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UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 3—Dr. Mahmoud Azmi, Egypt's chief delegate to the United Nations, collapsed in the midst of a speech to the Security Council today and died a little more than an hour later.

Shocked United Nations diplomats watched Dr. Azmi suddenly falter in his remarks and then slump forward in his chair.

The 65-year-old diplomat, who had long suffered from diabetes, collapsed shortly after 4:20 P. M. He had been delivering Egypt's defense against Israeli charges that the Cairo Government had illegally seized the Israeli freighter Bat Galim in the Suez Canal and was obstructing a United Nations inquiry into the case.

One of the first to reach Dr. Azmi's side was Dr. Moshe Tov, a member of the Israeli delegation who had been a practicing physician in Buenos Aires. With members of the Egyptian delegation he helped raise Dr. Azmi in his chair and carry him from the Council chamber, which is on the second floor, to a private suite of offices next door.

From there Dr. Azmi was taken on a stretcher to the United Nations clinic on the fifth floor. A team of United Nations guards tried for ninety minutes to revive him by artificial respiration.

Dr. Stanley Kallman, assistant medical examiner of New York City, said death was caused by a heart attack and fixed the time at 5:30. This is the first instance of the death of a diplomat at United Nations headquarters.

Dr. Azmi, who was known here as a "political moderate" among the Arab representatives, was making his second speech of the day to the eleven-member Council. The Council had seemed to

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be on the point of directing that the on-the-spot inquiry into the Bat Galim incident be stimulated by the Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission.

The session of the Security Council was adjourned shortly after Dr. Azmi's collapse. No date has yet been set for a continuation of the debate.

Dr. Azmi, for many years a familiar figure at the United Nations, came from Cairo in May to become permanent delegate and Egypt's chief spokesman here. Previously he had represented his country on many issues both in the political and in the social and economic fields.

At his death he was chairman of the Human Rights Commission's current ninth session. A journalist and author, he also served for several years as Egypt's member on various organs examining the issue of freedom of information.

He was born May 5, 1889, in Cairo, and educated in Cairo and Paris. He received a Doctor of Laws degree in 1912 from the University of Paris.

From 1917 to 1937, he owned or edited a number of Egyptian daily newspapers, serving later also as diplomatic correspondent for Al Misri. He was dean of the Baghdad University faculty of law from 1937 to 1938. A year later he entered the Egyptian governmental service as Counselor of State. In the same year, he served as chief censor for the press, and later served for three years as legal adviser to the Egyptian government committee that drafted the new Egyptian constitution.

His wife, who was an Egyptian of Russian descent, died in 1952. They had no children.

Omar Loufti, an official of the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, succeeds Dr. Azmi as acting head of the delegation.

Condolences were sent to the Egyptian delegation tonight from Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, from Dr. Eelco N. van Kleffens, president of the ninth Assembly session, and from a number of delegations, including that of the United States.



Associated Press
Dr. Mahmoud Azmi

Abba Eban, the Israeli delegate, informed of Dr. Azmi's death, said that despite the differences that had divided his own delegation from Egypt on many questions, he had been impressed always with Dr. Azmi's integrity and ability. The delegation, he said, was shocked at the passing of Dr. Azmi, whom it regarded as "an able representative of his country's cause."

The body was taken to the Frank E. Campbell Funeral Church at Madison Avenue and Eighty-first Street. The flag of Egypt, which usually flies with those of other states outside the United Nations, was given to the Egyptian delegation tonight. The flag with its green field and white crescent and stars will be draped over the coffin.

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