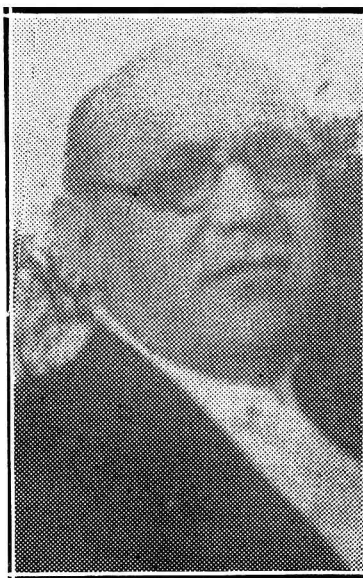


## *Samuel Fortas*



Samuel Fortas, son of Channan and Zivia Fortas, has his residence at 1234 Carr, and his office at Main and Washington. He was born at Melitopol, Province of Stavritzk, Russia, 1886. His father was a broker and commissioner. Young Fortas attended a Jewish Cheder and classes in the Russian language up to the age of thirteen.

As a young fellow, he left Russia and went to Charbin, and in 1906, he arrived here. He started as a clerk in a furniture store and after getting acquainted with the furniture line, he decided to start in business for himself.

He then settled in Belzoni, Miss. and opened a furniture store, but the venture turned out to be unsuccessful, Mr. Fortas returned to Memphis, to start over again. In 1922 he became a partner of his uncle, J. Fortas and after four years of successful partnership, they dissolved, and he then organized the Washington Furniture House, which business he still continues today, under the firm name of Sam Fortas Housefurnishing Co.

Mr. Fortas married Aimee Feingold, and the couple have three children, Henry Fortas 16, a student at High School, Ethel age 14, Junior High, and Milton Fortas 12, a student in Public School.

Mr. Fortas is the President of the Progressive Order of the West, for the third term. He is the Treasurer of the Beth El Emeth Congregation, Trustee of Baron Hirsch Synagogue, former president of the Sons of Israel, Trustee of Sam Schloss Lodge, B'nai B'rith, and an ardent supporter of every Jewish institution.