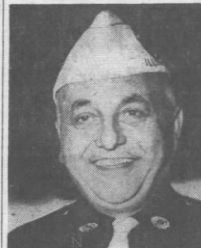


## BREAKSTONE, EX-STATE HEAD OF LEGION, DIES

Irving Breakstone, 73, of 651 Buena av., a lawyer and former state commander of the Illinois department of the American Legion, died yesterday in his home.

Mr. Breakstone was the commander of American Legion post 47 and in 1954 was elected state commander of the Legion.

Ever since he stepped down Breakstone remained active in Legion activities by attending annual conventions and writing



Irving Breakstone

letters to newspapers defending and explaining the Legion's stands on public issues.

### Criticized Foreign Aid

Within the last year, he issued statements criticizing foreign aid programs and Supreme court decisions on pornography.

He was in favor of keeping the United States militarily strong but surprised many in the Legion last year when he urged that the draft laws be overhauled.

During his tenure as state commander, Mr. Breakstone was a controversial figure. Toward the end of his term some delegates to the state convention in Springfield walked out when Mr. Breakstone invited Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, a liberal, to address the convention.

### Quarreled Over Handbook

Also during his tenure, the Legion quarreled publicly with the Girl Scouts of America over the omission of patriotic material from the Girl Scout handbook. Mr. Breakstone later supported the Girl Scouts and contended that the omissions in the handbook had been corrected.

Mr. Breakstone, who had offices at 79 W. Monroe st., practiced law in Chicago for 50 years.

He leaves a brother Robert; and two sisters, Mrs. Grace Hyslop and Miss Eunice Breakstone. Services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow in the chapel at 5206 Broadway.