

# Services scheduled for Kurt Spier

Funeral services were scheduled at 12:30 p.m. today at Temple Mt. Sinai for Kurt Spier, 76, prominent civic



**Spier** Born in Aachen, Germany, he worked with the Red Cross before being drafted into military service during World War I. After the war he entered the cutlery business and moved to Havana, expanded the business on an international basis, and moved to New York City in the 1920s.

leader and retired chairman of the board of Albert Mathias Co., who died Saturday. He resided at 1800 North Stanton street.

**SPIER CAME** to El Paso in 1934 and married Gertrude Mathias, daughter of Albert Mathias. She preceded him in death in 1962. He joined the Mathias Co. and served in capacities including president.

He was past president of Better Business Bureau and Rotary Club of El Paso and a member of Temple Mt. Sinai, Masonic Lodge 1111, El Paso Scottish Rite Bodies and El Maida Shrine.

He was the recipient of many awards for his interest in international relations and civic leadership, including the Americanism Medal, only award of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented to a naturalized citizen; Conquistador award from the

City of El Paso; and awards from the cities of Juarez and Chihuahua and Ft. Bliss. He was a director of El Paso Boys' Club and Community Concert Assn., served as chairman of Crossroad of the Americas, and was a leader in El Paso Council for International Visitors. El Paso conferred on him the Civic Award of Honor.

**SURVIVORS** include three sons, Dr. Curtis Spier, William D. Spier and James E. Spier, all of El Paso; daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Cohen, Los Angeles; and sister, Mrs. Ilse Liebmann, London.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rotary Foundation.

Burial was to be in Mt. Sinai Cemetery with ar-

rangements by Harding-Orr and McDaniel Montana Avenue.