

**FRANK MUSKA DIRECTOR OF  
BATA ENTERPRISES, DIES**

A flood of condolences, from all parts of the world, have been received by the family of the late Frank Muska, Director of the Bata Enterprise who died on July 27th. A multitude of friends came to pay their last respects, from the employees of the Bata Enterprises, to the Czechoslovak Ambassador, and a former U. S. Senator.

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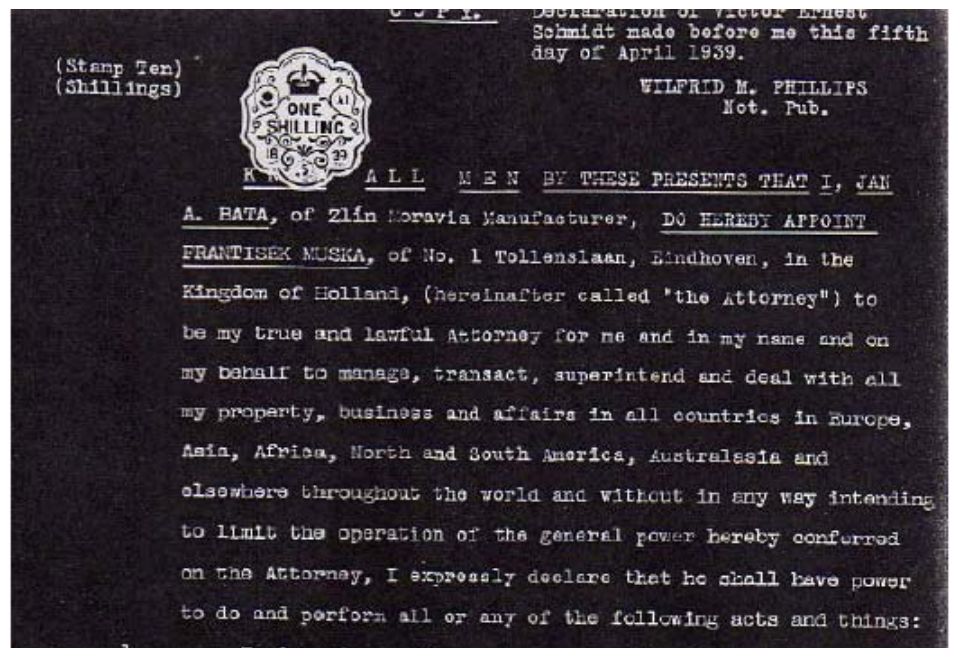


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ents on November 21, 1882 in Moravia (Czechoslovakia). He stepped into the business world filled with energy and courage, a gifted thinker and mathematician, endowed with the rare gift of logical interpretation of the most difficult economic and commercial problems in the then budding enterprise of the late Thomas Bata. With his lifetime of intensive collaboration not only as a fellow-creator of the Bata Enterprises, but, as Dr. Ziska of Chicago pointed out in his eulogy, as a co-worker and most generous supporter of the Czechoslovak and Allied cause, he made a niche for himself among the really great men of the present day. The world has lost a man of great heart and spirit, in the most beautiful and productive years of his creative work, when, in his liberated country, he could have used to advantage his rich, economic experiences stored with age.

When Jan Bata's financial director Frank Muska died on July 27<sup>th</sup> 1942, in the United States of America, the local newspaper, The Hartford Democrat and Aberdeen Enterprise credited Muska as being a "most generous supporter of the Czechoslovak and Allied Cause." Frank Muska's eulogy was delivered by Czechoslovak Ambassador, Col. Vladimir Hurban who said "he [Frank Muska] has entered his nation's services with all his energy and financial support, straining every effort to help in the liberation of the Czechoslovak nation."

**Frank Muska** – Jan Bata signed a Power of Attorney on behalf of Bata companies around the world to Frank Muska to represent his interests on April 5, 1939. This document was signed by Jan A. Bata.<sup>1</sup> Further, a letter from Frank Muska to the Guarantee Trust Company on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 1939 states: "I declare herewith that the shares stated below which I took on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 1939 out of the depot of Mr. J.A.Bata, were since then held by me and no enemy within the meaning of the Trade with the Enemy Act has acquired interest in them in the meantime. They [the shares of various percentages from more than twenty Bata companies throughout the world] are still the property of Mr. J.A.Bata, 2625 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, DC, USA."<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Authorization by Jan A. Bata to Frank Muska to represent all of Jan Bata's companies throughout the world, dated April 5, 1939.