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Hungarian Baron Drops Title, 41 Others Become U. S. Citizens

Former Diplomat and Daughter Take Oath In Maryland Court

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A 69-year-old ex-diplomat, the former Hungarian Baron de Ghika, today is plain George Ghika, proud citizen of the United States.

So, too, is his pretty daughter, who in girlhood curtsied as Mlle. Annelise Hedvige de Ghika, and helps her mother keep house now as Miss Annelise Ghika.

Standing before Judge Charles C. Marbury in Upper Marlboro Circuit Court, the former Hungarian Minister to Washington and Tokyo, in perfect English yesterday affirmed his allegiance to the United States, as did his daughter.

"For many years we have felt in our hearts that we belonged to America and we're happy that it's now official," Mr. Ghika said after the ceremonies in which 41 other persons received final papers.



Mr. Ghika.

Miss Ghika.

As Baron de Ghika, the ex-diplomat once served as Consul General at New York. He retired in 1942 while stationed here and went to Switzerland where he joined a group which helped further Allied aims throughout the war.

Meanwhile, Reds and Nazis seized his baronial possessions.

When the fighting ended, he returned to this country and now lives with his wife and daughter at 3900 Hamilton street, Hyattsville.

