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Ferenc Gondor

## FERENC GONDOR, FOE OF REDS, 68

Owner of Hungarian Weekly  
Here Dies—Twice Had to  
Flee From Native Land

Ferenc Gondor, for thirty-eight years the militantly anti-Fascist and anti-Communist publisher of the Hungarian language weekly newspaper *Az Ember*, died yesterday in Madison Avenue Hospital after a long illness. Mr. Gondor, who lived and published his paper at the same address, 320 East Seventy-ninth Street, was 68 years old.

Born in Hungary, he was a well-known journalist before publishing his own paper. He was adept at stirring up public issues and was condemned by opposing groups both in Hungary and this country as a "Fascist" and "Communist."

In 1919, while president of the Hungarian Journalists Association, the Bela Kun Communist regime took power and he went to work attacking it. He finally was forced to flee from Budapest and took refuge in Vienna, where he continued publishing his newspaper.

When Admiral Horthy's regime, which he despised equally, took power, Mr. Gondor was kidnapped in Vienna by agents of the new Government. He escaped from them and returned to Hungary where he lived for six weeks under assumed names. Again he fled to Vienna with a price of \$50,000 on his head and indictment in absentia by the Horthy courts.

In 1926, Mr. Gondor came to New York and resumed publication of his paper. The extreme Right and Left continued to attack him and he figured in a number of public demonstrations here against him. He hailed the Communist liberation of his homeland in 1945, but soon was attacking the Communist regime there. In recent years the Hungarian mails were closed to his paper.

GONDOR—Ferenc. Brothers are requested to attend Masonic funeral services at Campbell's, Madison Ave. and 81st St., on Thursday, June 6, at 12 noon.  
EHLERS LODGE, No. 353, F. & A. M.  
JEROME K. ROTH, Master.  
SYDNEY J. R. STRAINER, Secretary.

Mr. Gondor was a one-time Liberal party candidate for the State Senate. He was the author of several volumes of reminiscences and commentaries in Hungarian.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ibolya Gondor; a daughter, Mrs. Terry Giles of New York, and two grandchildren.