

Mrs. Beatrice Fox Auerbach

by Pete Cunningham

Funeral services were held Sunday noon for Mrs. Beatrice Fox Auerbach, G. Fox and Co. president for 29 years, one of the nation's foremost businesswomen, civic leader, and long-time benefactor, advocate, and friend of the University of Hartford.

Mrs. Auerbach died last Friday evening at Hartford Hospital, at the age of 81.

Former chancellor of the University of Hartford, Vincent B. Coffin, responded with the following thoughts upon learning of the death of Mrs. Auerbach: "The passing of Beatrice Auerbach brings irreparable loss to our community. Her leadership in worthwhile endeavors was beyond compare. When the University of Hartford was building, her interest was not only materially generous but morally vital. She combined business acumen with a most gallant spirit, while her compassion was broad and deep. A great lady has left us."

Mrs. Auerbach assumed the presidency of the department store in 1938, upon the death of her father, Moses Fox.

In 1957, she received an honorary degree at commencement exercises of Hillyer College (which became part of the University of Hartford).

During May of 1967, Mrs. Auerbach was recognized for her dedication to civic, cultural and charitable efforts, and to institutions of higher learning when the building housing the University's School of Business Administration (then under construction) was named "Beatrice Fox Auerbach Hall."

Arthur J. Lumsden, then president of the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce, was principal speaker at the cornerstone ceremonies for the building.

Lumsden, in his speech, stated that "it is most appropriate that this building be named the Beatrice Fox Auerbach Hall, not only

because of her generosity, interest, and fine support, which she has given in the growth and development of the University, but more importantly, because of the fine example she has set for all the community, over the years, in the highest standards of conducting a business.

"Her dedication to civic, cultural, and charitable efforts, and institutions of higher learning, has been one of outstanding leadership and participation.

"My wish is that those who come here to learn use Mrs. Auerbach's business and civic leadership as a guide for themselves when they enter the business world. With this guide, and with the great ideals and excellence of the University itself, the students will need no better inspiration."

On February 19, 1968, Beatrice Fox Auerbach Hall was officially dedicated.

In addition to Mrs. Auerbach, substantial donations to Auerbach Hall were made by her daughters, Dorothy and Georgette, and their respective husbands -- Bernard W. Schiro, chairman of the board of G. Fox and Co., and Richard Koopman, president.

Although she had been ill for some time, Mrs. Auerbach not only participated in the February 19, 1968, dedication ceremonies for Auerbach Hall, but also toured the entire building.

Mrs. Auerbach had also instituted the Beatrice Fox Auerbach Foundation Scholarships. There are two such scholarships, each providing an \$800 grant for the freshman year, offered annually to incoming freshmen of high academic potential.

Mrs. Richard Koopman, one of Mrs. Auerbach's daughters, is a trustee of the Hartford Art School. Mrs. Bernard W. Schiro, Mrs. Auerbach's other daughter, was just re-elected a member of the Board of Regents.



Last visit to the campus

Phallic Supporters Seized

by Mark Sabu Persky,

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Hartford's police, the finest money can buy, once more overcame hardened lawbreakers by a combined display of toughness and manpower. Early Friday evening, six officers apprehended and subdued profane propagandist Jack Hardy, cunning subversive Ben Holden, and ruthless body carver John Zanzal. The upholders of justice, defenders of morality, scourgers of jaywalkers broke into the hoodlums' lair, the University of Hartford student union, catching Hardy and Zanzal by surprise.

Zanzal, dining in the cafeteria, pleaded with police not to publicly announce his capture. "If it gets out that I was eating cafeteria food, my reputation as a man of good taste will be ruined," he cried. Upon capture, Hardy asked to go to the bathroom. One officer, angered at Hardy's newest obscenity, ordered him to watch his tongue and asked if he had to make number one or number two. Holden, who had finally responded to warnings from the city

board of health, was doing his laundry at the time. Upon capture, he exclaimed in disgust that "if you think the picture was obscene, you should see my laundry."

With tongue in cheek and hoof in mouth, the officers recited the trio's rights in responsive reading. Hardy gave a sermon; Zanzal chanted from the Torah; and Holden distributed wine and wafers. A resolution condemning sin passed overwhelmingly with the officers abstaining. "We're policemen, not judges," they explained.

In an absolutely exclusive interview, this reporter talked to himself for 90 minutes. Next, he talked to the three desperadoes. They did not mind the trip to the police station, but did resent having to chip in for gas. "I especially liked turning on the siren and beeping the horn," announced a proud Ben Holden. Hardy enjoyed the ice cream cone given him when he forgot his address. Zanzal thrilled at having blown a policeman's whistle "except now

I have a bad case of trench mouth," he complained.

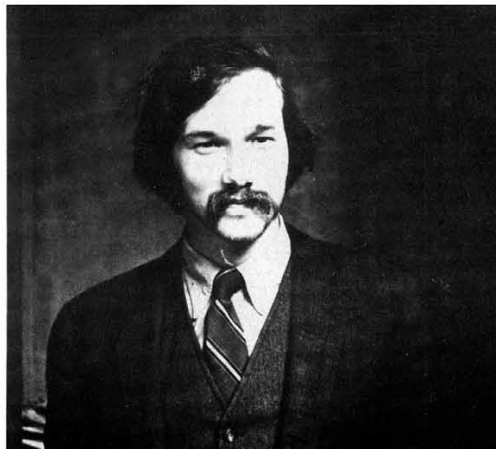
Since the three had allegedly distributed pictorial likenesses of President-elect Richard Nixon, the city charged them with littering. Since Nixon will be President for the next four years, the trio will try to charge him with loitering. After Jack testified, "I'm Jack," Ben testified "I'm Ben," and John testified "I'm frightened," the three were released on their own recognizance (that means they know who they are).

Upon contacting my lawyer, presently concluding a match-book cover correspondence law course, this reporter learned of the legal penalties involved. Usually, the three could expect a two year prison term and/or \$2000 fine. However, considering Nixon's position -- usually over the rail when on ships -- the trio could receive harsher treatment. The President-erect's stature certainly demands stiffer penalties, penalties which can come only by an upright handling of the subject.



(Photo by: Larry Schwartz)

I only followed orders



The "mad" pornographer

(Photo by Larry Schwartz)



Holden and Captain Roach of the Vice Squad

(Photo by Larry Schwartz)