

Countess Hadik, Daughter Of Hungarian Envoy Dies

Countess Alice Szechenyi Hadik, 62, daughter of the first Hungarian minister to Washington and a granddaughter of Commodore Vanderbilt, died Monday after a stroke in Lisbon, Portugal.

A resident of Chester, N.H., Countess Hadik was traveling from America to Geneva to visit her son, John Hadik.

The daughter of Gladys Moore Vanderbilt and Count Laszlo Szechenyi,

Countess Hadik was born in Hungary. Her husband, Count Bela Hadik — to whom she was married in 1931 — was a member of the Hungarian parliament's upper house before World War II and was the son of a Hungarian premier. He died in 1971.

Her other son, Laszlo Hadik, 41, a political researcher and at one time an editorial employe of The Star, was killed in a plane crash in Boston in August.

After the death of her mother here in 1965 Countess Hadik and her three surviving sisters inherited "The Breakers," the famous Vanderbilt mansion in Newport.

Countess Hadik and her husband fled Hungary in 1945 and lived in Austria and Switzerland before returning to America in 1946.

In a front-page account of the Hadik-Szechenyi wedding in St. Matthew's Cathedral here, The Star reported that those attending the ceremony made "one of the most distinguished companies ever to assemble for a wedding in the National Capital."

The wedding gifts included an heirloom necklace and earrings that were presented at the end of the 18th century by the Empress Maria Theresa to an ancestor of both the bride and groom.

Countess Hadik will be buried in Hungary.

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