



**DAVID I. SWANSON.**  
Mr. Swanson, top vote-getter of the four candidates for Republican nomination as 11th district representative, fell dead of a heart attack at 11 o'clock last night. A successor to him in the candidacy will be named by the G.O.P. state senatorial committee.

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Southtown, the section he had served 24 years as a state legislator, today mourned the death of David I. Swanson, 61 years old, 7842 Marshfield ave., who suddenly collapsed and died of a heart attack at 11 o'clock last night in the Englewood Masonic temple, 64th and Green sts., where he had gone earlier in the evening to help tally election returns. Seventy-five persons were present at the time Mr. Swanson was stricken. As a Republican member of the state house of representatives, he had been a candidate for renomination in yesterday's primary.

### **Knew He Was a Winner.**

His death came as a shocking climax to an evening of happiness for him, occasioned by his victory in the Republican primary balloting. During the day the Republican voters had chosen him by a wide margin to be one of the two Republican candidates to run for state representative in the election next November.

During the evening, as Mr. Swanson and his friends received returns, the generous measure of victory became obvious. Only a moment before he fell dead as he was about to leave for a visit to other wards he had been shaking hands with some of his friends and thanking them for their support of his candidacy for renomination.

### **He Was Confident.**

After the polls close at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon friends and well-wishers flocked to the Masonic temple, headquarters of the 18th ward regular Republican organization, to be on hand for the

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returns. Throughout the evening Mr. Swanson remained smilingly confident, but not gloating. During his long career in Republican politics he had become accustomed to victory at the polls.

#### Lighted a Cigar.

He told everyone he was gratified at his success, but deeply aware of the responsibilities which the voters' confidence in him demanded," one friend said later.

At 11 p.m. Mr. Swanson lighted a cigar and put on his overcoat.

"I had been talking to him a few minutes before," said Mrs. William J. Morgensen, 7803 Marshfield ave., wife of the 18th ward Republican committeeman. "He said he had decided to leave and go to the headquarters of the 16th and 17th wards to see how things were going there."

After talking for a moment to Mrs. Morgensen, Swanson turned to J. Harry Clancy, 7642 Peoria st., who was standing nearby.

#### Stiffens, Then Falls.

"Dave said he was leaving and we shook hands," Clancy said. "Then suddenly, without warning, he stiffened.

"He slumped back against a table."

Mr. Swanson was caught by Raymond Blunt, 8340 Elizabeth st., who was standing behind him.

"I caught him in my arms and lowered him to the floor," Blunt said. "I covered him with a coat and yelled for somebody to call a doctor or firemen."

When Mr. Swanson started to fall, Mrs. Anne Landstrom, 7002 Morgan st., was going across the room towards him.

"I had just remarked to a friend that I must go and congratulate Dave," Mrs. Landstrom said. "Suddenly it seemed like all the people in the room started towards him at the same time. Then I heard someone say Dave

#### Rescue Squad Responds.

Someone ran from the room and called Fire Rescue squad No. 9 which rushed to the temple. Police squads from the Englewood station arrived at about the same time.

The firemen hurried inside and, using a pulmotor, tried desperately to revive Mr. Swanson. After 20 minutes they gave up and stood aside as Dr. Robert C. Busch pronounced him dead.

A man in the gathering quietly asked all the men present to remove their hats. While all stood with heads bowed, tears welling into the eyes of even the men, the man softly recited the Lord's Prayer.

#### Friends Are Stunned.

Still stunned by the tragedy, most of the people filed out of the room. Mrs. Morgensen telephoned Mr. Swanson's widow, Margaret, and his two step-sons, Harry S. Carlson, 39 years old, 7642 Marshfield ave., and Wilbur Carlson, 37, 5025 Elm Circle, Oak Lawn.

Aware only that Mr. Swanson had become "ill" and had suffered a "dizzy spell," Mrs. Swanson and the elder step-son arrived at the temple. There Mrs. Morgensen and others met them at the door and, as gently as possible, broke the news. The son went to the room where Mr. Swanson lay. Mrs. Swanson remained with friends in the foyer of the temple.

#### Successor to Be Chosen.

The widow and son left a short time later after arranging for the body to be taken to the Edgar Funeral chapel at 1107 W. 79th st.

Meanwhile, upstairs in the temple, in the room where Mr. Swanson had fallen, a few friends remained.

"You can say this," said Clarence Bergstrom, 6331 Ashland ave., a life-long friend. "Dave was a Christian gentleman and a citizen of the highest type. In his years at Springfield he had no peer as a legislator and public servant."

Before this week is out—possibly even late today—the process of selecting a candidate to take Mr. Swanson's place on the Republican ballot will begin. The Republican ward committeemen of the 11th district will be asked by the County Central committee of the party to suggest successors to his place on the ballot. These proposals will be turned over to

#### Highly Regarded.

During his long career in behalf of the 11th district in Springfield Mr. Swanson had served several terms as chairman of the vitally important judiciary committee. A one time or another he also had been a member of virtually every other important committee there.

As proof of his reputation among exponents of good government, he had recently received the endorsement of the Better Government association for his candidacy in yesterday's primary.

Mr. Swanson was born and reared in Southtown. After graduation from John Marshall Law school he went into private law practice. At the time of his death

he was attorney for the Clarence Rosain real estate firm, 5933 Halsted st. He also maintained a law office in the Loop.

Swanson was a member of the Normal lodge, A.F. and A.M.,

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