

Former 'Narco' medical chief dies

Services for Dr. Victor H. Vogel, 73, former medical officer in charge of the old U.S. Public Health Service hospital here, were conducted Monday in Santa Cruz, Calif. He died Sunday at the Stanford University Medical Center.

Dr. Vogel served three times with the old "Narco" hospital here.

He first came to the drug addiction center as a staff psychiatrist in 1935 when the facility opened. He returned in 1943 as executive officer of the hospital and served in that position for one year.

In 1946, he accepted the post of medical officer in charge and served

in that position until 1951, when he left to take charge of all US. Public Health Service activities in Europe with headquarters in Paris, France.

Vogel joined USPHS in 1931. During his career, he also had served as medical officer of a hospital for narcotics addicts in Fort Worth, Tex., chief medical officer at the U.S. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation in Washington, D.C. and chief quarantine officer to the Port of Los Angeles, Calif.

After his retirement in 1959, he served as ship's surgeon on the Matson Lines for four years. He then accepted an appointment as chairman of

the California Narcotic Addiction Evaluation Authority. He also served as part-time medical director for Sylvania Electronics of Santa Cruz, Calif.

A native of Kansas, he was a graduate of the University of Colorado-and-its-medical-school-and-received a master's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Tinker Vogel, 12401 Alba Road, Ben Lomond, Calif.; two sons, Robert L. Vogel, San Francisco, Calif., and Dr. Albert V. Vogel, Albuquerque, N.M.; an adopted son, Osman Guven, San Jose, Calif., and one sister, Mrs. Richard N. Spencer, Orcas Island, Wash.