

Dr. Zoltan Baranyai, Ex-Hungarian Consul, Found Dead in Chicago

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CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—Dr. Zoltan Baranyai, a former Hungarian Consul General here, was found dead today in an eighth-floor hallway of a Near North Side apartment hotel.

Dr. Baranyai, a political science lecturer at the University of Notre Dame, and four friends had visited last night with Miss Virginia P. Sprague, 35, a nurse for the Western Electric Co. Miss Sprague lives in Apartment 803, a few feet from where the body was found.

Detective Arthur Ristig quoted the nurse as saying that Dr. Baranyai had left her apartment at about 11:45 p.m. to catch a train for South Bend, Ind. The detective said the others had left the apartment earlier.

Mr. Ristig said Miss Sprague reported that Dr. Baranyai appeared in good health during his visit, although she knew he had high blood pressure and had fallen from a horse while riding early Sunday. The detective said the death appeared to have resulted from natural causes.

Dr. Baranyai was Consul General in Chicago before World War II and was interned for a short time after this country entered the war. He returned to the United States this year and joined the Notre Dame faculty last month.

His widow, Elizabeth, and his daughter, Denise, are believed to be in Rome preparing to come to the United States. Dr. Baranyai also has a son, Allen, employed in New York.

