

**DR. LOUIS L. DIENES,
BACTERIOLOGIST, 88**

BOSTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—Dr. Louis L. Dienes, who discovered in man the disease-producing Mycoplasma organism, died yesterday of complications from a heart attack and a stroke. His age was 88.

Dr. Dienes, a research bacteriologist at Massachusetts General Hospital from 1930 to 1970, in 1937 identified Mycoplasma in humans. That organism, which exists in a state between a virus and a bacteria, causes a form of pneumonia and inflammations of the bladder and kidneys. The inflammations are curable with antibiotics.

After years of work, Dr. Dienes discovered Mycoplasma when a laboratory technician examining a culture taken from an infected human gland spotted a growth she could not identify. Studying this growth under a microscope, Dr. Dienes identified it as Mycoplasma.

Dr. Dienes graduated with a medical degree from the University of Budapest in 1908 and came to the United States in 1922. He became a lecturer in bacteriology at Harvard Medical School in 1947 and taught until his retirement in 1952.

Surviving are two daughters and a son.

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