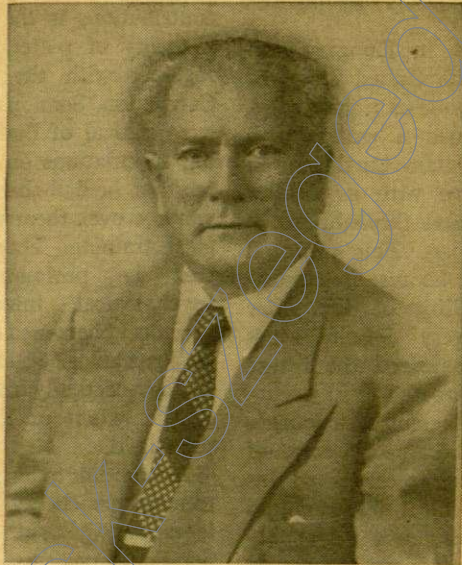


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Nandor Fodor Dies

IT IS WITH deep sorrow that we tell you that Dr. Nandor Fodor, 69, psychoanalyst, psychical researcher, and author, died suddenly on Sunday, May 17, of a heart attack. 1964

Dr. Fodor, the author of nearly 20 books, was a vigorous researcher and theorist on psychical matters. He wrote important books in the field of Freudian psycho-an-

alysis, including *Search For The Beloved*, and had corresponded with Freud personally. His latest work, *The Voice Within*, is on Freud's early years and is still in pre-publication stage. His monumental reference work, *Encyclopedia of Psychic Science*, published in 1933, remains the best in our field.

It was as a psychical researcher that FATE's editors and readers

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came to know and respect Dr. Fodor.

He was born in Hungary and first came to the United States in the 1920's to work as a journalist. Here he attended a seance with the medium William Cartheuser in which a relative with a peculiar speech defect came through, speaking in Hungarian. This captured Fodor's interest because it suggested the possibility of life after death. In a very definite sense this seance determined the future course of his career.

He went to England as a journalist and later became Director of Research for the International Institute for Psychical Research, in London. In this work Fodor became more and more concerned with the psychological motivations of mediums. The directors of the Institute were horrified at Fodor's diagnoses of several psychic cases he investigated. This was before today's almost univereal psychological orientation, and the directors demanded his resignation. They also suppressed some of his reports.

This brought about a change in Fodor's career. His interest in psychological interpretations of psychic phenomena grew, he studied psychoanalysis and he became a practicing analyst, with a Ph.D degree.

His interest in psychical matters

continued and he made original contributions to the field, including a theory of poltergeists developed together with the late Hereward Carrington. Some parapsychologists were critical of Fodor's free-wheeling speculations on psychical matters but he had the tremendous advantage over them of his psychological training. There is no doubt that he profoundly influenced psychological interpretations of psychical phenomena, although most parapsychologists, untrained in psychology, actually may be unaware of the extent of his influence on their field.

In addition to his personal charm, tremendous energy, great store of ideas, and brilliant mind, Dr. Nandor Fodor possessed that rare attribute, an "open mind." FATE's editors have been indebted to Dr. Fodor through the years for the strength and courage of his intellectual integrity, for his willingness to consider any evidence, for not being wedded to any theories, including his own, and his willingness to admit and point out how little we know of this vast and mysterious field.

The field of psychical investigation has lost a great and important figure, and you, the readers of FATE, and we, the editors of FATE, have lost a great and dear friend.

Mary Margaret Fuller