

Countess Alice Hadik, Vanderbilt Descendant



Countess Alice Szechenyi Hadik is pictured in 1931 at her wedding.

LISBON, March 1 (UPI) — Countess Alice Szechenyi Hadik, 72, daughter of Gladys Vanderbilt and wife of one of the last prewar Hungarian ministers to Washington, died Monday in Lisbon, her son said Thursday.

Countess Hadik was on a flight from Boston to Lisbon when she suffered a cerebral hemorrhage. She was taken to the British Hospital and operated on Sunday night, her son, John Bela Hadik, a Geneva investment adviser, said.

She will be buried in Hungary with her husband, Count Bela Hadik, who died in 1971, he said.

Countess Hadik was born July 17, 1911, in Remetevagyar, Hungary, now a part of Czechoslovakia. She was the daughter of Count Laszlo Szechenyi and Gladys Vanderbilt and a granddaughter of millionaire Cornelius Vanderbilt.

In 1931, she married Count Bela Hadik in St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, D. C., where he was Hungarian minister. With him she returned to Hungary and stayed there throughout World War II. Her husband was a captain in the Hungarian Hussars.

They returned to Washington in 1946, and in 1949 moved to Chester, N. H., where Count Hadik raised and trained hunting dogs and Countess Hadik served as a trustee of White Pines College.

She is survived by her son, John. Another son, Laszlo, was killed in an air crash in Boston in July, 1973. Laszlo had once been an editorial employee of The Washington Evening Star.