to New England and was active in the Cambridge community, serving as President of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce and the Cambridge Rotary Club; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Dorothy Rich and to the entire Rich family at this time of such personal loss; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Mrs. Rich on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council June 15, 1987.
 Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
 Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

Joseph E. Connarton

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order #7

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Mayor W. Sullivan re: resolutions on the
death of John F. Rich late retired Chief
Executive Officer of the New England Gas &
Electric Association.

In City Council,

June 15, 1987

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