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S. S. Klein, Prominent Newsman

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BOISE, Idaho, June 7 (UPI) —Sandor S. Klein, executive editor of the Idaho Statesman since 1968 and a former war correspondent and executive for United Press International, died Thursday following a long illness. He was 63.

During his long journalism career, Mr. Klein worked for the New York Times, Columbia Broadcasting System, the old United Press, the Idaho Statesman and as an independent public relations man and as administrative assistant to the late Sen. Henry Dworshak (R-Idaho).

Mr. Klein served in Washington, D.C., as chief of the House staff for United Press between 1935 and 1948. He transferred to Boise in 1948 at his own request, leaving UP later to become an editor of the Idaho Statesman.

He returned to Washington in 1953 as administrative assistant and press secretary to Sen. Dworshak, working in that post until 1956 when he rejoined the Idaho Statesman.

Mr. Klein was the first president of the Snake River chapter of Sigma Delta Chi and was the first and so far only recipient of the "newsman's newsman" award of the Idaho Press Club, a special award recognizing outstanding leadership and excellence in the field of journalism.

Mr. Klein was born in Szerencs, Hungary, June 21, 1906, and came to the United States with his parents in 1909. He became a naturalized citizen in 1916.

In 1924, at the age of 18, Mr. Klein began as an office boy for the New York Times. In 1926, he joined United Press and served with UP bureaus in New York, Albany and Boston. He then joined the Gazette in Charleston, W. Va., as its capital correspondent.

He returned to United Press in 1928 and served with the news service until 1932 when he became the first news editor of CBS. Mr. Klein returned to UP and was assigned to the London bureau from 1934-35, and then went to Washington, D.C.